



**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.”*

10:15am Sunday Worship                      December 13, 2020  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE    Vivian Eaton  
WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name.
- P: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**
- L: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.
- P: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**
- L: You turn our mourning into dancing!
- A: Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!**

HYMN#240 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”      (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)  
**Lord of Love and Light, shine through our darkness,**

**bringing us hope. Open our hearts for the journey, our eyes for the light, our spirits for the peace which you bring. Fill our mouths with laughter and speech with shouts of joy that we shall reveal the love with which you surround us. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who is coming into the world bringing your hope, love, peace, and joy, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert)

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS  
(Theme: Traveling)

SCRIPTURE 1    Isaiah 61:10-11 (CEB)  
SCRIPTURE 2    1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (NRSV)

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN#224 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (Insert)

MESSAGE:      “Rejoice Always!”                      Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS  
(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)  
PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Insert)

OFFERING OURSELVES  
DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)  
OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)  
**Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. Receive these tokens of our blessings and cause them to work in this world which you have loaned to us to make light shine in the darkness and peace an attainable goal in all conflicts. We offer these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.**

HYMN#246 “Joy to the World”      (Insert)

BENEDICTION  
May the light of this Advent Season shine in your hearts, on your path, and beckon you to God's love and service to the world. Go in Peace.

POSTLUDE    Vivian Eaton

You can also find our pre-recorded online service on [our Church Website.](#)

<p><b>In Our Prayers</b></p> <p>Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Sherri Miller, Susan Meyer, Alia Lavery, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Suzanne Atherton, Lois Grove, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Cavanagh Family, Katie Wand Big Meadows nursing home Sympathy to the Family of Suzie Berg Sympathy to the Family Nancy Emery</p> <p>Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill &amp; Letty Weidman.</p> <p>West Carroll Schools, nursing homes in Carroll County, Please lift the victims of the wildfire and storm areas as well. Military Personnel and their families</p>
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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### December

14 Michele Mangler, Paul Brunner,  
Rachel Badtke  
18 Michele Reagan, Bituin Michels

## Calendar

Monday, December 14

9am Body & Soul Yoga  
1pm Sewing Ladies

Thursday, December 17

9am Body & Soul Yoga  
9am Bible Study  
3pm Worship & Health Team Mtg

Sunday, December 20

8am Trustees Meeting  
9am Sunday School  
10:15am Outdoor Worship  
11am Ad Council Mtg

Monday, December 21

9am Body & Soul Yoga  
1pm Sewing Ladies  
3:30-5 WC Food Pantry

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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.
2. Friendly reminder: Lori Miller you are the counter for next week December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The verifier is Pam Darrow. Thank you!
3. LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 69
4. UMW is collecting food for both food pantries in Savanna. Items they need include: crackers, juice, egg noodles, canned pumpkin, sugar, flour, paper towels, toilet paper and canned vegetables.
5. Drive-in worship services will be continued thru December. Please join us at 10:15am. Drive-in Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is scheduled on 12/24 at 7pm. All are welcome!
6. Card Party to celebrate Jackie Walker's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Please, mail a birthday card to her before her birthday. Dec 26<sup>th</sup> is her Birthday. Jackie Walker c/o Jody Holesinger, 2428 Sawtooth Court, Holland, Michigan 49424-1678
7. Online Giving: You can 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 log in, locate your church – **First United Methodist Church, Savanna, IL** and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!



Tithe.ly – online giving platform!



## First United Methodist Church Sunday, 10:15 am

*“You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind, and with all your strength,  
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*  
--Jesus Christ

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