



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

November

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Jesus said to Peter, one of his disciples, *“I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail, and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”* (Luke 22:32) Jesus knew that Peter will betray him and have a difficult time with his death. Jesus also knew that Peter will turn back to him again later. As we can see, Jesus knew pretty much everything about what would happen to Peter, yet Jesus had prayed to God for Peter that he may not lose his own faith in the difficulty.

According to a survey, 10 to 30% of church goers have not come back yet to in-person worship services after pandemic. They might feel like it's still not safe yet to come back to in-person gatherings. They might feel like online service is the best idea for them. Or they might feel like they don't need to go back to church any more. We all have gone through the same difficult together; Covid 19 pandemic. We have to pray for our friends and family members who left the church during the pandemic, so that they may not lose their own faith and come back to church. Jesus encourages us to strengthen our sisters and brothers in Christ.

We are now entering the winter months. Experts are saying, Tripledemic, three viruses - flu, respiratory illness, and covid at the same time, could make the vulnerable very sick this winter. It is raising more fear in the families who have young children in their home. What the health officials recommend is getting a flu shot and a booster shot to protect us from severe symptoms and illnesses. If you have young children in your families, please try to avoid bringing them to public areas where many people gather at once. If you feel sick, please stay home and use our online worship service. You can also drive to the church parking lot on Sunday morning and stay in your car, tuning your radio to FM radio for your Sunday worship service. It will keep us stay connected with God and strengthen our faith in Christ.

To be better and faithful servants, we should take good care of ourselves and of what God has given to us. 2022 Stewardship sermon series will be delivered on the second and third Sundays in November. For the two Sundays, we are going to look at how we can use and handle our money according to the Scriptures. Please, don't miss this two weeks' stewardship sermon series!

We begin November as we give thanks for the saints who have gone on before – the men and women of First UMC of Savanna whose lives served as living letters from Christ to the world and to each of us. We will read in the service the names of those who have graduated to glory since last November, as we remember the ways their spirits touched ours and made of us who we are now. I would like to invite all of you to All Saints Sunday on November 6th.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave

SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 11:30AM CHURCH LIBRARY

Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen called the meeting to order at 11:20am with members Paula Mayer, Pastor Dave Yim, Molly Andersen, Kathie and Burt Prins, Bill Wright, Tom Michels, Pam Darrow, LaVona Grissinger, Mary Irons, and Jason Moore present. Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. A correction was made stating we are returning to our hybrid worship service September 11, 2022. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Bill, that we accept the corrected minutes and the motion carried. Mary moved, seconded by Pam, that we accept the financial report as presented and the motion passed.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE: Tom presented the budget for 2023. Kathie moved, seconded by Paula, to accept the budget as presented and the motion passed.

TRUSTEES: A representative from the Memorial committee, Linda Jachino, attended the meeting this morning to report on ideas for the narthex. A bid from Beckwith roofing for \$1726 was received to reline a trough on the church roof. Bill moved, seconded by Kathie, to accept the bid. Beckwith may suggest applying heating tape or other measures to address the roof leaks. Purchasing a leaf blower for the parsonage was tabled until more information is gathered. The Kitchen committee is getting 2 bids for the remodeling project. The pest problem at the parsonage has not been resolved yet. Pastor Dave will call the exterminator again. LaVona and Jason toured the parsonage recently. We are still waiting for an electrician to replace several lights inside and outside the church building. Pastor Dave has ordered new LED lights for the rest of the Sunday School rooms.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: Employees are receiving raises in 2023 to comply with Illinois' minimum wage law, \$15 per hour by 2025. Kay Cavanagh is back to working 15 hours per week. The church has a new phone system.

WORSHIP/HEALTH: The committee evaluated having outdoor services only during the summer and had some good comments. Vivian Eaton is checking into having another Oktoberfest at Manny's next month. All Saints' Day will be celebrated November 6th. Several comments about being inside again were shared, including having acolytes, the choir singing, and hearing the organ.

EDUCATION: There was no formal report but Sunday School started last week. LaVona led a craft for the children, tie dying t-shirts, and the shirts were being worn today and looked great! **OUTREACH:** They are meeting next Sunday.

EVANGELISM: We have 2 members having birthdays soon, Dorothy Taylor will be 99 on September 21st, and Janis Wilt will be 92 on September 24th. Janis will not be moving soon. Mary visited with the Torrison's, Susan Michelle visited Bill Weidman, and Mary and Pastor Dave tried to see Glen Brunner but he was in the hospital.

MEMORIAL/HISTORICAL RECORDS: Members have been collecting ideas for remodeling the narthex and are meeting with Roger Husband this week.

LAY LEADERSHIP: Pastor Dave handed out the nomination form for 2023. Praise the Lord, we have chairpeople for every committee and no blanks on the form! Kathie moved, seconded by Paula, that we accept the nominations as presented and the motion carried. God is good!

UMW: Mary and Bonnie attended the district meeting in Pecatonica yesterday. Most district officers for 2023 have been found. Our local unit will have the same officers for 2023. We are having a chicken and biscuit take-out dinner on Sunday, October 16th, from 4-6pm.

UMM: They are meeting tomorrow night.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: Pastor Gary Panetta from the Presbyterian church in town wants to start a group to help local people with yard work, housework, etc. There will be a meeting at the Mt Carroll Lutheran church on Thursday, October 6th.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor emailed a copy of his report to members. Our church conference is this Saturday, September 24th at 10am in the fellowship hall. A group of bicyclists will be spending the night in our church October 2nd. CROP walk in Thomson is October 2nd. We will have a flu shot clinic on September 29th from 10am til 12pm. Pastor shared he got to see Mark Cook twice in the hospital in Iowa City before he died. He reminded us that with fewer COVID-19 restrictions he is able and willing to visit anyone, if needed.

Pastor Dave closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 12:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen



United Women in Faith

The Chicken and Biscuit drive through dinner was a success! We served 97 adult and 2 children dinners. Our ticket sales plus donations totaled \$1,085 minus expenses of \$100, giving us a profit of \$985.

Many thanks to our workers Deeann Kramer and husband Jerry, Linda Stubbe, Molly Andersen, Bonnie Davies, Jean Jones, Kay Cavanagh, Bang Wool Lim and boys, Shari Morgan for taking reservations in the church office & Neumiller Farms. It took many people to put on this fundraiser and all their work will help the UMW to pay our pledge to missions.

We are ready for next year!

Mary Irons

President, UMW/United Women in Faith



Next meeting will be Monday, November 1st @6:30 pm

Cash Available in General Account: \$5,361.55		
	September	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$8,340.54	\$95,258.10
Church Expenses	\$8,230.02	\$117,583.97
Net Operating Balance	\$110.52	\$(22,325.87)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$0	\$7,446.00
Please, contact Paula Mayer with any questions!		



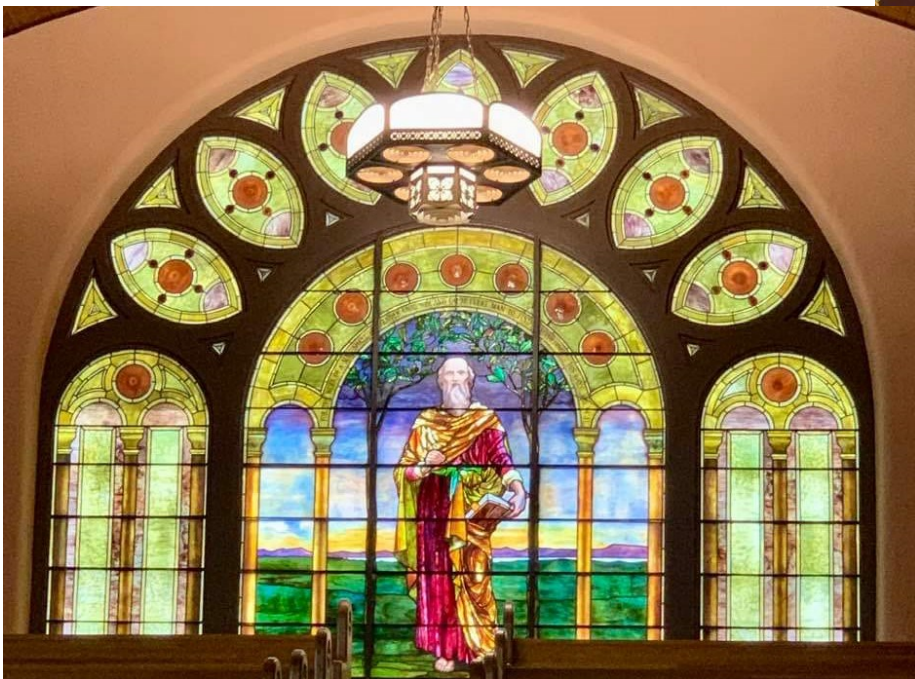
Attendance & Financials



<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>
9/4/2022	\$2,428.59	0	43	43
9/11/2022	\$2,308.00	55	5	60
9/18/2022	\$967.00	41	8	49
9/25/2022	\$1,271.00	60	8	68
Total income	\$6,974.59		Average per week	55

Soul Sisters

October Outing—
St. Luke's United Methodist Church



November outing—Monday, November 21st, car pool leaving church at 9 am.

Festival of Trees in Davenport, IA

Food Pantry

The Savanna Food Pantry is going to open up again for volunteers to work. A schedule will be coming soon. If you are interested in volunteering please call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104.

With the cold months upon us the need for extra food is great. God gives us so many blessings, we give Him thanks by sharing our blessings with others. Items needed this month are cereal, soup, and crackers. Thank you!

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 holiday. Thank you for your continued support of our food pantries, with your gifts and your prayers. Together we can end hunger!



Blessing Basket

The Blessing Basket is in need of women's and children's body wash and laundry detergent. Many thanks for your continued support!

Giving Tree

We will have a Giving Tree set up in the narthex this month. It will be decorated with hats, mittens, scarves, underwear and socks for children and will be available to the West Carroll food pantry clients during the month of December. Help us keep our children warm this winter! Any donations, monetary or items, are welcome!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We welcome you ALL to our Sunday School Program!

Savanna First United Methodist Church

2100 Chicago Ave, Savanna, IL 61074

Any questions? Please contact Kris Yingling, ying-link@gmail.com



Sunday School

Every Sunday morning at 9:30am

Children SS: Pre to 5th Graders

Youth SS: Middle & High Schoolers

Adult Sunday School

8:45 am



Youth Group

The 1st Wednesday of Every month

From 5:45pm to 7:00pm

Supper will be provided

Middle & High Schoolers

Next meeting November 2nd

Kids Kards



Thank you to Deeann Kramer for all the cards and supplies for this month's Kids Kards.



Kids Kards will meet after worship on November 27th. We will be making Christmas cards. All materials will be provided and everyone is welcome. We'll have a chili lunch to share afterwards. Please come and celebrate the Christmas season with our children.



Keith Brown, Tim Cavanagh, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Jim Eaton, Chris Falk, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Greg Jepsen, Jean Jones, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Vickie Moore (Molly's cousin), Alyson (daughter of Kris Offenheiser) Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Bill Robinson, Ron Smith, Grace Struve, Pastor Sylvester, Scarlette (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of Pastor Dave), Madison Keller (niece of Deeann Kramer).

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe Torrison, Joy Turner, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenny.

Our country & government. Military Personnel & their families. Global economic crisis. The safety of Ukrainians and the end of the war, farmers in the fields. All of those affected by the hurricane in Florida.



Thank
You!

Thank you to Karen Wallace for cleaning
the sculpture in the Sanctuary!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

1 – Ruth Moore

2 – Steve Yenney

5 – Brennon Cavanagh

8 – Garrett Badtke, Mary Ellen Dreger, Jiho Yim

10 – Katie Floming

12 – Matt Floming, Dan Holmcomb

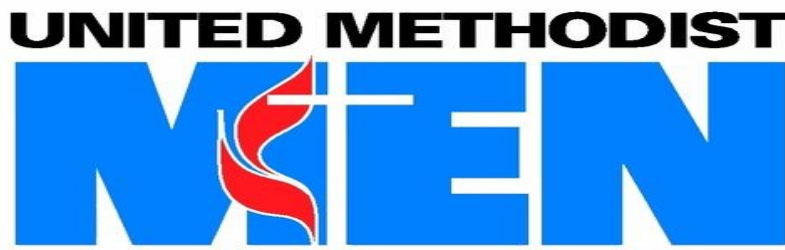
17 – Ann Johnson

25 – Kirk Hoffman, Carmen Holcomb, Martha White

30 – Vivian Eaton, Joe Michels



15—Susan & Glen White



Next Monthly gathering, Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30 pm. Chili, Fellowship and Bible Study. "The Purpose Driven Life" book is ready for pick up. \$10 each.

Liturgist for month of November:

November 6 – Susan Michele Jepsen

November 13 – Esther Losh

November 20 – Jason Moore

November 27 – Molly Andersen



Counter and verifier for month of November:

November 6 – Molly Andersen, Dianne Brinkmeier

November 13 – Rhonda Law, Tom Michels

November 20 – Lori Miller, Linda Jachino

November 27 – Vivian Eaton, Jackie Walker

Worship Helpers

Acolytes for month of November

November 6 – Ellie Johnson

November 13 – Boyd Law

November 20 – Ryker McCombie

November 27 – Jiwon Yim

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



November 2022

No.	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
44			1	2	3	4	5
45	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
46	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
47	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
48	27	28	29	30			

Tuesday, November 1

6:30 pm - United Women in Faith

Wednesday, November 2

10 am Choir practice

5:45 pm—7 pm Youth Group

Thursday, November 3

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, November 6

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship (Hybrid Service)

Monday, November 7

1 pm—Sewing Ladies

3:30 pm—5 pm WC Food Pantry

Wednesday, November 9

10 am Choir practice

Thursday, November 10

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, November 13

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship (Hybrid Service)

Monday, November 14

1 pm Sewing Ladies

3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry

Tuesday, November 15

5:30 pm UMM

7 pm Finance (zoom)

Thursday, November 17

9 am Bible Study

3:30 pm Worship & Health

Saturday, November 19

9 am Town & Rural Festival, Albany II
(Keagy/Pack Grant)

Sunday, November 20

9 am Trustee Meeting

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship (Hybrid Service)

Ad Council following service

Monday, November 21

3:30 pm—5 pm WC Food Pantry

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving—Office closed

Friday, November 25

Church office closed

Saturday, November 26

10 am—4 pm Fellowship hall rented

Sunday, November 27

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship (Hybrid Service)

Kids Kards Following service