



**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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Our previous youth mission trip took place in 2014. After a gap of nine years, we are thrilled to announce that this year we will be sending our youth members to a mission field. The trip is scheduled from June 10th to 17th, and our group will be heading to the Mountain Tennessee Outreach Project.

In total, we have seven enthusiastic youth members and three dedicated chaperones joining us for this mission. Here is their names; Jiho Yim (6<sup>th</sup>), Jon Floming (6<sup>th</sup>), Caleb Thornton (7<sup>th</sup>), Alexis Piercy (7<sup>th</sup>), Noah Johnson (9<sup>th</sup>), Roscoe Davies (9<sup>th</sup>), Jackson Bess (9<sup>th</sup>), Pastor Dave (leader), Kathie & Burt Prins (leaders). Together, we will engage in various service projects, including painting, yard work, and the construction of decks or ramps. The area we will be serving has a significant number of substandard housing situations. Substandard housing extends beyond mere unattractiveness or outdatedness; it poses risks to the health, safety, and well-being of its occupants, as well as the surrounding neighbors and visitors. Such housing is linked to higher rates of disease, crime, social isolation, and diminished mental health.

During this mission trip, our youth members will not only strive to improve some of the substandard housing conditions but also aim to contribute to the betterment of the community as a whole. They will have the opportunity to meet new people, work alongside them, and collaborate for the betterment of the local community. It promises to be an exciting journey of learning and personal growth for everyone involved.

The below is the three prayer requests for 2023 youth mission trip;

1. Please, pray for the safety of our group during travel and throughout our service project. Dear God, we humbly ask for your divine protection, keeping us physically safe and in good health during our travel and as we engage in service project.

2. May we encounter God and experience a deeper understanding of God's presence during our service project. Lord, speak to us through the moments of service, the devotions we engage in, the discussions within our small groups, and the evening worship. Grant us the opportunity to grow in our faith and draw closer to you!

3. Pray for the relationships that will be formed and strengthened during this trip. May we be filled with compassion, generosity, kindness, and respect as we interact with the individuals we encounter. Help us, O God, to see people through your eyes, focusing on their hearts rather than judging them based on outward appearances.

On Sunday, June 4th, we will gather to send off our mission trip team to Tennessee with our heartfelt prayers. During my absence in the mission field with our youth members, Pastor Bonnie Davies will graciously deliver the sermon on June 11th Sunday. Upon our return, we eagerly anticipate sharing our experiences and the lessons we have learned from our mission trip during the church service on Sunday, June 18th. It will be a time for us to reflect on the impact of our journey and convey our gratitude for the incredible support we have received.

On behalf of the entire team and the parents, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donations and unwavering support towards our mission trip. Your contributions have played a vital role in making this journey possible, and we are genuinely thankful for your kindness and encouragement.

Many Blessings,  
Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Dave

FUMC SAVANNA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

11:30AM CHURCH LIBRARY

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen at 11:20am with members Kathie and Burt Prins, Tom Michels, Molly Andersen, Paula Mayer, Jason Moore, Deeann Kramer, Mary Irons, Kris Yingling, and Pastor Dave Yim present. Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Kathie moved, seconded by Mary, to approve the minutes and the motion passed. The financial reports were emailed to members. Kathie moved, seconded by Mary, to approve the reports and the motion carried. Paula told us the checking account was hacked and a new one has been opened. She also reported John LeComte has received the financial statements and will conduct an audit.

**FINANCE:** The committee is meeting Tuesday and will finalize their report to present to the congregation. We are short financially nearly every month and may have to withdraw money from the Sterk account.

**TRUSTEES:** The church roof is not leaking! Beckwith Roofing will be called to check into which option, a heat trace or sealant, would be best. Herrell Electric will be working on getting electricity to the church garage and fixing the outside lights. We are waiting to hear back from Erickson Paving on the church parking lot. There is a pine tree at the entrance of the church driveway that is dying and may need to be taken down. Jeff Law and Ron Miller are checking into fixing or replacing the church's mailbox and sanctuary lights. Jason presented a recommendation from the committee to remain open to the feasibility of having a daycare at the church. The recommendation passed with 1 nay vote. The blueprints of the church have been found and Jason asked permission to take them and have them scanned. Everyone thought this was a good idea.

**WORSHIP:** The committee is meeting Thursday and will discuss Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and summer worship time. The Easter services were both well-attended. Mary asked the church to reimburse church members for an Easter flower they did not receive. A new Easter banner was hung in the sanctuary.

**OUTREACH:** The Easter breakfast served with the Youth Mission group was very successful and delicious. The committee is ready to fulfill their Rainbow Covenant pledge.

**EDUCATION:** The last day for Sunday School will be May 21, 2023, with a marketplace available for the children.

**EVANGELISM:** Alice Riffe-Torrison celebrates her 80th birthday today. Steve Yenney has a deep wound. Joy Turner is in the hospital.

**MEMORIAL/HISTORICAL RECORDS:** Many thanks to Deb Long who printed the scripture on display in the narthex. It was mentioned that Ronda Rathje has a scanner.

**UWF:** 4 women went to see "Women of the Bible" at Sinsinawa. The district meeting is in Rockford this Saturday. The Sewing Ladies creations will be taken to MMDC in Chatham this week when the rice-meal packing supplies are picked up.

**UMM:** They are meeting next Tuesday, having a cookout, and finishing the book they have been studying. They will take a summer break after this meeting.

**INTERCHURCH COUNCIL:** The Lenten services offering was \$600. This will be used for VBS, which will be held July 17-21, 2023, with the theme "Hero Hotline."

**KITCHEN:** Only 1 bid was received, from Andy Hughes in Mt. Carroll. The supplies are estimated at \$12,000-13,000 and labor \$4000. Committee members are going to Spahn and Rose in Stockton to look at materials on May 4th.

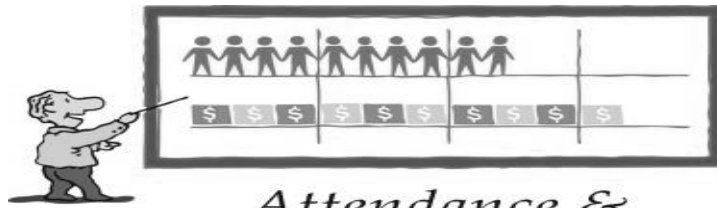
**NEW BUSINESS:** A comment was made regarding the house fire last month, whether we do enough as a church for a local mission. Another comment was made regarding scheduling activities during the day when working people cannot attend. Burt noticed several tree limbs down at Sylvia Reuterfors' house and asked permission to clean them up. Jason will check and get the okay to do so. Dave Engaldo and Pastor Gary Panetta from Great River Outreach presented their ideas for establishing a daycare in Savanna and answered many questions. They are still in the gathering-information stage and may be interested in using our church building. Everyone agreed the Savanna-Thomson area needs a daycare, but this may take several years before it is realized.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Dave emailed his report to members.

The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned at 12:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen



## Attendance & Financials

<b>Cash Available in General Account: \$ 6979.94</b>		
	April 2023	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$ 18,729.45	\$ 55,314.79
Church Expenses	\$ 17,168.69	\$ 66,726.90
Net Operating Balance	\$ 1560.76	\$ (11,412.11)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 5,160.00
Please contact Paula Mayer with any questions! paula.jo.mayer@gmail.com		



Date	Income	Worship Inside	Worship Outside	Total Attendance
April 30	\$ 3061.00	58	3 + 4 dogs	61 + 4 dogs
May 7	\$ 3905.00	55	4 + 4 dogs	59 + 4 dogs
May 14	\$ 1457.03	59	2	61
May 21	\$ 1337.00	58	4 + 6 dogs	62 + 6 dogs
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 9760.03</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>11+ 14 dogs</b>	<b>243 + 14 dogs</b>



### 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, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Sandy Froehlich, Vanessa Grissinger, Deb Endress (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Glen White, Harry Grissinger, Pete (Kim Gonzales' brother), Ed Jepsen, Ron Smith, 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), Irene Evans, Seth & Kimber (Jackie Walker's grandson-in-law and great granddaughter), 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, WC staff, teachers and students, our Youth Mission trip, the victims of all the flooding, and the victims of the gun violence and their families.



## What's Happening At Church!!!!



The Memorial Committee would like to thank Pastor Dave, Linda Jachino, and Molly Andersen for painting in the narthex. It looks great!



Special thanks to Deb Long for her donation of 4 Mother's Day wreaths. The winners were: Laurie Ardapple, Connie Kramer, Bonnie Davies, and Kay Cavanagh.



Worship Committee



There is no meeting in June. We will be hosting a church picnic on July 16th. Watch for details!!!



United Women in Faith

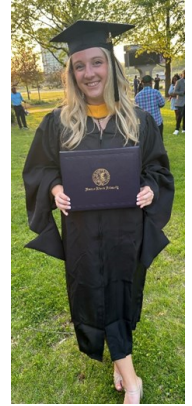
We will be going to Timber Lake Playhouse to see "Grease" on June 6th.





**Hayley Guilinger**  
Daughter of Joe & Sharon Guilinger  
Graduated from Western Illinois University  
Masters of Science in Sport Management.

This summer she will be in Orlando, FL with Hurricane Junior Golf Tour as a tournament operations intern. Hayley wants to thank her family and friends for all the love and support in this next step.



**Katie Hoffman**  
Daughter of Allen & Karen Hoffman  
Graduated from University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science. She will be going to Iowa State in the fall to study Veterinary Medicine



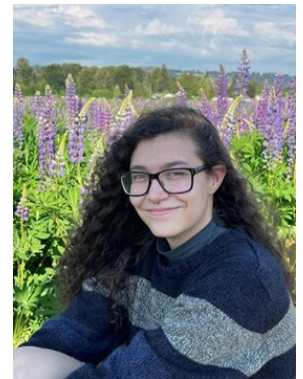
**Nicholas Henry Riffe**  
Grandson of Eric & Alice Riffe-Torrison  
Graduated from University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Relations.



**Alli & Adreanna**

Granddaughters of Wayne & Martha White  
Graduated from Pecatonica High School  
Both plan to attend Illinois State University in the fall.

**Dawniella "Angel" Rosales**  
Granddaughter of Mark & Ronda Rathje  
Graduated from Puyallup High School in Puyallup, Washington  
She plans to attend Western Washington University in the fall to study History & Education



**Kirk Hoffman**  
Son of Allen & Karen Hoffman  
Graduated from West Carroll High School  
He plans to go back to West Carroll High School to gain some work skills.



**Laikyn Lawrence**  
Graduated 8th Grade from West Carroll Middle School. She plans to attend West Carroll High School in the fall and looks forward to playing school volleyball & softball, along with club volleyball & softball. She hopes to become a pediatrician as she loves kids.

## **JUNE SOUL SISTERS OUTING**

### **Krape Park and Union Dairy Outing on June 21st**

We're celebrating the 1st day of summer with a tour of beautiful Krape Park in Freeport with its stunning waterfalls and lovely grounds. Lunch will be at the famous Union Dairy

\*Carpool leaves church at 9:30 am

or meet us at the band shell parking lot in Krape Park about 10:30 am.

***ALL women are invited to attend!!*** RSVP Linda Jachino (call or text) 815-541-4760

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## **Beautification in Motion - 7th Annual Plant and Bakes Goods Sale**

**Saturday June 3rd, 2023 9 am - 12 noon @ Pavilion north of Shiver's Icecream**

Area citizens are encouraged to donate plants and/or baked goods for this event. Please extend the invitation to participate to your friends, neighbors, and family!

Monetary donations are also appreciated

Questions....Contact Pam Darrow

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## **Kids Kards**

Kids Kards will meet after worship on June 25<sup>th</sup> around 10:30am. We will be making red, white and blue cards to celebrate our great nation's birthday. Everyone is welcome and all materials are provided. We'll have hot dogs for lunch.

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## **Food Pantries**

School will be out soon and that means some children will be missing 2 meals a day throughout the summer months. Please prayerfully consider donating peanut butter (creamy), jelly (grape/strawberry), pancake mix, syrup, soup (tomato, cream of mushroom/chicken), canned fruit (any kind), crackers (any kind), and mac & cheese (can never have enough) during these summer months.

Thank you to Esther Losh for manning the Savanna Community Food Pantry last month, both shifts! Please remember to leave your donations in the pantry box in the narthex.

## **Blessing Basket**

The Blessing Basket had it's busiest month ever in May! We went through over 150 items. We will take any donation of household or personal hygiene items but always need laundry detergent, Kleenex, and dish soap. Thank you!



**Worship Time Change/Summer hours**

**9:30 am starting Sunday, June 4th - Sept. 3rd.**

**Hybrid services will continue.**

**Church Office will be closed on June 1st!!!**

**Youth Mission Trip is June 10-17th**

**Vacation Bible School is July 17-21st**

**Sunday School (All of them) will resume in September**

**Pastor Dave on Vacation June 19 - July 2nd**

Pastor Bonnie will be the emergency contact for any pastoral cares.

She can be reached at (815) 275-0375

Church office will still be open.

*Thank  
you*

Dear First UMC,

Your loving support means the world to Midwest Mission and to the countless people who will be touched by your generosity. You are a shining light for Christ and a beacon of hope!

In His service,

Midwest Mission Team







## JUNE

- 3 - *Joe & Sharon Guilinger (1989)*
- 3 - Sylvia Reuterfors
- 4 - Jim Eaton
- 4 - Herb Pratt
- 7 - Bob Grissinger
- 10 - *John & Mary Irons (1972)*
- 11 - *Don & Connie Kramer (1960)*
- 11 - Connie Kramer
- 15 - *Garrett & Nikki Badtke (2019)*
- 16 - Tim Cavanagh
- 17 - Kevin Law
- 18 - *Sarah & Josh Hanson (2010)*
- 18 - Mark Miller
- 18 - Cori Moore
- 19 - *Deann Kramer & Jerry Brearton (2021)*
- 19 - Frank Norman
- 24 - Glenn Hoffman
- 25 - Paul Mayer
- 26 - *Glenn & Cheyanne Hoffman (2021)*
- 26 - Jon Darrow
- 26 - Paula Mayer
- 26 - Lori Miller
- 26 - Karen Wallace
- 27 - Bang Wool Yim
- 27 - Myangela Schoenhaar
- 28 - Linda Jachino

### Liturgists

- June 4 - Noah Johnson
- June 11 - Linda Jachino
- June 18 - Jiho Yim
- June 25 - Molly Andersen

### Acolytes

- June 4 - Jiwon Yim
- June 11 - Pearl Michels
- June 18 - Jisung Yim
- June 25 - Dalton Shaw

### Counters & Verifiers

- June 4 - Molly Andersen & Jackie Walker
- June 11 - Rhonda Law & Volunteer
- June 18 - Lori Miller & Linda Jachino
- June 25 - Vivian Eaton & Pam Darrow

**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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