



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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Shalom!

The best exercise for everybody is walking. I would like to encourage you to join me for the 'Crop Hunger Walk' on October 1st Sunday, scheduled for 2 pm at Thomson United Methodist Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to educate our children about the issue of hunger and engage in a meaningful mission project. The United States is incredibly blessed, consuming 25 % of the world's energy while comprising only 5% of the world's population. This means we have a significant responsibility for global hunger issues. While we may not be able to solve world hunger immediately, we can walk together, educate our children and take responsibility for this global issue. Please, consider joining me of the Crop Hunger Walk on October 1st.

On the upcoming Sunday, October 8th, our church will be having the Church Conference with our New District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Hwa Young Chong. She will lead our Sunday Worship Service, which include the Church Conference. Following the service, there will be a Potato Bar Fundraiser sponsored by the Outreach Committee, aimed at supporting local and global mission work. I extend a warm invitation to all of you to join us for our Annual Church Conference and the Potato Bar Fundraiser on October 8th. This will be a time to celebrate God's blessings and envision the year ahead together with food and fellowship.

In addition, on the same Sunday, October 8th, we will introduce the confirmands of 2023-2024 Confirmation Class to our congregation as they begin their new journey in their lives. Please, join us and bless them with your prayers and presence.

October Fest is approaching. The Accordion Divas will perform at Manny's on Sunday, October 22nd, from noon to 2 pm. You can purchase your own lunch and enjoy the music with friends and family. I warmly invite all of you to join us for this delightful event. It's a great opportunity to strengthen our fellowship and get to know each other better.

Also, we have a Ham Dinner (take-out only) to support our United Women in Faith starting at 4 pm on the same day, October 22nd. We will offer the opportunities to purchase your own food that day. All you need to do is purchase it to support our local community and our church ministry. Let us work together for the goodness of God, remembering the words of Romans 8:28: "*We know that **God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose.***"

Blessings,
Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave

SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023 10:30AM

CHURCH LIBRARY

Vice Chairperson Bill Wright called the meeting to order at 10:45am with members Kathie and Burt Prins, Kris Yingling, Jason Moore, Pam Darrow, Mary Irons, Tom Michels, Ronda Rathje, Molly Andersen, and Pastor Dave Yim present. Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Mary moved, seconded by Pam, to accept the minutes as presented and the motion passed.

FINANCE: Paula Mayer submitted her resignation as church treasurer, effective today. The committee recommends Vivian Eaton be our interim treasurer and the recommendation passed. Kris moved, seconded by Pam, to accept the financial reports as presented and the motion passed.

TRUSTEES: A new bid from Erickson Paving was received and forwarded to the Finance committee. Herrell Electric will be contacted about the church roof's heat traces before winter arrives and other projects. We will ask about a new project of placing a screen at the back of the sanctuary, also. The committee recommends we continue with River Cities Heating to service and maintain the boiler system. They are not certified but have years of experience with boilers and are a local business. Ronda checked with the insurance and as long as we maintain the boiler the insurance covers it. The recommendation passed. The committee also recommends we contact Johnson Plumbing to replace the lift pump in the downstairs bathroom in the church. There was a problem with the toilet overflowing during VBS. The recommendation passed. The awning used during the church picnic was damaged during a wind storm. Bob Grissinger, the owner, agreed to let the church continue to use it. The drive circle in the front of the church will be removed by Ron Miller. This will make snow plowing easier. Kay Cavanagh, our custodian, has found a new company to provide supplies, like floor wax, at a cheaper rate. Ronda was authorized to fill out the credit application for the new company.

WORSHIP: We will have the Shirah Brothers give a concert next week during worship service. A luncheon will follow. It was asked to have the baptismal font moved for a better view of the sanctuary.

EDUCATION: August 27th will be Blessing of the Backpacks. Sunday School Kick-off is September 10th. VBS had 60 children and many helpers and the weather was beautiful! Praise the Lord! There will be a mission trip meeting next week.

EVANGELISM: Erik Torrison had a birthday in July. Carol Eyerly, Cori Moore's mother, has been moved to Big Meadows.

UWF: The August meeting was dinner at Deeann Kramer's home. They made plans to serve a drive-thru ham dinner in October.

MEMORIAL/HISTORICAL RECORDS: The trim in the narthex was painted.

UMM: They will be meeting next Tuesday. The church picnic was great!

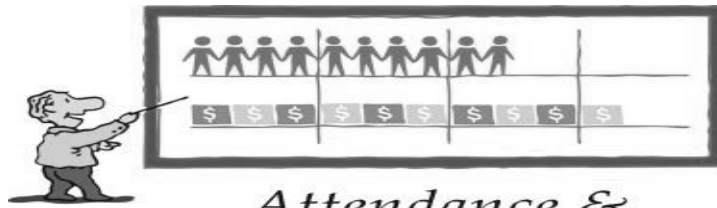
PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed his report to members. School starts this week and he asked what we could do to support our teachers. A suggestion was to serve them breakfast one morning. The school supply drive was a big success with several good ideas to improve it next year. Pastor thanked everyone for their dedication to so many mission projects. Our church conference will be Sunday, October 8th during worship. Committee budgets need to be turned into the office by Friday, September 23rd. Pastor will be traveling to South Korea September 4-20, 2023. Rev. Bonnie Davies will be covering the pastoral emergencies while he is gone. She will be conducting the worship service on Sunday, September 10th and Rev. Mike Jones will be here September 17th.

NEW BUSINESS: There were some technical issues during worship today and we want to make sure they don't happen next week during the concert. 3 members will be going to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL in September. 8 churches in our conference have changed to the global Methodist church. Overall there is 20-25% of United Methodist churches leaving.

Pastor Dave closed the meeting with prayer and adjournment was at 11:38am.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen



Attendance & Financials

Cash Available in General Account: \$ 15,964.57		
	August 2023	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$ 13,032.75	\$ 97,685.07
Church Expenses	\$ 13,964.15	\$ 138,412.71
Net Operating Balance	\$ (-921.40)	\$ (-40,727.64)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 10,320.00
Please, contact Vivian Eaton with any questions! vkeaton@grics.net		



Date	Income	Worship Inside	Worship Outside	Total Attendance
Sept 3	\$ 1821.00	47	5 + 3 dogs	52 + 3 dogs
Sept 10	\$ 1123.00	44	3	47
Sept 17	\$ 3412.82	74	2	76
Sept 24	\$ 2037.00	55	2	57
Totals	\$ 8,393.82	220	12 + 3 dogs	232 + 3 dogs



In Our Prayers

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Rod Furrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, Dan Piercy, John Ritchie, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Sandy Froehlich, Vanessa Grissinger, Ed Jepsen, Deb Endress (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pete (Kim Gonzales' brother), Shirley Fritz, Bobby Higbea (Susan Michelle's friend), Baby Adrian & his mom, Alice (Esther's sister), Janet Smith, Brady O'Neal, Eli (Bob & LaVona's grandson), Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Carol Eyerly (Cori Moore's mom), Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's mom), Pastor Karen Schilling (Bonnie Davies' friend), Donny Hughes, Jeff O'Leary, Kathy Wainwright (Susan Michelle's friend), Kim Walker (Jackie's daughter), Denise Curtis, Bentley Audi (Diane Brinkmeier's grand-son), Debbie Schriener (former member), Dale Wurster, Tom Grissinger, Randy Law (Shirley Fritz's son-in-law), Ancil Guilinger, Owen (Bonnie's son), Cindy Westbrook (Pastor Dave's friend), Susan Michelle Jepsen, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Jessica Randecker (Karen Wallace's co-worker), Randy & Susie Bonjour, Lisa Coers, Tim Addie (relative of Bob & LaVona), Monica Becker (Ronda's friend), Steve Runge (Ronda's friend), Jim Eaton, Ronda & Mark Rathje, the family of Vickie Moore, Barb Green, WC staff & students, 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, the victims of all the flooding, and the victims of the gun violence and their families.

What's Happening At Church!!!!



United
Women
in Faith

Next meeting October 3rd, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

New Sewing Ministry

We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry but getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available (pattern & material). Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women of Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be a part of this important ministry by sewing at home at your convenience. Come check it out!

"Soul Sisters" OCTOBER OUTING POTLUCK SALAD LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 12th 12:00 Noon @ Sharon Law's House

BRING a salad to share (drinks & table service will be provided)

DEVOTIONS & GRACE by Sharon - GAMES by Molly Andersen

ALL WOMEN are invited to attend!!

****Please, call Linda at (815)541-4760 if you plan to attend.**

Kids Kards

Kids Kards will meet after worship on **October 29 @ 11:15 am.**

Kids Kards will meet after worship on October 29th to make Thanksgiving cards. All materials are provided and everyone is welcome. Lunch will be different dips, sweet and savory. Come share our many blessings and enjoy fellowship with our children.



October 31, 2023

Trick or Treat / Trunk or Treat

5—7 pm



Security Measures

New security measures were implemented on June 4th. There will always be someone in the Narthex during worship checking the doors, etc. The doors at the end of the education wing and the front door by the office will be locked during our service. Only the back door will be unlocked. If you would like to volunteer to help keep our parishioners safe, please let the office know.

Food Pantry

The West Carroll School Food Pantry needs crackers, any kind, and canned fruit. Thank you for answering the call to restock the shelves at the school food pantry. Not only did you bring groceries but they collected over \$600! God is good! We can always use peanut butter (creamy), jelly (grape/strawberry), pancake mix, syrup, soup (tomato, cream of mushroom/chicken), and crackers (any kind). If donating pudding/jello cups, please check to see if they need to be refrigerated. If they do, please let Ronda know right away. We so appreciate your generosity and support!

Blessing Basket

The Blessing Basket continues to provide West Carroll Food Pantry clients with personal hygiene and household products. This month we need women's shampoo and paper towels. Thank you for your continued support.

The Savanna Food Pantry

The Savanna Food Pantry needs volunteers on October 24th and 26th, from 9am to 12 noon. If interested call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104. The community pantry had its annual meeting on September 13th. 111 new individuals used the pantry last year, with 28,092 pounds of food donated.

The quarterly food truck will be at the Savanna Fire Station October 21st. If you would like to volunteer to unload or serve at this event please see Molly.

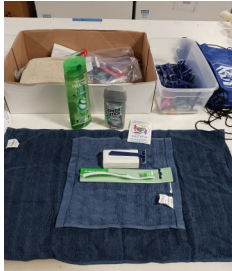
**Soul Sisters September Outing
Apple River Fort Tour
September 14th, 2023**



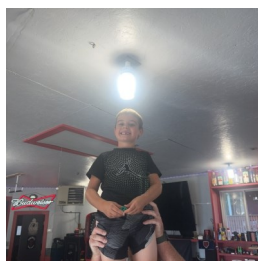
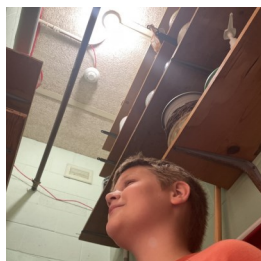
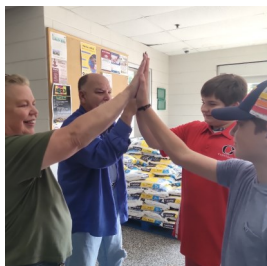
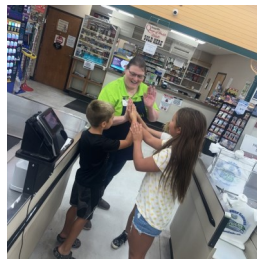
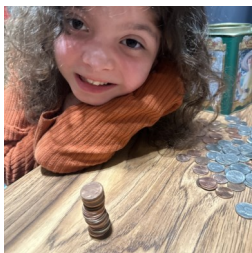
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Midwest Mission Distribution Trip

The kids at Kids Kards have been super busy!!!



Sunday School Kick-Off!!!!





Octoberfest @ Manny's

October 22nd, 2023

12 noon to 2 pm

Accordian Divas will perform!!!

**Come order some lunch and enjoy the
fellowship & songs!**



It's Potato Bar Sunday

SUNDAY, OCT. 8th

Following the church service.

FREE will offering.
Offering goes towards the Rainbow Covenant
mission projects.

Menu:
Baked Potatoes
Toppings
Salads
Dessert
Drink

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee



HAM DINNER



**Take Out ONLY
Via Drive Thru**

Sunday, October 22nd - 4:00 - 6:00 pm

**Savanna First United Methodist Church
2100 Chicago Avenue Savanna, IL**

**Tickets will be on sale until
October 20th
Call the church office
815-273-2345 or
Mary Irons at 815-541-8487**

Tickets - Adults \$10.00
Children 10 and under \$5.00

Dinner includes: sliced ham, cheesy potatoes,
green beans, roll and pumpkin bar

Hosted by the Savanna United Methodist Women
Proceeds go towards mission projects





October 2023

- 1 - Emily Mills
- 1—Cindy Norman
- 3—*Ron & Lori Miller (1987)*
- 4—Shirley Fritz
- 8—Jared Green
- 11—Don Greenfield
- 16—Marcile Fowler
- 17—*Jeff & Molly Andersen (1981)*
- 19—Kris Yingling
- 22—Sarah Hanson
- 25—Jaime Mills
- 26—*Mark & Ronda Rathje (1999)*
- 27—Esther Losh
- 28—Nikki Badtke
- 28—Josh Hanson
- 29—John Jachino

Blessings for October

- O** is for the month of October
- C** is for Cool Weather
- T** is for Thanksgiving
- O** is for Orange Pumpkins
- B** is for Blessings that come your way
- E** is for being one with the Earth
- R** is for Radiance that shines in your life

by: Emily Krauss

Liturgists

- October 1 - LaVona Grissinger
- October 8 - Church Conference
- October 15 - Jason Moore
- October 22 - Burt Prins
- October 29 - Esther Losh

Acolytes

- October 1 – Pearl Michels
- October 8—Jiwon Yim
- October 15—Ellie Johnson
- October 22—Jisung Yim
- October 29—Dalton Shaw

Counters & Verifiers

- October 1—Molly Andersen & ???
- October 8—Rhonda Law & Kay Cavanagh
- October 15—Lori Miller & Linda Jachino
- October 22—Vivian Eaton & Mary Irons
- October 29—Cori Moore & 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!



