



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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Time goes so fast. We are already in March, and 2023 Lenten Season is in full swing now. How is your Lenten journey going this year? How is your Spirit in Lent? Are you giving up meals, thinking of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, Turkey, and Syria? Are you giving up your time to read the Gospel of Luke and pray for friends and family members who need our prayers instead of watching TV or surfing the Internet? Are you giving up your resources and energy to take care of family and church family and local community? Lent is the time to reflect on who we are and what does Jesus mean, his life and his death, to us who are living in this uncharted territory every day.

We can save \$1 whenever we skip a meal during 2023 Lenten Season and use the extra time that we could earn with our fasting for reading the Gospel of Luke and praying for our friends and neighbors in need. This spiritual practice will feed our spirit and heart with peace and joy. We can also continue to do this practice ever afterward on our life-long faith journey. The raised money will be sent out to purchase Rice Meal Packing materials and to help Turkey & Syria relief activity through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief). If you need a special envelop for your fasting and a reading plan for Gospel Luke please let me know.

Church should be changed. Church should be inclusive and diverse. We need to open our hearts and minds to listen to what the world is speaking to us as well as to listen to what God is speaking to us in this rapidly changing society, holding firm to the truth that never be changed which is the Good News from our Lord Jesus Christ. We can't just blame people who don't go to church on Sunday. We can't easily say that they don't have faith. Before we point our fingers toward others, we, Christians, should be able to say that we must change ourselves first by opening ourselves to God and to others. Once again, Lenten Season is a perfect time to reflect on who we are in the Lord Jesus Christ and check ourselves out that we are on the right path and where we are going now in this uncharted territory.

Our Youth Mission Team will be going down to Tennessee and joining some work service there in June. To raise the mission trip money, they are going to do some fundraising events, starting from this month. Please, help them make it happen, so that they can have new experiences which will help them grow and mature. They are our future, for church and for nation. We have promised before God that we are going to raise them in Christian faith, love, and care. Please, support our youth group, Sunday School, and education ministries and pray for them. Thank you for your support in advance!

Lenten Blessings,

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave

FUMC SAVANNA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2023 11:30AM @ CHURCH LIBRARY

Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen called the meeting to order at 11:32am with members Kathie and Burt Prins, Tom Michels, Molly Andersen, Jason Moore, Kris Yingling, Mary Irons, 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 as presented and the motion passed. The financial statements were also emailed to members. A question was raised about the communion expenses and the Christmas Children fund. Pastor will ask Paula Mayer about them. Mary moved, seconded by Jason, to accept the statements as presented and the motion passed.

TRUSTEES: Jason reported Johnson's plumbing has not fixed the water fountains in the narthex yet and we may have to replace them. The RING doorbell is not working. Jeff Law will check into it. Our new church secretary has suggested switching the copy machines and putting the new one back in the office. A technician has already been called and recommended using OEM toners to save money. The committee authorized our secretary to spend up to \$1000 to fix the old copier and have new toners ordered. The church roof is still leaking but may just need more caulking. The custodian noticed a tank on the church boiler may need repair so we will contact River City.

FINANCE: Tom announced the committee is looking for ideas on projects for the Paul Brunner gift. The next meeting is February 15th at 7pm but they will meet at 6pm for members to share their ideas. A volunteer is needed for the yearly audit.

WORSHIP: The next meeting is canceled.

OUTREACH: Deeann Kramer is the new chairperson and they are meeting next Sunday.

EDUCATION: Kris reported we had a visitor in Sunday School today. Susan Michelle noticed the Adult Sunday School time was wrong in the bulletin. They meet at 8:45am each Sunday.

EVANGELISM: Mary sent 3 birthday cards this month.

MEMORIAL: Molly reported new cushions for the narthex furniture have been ordered.

UWF: Mary told about the soup luncheon and bingo party after worship on February 12th. A free-will offering will be taken and their half of the offering has been designated for the rice-meal packing event in April.

UMM: They are meeting January 24th at 5:30pm. Bill Wright is providing ribs and potatoes and Pastor Dave has a new book to study.

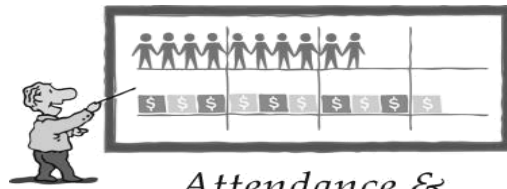
INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: They met last week and planned the Lenten services for 2023. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services will be at FUMC.

YOUTH: They had a large group at their last meeting. The mission trip in June has 6 members interested in going.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Michelle will be gone in February and wondered who is third in command if the vice chairman is not available to lead the meetings. PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed his report and mileage sheet to members. The Girl Scouts are meeting once a month until June at the church. The district leadership training is January 28, 2023, at Faith UMC in Freeport. Our new bishop will be there! Pastor Dave closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Andersen



Attendance & Financials

Cash Available in General Account: \$12360.46		
	January 2023	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$12,889.00	\$12,889.00
Church Expenses	\$17,351.56	\$17,351.56
Net Operating Balance	\$(4,661.89)	\$(4,661.89)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$1,290.00	\$1,290.00
Please, contact Paula Mayer with any questions! paula.jo.mayer@gmail.com		



<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Worship inside</u>	<u>Worship outside</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>
02-05-2023	\$2993.10	57	3	60
02-12-2023	\$1543.10	52	0	52
02-19-2023	\$1424.00	52	2	54
02-26-2023				
Total income	\$5960.20	161	5	166

In Our Prayers



Keith Brown, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Chris Falk, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Rod Furrow, Sandy Gabriel, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Annisa (niece of Bonnie Davies), John Ritchie, Bill Robinson, Adalyna Rose, Ron Smith, Grace Struve, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, The Family of Rhea, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Sandy Pratt, Kevin MaHomes, Sandy Froehlich, Dan Zambon, Pastor Lee, Fabiola, New DS Hwa-Young, Deb (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Sandy Pratt, Glenn White, Tom Grissinger, Youth Mission Trip.

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, and WC staff, teachers and students.

2023 Interfaith Lenten Services in Savanna Area

‘Prepare our hearts to meet the Risen Christ’

Community United Church of Christ, First Presbyterian Church,
First United Methodist Church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
The Great River Outreach (GRO)

Date	Time	Location
March 1 Wednesday	7pm— Service only (no soup) Preacher: Pastor Dave Yim	First Presbyterian Church 502 3 rd Street
March 8 Wednesday	7pm— Service only (no soup) Preacher: Pastor Narda Alvelo	The Table Meal Center (GRO) 415 Main Street
March 15 Wednesday	7pm— Service only (no soup) Preacher: Pastor Gary Panetta	First United Methodist Church 2100 Chicago Avenue
March 22 Wednesday	7pm— Service only (no soup) Preacher: Father Thomas Doyle	Community United Church of Christ 346 Chicago Avenue
March 29 Wednesday	7pm— Service only (no soup) Preacher: Pastor Bonnie Davies	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 318 Chicago Avenue
April 7	Noon — Service only (no soup)	First United Methodist Church

Join us for Lenten Services, please! All are welcome!

Liturgists

March 5—Esther Losh
March 12—Molly Andersen
March 19—Bonnie Davies
March 26—Noah Johnson



Acolytes

March 5th—Jiwon Yim
March 12—Dalton Shaw
March 19—Ellie Johnson
March 26—Asia LaShelle

Counters & Verifiers

March 5th —Molly Anderson & Jackie Walker
March 12—Rhonda Law & Tom Michels
March 19—Lori Miller & Sharon F Guilinger
March 26—Vivian Eaton & LaVona Grissinger

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

KIDS KARDS

Kids Kards will meet after church on March 26th. We will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by making Easter Cards. Please join us! All materials are provided. Any questions call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104.



West Carroll Food Pantry needs cereal, jelly, and syrup, juice, soup, and any kinds of crackers.

Blessing Basket needs women & men shampoo, liquid Tylenol and Ibuprofen for kids, batteries (AA, AAA, C and 9volt), laundry detergent, dish soap, and facial tissues. We give about 40 items away each time! Any questions about WC Food Pantry, Blessing Basket and school supplies, please contact Molly Andersen.

Her email is: Molly-HP@hotmail.com

We will be manning the Savanna Food Pantry on **March 7th & 9th**. Hours are 9 am to 12 noon.

Future Dates are May 23 & 25, August 8 & 10, and October 24 & 26.

If you would like to volunteer, call Molly at 815-273-2104.



To all First United Methodist Members,
We are so very thankful for ALL you do to help the WCSFP and our guests.
Everyone is so kind and generous...the recent grant—which was unbelievably wonderful—and everything else you do on a regular basis.
Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to you all!
Love, Michelle, Sally, Betty, and Cathy



Thank you to our choir & band for their wonderful music for Mardi Gras service! Great Job!



United Methodist Women of Faith's award was awarded today, February 12, 2023 to someone who respects and has taken care of God's green earth for years. Many of those years were spent farming—growing crops that helped feed thousand of people.

After retiring and moving into town, flowers became a hobby. Preparing the soil, planting hundreds of bulbs in the spring, nurturing them to grow into beautiful flowers. The best part of this hobby was to share the flowers with many, many friends all over then digging all those bulbs in the fall, storing them for the winter and returning them to the soil the next spring.

This year's award goes to **Don Kramer!** His hard work for many years, lies in his hand, while taking care of our earth—one flower at a time!
Congratulations!



Join us for our annual Prayer & Self Denial Service on **March 7th @ 6:30i** in the church library. All women are encouraged to come. A special offering will be received. Any questions, call Mary Irons 815-541-8487



Many enjoy lunch following worship Sunday, Feb 12. Soups and salads were furnished by Outreach committee members and dessert by United Women of Faith (UMW). Bingo with prizes was enjoyed following the meal. Special thanks to Deb Long for the Bingo game prizes!! All donations are going towards our upcoming (April 22) rice meal packing. **Donations totaled \$390!!!**
Many thanks to those that participated.
Deeann Kramer, Outreach Chr.
Mary Irons Women of Faith



United Methodist Men's Gathering
Please, mark it on your calendar!
Tuesday, March 21th @ 5:30 at church
Food, fellowship, presentation (Bonnie Davies), and book discussion.
All men are welcome!



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welcome

2022 IMPACT

In 2022, Midwest Mission reached over **1.6 million individuals** in need and sent **\$7,987,848.46** in aid. For every **\$1** spent, we sent out **\$7.85** of supplies.

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Sending hope and empowerment is possible because of your generosity and God's provision - Thank You!

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS



299

Domestic Shipments



48

International Shipments



\$7.99 Million

Humanitarian Aid Sent

1,238

On-site Volunteers

4,230

Off-site Volunteers



39,550

Hours donated by volunteers



3,050

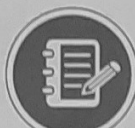
Donors

EDUCATION



591

Desks



17,450

Student Kits

DISASTER



6,833

UMCOR Cleaning Kits



33,956

UMCOR Hygiene Kits



9,616

UMCOR School Kits



180

Tornado Kits

1,000

Tornado Totes

MICRO BUSINESS



229

Bikes



268

Electric

44

Treadle

Sewing Machines

HEALTH



24,050

Personal Dignity Kits

198,180

Rice Meal Bags Shipped



1,189,080

Individuals Fed



3,288

Home Care Kits

1,082

Birthing Kits



1,821

Layette Kits

850

Feminine Hygiene Kits



111,048 lbs \$1.1 Million

of medical supplies shipped

Worth of medical supplies shipped



18K+

Total handmade items shipped



1,053

Boy Outfits



1,714

Cover Them With Love Quilts



4,406

Girl Outfits



March

4—Pam Darrow, Kelley Johnson
 5—Greg Jepsen
 8—John Jachino Jr.
 13—Sandy Pratt
 13—*John & Linda Jachino (1971)*
 14—Tom Michels
 15—Mike Melhus, Wallene Neumiller
 17—Collin Fosdick
 22—Patrick Holcomb,
 26—Don Kramer, Rex Kreuder
 29—Susan White, Burt Prins
 31—Miranda Schoenhaar

If your birthday or anniversary is missing,
 name spelled wrong , wrong date, etc...
 please email the office.

Soul sisters

Baked Potato Bar Luncheon
Tuesday, March 14th @ 12 noon
FUMC Fellowship hall
"Fun & Games" to follow



Please Save The Date!
Rice Meal Packing Mission Event
April 22nd (Saturday)
at FUMC of Savanna

We are collecting money to order the items.



Youth Group

First Sunday of Every Month (Next is March 5th)
@ 5:45pm @ Youth Room Interested? Any
questions? Please contact April
email: aprilruddell@gmail.com
FaceBook Page: Carroll County Youth Group

Open hearts. Open minds, Open doors. **The people of "The United Methodist Church"**
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March 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10 am Choir Practice 7 pm Lenten Service @ Presbyterian	2 9 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Lenten Bible Study	3	4
5 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Youth Sunday School 10:15 am Worship (Communion) 5 –6:15 pm Youth Group	6 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	7 6:30-8 pm UM Women (Prayer & Self Denial Service)	8 10 am Choir Practice 7 pm Lenten Service @ GRO (Table)	9 9 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Lenten Bible Study	10	11
12 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Youth Sunday School 10:15 am Worship (Choir) Daylight savings	13 1 pm Sewing Ladies	14 12 pm Soul Sisters @ church	15 7 pm Lenten Service @ FUMC	16 9 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Worship /Health Mtg 4:30 pm Lenten Bible Study	17 St Patrick's Day	18
19 9 am Trustees 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 Youth Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11:15am Ad Council 11:15am Potato Bar & UMCOR Sunday	20 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry- Telstar deadline 1st Day Of Spring	21 5:30 –7:30 UM Men	22 7 pm Lenten Service @ Community Church	23 9 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Lenten Bible Study	24	25
26 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Youth Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Kids Kards	27 1 pm Sewing Ladies	28	29 7pm Lenten Service @ St John Catholic Church	30 9 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Lenten Bible Study	31 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	