



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will
—we open wide our doors and say,
“Come; let us worship together.”

10:15 am Sunday Worship October 23, 2022

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Caleb Thornton

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Andersen

L: We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.

P: Even when we weren't aware and felt alone.

L: We worship because the Lord gives strength.

P: Even when we feel so weak.

L: We worship because we have been rescued again and again.

P: Even when we are afraid that we have lost.

L: Come and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.

A: We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us.

HYMN # 152 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

1. I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,

and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.

3. There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison): **At the starting line of this day, we call on your name, God of grace. As we run the race you have set before us, help us to keep our eyes on your goals, not our own. When we falter, give us fresh strength and courage. When we are fleet-footed, let us give you the glory. Pour out your spirit upon us, that we too may dream dreams, see visions, and view the whole created order as your bountiful temple. With responsibility and joy, we pledge ourselves to renew this temple, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Esther Losh

SCRIPTURE

Joel 2:30-32 (CEB)

I will give signs in the heavens and on the earth—blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood before the great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. But everyone who calls on the Lord's name will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be security, as the Lord has promised; and in Jerusalem, the Lord will summon those who survive.

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14 (NRSV)

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

HYMN # 357 “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am, thy love unknown
hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

MESSAGE: “Pray without ceasing 2 ” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly
host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison): **God of the universe,
you were with us at the beginning of our lives, and
you will be by our side when we draw our last breath.
In between, we struggle through life, too often trying
to find our way based on our own wants and desires.
In our giving to you this day, may you bless us so that
we might better keep our eyes focused on you, that
one day we might be able to echo your servant Paul as
he said, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished
the race, I have kept the faith. We pray this in the
name of Jesus who loved us even to the cross. Amen.**

HYMN # 377, “It Is Well with My Soul”

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should
come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

You can also find our online service on our Church Website
We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today
We are glad you are here.
Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

In Our Prayers

Keith Brown, Tim Cavanagh, Denise Curtis, Billy David,
Emilee Derrer, Jim Eaton, Chris Falk, Merry Florence,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist for month of October:

October 23 – Molly Andersen

October 30 – Deeann Kramer

Counter and verifier for month of October:

October 23 – Vivian Eaton, Mary Irons

October 30 – Vivian Eaton, Pam Darrow

Acolytes for month of October

October 23 – Caleb Thornton

October 30 – Jiho Yim

If you are unable to do your scheduled day, please find someone to take your place.

Please do not prop open the right-hand door at the back door entrance. This puts stress on the motor of the automatic door and could possibly burn it up. You can prop open the left-hand door instead. Thank you for your cooperation.

West Carroll Food Pantry – Please bring your donations of cereal, crackers, soup, or anything to help people. Thank you.

The West Carroll School Food Pantry is now open to all families with children in Carroll County. This includes Eastland, Chadwick-Milledgeville and the Right Steps Family Center. The hours are 3:30 – 5 pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, unless it is a holiday.

Savanna Food Pantry – Pantry will be open again for volunteers to work. A schedule will be coming soon. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104.

Blessing Basket – The Blessing Basket needs women and children's body wash and deodorant and laundry detergent. And we can always use toilet paper and paper towels. Thank you for your continued support. The Blessing Basket is available to anyone who utilizes the WC

Food Pantry. Clients can pick 3 items each time they visit. Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

Kids Kards – Will meet November 27th following service. We will be making Christmas cards with a chili lunch to share afterwards. All materials are provided and everyone is welcome. Any questions, contact Molly Andersen, (815)273-2104.

Giving Tree – Will be set up in the Narthex this month. Help us decorate it with hats, mittens, scarves, underwear and socks for children. It will be available for the West Carroll food pantry clients during the month of December. Help us keep our children warm this winter! Any donations, monetary or items are welcome!

Bible Study - Every Thursday @ 9 am
Adult Sunday School – Every Sunday @ 8:45 am
Sunday School – Every Sunday @ 9:30 am
Youth Group – 1st Wednesday of the month @ 5:45 pm

Choir Practice – Choir will sing during service on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Next practice will be Wednesday, November 2nd & November 9th at 10 am.

United Methodist Men - Next Monthly gathering, Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30 pm. Cookout, Fellowship and Bible Study. "The Purpose Driven Life" book is ready for pick up. \$10 each.

Soul Sisters

October outing—Guided tour of St. Luke's United Methodist Church's extensive collection (5th largest in the world!) of **Tiffany stained glass windows**. See all the beautiful windows in the historic sanctuary & view those in various stages of restoration!

Date: Monday, October 24th Carpool leaves the church at **9:00 A.M. SHARP!** (We need drivers!)

Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Sharon A. Guillinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Greg Jepsen, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Lea Ann Michels, Vickie Moore (Molly's cousin), Alyson (daughter of Kris Offenheiser) Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Kathie & Burt Prins, Rich Rathje, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Bill Robinson, Ron Smith, Grace Struve, Pastor Sylvester, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of Pastor Dave), Madison Keller (niece of Deeann Kramer).

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe Torrison, Joy Turner, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenny.

Our country & government. Military Personnel & their families. Global economic crisis. The safety of Ukrainians and the end of the war, farmers in the fields. All of those affected by the hurricane in Florida.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October

25 – Jaimie Mills

27 – Esther Losh

28 – Nikki Badtke, Josh Hanson

29 – John Jachino

CALENDAR

Monday, October 24

9 am Soul Sisters Carpool – St Luke's Methodist Church

1 pm Sewing Ladies

Thursday, October 27

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, October 30

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship – (special music) **Hybrid Service**

5 pm – Trunk or Treat – Church Parking lot

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 47

St. Luke's address: 1199 Main Street, Dubuque IA
Free admission (\$3.00 suggested donation).
Handicapped-accessible except for the upstairs restoration room. Lunch at a local restaurant.
ALL women are welcome to attend!
RSVP--Linda Jachino (815) 541-4760 by Saturday, Oct. 22nd

Sunday Coffee Hour

Please sign up to provide treats/refreshments coffee hour, sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or contact Pastor Dave.

Worship

Let us worship God together at FUMC.

10:15 am Hybrid Service

Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9

Pre-recorded online service on our church website.

www.firstumcsavanna.org

or You Tube- Online Service

Link: <https://youtu.be/LkpBFw8VXxs>

Or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon.

Facebook page – Savanna Firstumc

Did you know that you can donate your Tithes online? You can use this website link:

http://tithe.ly/give/?web=1&church_id=373533

You can also download the Tithe.ly App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android) – the green one. Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or logged in, locate your church – First United Methodist Church, Savanna, IL and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift! Thank you for your generous giving!



Sunday, October 30th at 5 pm in the church front parking lot

Midwest Mission Asks for Supplies to Help in Hurricane Ian Relief Efforts

Midwest Mission, located just outside Chatham, Ill., is working to provide disaster relief to those affected by Hurricane Ian. "Our Cleaning Kit supplies have been depleted. After sending relief to 14 U.S. disasters this year, including the most recent flooding in Kentucky and St. Louis, we need help replenishing so we can get supplies to our partners who are ready to deploy the requested supplies," says Executive Director Chantel Corrie. "The recent storms have really turned up the needs, and we continue to answer the requests of our partners in the US and abroad. Hurricane Ian is one of the top priorities now." **We really need liquid laundry soap (32-64oz total), liquid dish soap (16-34oz total), and liquid household cleaner (16-40oz total). You can help us send relief to those affected by Hurricane Ian.**

Three Ways to Help

1. Donate money so Midwest Mission can buy the supplies needed to fill the Cleaning Kits. Donate by texting "Donate" to 855-589-1314 or go to midwestmission.org/donate.
2. Collect supplies and bring them to Midwest Mission at 1001 Mission Dr. Pawnee, IL 62558. Or take supplies to a [permanent collection site near you](#). One of them is Lanark UMC.
3. Buy supplies online and have them sent directly to Midwest Mission. Walmart and Dollar Days are good resources for volume and discounts. Please donate to Midwest Mission. The donations allow Midwest Mission to help those affected by disasters all over the world and make it possible to continue sending relief shipments when requests are received. Thank you!



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Sunday, October 23, 2022
10:15 am
Hybrid Service

Vision 2022 – "Love Others!"

Outward Focused Ministry during/after the Pandemic
(To build up a strong and safe community)
Strong in Mission, Strong in Justice, Strong in Diversity

"All the believers were together and had everything in common." (Acts 2:44)

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