



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

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“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong! Let all that you do be done in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:13-14) In our August Men’s gathering, we talked about courage. Who is the most courageous person around us? Parents!!!! Courage is doing our daily duty even in the face of danger. Courage is choosing responsibility over comfort. Courage is taking risk and choosing the hardest part in our life without any prices. We all have courage in our life as parents, as children, as students, as hard-workers, and as community members. We have been sometimes scared and anxious, but we act anyway. We have done our daily duty even in the face of danger and difficulty, thinking of our family and children and parents. We are courageous people! Continue to stand firm in faith! Let all that we do be done in God’s love! Please, keep it up as God’s faithful and courageous people! Jesus also chose the hardest part for the sake of us all! Praise be to the Lord!

Hybrid worship service (indoor and outdoor service) will resume on Sunday, September 11th. The worship time will go back up to 10:15am from that Sunday. Church choir will be singing September 11th and Sunday School will kick off on the same Sunday at 9:30am prior to Sunday worship service. I am very excited to see our young Christians on that Sunday morning. If you feel sick or uncomfortable on Sunday mornings, we highly encourage you to stay in your car, tuning your radio to FM 88.9 or stay home and watch our pre-recorded online service. Your physical and spiritual health is our top priority. If you don’t have internet connection at home, you can call the number, 815-599-1307 to hear the latest worship service. Please, stay connected with God and with each other!

2022 Church Conference is scheduled for September 24th, Saturday, at 10am. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Fabiola, will be here and lead the conference. We are going to listen to her encouraging message. In addition, we are going to have time together to celebrate what God has done for us for the past year and envision and plan for next year together. I would like to invite you all to our 2022 Church Conference. We need your voice, your input, and your support for our continuing ministries and missions for the local community. Please, come join us!

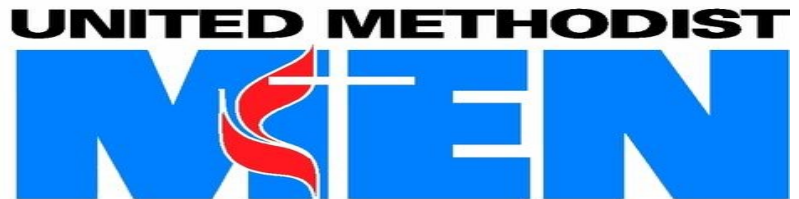


My boys will be starting soccer this fall in Clinton. They have not been able to do any sports since the pandemic began. They are now very excited and looking forward to having practices this month. We should teach our kids about what matters in sports and in life; doing their best matters, respecting each other matters, playing together (teamwork) matters, and encouraging and helping each other matters. Wining is not everything. We should teach our kids about how to learn from failure and mistakes. We should be able to learn from each other. Hope we all grow together in God's love and grace this month! God loves you and I love you!

Have a blessed and happy September!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



Our next gathering is September 19th (Monday) at 5:30pm

CHURCH COUNCIL



SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022 10:30AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen called the meeting to order at 10:30am with members Pastor David Yim, Mary Irons, Bob and LaVona Grissinger, Burt and Kathie Prins, Pam Darrow, Kris Yingling, Molly Andersen, and Jason Moore present. Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Kathie moved, seconded by Pam, that the minutes be approved and the motion carried. The financial reports were emailed to members. Kris moved, seconded by Kathie, to approve the reports and the motion carried.

TRUSTEES: Jason reported we will contact Beckwith Roofing in Clinton, IA, about the church roof. The toilets in the women's restroom have been replaced but there is still a leak in the boiler room. The new Kitchen Committee will meet next week. We seem to be a good home for all of God's creatures as we have a groundhog living in the playground area, birds nesting in the kitchen exhaust fan, and moles in the parsonage yard.

FINANCE: We are still waiting for a portion of the Paul Brunner gift but have deposited \$15,000 in the checking account for our church budget.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: Our janitor, Kay Cavanagh, has requested to go down to 8 hours per week. Shari Morgan, the church administrative assistant, is having some health issues and may be missing some work.

WORSHIP: Mary reported the committee is meeting on Thursday and will revisit continuing outdoor worship.

EDUCATION: Kris is getting ready for VBS this week. The offering will be designated for the Savanna Food Pantry. The program will be Thursday night at 6pm. Set-up is today at 2pm. Kris made a motion, seconded by LaVona, to purchase 15 sets of Bible Blocks for Sunday School this fall. The sets are \$22 each, \$330 total, and the motion passed.

CHURCH COUNCIL



EVANGELISM: Visits were made to Alice Riffe-Torrison, Bill Weidman, and Steve Yenney.

MEMORIAL/HISTORICAL RECORDS: They will be working with the new Kitchen Committee.

UMW: They are planning on attending a play in August and will be hosting a bingo night with dinner served on Tuesday, August 2nd. There will be prizes! They will be discussing a fall carry-out dinner.

UMM: The next meeting is Monday, August 22nd at 5pm.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: Several pastors will be helping with VBS this week.

NEW BUSINESS: Zion Cluster members will be handing out bottles of water at the Carroll County Fair on Wednesday, August 10th, at 1pm. Mary and Molly will be there.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed his report to members. He may be going to South Korea in the near future to see his family. His father is recovering from a stroke. He will be part of VBS on Thursday. Everyone who is involved in a children's ministry must take the Safe Sanctuary training offered by the conference. He will participate via Zoom on Saturday, July 30th. He will be on vacation August 9-11th. LaVona mentioned A Walk to Emmaus retreat and he will get more information on it. Volunteers are needed to provide coffee time after Sunday worship.

He closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06am.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Worship inside</u> | <u>Worship outside</u> | <u>Total attend per week</u> |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 7/3/2022 | \$2,052.00 | | 32 | 32 |
| 7/10/2022 | \$1,634.29 | | 48 | 48 |
| 7/17/2022 | \$1,871.00 | | 44 | 44 |
| 7/24/2022 | \$1,439.54 | | 33 | 33 |
| 7/31/2022 | \$601.00 | | 47 | 47 |
| Total income | \$7,597.83 | | Average per week | 41 |



Attendance & Financials



Financial Report July 2022

| Cash Available in General Account: \$9,463.81 | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| | July | Year to Date |
| Church Revenue | \$9,240.08 | \$77,284.91 |
| Church Expenses | \$18,091.63 | \$95,508.52 |
| Net Operating Balance | \$(8,851.55) | \$(18,223.61) |
| NIC Apportionments Paid | \$1,241.00 | \$6,205.00 |
| Please, contact Paula Mayer with any questions! | | |

Soul Sisters

September Outing

Orchard Landing

Saturday, September 17th

Soul Sisters will be going to Orchard Landing in Hanover on Saturday, September 17th. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 10am and have lunch at Chestnut Mountain. The orchard has 12 varieties of apples and a gift shop with apple cider donuts, honey, maple syrup, jellies, mums and pumpkins. Rain date is Saturday, September 24th. Please call Molly Andersen if you are interested in going. 815-273-2104 or 815-541-6852.

Blue Heron Eco-Cruise





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!

The West Carroll School Food Pantry had it's busiest day ever on August 1st, serving over 25 families. Please help them restock their shelves. Cereal, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and fruit juice are desperately needed.

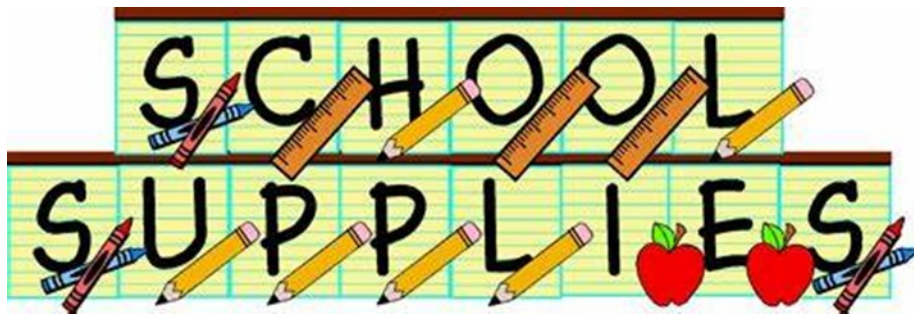
A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.

Proverbs 18:16



Blessing Basket

Wow, we gave out over 100 items in August! The need is so great, please consider donating childrens' toothbrushes and sandwich bags. Thank you for your continued support!



We helped 68 students get ready for school. What a success the school supply drive was! We provided everything from shoes, backpacks, headphones, crayons to calculators. We gave away over 2500 items thanks to your donations. Thank you for your amazing support! God is good!

Thank you

A huge thank you goes to Pastor Dave and his boys, LaVona Grissinger, Esther Losh, and Kathie Prins for all their help with the school supply drive. I could not have done it without their dedication to our children and our church. God bless you and thank you so much!

Molly Andersen



Last year, we only helped 13 students and gave away over 500 items. In one year, our school supply ministry got bigger and it was very successful this year. Praise be to God! Thank you very much for your big support this year!

Pastor Dave

We also have to thank Elkay for their generous donation and to Pastor Gary Panetta, First Presbyterian Church and Community United Church of Christ for their donations to our school supply drive.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We welcome you ALL to our Sunday School Program!

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



Kick-Off Sunday

9/11 (Sunday) at 9:30am

Fun Activity (Tie Dye T-shirt) & Snack
For Parents, there will be coffee and



Sunday School

Every Sunday morning at 9:30am

Resume 9/18/2022 Sunday

Two classes!

- Children SS: Pre to 5th Graders
- Youth SS: Middle & High Schoolers



Youth Group

The 1st Wednesday of Every month

From 5:45pm to 7:00pm

Supper will be provided

Middle & High Schoolers

Fun Kick-Off Day is 9/7 at 5:45pm

Kids Kards

We made cards for the residents of Big Meadows and Pinnacle Place, with the theme, Sharing God's Love.



Kids Kards will meet after worship, around 10:30, on **Sunday, September 25th**. All supplies are provided and everyone is welcome. Lunchables will be provided to take home.

United Methodist Women Family Night



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

A stylized graphic of a sun with orange and yellow rays rising over purple and blue wavy lines representing water.

Keith Brown, Mark Cook, Denise Curtis, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Jim & Vivian Eaton, Bill Eyerly (father of Cori Moore), Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Bob Grissinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Greg Jepsen, Don Kramer, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Charlene Mayer, James Morris Jr (son of Esther Losh), Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Rich Rathje, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Bill Robinson, Ron Smith, Alice Stallings, Grace Struve, Pastor Sylvester, Patti Thulen, Peter Tsoukalas, Scarlette (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Eli (Grandson of Bob & LaVona Grissinger), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of Pastor Dave), Family of Sharon Johnson, Family of JoAnne Brooks and Family of Charlie Brandt.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, 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, victims of the flooding in Kentucky and the wildfires in California. With school starting, pray for our teachers, staff and students.





Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 – Kim Bundy, Caleb Thornton

2 – Ramona Green, Nick Law

3 – Jean Treter

4 – Sandy Wurster

5 – Kenny Clemens

7 - Julie Brigham

12 – Lori Law

14 – Sherri Miller

17 – Boyd Law

20 – Jason Moore

24 – Janis Wilt

26 – Jessica Turner

1— Tom & Lea Ann Michels “1979”

24 – Rod & Christy Clemens “2002”

26 – Tim & Kay Cavanagh “1986”

28—Bob & Sandy Froehlich “1985”

Acolytes for September

September 11—Ellie Johnson

September 18—Ryker McCombie

September 25—Jiwon Yim

Acolytes for October

October 2—Dalton Shaw

October 9—Asia LaShelle

October 16—Jisung Yim

October 23—Caleb Thornton

October 30—Jiho Yim

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



| September 2022 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

Thursday, September 1

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, September 4

9:30 Worship—Communion

Monday, September 5—Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

6:30 pm - UMW

Wednesday, September 7

5:45 pm—7 pm Youth Group

Thursday, September 8

9 am Bible Study

Sunday, September 11

9:30 am Sunday School Kick off day

10:15 am Worship (Hybrid Service)

Joe Michels Liturgist

Ellie Johnson Acolyte

Monday, September 12

1 pm—Sewing Ladies

3:30—5:30 pm WC Food Pantry

Tuesday, September 13

7 pm Finance meeting—zoom

Wednesday, September 14

Need All Church Conference Reports

turned in to Pastor Dave or Shari. Must be sent in on September 17.

Thursday, September 15

9 am Bible Study

3 pm Health & Worship

Saturday, September 17

10 am Soul Sister car pool @ church for Orchard Landing, Hanover

All reports for Church Conference must be completed and emailed.

Sunday, September 18

9 am Trustees Meeting

10:15 am Worship (Hybrid Service)

Esther Losh Liturgist

Ryker McCombie Acolyte

Following Service—Ad Council

Monday, September 19

1 pm Sewing Ladies

3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry

5:30 pm UMM

Thursday, September 22

9 am Bible Study

Saturday, September 24

10 am—District Conference

Sunday, August 28

10:15 am Worship (Hybrid Service)

LeaAnn Michels Liturgist

Jiwon Yim Acolyte

Kids Kards following service