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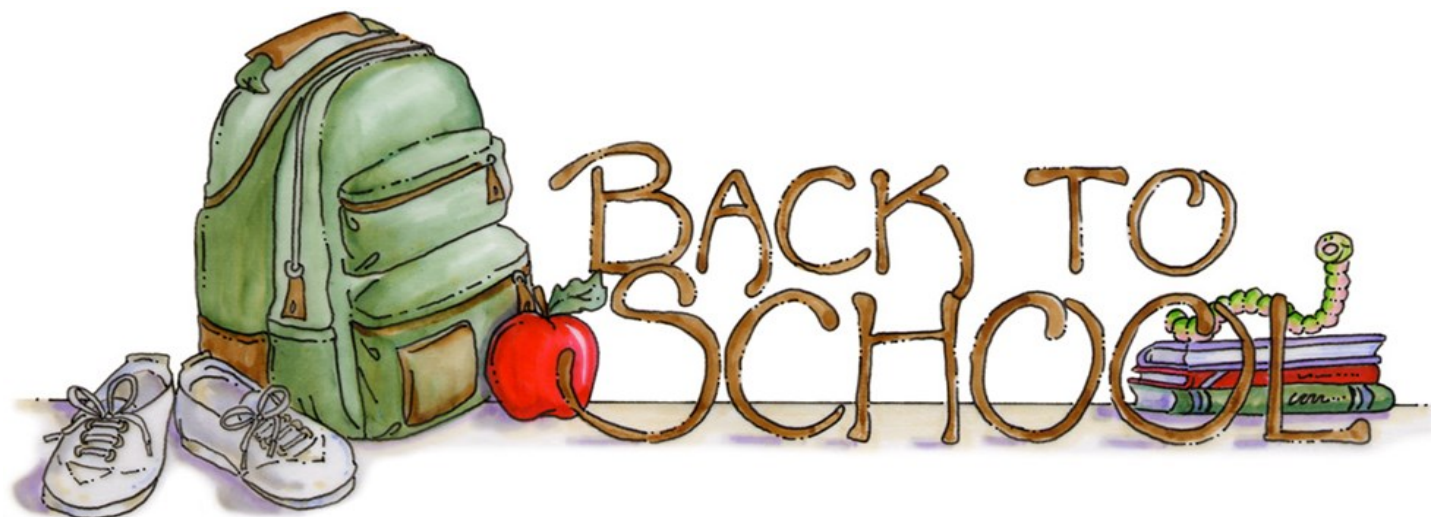
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For the last week of July, our church building had been filled with energy, laughs, curiosity, excitement, and joy from kids during the VBS. Like children bring so much joy and energy to a family, they have brought so much energy, joy, and happiness to our church. It was such a blessing and an honor to be able to serve our kids and learn together about God who provides with what we need. During the 2022 VBS, we served 44 kids every day with 15 youth helpers and 12 adult helpers. I am very thankful to the churches in Savanna area for we have been cooperated very well to serve our local community in God's love. Let's continue to serve our kids and teens together to make more safe spaces for them around and lead them to Jesus Christ our Savior! Amen! Amen!

The first day of the school is August 17th. Our children will be going back to their school in Mid-August. Our Children Sunday School and Youth Group will be having kick-off day each and they are going to inform us about when it will be with their 2022-2023 season schedules. Before we start serving our kids and teens, I would like to let you know that teachers and volunteers and church staff have done their 'Safe Sanctuary Training.' It is mandatory for each congregation in UMC to take this training in order to be certified to work with children and youth. Now, we are safe workers with children and youth. We have been working hard to make safe places for our children and youth. So, please send your kids or grandkids to FUMC. We will be taking very good care of them in God's love and care. As you know, they need each other. They are going to learn from each other.

Here is very important news regarding a new school term. School Supplies will be distributed in our fellowship hall on 8/1 (Mon) and 8/15 (Mon) from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Parents and kids should come together to get food, basic necessities, and school supplies at the same time. Please, get the word out to the public who need it. FUMC takes care of our local community and its members.



As I have announced it in July, our women's bathroom and men's bathroom have been updated. Women's room has three new toilets and men's room has new faucets on the washing basin and drain parts underneath. We have not had any problems during our VBS with using our bathrooms. Praise be to God! The kitchen committee has been created and now working very hard to get some ideas to remodel our kitchen area. Also, the trustee committee has been contacting local businesses to fix our metal roof leaking. It should be done quickly before another winter comes. I believe that our church leaders have been working very hard to maintain our church building and reach out to the local community. Let us continue to serve others with what God has given to us. Please, continue to support us and pray for our new projects!

The leading cause of death in the United States among age 1-19 is gun-related death. The second leading cause of death in that age group is vehicle-related death. The third one is drug overdoses and poisoning. In the mass shootings at Buffalo in New York and Uvalde in Texas, the shooters are both just 18 years old. I wonder how you have handled it. I think we got them left unattended. At some point, we gave them up, so it could be also our fault. We should protect them and guide them to right paths in their lives. We should bring them up to Jesus. We should work harder to stay connected with God and with them. Friends in God's ministry, we should do something to protect our kids and youth as God's church and make more safe spaces for them. We can do it together because God is with us always!

Blessings to you all in Christ!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



VBS 2022

July 18-July 22, 2022



Give us
THIS DAY
our Daily
Bread
Matthew 6:11





We received a very nice Thank you card and a generous donation of \$150 from UCC for using our church for Vacation Bible School.



To the members of the Methodist Church,

We the members of the UCC Congregation want to express our thanks for the use of your church building and grounds for VBS. You have been the community's host for many years and we truly appreciate that!

Thank you very much!

The members of UCC



CHURCH COUNCIL

SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022 10:30am

CHURCH LIBRARY

Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen called the meeting to order with members Noah Johnson, Kathie Prins, Kris Yingling, Tom Michels, Molly Andersen, Mary Irons, and Pastor Dave Yim present, at 10:35am. Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. A correction was made under the Outreach segment to read 1800 packets, which is 10,800 meals. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Kathie, to accept the minutes as corrected and the motion passed.

FINANCE: We received a check for \$104,782.47 from the Paul Brunner estate and expect another check for \$43,000. \$15,000 was deposited into our checking account and the balance was deposited into the savings account. Several ideas were presented on possible projects funded by this gift, including solar panels, resurfacing the church parking lot, fixing the church roof and updating the women's restroom. Will Johnson has submitted a bid for replacing the toilets in the women's restroom and fixing a leak in the boiler for approximately \$2500. Tom moved, seconded by Susan Michelle, to spend up to \$5000 to fix the leak and remodel the restroom and the motion passed. The July communion offering will be designated for VBS.

TRUSTEES: We have not received any bids yet on the church roof repair. We will contact ProTect Metal in Mt Carroll for a bid. 2 members from the Memorial committee attended the Trustee meeting to discuss forming a kitchen committee, under the Trustees committee, and some remodeling of the narthex and fellowship hall. Members suggested for the kitchen committee are Deeann Kramer, Mary Irons, Kay Cavanagh, and Jason Moore. Susan Michelle volunteered to be on the committee, also

CHURCH COUNCIL



WORSHIP: We will leave our worship service behind the church building for now but may change it back to the front of the building because of the heat.

EDUCATION: The online registration for VBS is up and running. This year's theme is Food Truck Party. We may need a junior/senior high Sunday School teacher in the fall. The committee will not be doing the Easter breakfast next year.

EVANGELISM: The committee is sending out birthday cards, 2 in June and 1 in July. We will keep Jackie Walker in our prayers as she is in the Clinton hospital now.

MEMORIAL: Several ideas are being discussed about sprucing up the narthex and fellowship hall.

YOUTH: The Youth group went bowling and the confirmation class went kayaking. VBS is July 18-22, 2022.

UMW: 3 members went to the district salad supper in Freeport, where we received a 5-Star Giving award. The next meeting is July 5th, a picnic at Old Mill Park. We will have a family bingo night on Tuesday, August 2nd, with prizes! UMM: They will be focusing on fellowship and will not meet in July.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed members his report and mileage. He was ordained at the annual conference in Schaumburg and has been appointed to Savanna First for another year. YIPPEE! He will be on vacation June 27th to July 3rd. Pastor Bonnie Davies will be covering for him. Pastor Dave closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 11:08am.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Worship in- side</u>	<u>Worship out- side</u>	<u>Total attend per week</u>
6/5/2022	\$2,319.00		52	52
6/12/2022	\$2,448.65		48	48
6/19/2022	\$1,206.00		50	50
6/26/2022	\$1,623.00		51	51
Total income	\$7,596.65		Average per week	50



Attendance & Financials



Financial Report June 2022

Cash Available in General Account: \$18,315.36		
	June	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$9,631.78	\$68,044.11
Church Expenses	\$14,623.53	\$77,416.89
Net Operating Balance	\$(4,991.75)	\$(9,372.78)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$1,241.00	\$4,964.00
Please, contact Paula Mayer with any questions!		

Soul Sisters

August Outing

Blue Heron Eco-Cruise

Thursday, August 18th

Rock Creek Conservation Area in Comanche, IA. Carpool from church parking lot at 5:15 pm . Supper will be at Campground Café. Please RSVP to Molly Andersen by August 10th. 815-273-2104 or 815-541-6852. Rain date is August 25th. Cruise is free for donations are welcomed! All women are invited!

July Outing

Dubuque Arboretum & Gardens





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 3:30-5pm on the first and third Mondays of each month, unless it's a holiday. Thank you for your continued support of our food pantries, with your gifts and your prayers. Together we can end hunger! Items needed this month are spaghetti

sauce, cereal and fruit juice.

The community food pantries are needed now more than ever with inflation and gas prices on the rise. Please remember your neighbors who are struggling.

Blessing Basket

The Blessing Baskets is running smoothly, thanks to your continued support. This month we need sandwich bags and laundry detergent.



We are collecting school supplies through the month of August. Please leave any donations in the Food Pantry box in the narthex or basket outside on Sunday mornings or you can give monetary donations. Crayons, markers, notebooks, backpacks, glue sticks, pens, and pencils are always needed. Distribution will be Monday, August 1st, Monday, August 15th from 3:30-6pm in conjunction with the food pantry and also on Tuesday, August 16th 10 am—noon. Any questions call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104.

Kids Kards

July 24th



Kids Kards will meet after worship, around 10:30, on **Sunday, August 28th**. We will be making cards for the residents of Big Meadows and Pinnacle Place, with the theme, Sharing God's Love. All supplies are provided and everyone is welcome. Lunchables will be provided to take home.

United Methodist Women Family Night



Tuesday, August 2nd 5 pm – 7 pm

Games Fun Prizes

Supper will be served at 5 pm

Menu – Tacos and ham sandwiches

Bingo will start following supper

Prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners

This is a church event hosted by the United Methodist Women.

Bring the whole family!

Please RSVP by July 31st. 815-273-2345 or

office@firstumcsavanna.org

Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Shows

Susan Michelle and Brigit Jepsen, Sabula, have been a big part of the Rock Island, IL Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Shows. The team has been in existence for 43 years. Susan Michelle has been a member for 41 and Brigit for 15. Brigit is 18. Both are members of our church.

Have you ever seen a ski show at Tommy Bartlett, Cypress Gardens or Sea World? The Backwater Gamblers offer a much bigger show, with more skiers, drivers, riders and announcers than a professional show...normally 3-4 times as many on most acts!

The best part is that admission is FREE! They perform water ski shows from Memorial Day through Labor Day at 5000 44th Street in Rock Island, on the Rock River. The shows are Sundays and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. The show lasts one hour, with a short intermission, so plan on 90 minutes. Bleachers are furnished and there is parking near the river. Donations are gladly accepted at intermission, as the money helps pay for the boats, motors, gas, costumes, skis, ropes, speakers and a lot more. The 2020 ski season was cancelled, due to Covid-19, but the bills continued to come in.

What sport can parents and children do together? Not many, but show skiing is one of them. In addition to her daughter, Brigit and husband, Greg, being members, other family members that ski or have skied/driven boats in the past include her sister, Teresa Hofmann from Port Byron, IL, her husband (Richard), daughter (Morgan) and son (Joshua). Also add to that her brother, Randy Thompson from Bettendorf, IA and his wife (Val) and 2 daughters (Tristan and Tanner). Susan Michelle's dad and Brigit's Gpa Pinky Thompson, Port Byron, IL comes to almost every show to see his children and grandchildren ski. Susan Michelle, Teresa and Randy are all participating in the 2022 ski season. Brigit is taking the year off.

The themed show consists of 14 acts, including Ballet, Swivel, Jumping, Barefooting, Trios, Strap Doubles, Conventional Doubles, Around-the-Boat and Pyramids. The 2022 theme is Men In Black. Susan Michelle currently rides in one of the boats for the majority of the show, but does get out to help build the final pyramid on 2nd tier.

The picture in red costumes was taken in 2015, when Brigit was on the 3rd tier of the pyramid for the first time in a ski show. She is the 3rd tier girl on the far left. Her mom, Susan Michelle, is below her, 2nd tier on the far left. Teresa is on the 2nd tier, middle girl, of the 4-tier pyramid. Randy is 5th from the left



The team competes yearly against other show ski teams from around the nation. Currently they are ranked **1st in the Central Region** and **5th in the Nation**.

Some impressive acts from their history include 8 skiers Around-the-Boat – a world record in 1991 and a 5-tier pyramid. They were the 2nd team in the world to successfully build 4 4-tier pyramids all behind one boat, which was accomplished in 2014. Susan Michelle was a part of that pyramid. She is 3rd from the right on the 2nd tier, in the blue and orange costumes. Teresa is 2nd from the left on 2nd tier. Randy is 3rd from the left, 1st tier. Brigit was not in the picture.



The final picture in the dark blue costumes is from this season. Susan Michelle is on 2nd tier on the far right. This was the pyramid that helped the Backwater Gamblers win the 2022 Central Regional title.

If you are looking for something different and unique to do, come and see a Backwater Gambler ski show and cheer on Susan Michelle. The shows are on **Sundays** and **Wednesdays** at **6:30 pm** at **5000 44th Street in Rock Island**. They'll be competing at the National Tournament on August 13th. The last show of the season will be Labor Day.

Check them out at www.backwatergamblers.com.





Tim Cavanagh, Denise Curtis, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Jim Eaton, Bill Eyerly (father of Cori Moore), Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Tanya Forbes (niece of Bonnie Davies), Shirley Fritz, Sandy Gabriel, Bob Grissinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Sharon Johnson, Don Kramer, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Charlene Mayer, James Morris Jr (son of Esther Losh), Collen Olsen, Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Bill Robinson, Salvador Sanchez, Ron Smith, Alice Stallings, Grace Struve, Pastor Sylvester, Tod Tietjens, Alice Riffe Torrison, Joy Turner, Scarlette (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Eli (Grandson of Bob & LaVona Grissinger), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of Pastor Dave), Jackie Walker, Josephine Gherardini.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, 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.





Birthdays & Anniversaries



1	Tom	Neumiller
4	Joe	Guilinger
10	Ryan	Miller
12	Joleen	Lashelle
13	LaVona	Grissinger
13	Martha	Purchis
15	Brenda	Hamm
22	Jean	Jones
24	Bridgit	Jepsen
24	Ron	Miller
26	RJ	Clemens
26	Jeff	Law
28	Sharon F.	Guilinger
29	Sharon A.	Guilinger
31	Bob	Froehlich

18—Wayne & Martha White "1963"



August 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Monday, August 1

1 pm Sewing Ladies

3:30 –5:30 West Carroll Food Pantry

3:30—6 School Supply Distribution

Tuesday, August 2

5 pm—7 pm UMW Family Bingo Night

Thursday, August 4

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, August 7

9:30 Worship—Communion

LaVona Grissinger Liturgist

Monday, August 8

1 pm Sewing Ladies

Wednesday, August 10

1 pm Carroll County Fairgrounds to hand out water

Thursday, August 11

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, August 14

9:30 am Worship

Burt Prins Liturgist

Monday, August 15—Telstar Deadline

1 pm—Sewing Ladies

3:30—5:30 pm WC Food Pantry

3:30 m– 6 pm School Supply Distribution

Tuesday, August 16

10 am—noon School Supply Distribution

7 pm Finance meeting—zoom

Wednesday, August 17

School Starts

Thursday, August 18

9 am Bile Study

3 pm Health & Worship

5:15 Car pool Bule Heron Cruise

Sunday, August 21

8 am Trustees Meeting

9:30 am Worship

Bonnie Davies Liturgist

Following Service—Ad Council

Monday, August 22

5:30 pm UMM

Thursday, August 25

9 am Bible Study

1:30—3 pm Senior Service—Pastor Dave

Sunday, August 28

9:30 am Worship

Deeann Kramer Liturgist

Kids Kards following service