



**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 12, 2021

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING (JOY) The Michels Family

HYMN "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

CALL TO WORSHIP Noah Johnson  
L: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!  
**P: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**  
L: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!  
**P: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things  
God has done.**  
L: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!  
**P: Surely God blesses and saves us.**  
**A: Hallelujah! Praise be to God. Amen.**

HYMN #224 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Noah Johnson  
**Lord, we have come to this place from a world of  
demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace  
and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy  
that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our  
hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in  
Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert) Noah Johnson

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 12:2-6 (NRSV) Noah Johnson

GOSPEL Luke 3:7-17 (NRSV) (Please Rise)

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (Insert)

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Skit: "Not Sold In Stores" Sunday School & Youth Group

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**God who gives all gifts, in this season, we focus so much  
on giving gifts to one another. Help us, we pray, to  
remember what John the Baptist tells us is on your wish  
list: that we might bear fruit worthy of the repentance  
that is the very heart of this season: fruit of compassion,  
fruit of sharing, fruit by denying ourselves so that others  
who have little will have enough. In response to you, we  
give that our fruit might please you. In the Savior's  
name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #191 "Jesus Loves Me" (Insert)

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**

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Patti Thulen,  
Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David,

Chris Falk, Dawn Barber, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Matthew  
Foltz, Bruce Fritz, Judy Law, Don Adams, Bang-Wool Lim,  
Grace Struve, Merry Florence, Pat (Brother of Pam Darrow),  
Katie Wand, Reuben Jarvis, Sally Rice & Alice Stallings  
(Sisters of Esther Losh), Greg Eversoll, Dallas Kosier, Paul  
Mayer, Bob Davidson, Bob Grissinger, Alaina, (friend of Kris  
Offenheiser), Judy Dunn, (Sandy Pratt's sister-in-law).  
Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor,  
Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenney.  
Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Military  
Personnel & their families. Pray for students, teachers,  
administrators, parents & workers.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

December

14 – Rachel Badtke, Paul Brunner, Michele Mangler

16 – Tiffany Schneider

18 – Bituin Michels

**CALENDAR**

Monday, December 13

1 pm Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, December 14

4 pm Finance Committee (zoom)

Thursday, December 16

9 am Bible Study

3 pm Health & Worship

4:30 pm Advent Bible Study

Sunday, December 19 – 4th week of Advent

9:15 am Trustees

9:15 am Adult Sunday School

**10:15 am Worship**

Ad Council following service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Friendly reminder: Lori Miller, you are the  
counter(s) for December 19th. The verifier is Pam Darrow.  
Liturgist is Esther Losh, Acolyte is Jiho & Jiwon Yim.  
Worship helpers for December: Jackie Walker & Ann Larsen,  
Molly Andersen, Susan Michelle Jepsen, Pam Darrow,  
Esther Losh, Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Mary Irons. Thank you!  
LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 105 inside, 3 outside.

Food Pantry – This month items needed are fruit juice, egg noodles and cooking oil

Blessing basket –We will take donations of hats, mittens, boots, snow pants or coats. Thank you for your continued support! Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the Narthex.

Christmas Giving Tree is decorated!! Thank you to all who donated items. The clients of West Carroll Food Pantry will be picking what they want when they are here to get food from the pantry.

### Christmas Schedule

Advent Bible Study – the Book of Hosea  
Every Thursday starting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 4:30 pm.

Community Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at church. Indoor only, refreshments will be served.

Christmas Eve Candlelight service, 7 pm, indoor only, with communion.

### Choir Director

We are looking for someone to direct our adult and children's choir. Each choir would be singing once a month during church service.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Adult  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Children's choir.

### Sunday School

Every Sunday @ **9:15 am** Adult Sunday School  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ **10:15 am** preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Sunday School

### Youth Group

First Wednesday of the month @ 6 pm, mid school – high school.  
Next meeting is Wednesday, December 1st.

### Bible Study

Every Thursday @ 9 am.

### Worship

Let us worship God together at FUMC. Please, stay connected with God and each other!  
Hybrid service, every Sunday @ **10:15 am**.  
- Indoor, with mask and social distancing.

- Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9  
Pre-recorded online service on our church website.  
[www.firstumcsavanna.org](http://www.firstumcsavanna.org)  
Or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon.



Did you know that you can donate your Tithes online?  
Online giving with Tithe.ly  
You can find the link on our church website.

New AA meeting in Savanna, every Wednesday at 7 pm at the Table, 411 Main St, Savanna.  
[www.alcoholicsanonymous.com](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.com) 800-839-1686

### Financial Report October 2021

Cash Available in General Account: <b>\$12,999.73</b>		
	October	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$11,669.85	\$148,028.39
Church Expenses	\$14,694.47	\$149,618.94
Net Operating Balance	\$(3,024.62)	\$(1,590.55)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$1,303.00	\$13,030.00
Please, contact Vivian Eaton at 815-541-5671		

Blood Drive – Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 3 pm – 6 pm here in our Fellowship Hall. Contact LaVona Grissinger to sign up to donate. 608-397-9868.

### Groundskeeper

We are looking for a new Groundskeeper. Please contact LaVona Grissinger for details of the position. 608-397-9868



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## Sunday, 10:15 am December 12, 2021

### **Vision 2021 – “Love God!”**

Inward Focused Ministry during the Pandemic  
(to build up strong and vital church)  
Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous;  
do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go  
(Joshua 1:9)*

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