



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



Vision 2023 - "Make Jesus' Disciples"

**Focus on making Jesus' disciples
to transform lives and the world!**

Strong in Worship, Strong in Mission, Strong in Education

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19)

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We made it! Our youth mission trip team successfully completed our journey to Tennessee last month. I am very proud of each and every member of our team, and I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported our mission trip through prayers, monetary donations, and the provision of tools. I also want to extend a special thank you to Kathie and Burt Prins, who accompanied our youth members and actively participated in all the work projects. Your dedication and commitment are truly appreciated. Thank you, Kathie and Burt, from the bottom of my heart!

What I have observed through our youth members during the mission trip is their bravery, energy, sense of fun, gentleness, respect, and willingness to embrace new experiences. Our mission trip has provided us with valuable lessons and the opportunity to make new friends. It was truly an enjoyable, meaningful, spiritual, and touching experience. We have already made the decision to return to the Mountain T.O.P. next year, and we invite all of you to join us! Everyone is welcome!

The church picnic is scheduled for July 16th. Our Sunday church service will be held outdoors, and we will also have a pet blessing as part of the service. That's right, your beloved pets are invited to join us at the church picnic! After a brief church service, we will engage in fun games and enjoy a shared meal together. The United Methodist Men will be providing grilled hamburgers, and we encourage you to bring your favorite desserts or salads to share. There will be prizes, snacks, and plenty of fellowship to go around. I extend a warm invitation to all of you to attend our church picnic. Please feel free to invite your friends and family members as well. I am truly excited and eagerly look forward to this wonderful event.

Summer Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and this year's theme is 'Hero Hotline' with the subtitle 'We are called to serve God.' It presents a wonderful opportunity for us to serve both God and our children. During Jesus' ministry on earth, he demonstrated his love for all children and welcomed them with open arms. This highlights our responsibility to teach them the Word of God and exemplify God's love through our actions and words. I invite you to join us in this meaningful and important ministry. Whether you would like to volunteer your time or contribute in any way to our Vacation Bible School, please reach out to Kris Yingling for further details.

As we enter the month of July, I pray that each of you will find rest and joys during this summer vacation. May it be a time of rejuvenation and joy in the presence of your loved ones! Blessings to you all,

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave

SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 11:30AM
CHURCH LIBRARY

Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen called the meeting to order at 11:40am with members Ronda Rathje, Molly Andersen, Jason Moore, Tom Michels, Paula Mayer, Kris Yingling, Pam Darrow, Bill Wright, Mary Irons, and Pastor Dave Yim present.

Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Kris moved, seconded by Pam, to approve the minutes and the motion carried.

The Financial report was presented. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Jason, to approve the report and the motion carried. Paula mentioned she does not have access to the checking accounts of UWF and the Youth group. This was brought up during the annual audit and will be discussed at the Finance meeting this week. She is still switching files over to the new checking account. She had a resolution to present but it had the wrong chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations committee listed so it will be corrected.

TRUSTEES: Ron Miller and Jeff Law replaced the outdoor lights on the front of the church but the bulbs will be replaced with exterior lights. The lights in the sanctuary will need to be rewired for LED bulbs. The church's mailbox and post were replaced by Jeff Law and looks very nice. Liability waivers have been signed by the Girl Scouts and West Carroll School Food Pantry. We received a bill from TMI for work done to the boiler in October for \$4051.00. Ronda will call and see if we can get it reduced and going forth we will use River City, a local company. Ronda presented several handouts about security for the church building. Bill moved, seconded by Susan Michelle, to accept the "10 commandment security plan," and the motion passed. She will apply for a federal grant to buy security cameras for the church and grounds. The Trustees will come up with a plan for increasing security and Ronda will check into prices for cameras.

FINANCE: They will not present a report to the congregation this year. Tom pointed out we are constantly short of funds and have used the Paul Brunner monies to pay bills and may need to access the Sterk funds in the future.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: Kay Cavanagh will be on vacation the first 2 weeks of June and Pam Darrow will cover for her.

WORSHIP: We will have a special Memorial Day service next Sunday to honor our veterans.

EDUCATION: Today was the last day of Sunday School and the children had fun shopping with the points they earned throughout the year. VBS will be July 17-21, 2023.

EVANGELISM: The committee has been busy visiting and sending cards.

MEMORIAL/HISTORICAL RECORDS: The next project is to paint the trim in the narthex.

UWF: They will be going to Timber Lake Playhouse in June to see "Grease."

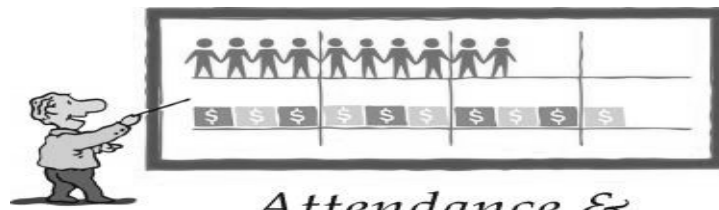
UMM: They will not be meeting during the summer but will host a church picnic on July 16th.

YOUTH: They will not be meeting during the summer but will have their mission trip to Tennessee in June.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed his report to members. Our blood drive has 13 donors so far. Tom moved, seconded by Pam, to donate \$100 from the Outreach fund to the Bishop's Appeal for migrant needs and the motion passed. Jiho Yim has been rebuilding our old computer and will have it available in the counting room when he's done. Jason mentioned the district may have tools available to take on the mission trip.

Pastor Dave closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Andersen



Attendance & Financials

Cash Available in General Account: \$ 2904.73		
	May 2023	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$ 12,008.15	\$ 67,322.94
Church Expenses	\$ 16,083.36	\$ 82,810.26
Net Operating Balance	\$ (4,075.21)	\$ (15,487.32)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 6,450.00
Please contact Paula Mayer with any questions! paula.jo.mayer@gmail.com		



Date	Income	Worship Inside	Worship Outside	Total Attendance
May 28	\$ 3165.00	50	2 + 2 dogs	52 + 2 dogs
June 4	\$ 3638.80	50	7 + 2 dogs	57 + 2 dogs
June 11	\$ 1150.00	30	4 + 4 dogs	34 + 4 dogs
June 18	\$ 2585.00	45	5 + 2 dogs	50 + 2 dogs
June 25	\$ 410.00	36	3 + 4 dogs	39 + 4 dogs
Totals	\$ 10,948.80	211	21 + 14 dogs	232 + 14 dogs



In Our Prayers

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Rod Furrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Annisa (niece of Bonnie Davies), John Ritchie, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Scarlette (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Sandy Froehlich, Vanessa Grissinger, Deb Endress (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pete (Kim Gonzales' brother), Ed Jepsen, Tyrone Burcham, Lisa, Lester & Cody Coers, Shirley Fritz, Vickie Moore, Bobby Higbea Susan Michelle's friend), Baby Adrian & his mom, Alice (Esther's sister), Janet Smith, Owen Davies (Bonnie's son), Seth & Kimber (Jackie Walker's grandson-in-law and great granddaughter), Jackie Walker, Brady O'Neal, Eli (Bob & LaVona's grandson), Beth & Gail (Pastor Dave's friends), Ron & Shirley (Karen Hoffman's cousins), Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Cori Moore's mom, Gene & Janet Ruchotzke (Susan Michelle's neighbors), Ruth (mission team friend), Ron (mission team friend), Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's parents), Tim Castens (Char Mayer's cousin), Pastor Karen Schilling (Bonnie Davies' friend), Donny Hughes, the family of Ron Smith, and our Farmers. **Our shut-ins:** Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, The safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Turkey & Syria, the victims of all the flooding, and the victims of the gun violence and their families.

What's Happening At Church!!!!



United
Women
in Faith

We will be having our annual picnic on **July 11th @ 6 pm** at the home of Rev. Bonnie Davies. (9178 A Deerpath Ln, Savanna, IL. The program will be on Bonnie's trip. We will have brats/hotdogs, salad, chips, dessert, & beverage. See you there!!!

We will be hosting a church picnic on **July 16th** after church service. There will be grilled hamburgers, salads, chips, dessert & beverage. There will also be lots of fun & games!



JULY SOUL SISTERS OUTING

"9 to 5" at Timberlake Playhouse July 26th

We will be attending a the production of "9 to 5" at Timber lake Playhouse on July 26th at 2 pm. We need at least 10 people (have 7 so far). We will carpool from the church.

ALL women are invited to attend!!

Contact Pam Darrow (815-718-4486) or Linda Jachino (815-541-4760)

Kids Kards

Kids Kards will meet after worship on **July 23rd** around 10:30am.

We are going to spread some Sunshine by celebrating our favorite summer blessings.

We'll have sandwiches for lunch and icecream!

Everyone is welcome and all materials are provided.

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!

Security Measures

New security measures were implemented on June 4th. There will always be someone in the Narthex during worship checking the doors, etc. The doors at the end of the education wing and the front door by the office will be locked during our service. Only the back door will be unlocked. If you would like to volunteer to help keep our parishioners safe, please let the office know.

Food Pantry

School is out and that means some children are missing 2 meals a day throughout the summer months. Please prayerfully consider donating **mac & cheese (never have enough), fruit cups/cans (fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, peaches), pasta sauce, and cereal are needed right now!** We can always use peanut butter (creamy), jelly (grape/strawberry), pancake mix, syrup, soup (tomato, cream of mushroom/chicken), and crackers (any kind) during these summer months. If donating pudding/jello cups, please check to see if they need to be refrigerated. If they do, please let Ronda know right away.

We so appreciate your generosity and support!

Blessing Basket

The Blessing Basket needs **toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dish soap,** along with laundry soap, body lotion, aluminum foil, and always paper products.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

School Supplies

It's time to start collecting school supplies already!

Glue sticks, markers, pencils, and notebooks are in the stores and on sale.

You can leave your donation in the Food Pantry box in the narthex.

Any donation is welcome, including monetary ones.

Thank you for helping out our West Carroll students get ready for a great school year!

Health & Worship committee is looking to borrow a child sized lawn chair and a lunch pail for a church display. Items will be return by the end of the summer.

Thank you, Mary Irons (815-541-8487)

Outreach committee (one who did the Rice meal packing event) is having a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in Clinton on **July 31st**. Volunteers will be needed to help in the dining room. They also have 8 spots reserved at the Midwest Mission Distribution center on Monday, **September 18th**. They will leave on Monday morning and return on Friday afternoon. If anyone is interested or has questions, please call Cindy Law. (815-990-3629)

Pictures!!!

The mission team left on June 10th bound for Tennessee. They all worked very hard and had a great time too!



A \$1000 grant from the Northern Illinois conference Town and Rural Keagy grant program of the United Methodist church was awarded to the West Carroll School Food Pantry. Pastor Dave Yim of the First United Methodist church in Savanna presented the check to Pantry director Michelle Bashaw and board member Cathy Nichols.

Soul Sisters Outing
from June to Krape Park
& Union Dairy



The kids at Kids Kards have been
super busy!!!





**Worship Time Change/Summer hours
9:30 am starting Sunday, June 4th - Sept. 3rd.
Hybrid services will continue.**

Youth Mission Trip is June 10-17th

Vacation Bible School is July 17-21st

Sunday School (All of them) will resume in September



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for helping me celebrate my graduation.
I will enjoy chicken sandwiches! Thanks again.
Kirk Hoffman

Dear Pastor Dave & FUMC family,

Thank you for remembering both Hayley and I with the special recognition and generous gift cards for Hayley's graduation and my year as Sunday school teacher. We both love what we do and greatly appreciate FUMC love and support. Thank you!

Sharon & Hayley Guilinger

Pastor Dave, Ronda, Molly, and all parishoners—

Thank you to all for all you do to help the pantry—from blessing basket, grants, food donations, to generating awareness of our pantry. You all are such a blessing to so many people in our community. "Your most recent grant donation of \$1000 is truly amazing..." A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshed others will be refreshed" (Proverbs 11:25)

We pray that all your generosity to us is returned to all of you! Thank you for all you do for us all! Love, Cathy Sally, Michelle, & Betty

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers. I needed them all. I also want to thank the sewing ladies for the beautiful lap quilt that Pastor Dave brought me when he came to visit me in the hospital. God is good— *all the time!*

Jackie Walker



JULY

- 1 - Luke Holcomb, Diana Steffes
- 5 - Jeff Doran, Sarah Neumiller-Jackson
Rhonda & Jeff Law (1986)
- 6 - Molly Andersen, Judy Greenfield
- 7 - Noah Johnson
- 8 - Michael Jones
- 10 - Ancil Guilinger, Erik Torrison
- 12 - Hannah Guilinger, Eric Purchis
Gary & Melinda Dykema (2014)
- 17 - Nathaniel Law
- 18 - Ronda Rathje
- 25 - Bruce Badtke
- 26 - Salinda Belander
- 31 - Deeann Kramer

7 Blessings for July

1. May your health improve.
 2. May your friends be blessed.
 3. May your family be loved.
 4. May your finances multiply.
 5. May your pains be less.
 6. May your worries disappear.
 7. May you be blessed.
- Amen

Liturgists

- July 2 - Bill Wright
- July 9 - Molly Andersen
- July 16 - Ronda Rathje
- July 23 - Esther Losh
- July 30 - LeaAnn Michels

Acolytes

- July 2 - Boyd Law
- July 9 - Ryker McCombie
- July 16 - Asia LaShelle
- July 23 - Ellie Johnson
- July 30 - Caleb Thornton

Counters & Verifiers

- July 2 - Molly Andersen & Jackie Walker
- July 9 - Rhonda Law & Tom Michels
- July 16 - Lori Miller & Sharon F Guilinger
- July 23 - Vivian Eaton & LaVona Grissinger
- July 30 - Cori Moore & ???

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!

