



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 December 11, 2022

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Dalton Shaw

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING (JOY) The Shaw Family

CALL TO WORSHIP LeaAnn Michels

L: Praise be to God!

**P: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited
and redeemed the people.**

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

L: The hills and the mountains will be singing praise to
God.

P: Every tree in the forest will be clapping its hands.

ALL: The Lord will come and rule for each and every.

Alleluia!

HYMN #203 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

4. To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
that name to us is love.

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison): **Merciful God, you sent
your messengers the prophets to preach repentance
and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace
to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we
may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our
Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 LaVona Grissinger

SCRIPTURE James 5:7-9 (NRSV)

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the
coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious
crop from the earth, being patient with it until it
receives the early and the late rains. You also must be
patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the
Lord is near. Brothers and sisters, do not grumble
against one another, so that you may not be judged.
See, the Judge is standing at the doors!

GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-3 (NRSV)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the
wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of
whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The
voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the
way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

CHOIR “A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us”

MESSAGE "Prepare our Hearts!" 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): **We thank you, Holy One, for all your good gifts, especially the gifts of prophecy, promise, and calls for preparation. As a thankful response to these gifts, we offer our belief, our commitments, and our money, that we may hasten the time when no one will hurt or destroy on all God’s holy mountain. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

[Refrain]
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]

3. I’m looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. [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, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Chris Falk, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Rod Furrow, Sandy Gabriel, Bob Grissinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Ed Jepsen, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, Vickie Moore (Molly’s cousin), Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), John Ritchie, Bill Robinson, Adalyna Rose, Ron Smith, Grace Struve, Pastor Sylvester, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of Pastor Dave), Inga, Deana Moyer

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenny

Our country & government
Military Personnel & their families
Global economic crisis
The safety of Ukrainians & end of the war

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December
10 – Rhonda Badtke
14 – Rachel Badtke

CALENDAR

Monday, December 12
1 pm Sewing Ladies
Tuesday, December 13
7 pm Finance Committee
Thursday, December 15
9 am Bible Study
3:30 pm Health & Worship
4:30 pm Advent Bible Study
Sunday, December 18
8:45 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Trustee
9:30 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship - **Hybrid Service**
(Sunday School Christmas Program)
Ad council following service

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 76

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist for month of December:

December 18 –
December 25 -

Counter and verifier for month of December:

December 11 –Rhonda Law, Pam Darrow
December 18 – Lori Miller, Sharon Guillinger
December 25 –Vivian Eaton, LaVona Grissinger

Acolytes for month of December:

December 18 – Asia LaShelle
Christmas Eve – Jiho & Jisung Yim
December 25 –Jiwon Yim & Ryker McCombie

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 – There will be no Kids Kards in December.

Bible Study - Every Thursday @ 9 am

Adult Sunday School – Every Sunday @ 8:45 am
Kids & Youth Sunday School – Every Sunday @ 9:30 am
Youth Group – 1st Sunday of the month @ 5:00 pm

Choir Practice – Choir will sing during service on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Next practice will be Wednesday, January 4th at 10 am.

United Methodist Men - Next Monthly gathering, Tuesday, December 20th at 5:30 pm. Book: Purpose Driven Life

United Women in Faith – 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

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.

firstumcsavanna.org/sermons.html

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

Facebook page – Savanna Firstumc

Online Giving

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!



Christmas season is here!!!!



Calling all Bellringers

Sign-up sheets in the Narthex for Bellringers this Holiday season! Please sign up for a 1 hour shift at either Ace Hardware or Sullivan’s Grocery.

Community Christmas Concert - Sunday December 11th, 2 pm at First United Methodist Church of Savanna. A free will offering will be taken to support Great River Outreach and Savanna Food Pantry.

Advent Bible Study – “Book of Micah”. Starting Thursday, December 1st @ 4:30 pm. Every Thursday during the Advent season.

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, January 11th 2:30pm – 6:00pm

Fellowship Hall (2100 Chicago Ave.)

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.
To schedule, scan the QR code, email LaVona Grissinger at grandma54601@gmail.com or online at www.bloodcenter.org.



Give blood 11/14/22 – 1/15/23 & get your choice of a gift card or a donation to Feeding America.



SCAN ME!

Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.
Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 11/16/22
Group Sponsor Code: 2891



Participants can offer their skills to either minor home repair or day camp program. Participants must have finished 6th grade to serve at Mountain T.O.P.

Location - Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian Mission affiliated with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, dedicated to rural life ministry in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. Each year we welcome groups that come from Methodist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and non-denominational backgrounds, among others. Our program and mission are ecumenical in nature. Address is Mountain TOP, 480 Old State Highway 56, Coalmont, TN, 37313

DATES - Week 1: June 11 – 17 or Week 2: June 18 – 24

COST - Carroll County Youth Group will be coming up with ideas and working together to raise the costs.

Contact Person - April Ruddell, aprilruddell3@gmail.com

Please, email to the contact person and let her know if your kids are interested in the 2023 summer youth mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. until December 30th. She will be registering our team for the mission trip together!
Thank you!



First United
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Sunday,
December 11, 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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TUNE RADIO TO STATION FM 88.9

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service with Communion

will be held on 12/24 (Saturday) at 7pm

Christmas Day Service with Caroling

will be held on 12/25 (Sunday) at 10:15am

2023 Summer Youth Mission Trip Information

This mission trip is a 7-day program offered in June and July that brings together groups from across the country into our small pocket of rural Appalachia. ‘Youth Summer Ministry’ pairs service and worship, mission and theology in a way that inspires the flourishing off all people involved.