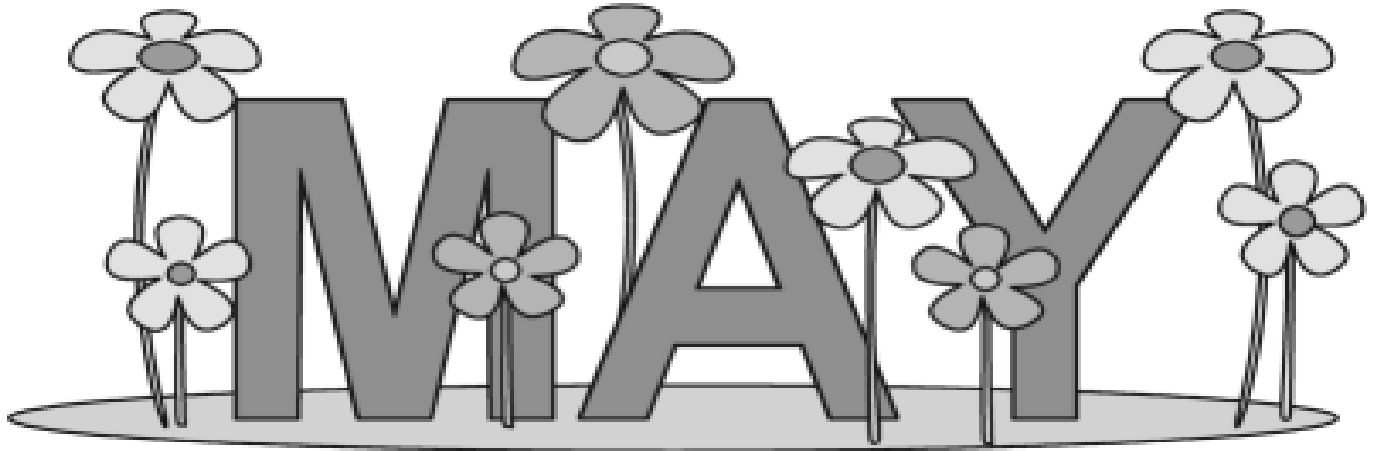




Our Mission Is To Be Committed Christians Inviting Others To Join Us.



Vision 2023 - "Make Jesus' Disciples"

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

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"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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There is much excitement in the month of May as farmers are busy tiling the land and planting seeds. While we will not have a tractor blessing this year, please join us in prayers for the safety and well-being of our farmers, as well as good weather for their crops. Let us also remember their families who support them while they are in the fields. We appreciate their hard work and dedication in feeding our nation.

May is a special and busy month. Students will be finishing up another school year and some will be graduating from their schools in May. FUMC will be recognizing our 2023 graduates on May 21st during the Sunday church service. Please, let us know if you have a graduate in your family. On Mother's Day, we will honor mothers, stepmothers, aunts, grandmothers, great grandmothers, godmothers, and other women in our lives. We will also have an opportunity to give thanks and honor our veterans and active soldiers for their service to our country and their commitment to keeping our country free and safe on May 28th during the church service. We welcome all to join us for these special worship services in May.

During the 40-day Lenten journey, we set aside one dollar each day with our fasting. FUMC raised a total of \$509.00. We have already sent half of the collected money to support Rice Meal Packing and will be sending the other half to support those who are in need in Turkey and Syria. I strongly believe that our small contributions are making a huge difference in our society and the world. Thank you to everyone who joined this mission event for your generous giving and missional hearts. I am very proud of you all! Great job! I already look forward to next year.

As Christians, the most important thing we can do daily is to invite Jesus into our lives and allow him to lead us. This is a continuous effort that should occur in our everyday lives. It is a true blessing to be able to walk our life journey with Jesus. Jesus is always with us. Let us continue to walk together on our faith journey by praying for each other, caring for one another, and supporting each other, as we put our hearts together to pursue the Good News of the Kingdom of God. May peace and grace from our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! Thanks be to God!

Happy Spring! Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave

SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

11:30AM CHURCH LIBRARY

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen at 12:00pm, following the Outreach committee Potato Bar. Members present were Kathie and Burt Prins, Mary Irons, Tom Michels, John LeComte, Pastor Dave Yim, Molly Andersen, Deeann Kramer, Noah Johnson, Kris Yingling, and Jason Moore. 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 report was distributed to members. Kris moved, seconded by Mary, to approve the report and the motion passed.

FINANCE: The committee has decided to establish a scholarship fund for mission trips from the Paul Brunner gift for \$10,000. They will also use up to \$30,000 for the kitchen remodel. That leaves approximately \$84,000. Priorities for this money include the church roof, parking lot, sanctuary lights, and solar panels. Our April communion offering will go to the youth mission trip in June.

TRUSTEES: Beckwith Roofing came and did some more repairs to the church roof. There have not been any leaks since then. Praise the Lord! The heat trace and a spray sealant have been tabled for now. Lightbulbs in the sanctuary will be replaced. We have a new drinking fountain with a bottle-filling station in the narthex, donated by Elkay. Our new RING doorbell is working well. There was discussion about blacktop vs chip and seal for the church parking lot, noting the chip and seal would be less expensive. The wiring in or to the church garage needs to be fixed as there is no electricity in it. There was discussion about getting a monitor for the pulpit so that Pastor Dave can see the screen behind him. There is a church in Oak Park that has installed solar panels and it was suggested we could take a tour of the church. Not many churches in our conference have solar panels and they could increase our insurance rates.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: Ronda is doing an excellent job as our administrative assistant. She attended an insurance zoom meeting and did a valuation detailed report for insurance for the church building and grounds. The value was \$2.414 million. Deeann moved, seconded by Jason, to allow Ronda to attend a PAUMC conference in April at the cost of \$150, via zoom, and the motion carried. She has redone the voice mail message for the church phone. Pastor presented a liability form that every group that uses the church must complete.

WORSHIP: We will be singing one hymn from the "Faith We Sing" hymnal weekly. A new Easter banner has been ordered. Pastor is working on organizing a praise band. We will have a sunrise service Easter morning at 7:30am, outside, weather permitting. There was some discussion of using videos of contemporary music.

EDUCATION: Today was Pretzel Sunday. A Seder meal will be held on April 2nd. The last day of Sunday School will be May 21st. VBS will be July 17-21 with the theme, "Hero Hotline."

OUTREACH: The potato bar offering was \$396 today, designated for UMCOR. The committee will serve breakfast, along with the youth serving donuts, on Easter. The proceeds will go toward the youth mission trip.

EVANGELISM: Sandy Pratt has a birthday this month. The Lisa and Lester Coers family lost their home in a fire yesterday. We will see how we can help them.

UWF: They held their Prayer and Self-Denial service this month. 5 members are going to Sinsinawa Mound to see "Women of the Bible" on Tuesday.

UMM: They are meeting Tuesday with Bonnie Davies presenting the program on her recent trip to the Holy Land.

YOUTH: They are busy raising funds for their mission trip in June. They will host a chili luncheon on April 30th and serve donuts on Easter.

KITCHEN: We are waiting for bids from 2 local contractors.

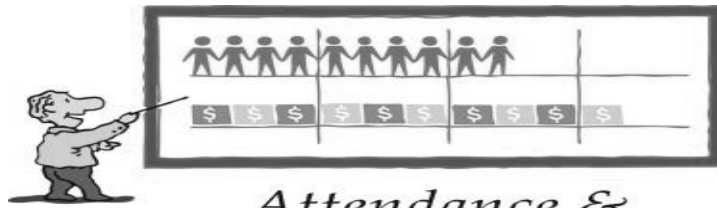
INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: The Lenten services are going well.

NEW BUSINESS: The movie, "Jesus Revolution," is coming to the theater in Savanna and it was suggested a group could attend together.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed his report to members. The youth group received a table tennis set as a gift. We will send a check to the Mt Carroll FUMC for \$600 for our share of the rice meal packing event on April 22nd. GRO is still interested in having a day care at our church. There was much discussion about this with more information needed. He passed around a copy of the Easter letter to be mailed to members. Bang-Wool will be leaving for South Korea on April 14th and Pastor Dave will have a staycation April 17-22.

After a closing prayer the meeting was adjourned at 12:54pm.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Andersen



Attendance & Financials

Cash Available in General Account: \$5,419.18		
	March 2023	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$10,720.01	\$36,585.34
Church Expenses	\$13,829.54	\$49,558.21
Net Operating Balance	\$(3,109.53)	\$(12,972.87)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$1,290.00	\$3870.00
Please contact Paula Mayer with any questions! paula.jo.mayer@gmail.com		



Date	Income	Worship Inside	Worship Outside	Total Attendance
April 2	\$ 3293.00	64	1	65
April 9	\$ 8628.25	87	2 + 2 dogs	89 + 2 dogs
April 16	\$ 1341.80	41	1 + 3 dogs	42 + 3 dogs
April 23	\$ 895.00	49	3 + 4 dogs	52 + 4 dogs
Totals	\$14,158.05	241	7 + 9 dogs	248 + 9 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, Grace Struve, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Adalya Rose, Scarlett (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Sandy Froehlich, Vanessa Grissinger, Deb (Kris Yingling's friend), Laura Pike, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Harry Grissinger, Pete (Kim Gonzales' brother), Ed Jepsen, Ron Smith, Tyrone Burcham,

Family of Lester White, Lester & Lisa Coers, Shirley Fritz, Jane Law, Vickie Moore, Joy Turner, Don Kendall (Linda's brother), Bang-Wool Yim, Kimberly Partin (Jackie's great granddaughter), Bobby Higbea (Susan Michelle's friend), Grace (Frank & Cindy's granddaughter), Cody Coers, Breanna (Susan Michelle's friend), Family of Chuck Menzer, Family of Phil Braet, Noah Johnson, Barbara (Paul Mayer's sister).

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 the gun violence and their families, and the protection of people and property from the spring flooding.



What's Happening At Church!!!!



The Memorial Committee would like to thank Deb Long for the scripture on the narthex wall. It looks wonderful!



Rice Meal Packing was a huge success!

Four Methodist Churches have worked together to raise \$3200, pack 1600 rice meals, and feed the hungry in Ukraine, Turkey, and Syria. Around 60 people showed up and packed the meals together in just an hour and a half.

We want to thank everyone for helping with this important mission work!!



United Women in Faith

We did not meet for April. Our next meeting is May 2nd at 6:30 to 8pm. We will be planting flowers. Please join us!

Lenten Season was Wonderful!!!



Palm Sunday & Seder meal



Easter Sunday



Breakfast donations went to the Mission Trip.

They raised \$1456!



MAY SOUL SISTERS MAY OUTING

Monday, May 1st at 11:30 A.M.--2:00 P.M.?

(Carpool will leave 1st UMC at 10:45 A.M.)

VISIT TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 204 Anna Street, Preston IA

Hostess: Rhonda Eickert

+Observe the quilters group in action

+Potluck Lunch (Bring a dish to pass) -Coffee, water, & table service will be provided

+See the beautiful stained glass windows in the sanctuary

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

RSVP to Linda Jachino (815) 541-4760 by Sun., April 30th.

On Wednesday April 5 the Soul Sisters hosted the movie "Jesus Revolution" at Savanna Times Theatre. It was a great time and 43 people came! A huge thanks to Kathy Colgan for all she did by herself: selling tickets, running the snack bar, showing the movie as her staff had a previous commitment. All this after being up the night before with the storm AND helping birth calves!!!!



Kids Kards

Kids Kards will not be meeting in May due to the Memorial Day weekend. Many thanks to all who worked extra hard making Mother's and Father's Day cards last month.

No Kids Kards for May!

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, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, or fruit juice during these summer months. Thank you!

Blessing Basket

We are needing dish soap, body lotion, and aluminum foil, men's & ladies shampoo, dish & laundry detergent, liquid Tylenol & Ibuprofen for kids, and batteries. We can always use paper products. Food Pantry clients are so grateful for these items that make their lives healthier and more comfortable. Thank you!

You show that you are Christ's letter.....You weren't written with ink but with the Spirit of the living God. You weren't written on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. 2 Corinthians 3:3



Is there a Graduate (high school or college) in your family?
 Please contact the office with the name and future plans of
 your Graduate. We will be honoring all graduates on
 Sunday, May 21 during service.

Worship Committee

We thank you for the purchase of Easter flowers.
 In the future, please only take the flowers that you have paid for!



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

Church Office will be closed on May 12th!!!

Blood Drive is May 23rd 3-6 pm

Youth Mission Trip is June 10-17th

BLOOD DRIVE


BLOODCENTER.ORG

Savanna Community

Tuesday, May 23rd 3:00pm – 6:00pm


Fellowship Hall (2100 Chicago Ave.)

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. APPOINTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED.
 To schedule, scan the QR code, email LaVona Grissinger at
 grandma54601@gmail.com or online at www.bloodcenter.org.



Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.
 Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 3/28/23
 Group Sponsor Code: 2093.

Hats off to our donors!
 Give and get a baseball hat
 or a gift card.



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MAY

1	Judy	Getz
6	Ancil & Sharon	Guilinger (1960)
8	Bill	Wright
9	Bob & LaVona	Grissinger (1966)
10	Rodney	Clemens
11	Florence	Bevins-Powell
12	Cody	Johnson
13	Sharon	Beyer
14	Courtney	Johnson
15	Joe & Bituin	Michels (2004)
15	Dave & Bang Wool	Yim (2010)
16	Charlene	Mayer
17	Alyse	Jackson
20	Payton	Haynes
22	Jeanne	Spraetz
24	John & Julie	Brigham (1998)
24	Enoch & Ramona	Green (1980)
24	Nathan	Schoenecker
25	Jon & Pam	Darrow (1985)
25	John	LeComte
26	Jerry	Cavanagh
26	Chris	Falk
27	Jean	Ferris
28	Shirley	Hastings
28	Carlos	Stubbe

Liturgists

May 7—Joe Michels
 May 14—Susan Michelle Jepsen
 May 21—Esther Losh
 May 28—Molly Andersen

Acolytes

May 7—Asia LaShelle
 May 14—Ryker McCombie
 May 21—Ellie Johnson
 May 28—Memorial Tribute

Counters & Verifiers

May 7—Molly Andersen & Jackie Walker
 May 14—Rhonda Law & Tom Michels
 May 21—Lori Miller & Sharon F Guilinger
 May 28—Vivian Eaton &
 LaVona Grissinger

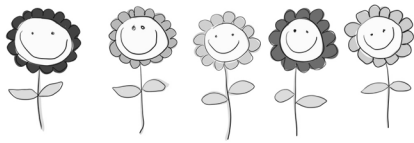
**If you are unable to do your
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 someone to take your place!**

Lots of pictures inside! Even more on our

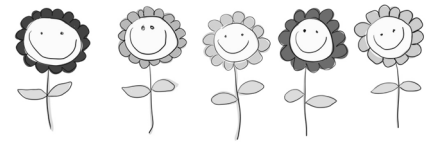


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May 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry 11:30 Soul Sisters (10:45 leave)	2 6:30-8pm UM Women of Faith	3 10 am Choir Practice	4 9 am Bible Study	5	6
7 Communion 8:45 am Adult SS 9:30 Youth SS 10:15 am Worship 4 -5 pm Youth Group Training 5 -6:15 pm Youth Group	8 1 pm Sewing Ladies	9	10 10 am Choir Practice	11 9 am Bible Study	12 Church Office Closed	13
14 Mother's Day 10:15 am Worship (Choir) 8:45 am Adult SS 9:30 Youth SS	15 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry Telstar deadline	16 5:30 -7:30 UM Men	17	18 9 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Worship /Health Mtg	19	20 Kirk Hoffman Graduation 4-8 pm
21 9 am Trustees 8:45 am Adult SS (Last) 9:30 Youth SS (Last) 10:15 am Worship 11:15am Ad Council	22 1 pm Sewing Ladies	23 3-6pm Blood Drive 7 pm Finance mtg (Zoom)	24	25 9 am Bible Study	26 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	27
28 Memorial Day Service 10:15 am Worship	29 Memorial Day 1 pm Sewing Ladies	30	31 10 am Choir Practice			