



**Our Mission Is To Be Committed Christians Inviting Others To Join Us.**



## Our Vision Statement

**“Our faith calls us to action in the body of Christ and in the local community to love God and to love others.”**

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Dear FUMC Family,

As April unfolds, I find myself embracing bachelorhood for the entirety of April, as Bang-Wool begins on her journey to South Korea for regular checkups and medical treatments on April 1st, returning on May 17th. During her absence, my focus will be on supporting my three boys as they continue to devote themselves to study and also as they dive into soccer in Clinton, IA. With practices and game days filling our schedule, I ask for your prayers for patience and harmony among us, and perhaps a bit of divine intervention to ensure their supper doesn't consist solely of ice cream with candy toppings every evening!

April presents numerous opportunities for mission, fellowship, and support within our church family and within the local community. I warmly encourage your participation and involvement in these endeavors:

- **Rice Meal Packing:** Join us on Saturday, April 20th, starting at 9 am, as we come together to pack rice meals for those in need. Each meal costs \$2 to produce, and our goal is 1800 meals.
- **JOY (Just Older Youth):** Our new ministry for seniors kicks off on April 17th at 4:30 pm. RSVP is required, and it promises to be an enriching time of fellowship and feeding our physical and spiritual bodies in the love of God.
- **UWF Fundraiser:** Indulge in a Pork Chop Sandwich Dinner on April 14th, between 4 pm to 6 pm, supporting the ministries and missions of our United Methodist Women Group. Carry-out only, \$10 per person!
- **Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser:** On April 27th, Saturday, lend a helping hand at Sullivan's Food by assisting customers with their groceries from the checkout desks to their cars. Please, show up that day at Sullivan's Food to support our youth. All tips will go towards our 2023 youth mission trip.
- **Potluck:** Let's close out the month of April together with a delightful potluck on the last Sunday of April (4/28). Your favorite dishes and warm presence are most welcome.

**Griefshare:** Grief and Loss Support Group, Guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind. Dates & Times will be announced soon.

Our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to action in the body of Jesus Christ and in the local community to love God and to love others. Keep up the good work, FUMC family. Let us embrace these opportunities for service, fellowship, and growth as we journey together through this season. Happy Spring, and may blessings abound for each of you in the name of Jesus Christ!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave

**SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024 11:30AM**  
**CHURCH LIBRARY**

Vice-chairperson Bill Wright called the meeting to order with members Tom Michels, Mary Irons, Molly Andersen, Deeann Kramer, Kris Yingling, Kathie and Burt Prins, Ronda Rathje, Esther Losh, Linda Stubbe, Jason Moore, and Vivian Eaton present. Mary opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Mary moved, seconded by Jason, to accept the minutes as presented and the motion passed. Financial reports were handed out. Overall January was a good month financially. The kitchen remodeling bill appears on this month's report. Vivian had several questions for the yearly statistical report.

**TRUSTEES:** After an inspection of the boiler a leaking gasket was discovered and will be fixed. There are still questions about the heat trace on the church roof. There is a loose hinge on the kitchen pass-through. A new committee will be formed to get information on a new electrical sign for the church.

**FINANCE:** The next meeting is March 12th at 5pm. There will also be a discussion of how to grow our church. Deeann mentioned having a marketing plan for the church. We need to focus on mission and bringing people to Jesus.

**WORSHIP:** We tried a new policy this morning with 2 ushers in the sanctuary handing out bulletins, a greeter at the sanctuary door, and 1 person in the narthex taking attendance, hoping this will help lessen the crowd in the narthex before worship. March communion offering will go to the rice-meal packing event in April. We will have a sunrise service on Easter morning. It was suggested we share our joys during Joys and Concerns and pass a microphone around again. New signs are needed in the church building for the kitchen, office, restrooms, and sanctuary.

**EDUCATION:** Pretzel Sunday will be March 10th. Easter eggs will be out soon for members to fill. A female chaperone is still needed for the youth mission trip this summer.

**EVANGELISM:** Janis Wilt has moved to Peoria. Ancil Guilinger's funeral was yesterday.

**OUTREACH:** The Souper Bowl luncheon last week raised \$465 for the youth mission trip. There was some discussion about their budget and paying for the GriefShare program. The committee has not been asked to pay for the program.

**UWF:** The members served the funeral luncheon yesterday. March's meeting will be the Prayer and Self-Denial program presented by Molly. They are planning a dinner in April.

**UMM:** They are meeting Tuesday.

**INTERCHURCH COUNCIL:** The weekly Lenten service is at the Presbyterian church with Pastor Dave preaching.. VBS is planning this year's program, Camp Firelight. It will be held July 15-19, 2024.

**YOUTH:** We need a new representative.

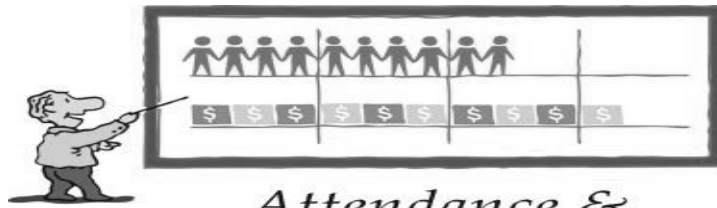
**OLD BUSINESS:** We need to raise money for Ronda's trip to Memphis in April. There will be an announcement during worship asking for donations. The Outreach committee offered to have an ice cream social after church on March 17th.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Members of the various committees will be introduced during worship. Each committee was challenged to rethink all their functions to see how we can bring more people to Christ.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Dave emailed his report to members. Since he could not be here today Ronda presented his report. The youth will provide the Easter breakfast this year. He would like an approval from the council for our vision statement. Kris moved, seconded by Tom, to approve the statement and the motion passed. Pastor Dave will use it on our powerpoint slides for worship. Jason moved, seconded by Kris, to purchase a new television for the Sunday School room, dispose of our old tv's, and purchase a new computer for the church office and put that computer in the sanctuary, and the motion passed. Ronda estimated the total cost to be around \$600.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14pm.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Andersen



## Attendance & Financials

<b>Cash Available in General Account: \$ 3,978.35</b>		
	February 2024	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$ 11,782.59	\$ 24,299.97
Church Expenses	\$ 19,422.18	\$ 33,426.68
Net Operating Balance	\$ -7,636.59	\$ -14,004.50
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 2,810.00
Kitchen Remodeling	\$21,018.61	\$21,018.61
Please, contact Vivian Eaton with any questions vkeaton@grics.net		



Date	Income	Worship Inside	Worship Outside	Total Attendance
March 3	\$ 3864.00	53	0	53
March 10	\$ 2283.34	50	0	50
March 17	\$ 2093.56	62	0	62
March 24	\$ 1681.00	72	0	72
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 9921.90</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>237</b>



### In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Gi-Tae Yim, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's mom), Dale Wurster, Owen Davies (Bonnie's son), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Steve Runge (Ronda's friend), Connie Zink, Pastor Lee (Pastor Dave's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Shirley Fritz, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Tim Cavanagh, Louise Brouillard (Ronda's friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), John & Linda Jachino, Paul Mayer, Angie (Paula's friend), Roger Furrow, Kurtis (Susan Michelle's friend), Eli (Bob & LaVona's grandson), Paula Mayer, Young-Ho Yim (Bang Wool's dad), Tinslee, Chris Falk's father, Jeff (Backwater Gambler dad), Ed & Barb Jepsen, Beth (LaVona's co-worker), Bill Eyerly, Mary (Belandar) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, the families of Sally Ritchie and Sharon Atherton, our Confirmants (Jon, Aidan, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), and WC staff & students.

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins Powell, and Shirley Fritz.

Our country & government, those that are serving in the military & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, the Gaza strip, peace in the Middle East, and the victims of the everyday gun violence and their families.

# What's Happening At Church!!!!

## New Sewing Ministry

We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry but getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available (pattern & material). Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women of Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be a part of this important ministry by sewing at home at your convenience. Come check it out!

We also are asking for clean and dry plastic bags. The group will be making sleeping mats for homeless people. You can drop them off in the box in the sewing room. A loom was obtained from Midwest Mission and Mary Irons attempted to make the first one. We now have 5 mats complete. They are fabulous!!! If you are interested in getting involved in this ministry, call Mary Irons at 815-541-8487. Thank you to those who have brought in bags and continue to bring them!

## Kids Kards

Kids Kards will meet after worship on **April 28th at 11:15 am** in the Fellowship Hall to make Mother's Day cards. All materials are provided—everyone is welcome! Any questions call Molly Andersen, 815-273-2104.

## JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministry

We're starting a new senior ministry, providing a free meal, fellowship, and program once a month.

**Our first meal will be Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-6:30pm. Menu will be: ham & scalloped potatoes, salad, roll, and desert. YOU MUST RSVP to the church office by noon, Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>!!! (Invite your friends and neighbors and make this a success!)**

We are looking for volunteers to help cook, serve, clean, and provide rides and programs. Our next **meeting will be Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, after the Finance/Grow committee meeting, around 6:30pm.**

If you are interested in helping please let Molly Andersen or Ronda Rathje in the church office know.

## Worship Committee

is trying to bring back Ushers and Greeters. If you would be interested in volunteering for these, please see Esther Losh or Linda Stubbe.

## Blessing Basket

The Blessing Basket recently received a donation from Beta Sigma Phi and took a tour of the West Carroll School Food Pantry. Thank you, Beta Sigma Phi, for your support!



## West Carroll Food Pantry

Please consider donating any non-perishable food item for the community and school food pantries. The pantry box is located in the narthex and all items may be placed in it. Thank you for thinking of our neighbors!

The schedule for volunteering at the Savanna Food Pantry is out and we are manning it **May 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, and December 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, the hours are 9am to 12 noon, contact Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104.**

*Thank  
you*

I want to thank everyone who helped support my trip to The National PAUMCS (Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure) Conference in Memphis, TN next week, April 3rd - 7th. Your support & faith in me truly means a lot! Lots of love & big hugs!  
Ronda Rathje

### United Women of Faith

We be meeting **Tuesday, April 2nd** at **6:30 pm** at the church.  
All women are invited!

### Finance/Growth

We will be meeting **Tuesday, April 9th @ 5 pm** in the library at the church.



### United Methodist Men

Will meet **Wednesday, April 24th** @ **5:30 pm**.

### Pictures & New Directory

Mark & Ronda Rathje have been taking lots of pictures for the new directory. If you have not had your picture taken, please reach out to Ronda.

**We want everyone to have their picture taken for the directory!!!**



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If you have not heard, Pastor Dave will be leaving our church and is being transferred to Woodridge United Methodist Church. He will take over there on July 1st. We do not know who we will be receiving as a Pastor as of yet. We all definitely know that Pastor Dave and his family will be greatly missed by the entire congregation and the community!

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**Meet Lumen - Camp Firelight**

**VBS coming this summer**

**July 15-19!!!**



# Pictures!!!

## Confirmand Trip to Chicago



## Holy Baptism of

**Cole Michael Jones, Casey Lee Jones, Lane Allen Morlock**



**Kids Kards**

## **Lenten Bible Study Group**



## **JOY Ministry Planning**





Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting  
every Thursday at 7pm.  
Pastor Dave will email you a link  
each week.

Rice Meal Packing  
will take place  
Sat. April 20th!  
Donations are  
being accepted.

The church office will be closed  
beginning Wednesday, April 3rd-7th.

Ronda will be attending the  
National PAUMCS (Professional  
Administrators of United Methodist  
Connectional Structure) Conference  
in Memphis, TN.

100th year Re-dedication of Chadwick-Hope  
United Methodist Church will take place  
Sunday, April 7th with worship @ 9:30 am.  
Open house will be held from 1 to 4 pm.  
A time of reflection will take place @ 2:30 pm.  
All are welcome to attend.

The mission trip kids will be at Sullivan's on Saturday, April 27th from  
10 am to 4 pm helping to carry groceries for people to their cars.  
The kids will be working for tips to help with trip costs.  
Be sure to support the kids on this day!

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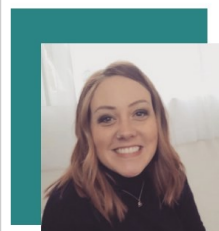
Get Your Tickets Now!!!

Grief & Loss Support Group  
Coming soon!

**Pork Chop  
Sandwich Dinner**  
TAKE OUT ONLY  
VIA DRIVE THRU  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH - 4:00 - 6:00 PM  
SAVANNA FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH 2100 CHICAGO AVENUE  
SAVANNA, IL  
TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE UNTIL  
APRIL 11TH  
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 815-273-2345  
OR MARY IRONS AT 815-541-8487  
TICKETS - ADULTS \$10.00  
CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER \$5.00  
DINNER INCLUDES: PORK CHOP SANDWICH  
POTATO SALAD, APPLE SAUCE & DESSERT  
HOSTED BY THE SAVANNA UNITED WOMEN IN  
FAITH PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS MISSION PROJECTS



Grief and Loss Support Group  
Guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort,  
and peace of mind.



Hi, I'm Katy and I will be hosting the Griefshare group through The First United Methodist Church in Savanna! I have lost my mom, my dad, and a couple close friends and I have gone through Griefshare 3 times and it has been such a blessing to me! Which is why I would love to help others by organizing an online group. No need to leave your house - as long as you have wifi you can join! All are welcome!!

Dates & times TBD | Follow @SavannaFirstume on Facebook for updated information





## April 2024

- 1 - Katie Hoffman
- 1 - *Paul & Charlene Mayer (1964)*
- 1 - Sarah Murphy
- 2 - April Ruddell
- 5 - Kris Offenheiser
- 6 - JC Carey
- 6 - Melinda Dykema
- 8 - Karen Hoffman
- 9 - Jeanine Mills
- 11 - Rosemary Hartman
- 12 - Deb Long
- 12 - Jiwon Yim
- 14 - Kathie Prins
- 15 - Claire Floming
- 15 - *Carlo & Linda Stubbe (1972)*
- 16 - Alice Riffe-Torrison
- 16 - Heather Bradbury
- 21 - Jim Haynes
- 23 - Anna Badtke



### Liturgists

- April 7 - Molly Andersen
- April 14 - Susan Shellhorn
- April 21 - Linda Jachino
- April 28 - Burt Prins

### Acolytes

- April 7 - Blaine Johnson
- April 14 - Jiwon Yim
- April 21 - Pearl Michels
- April 28 - Kirk Hoffman

### Coffee Hour

- April 7 - Mayer family
- April 14 - Tom Neumiller
- April 21 -
- April 28 -

### Counters & Verifiers

- April 7 - Molly Andersen & Pam Darrow
- April 14 - Rhonda Law & Linda Jachino
- April 21 - Lori Miller & Kay Cavanagh
- April 28 - Vivian Eaton & Linda Stubbe

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

**Lots of pictures inside! Even more on our Facebook page. Be sure to friend us!**



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