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**Vision 2022 – “Love Others!”**

Outward Focused Ministry during/after Pandemic  
(to build up a strong and safe local community)

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*“All the believers were together and had everything in common.”*

(Acts 2:44)

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I would like to thank everyone for all your prayers and concerns for my wife, Bang-Wool. All the results of her medical tests in S. Korea are positive. From now on, she just needs to get a yearly checkup with her thyroid doctor. Praise and thank be to God who is listening to our prayers and hearts! Thank you very much for your prayers and support!

While my wife was gone for about a month, I was able to realize the importance of her presence and learn of the difficulty of parenting. I think that the hardest job in the world is parenting. Now I really appreciate her every day for taking good care of the household and children. The experience as a single daddy for about a month became a learning opportunity to understand her and her life better. It also gave me an opportunity to understand the life of solo parents who are working and bringing up children single-handed. If you know someone who is a solo parent around you, please pray for them and find a way that you can help them to take a short break out of their kids.

Summer worship schedule will start from May 29<sup>th</sup>. First United Methodist Church will be having drive-in service only from May 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The service will start at 9:30am in rear parking lot. If you have any questions or concerns or inputs regarding our summer worship schedule and format, please contact the church office or any worship committee members or me!

The planting season is coming. Most farmers will work in the fields to plant seeds soon. Also, the graduation season is coming. We are going to recognize our 2022 graduates and pray for their next step on May 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday. We decided not to have tractor blessing this year due to high price of gas, but please continue to pray for our farmers for their safety and good weather. Every year in May, we get an opportunity to give thanks to our mothers and grandmothers and aunts on Mother's Day Sunday and to honor our veterans and active soldiers for their service to our country and for their commitment to keeping our country free and safe on Memorial Day Sunday. We welcome you all to our special worship services in May! You can find all the details in our May Newsletter.

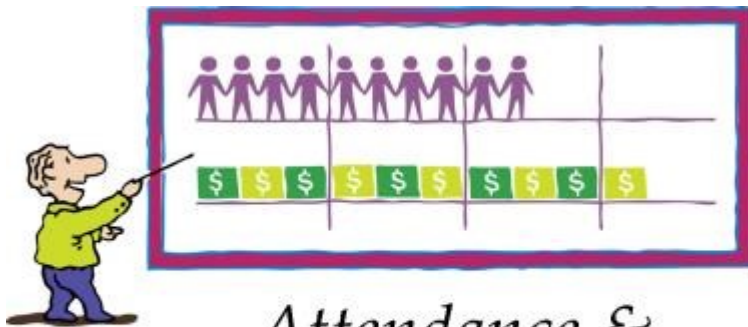
May God be with you and watch over you every day in May! You are in my prayers and thoughts. *"For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."* (Matt 19:26). God who is good and almighty will guide you and walk with you every day in your life through the Holy Spirit. Let us trust in God and let us grow together in faith and in love!

Happy May!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Worship in-</u> <u>side</u>	<u>Worship out-</u> <u>side</u>	<u>Total attend per</u> <u>week</u>
3/6/2022	\$3,904.00	44	7	51
3/13/2022	\$1,141.00	44	3	47
3/20/2022	\$1,048.00	43	7	50
3/27/2022	\$1,686.80	47	5	52
Total income	\$7,779.80		Average per week	50



## *Attendance & Financials*



### Financial Report March 2022

Cash Available in General Account: <b>\$22,801.30</b>		
	March	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$9,500.03	\$32,935.71
Church Expenses	\$15,152.70	\$36,936.41
Net Operating Balance	\$(5,652.67)	\$(4,000.70)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$2,482.00	\$2482.00
Please, contact Paula Mayer with any questions!		

# CHURCH COUNCIL



## SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022 6:30PM

### VIA ZOOM

Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen called the meeting to order at 6:44pm with members Kathie Prins, Mary Irons, LaVona Grissinger, Tom Michels, Pam Darrow, Molly Andersen, 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 Pam, that they be approved and the motion passed.

The financial report was shared by Pastor Dave. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Pam, to approve the report and the motion passed.

FINANCE: Tom reported the committee recommends our May communion offering be designated for Riverview Center and the recommendation passed. The committee also recommends we donate \$200 to the annual Bishop's Appeal, which is designated for the people of Ukraine, and the recommendation passed. The memorial for Paul Brunner has not been designated and Tom asked members to let him know their suggestions for its use. Several ideas mentioned were the church's roof repair and a new stove for the church kitchen. Pastor Dave has the file from the company that built the church roof and will give it to Jason Moore, chairperson of the Trustees committee.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: LaVona reported our administrative assistant will be missing some work due to health issues. We will keep her in our prayers.

WORSHIP: Mary told us the survey for summer worship is a virtual tie with outdoor only or hybrid services. The committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the results. May is a busy month with Confirmation/Baptism Sunday May 1, with a potluck afterwards, Mother's Day May 8th, and Memorial Day on May 29th, when we will change our worship time to 9:30am for the summer.

EDUCATION: VBS is scheduled for July 18-22, 2022.

EVANGELISM: Mary reported 15 Easter cards were sent to our shut-ins and she visited Bill Weidman.

# CHURCH COUNCIL



MEMORIAL/HISTORICAL RECORDS: New acolyte robes will be ordered soon and possibly some new banners for the sanctuary, narthex, and fellowship hall.

YOUTH: Youth Group's last meeting for the year will be May 4th at the Mt. Carroll bowling alley at 5:45pm. 5th Graders are invited to attend and they will start meeting again in September. The Confirmation class is visiting St. John's Catholic church in Savanna on Saturday, April 23rd, at 5:30pm.

UMW: The next meeting is Tuesday, May 3rd at 3pm, with a trip to Fritz's nursery in Stockton. Future meetings will be going to the Clinton Showboat to see "Sister Act" in June and a family bingo night in July. The Sewing Ladies are boxing up their projects for MMDC and will deliver them next Thursday when they pick up the trailer for the rice-meal packing project on April 30th.

UMM: Their meeting was well-attended. The next meeting is Monday, May 9th.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: There was a big group of Methodists that attended the Lenten services. The offering was \$786 for VBS.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed his report to members. He and LaVona are working on his review. Kay Cavanagh will be on vacation to South Korea from May 15 to June 15 and Pam will cover her janitorial duties during this time. The Lenten services went well, and Paul Brunner's, Ruth Carey's, and Betty Speck's funerals, also. Annual Conference will be June 8-10, 2022, at the Renaissance Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL. Pastor Dave's ordination service is June 10th at 1:30pm.

Susan Michelle commented on the wonderful Easter services and special music we had. Alleluia!

Pastor Dave closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen





- 1—Judy Getz  
 7—Robert Bauer  
 8—Bill Wright  
 10—Rodney Clemons  
 11—Florence Bevins— Powell  
 12—Cody Johnson  
 14—Courtney Johnson  
 16—Charlene Mayer  
 17—Alyse Jackson  
 20—Payton Haynes  
 22—Jeanne Spraetz  
 24—Nathan Schoenecker  
 25—John LeComte  
 26—Jerry Cananagh, Chris Falk  
 27—Jeanne Ferris  
 28—Shirley Hastings, Carlos Stubbe



- 6—Ancil & Sharon Guilingier "1960"  
 9—Bob & LaVona Grissinger "1966"  
 15—Joe & Bituin Michels "2004"  
 24—John & Julie Brigham "1998"  
 24—Enoch & Ramona Green "1980"  
 25—Jon & Pam Darrow "1985"

# Kids Kards



**Mother's Day Cards**



**Kids Kards will be  
making Father's Day cards on May 22nd following worship.**

**All are invited!**



**Mother's Day Cards**



# Soul Sisters



## POPCORN AND A MOVIE

Date: Wednesday, May 18th  
Time: 1:00--3:00ish p.m.  
Place: Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary  
Devotions: Judy Strey  
Popcorn Bar: Deb Long  
Bring: Your own bottled beverage  
Movie: "Bride Wars" or "Mama Mia"

**ALL women** are very welcome to join us for a fun-filled afternoon! Soul Sisters is a Christian women's fellowship

group. sponsored by our church. Sisters are not required to be members of our church or any church. We love to explore our area, learn new things, grow in faith, and enjoy each other's company. *For more information, contact Linda Jachino (815-541-4760).*







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 holi-

day. This month's needs are cereal and crackers.

The Riverbend Food Bank supplies Savanna's food pantries. To learn about their Expanding to End Hunger campaign and how your support helps, visit [riverbend-foodbank.org/endhungercampaign](http://riverbend-foodbank.org/endhungercampaign). We CAN end hunger when we work together with God's blessing.

## **Blessing Basket**

Thank you for your support of this ministry with your gifts and prayers. Toilet paper and laundry detergent donations are greatly appreciated.

Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.      Matthew 20:28



## 2022 Graduate

Do you have 2022 Graduates in your family (Preschool, Grade School, High school, or college)? Please, let us know so that we can celebrate their big achievement and bless them together! Recognition of our Sunday school teachers and 2022 graduates is scheduled for the Sunday of May 15th. Please, contact the church office.



## Sewing Ladies

Our sewing ladies have been busy. Items to be sent to the Midwest Mission when the Rice packs are returned.





# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## A "CHRISTIAN PASSOVER" MEAL





# Youth Group



**Who:** Carroll County Youth Group (all 6-12th graders welcome)

**What:** End-of-the-school year bowling party

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4

**Time:** 5:45-7:45 p.m.

**Place:** Mt. Carroll Bowling Center

**Details:** Come join us for our last youth group hangout of this school year. Instead of meeting at the church next month, please meet us at the Mt. Carroll Bowling Center. If you need help with transportation, please have your parent/guardian contact April Ruddell (youth leader) at 815-541-8786. Bowling and pizza will be provided at no cost to you. :)

**FYI:** Regular youth meetings will resume in Sept. once school starts back up, so be sure to **Like** our Facebook page (*Carroll County Youth Group*) for summer updates!



United Methodist Men's Gathering

Cookout, Fellowship!

All men are welcome!

**May 9th (Monday) at 5pm At church**

Please, mark it on your calendar!



# Thank You!

Appreciation Potluck for Vivian Eaton  
on her retirement  
as our church treasurer.



# Thank You

A sincere thank you to my FUMC family for the wonderful appreciation day. I will always remember your kind words, cards, and the great pot-luck dinner and the beautiful cake and flowers.

Blessings to all of you.

Vivian





Dawn Barber, Tim Cavanagh, Stone Curboy, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Greg Eversoll, Chris Falk, Sandy Gabriel, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Marcile Fowler, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Robert Hill, John Irons, Noah Johnson, Dallas Kosier, Ann Larson, Judy Law, Paul Mayer, Susan Meyer, Collen Olsen, Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Bill Robinson, Jane Rubietta, April Ruddell, Salvador Sanchey, Ron Smith, Grace Struve, Tod Tietjens, Peter Tsoukalas, Joy Turner, Martha White, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Rich Rathje, Josh & his son, Scarlette (daughter of Ashley Huebner).

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenny

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Military Personnel & their families. Pray for students, teachers, administrators, parents & workers. Peace on earth and peace in Ukraine.



# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Baptism & Con- firmation 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Wor- ship	2 1 pm Sewing ladies 3:30—5 WC Food Pantry	3 5 pm United Women in Faith—Fritz Nursery	4 10 am Choir Practice 5:45 Pm— Youth group bowling	5 9 am Bible Study	6	7
8 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Wor- ship	9 1 pm Sewing Ladies 5 pm UMM	10 7 pm Finance (zoom)	11	12 9 am Bible Study	13	14
15 Trustees 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Wor- ship Ad Council	16 1 pm Sewing ladies 3:30—5 WC Food Pantry Telstar Dead- line	17	18 1 pm Soul Sis- ters	19 9 am Bible Study  3 pm Health & Worship	20	21
22 10:15 am Service Kids Kards	23 1 pm Sewing ladies	24 3—6 pm Blood Drive	25	26 9 am Bible Study	27 10 am Soul Sisters—Earth Day	27
9 10:15 am Wor- ship	30 Memorial Day (office closed) 1 pm Sewing ladies	31				