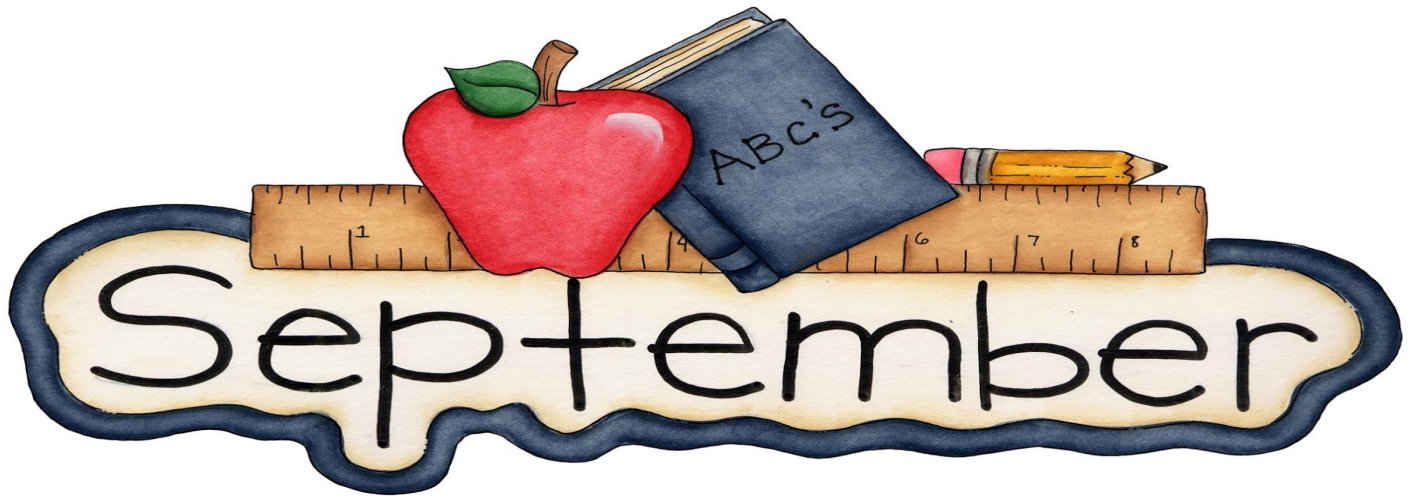




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**Focus on making Jesus' disciples
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"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19)

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May the grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

From September 4th to September 20th, I will be flying back to South Korea to visit my father, who has been in a rehab facility since spring 2022. He suffered a brain stroke while he was sleeping and couldn't get up by himself. My mother found him in that condition one morning after returning from church, which was unusual as he would usually be awake by then. She immediately called an ambulance, and he underwent emergency surgery that morning. Since then, he has been taking intensive physical therapy. According to updates from my mother and sisters, he is showing gradual signs of improvement, although the progress is very slow.

I would like to express my gratitude to our church leaders for granting me this opportunity to visit my father and to the entire congregation for understanding, prayers, and encouragement. I kindly ask you to pray for my safe travel to South Korea and for my schedule while I am there. Additionally, I appreciate your prayers for the well-being and safety of my wife, Bang-Wool, and children, Jiho, Jiwon, and Jisung.

During my absence, Rev. Bonnie will be leading the service on Sunday, September 10th, and Rev. Mike Jones will be preaching on Sunday, September 17th. Your presence on those Sundays to support and welcome our guest preachers would be greatly appreciated. For any urgent pastoral needs, Pastor Bonnie Davies will serve as the emergency contact person. Please feel free to reach out to Pastor Bonnie or the church office for any assistance you may require. I will provide a report on my trip after my return to Savanna. Thank you once again for your support and prayers!

Sunday School Kickoff Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th at 8:45am. We have planned a fun activity that everyone can participate in, followed by a snack-sharing session from education committee. During the church service on the same Sunday, September 10th, the church choir will be performing, and we will also have special music presented by Ryker McCombie and Annika Law. Children's Time will also resume on that Sunday. We encourage you to bring your children and grandchildren with you on September 10th Sunday. Everyone is welcome!

Prairie North District has a new District Superintendent. Rev. Dr. Hwa-Young Jung's installation service is scheduled for Sunday, September 24th at Grace United Methodist Church in Rockford, starting at 4 PM. I would like to encourage you to join me for the installation service and celebrate this new chapter in her life. Let's welcome her warmly to our district with open hearts. She always needs our support and prayers. Please join me in praying for the service and for our district!

May God bless you and keep you in September! You are always in my prayers!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave

SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023 11:30AM

CHURCH LIBRARY

Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen called the meeting to order at 10:59am with members Ronda Rathje, Molly Andersen, Tom Michels, Bill Wright, Mary Irons, Kris Yingling, and Kathie and Burt Prins present. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Kris moved, seconded by Mary, to accept the minutes as presented and the motion carried. The financial reports were presented. April and Quinn Ruddell will be added to the signature file of the Youth Group checking account, #282294 at the Savanna-Thomson State Bank. The money left from the Youth Mission trip will be saved for next year's trip. Tom moved, seconded by Bill, to accept the financial reports and the motion carried.

TRUSTEES: Ronda had no luck with TMI in lowering their bill from last month. She presented copies of a contract with River Cities for maintenance on the church boiler and an estimate from Erickson Paving for blacktopping the church's parking lot. The committee recommends we accept the contract with River Cities and the recommendation passed. The estimate from Erickson Paving was tabled until next month. The Savanna Fire Chief, Scott Wolf, inspected the church building and Lectronics checked and repaired the fire extinguishers. The 40-year-old hot water heater at the parsonage sprang a leak last week and was replaced by Johnson Plumbing for \$1350. The Safety and Security committee will meet during the regular Trustees meeting. Our Safety Plan has gone into effect. We were reminded that the narthex monitor should still be welcoming to those who come to the door. Ronda has applied for 1 grant for security cameras and will apply for others in August. Some of the office file cabinet drawers have been locked since Ronda has sorted through them. The office desk lock is being fixed by Mark Rathje. NO ONE is to use the office computer. Jiho Yim has fixed the old computer and it will be available in the counting room.

FINANCE: The meeting scheduled for this Tuesday has been canceled.

WORSHIP: We celebrated Father's Day today. We will have a float in the 4th of July parade on July 2nd. Pastor Dave will be on vacation for the next 2 weeks. Rev. Patricia Allen-Stewart from Galena will preach next Sunday and Rev. Bonnie Davies will preach on July 2nd and provide pastoral care while Pastor Dave is gone. We will have a hymn sing on July 2nd with possibly Darren Mangler or Shelby Rathje. UMM will be hosting a church picnic on July 16th. Children's Time will be once a month during the summer. Plans are in the works for a Family Fun Night in August and new altar displays.

EDUCATION: VBS is July 17-21 and needs volunteers.

EVANGELISM: They are celebrating 2 birthdays this month and asked for prayers for Melinda Dykema, Erik Torrison, Jackie Walker, Shirley Hastings, and Steve Yenney.

UWF: Members went to see "Grease" at Timber Lake Playhouse and will see "Sound of Music" in July.

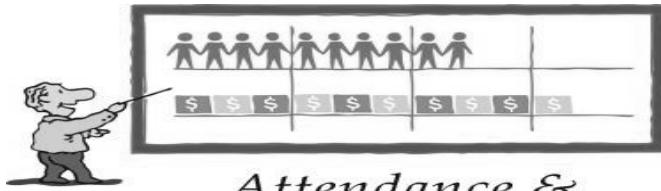
UMM: They did not meet in June but will be hosting the church picnic on July 16th.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave had perfect timing for his report! He emailed a copy to members this week from Tennessee. There will be a welcoming service for our new district superintendent, Rev. Hwa-Young Hannah Jung in August or September. Pastor Dave closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen



Attendance & Financials

Cash Available in General Account: \$ 5,600.05		
	July 2023	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$ 10,770.98	\$ 84,652.32
Church Expenses	\$ 15,705.06	\$ 124,511.58
Net Operating Balance	\$ (4,934.08)	\$ (39,859.46)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 9,030.00
<p>Please contact Vivian Eaton with any questions! vkeaton@grics.net</p>		



Date	Income	Worship	Worship Outside	Total Attendance
July 30	\$ 3526.33	47	3 + 2 dogs	50 + 2 dogs
August 6	\$ 3464.00	41	6 + 2 dogs	47 + 2 dogs
August 13	\$ 1552.98	52	7+2 dogs & 1 groundhog	59+ 2 dogs & 1 groundhog
August 20	\$ 451.00	78	N/A	78 (concert)
August 27	\$ 2461.00	57	4	61
Totals	\$ 11,455.31	275	20 + 6 dogs & 1 groundhog	295 + 6 dogs & 1 groundhog



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, 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), Tyrone Burcham, Shirley Fritz, Vickie Moore, 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 Walker's daughter), Denise Curtis, Bentley Audi (Diane Brinkmeier's grandson), Debbie Schriener (former member), Dale Wurster, Ancil Guilinger, Tom Grissinger, Owen (Bonnie's son), Cindy Westbrook (Pastor Dave's friend), Susan Michelle Jepsen, 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, Syria, Israel, Maui (wild fires and devastation, those experiencing flooding due to hurricanes, those dealing with extreme heat, and the victims of the gun violence and their families.



Worship Time Change
10:15 am starting Sunday,
September 10th.

Office will open late on
Thursday, Sept 7th
11 am to 2 pm
&
Wednesday, Sept 27th
11 am to 2 pm

Pastor Dave will be gone from September 4th thru 20th.
If you need assistance with anything, text or call Ronda at 815-275-8045.
Pastor Bonnie will be covering all pastoral needs.

Carroll County Health Dept.
Flu Shot Clinic
Tuesday, Sept 26th
10 to 11:30 am
in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY KICK-OFF!!!! Sunday School
(All of them) will resume on
September 10th
@ 8:45 am!!!

If your 2nd, 3rd, or 4th graders
have not gotten their own bible,
please let the Sunday School
teachers know! (Kris & Sharon)

Church Conference - Sunday, October 8th
DS with lead our worship service.
SPRC mtg @ 9:30 am/Worship/Conference @ 10:15 am
Luncheon @ approximately 11:15 am

Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Hwa-Young Chong
will be September 24 @ 4 pm
at the Rockford: Grace UMC
3555 McFarland Road, Rockford, IL
Bishop Dan Schwerin will be preaching.



The Shirah Brothers concert was
very uplifting and enjoyed by many!
Many thank yous go out to all who
donated salads and desserts for the
luncheon after the concert.
We will be having them come
back in the future!



Pastor Dave giving the
Blessing of the Backpacks
for the beginning of
the new school year.

What's Happening At Church!!!!



United
Women
in Faith

Will meet on **September 5th @ 6:30** pm at church. For information, please contact Mary Irons at 815-541-8487.

Fall Annual Meeting of the Prairie District will be **Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 from 9:30 am to 12 noon** at Brooke Road United Methodist Church, 1404 Brook Road, Rockford, IL. The fee for this event is \$12.00 which includes lunch. Donations will be accepted toward our Prairie North District Pledge to Mission.

Also, mark your calendars for the Northern Illinois Conference Annual Celebration on October 28th.

SOUL SISTERS SEPTEMBER OUTING

Apple River Fort Tour & Lunch

Thursday September 14th

Free tour of the Interpretive Center & reconstructed Apple River Fort in Elizabeth, IL at 10 am. (Donations are appreciated)

Car pool leaves church at 9 am.

Any questions, contact Linda Jachino

Kids Kards

Kids Kards will meet after worship on **September 24th** around 11:15 am.

We will be celebrating the staff at Big Meadows and Pinnacle Place and thanking them for their dedication to their jobs. Everyone is welcome and all materials are provided.

We will have pizza for lunch afterwards. If you have any questions, call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104

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!



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.

Savanna Food Pantry

Mary Irons, Barb Green, and Molly Andersen volunteered at the Savanna Food Pantry in August. Thank you! September is "Hunger Action Month". Get involved by donating to our local food pantries, wearing orange to raise awareness, or by visiting feedingamerica.org/take-action. Together we can end hunger! Your food donations can be left in the Food Pantry box in the Narthex.

WC Food Pantry

Please prayerfully consider donating **elbow macaroni, fruit cups/cans (fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, peaches), pasta sauce, and cream of chicken soup** are needed right now! We can always use mac & cheese (never have enough), peanut butter (creamy), jelly (grape/strawberry), pancake mix, syrup, soup (tomato, cream of mushroom), cereal, 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 was wiped out August 7th during the school supply giveaway. A new record of 130 items were given out, helping 33 families. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry! We can always use paper products, like Kleenex, paper towels, and toilet paper.

School Supply Drive

Our school supply giveaway was amazing! We provided 90 children with items needed to start of the school year, including backpacks and shoes. Many thanks to everyone who donated items and to Pastor Dave, Pam Darrow, Linda Jachino, Esther Losh, and Kathie Prins. God is good!

Outreach committee (one who did the Rice meal packing event) have 8 spots reserved at the Midwest Mission Distribution center on Monday, **September 18th**. They will leave on Monday morning and return on Friday afternoon. If anyone is interested or has questions, please call Cindy Law. (815-990-3629)

Pictures!!!



**School Supply Drive
was
amazing!
Thank you to all
who donated
and helped!**



Other pictures



**Soul Sisters
T-shirt Making
Party was
so fun!!**



**Pastor Dave had an
experience , both
learning and
teaching, along
with some quality
time with his boys!**



Kids Kards



**The Neumiller
Farms & Family
making a big donation
to the WC Food Pantry!**



September

- 1 - Kim Bundy
- 1 - Caleb Thornton
- 1 - *Tom & LeaAnn Michels (1979)*
- 2 - Ramona Green
- 2 - Nick Law
- 3 - Jean Treter
- 4 - Sandy Wurster
- 5 - Kenny Clemens
- 7 - Julie Brigham
- 11 - Madison Haynes
- 12 - Lori Law
- 14 - Sherri Miller
- 16 - Boyd Law
- 20 - Jason Moore
- 21 - Dorothy Taylor
- 24 - *Rod & Christy Clemens (2005)*
- 24 - Janis Wilt
- 26 - *Tim & Kay Cavanagh (1986)*
- 26 - Jessica Turner
- 28 - *Bob & Sandy Froehlich (1979)*



Liturgists

- September 3 - Susan Michelle Jepsen
- September 10 - Esther Losh
- September 17 - Molly Andersen
- September 24 - Linda Jachino

Acolytes

- September 3 - Boyd Law
- September 10 - Ryker McCombie
- September 17 - Asia LaShelle
- September 24 - Caleb Thornton

Counters & Verifiers

- Sept 3 - Molly Andersen & Jackie Walker
- Sept 10 - Rhonda Law & Tom Michels
- Sept 17 - Lori Miller & Sharon F Guilinger
- Sept 24 - Vivian Eaton & LaVona Grissinger

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!

www.facebook.com/savanna.firstumc

**Telstar deadline: 3rd Monday of each month
Bulletin Prayer Concerns/Announcements due
by Thursday at 10 am. Screen Announcements
due by Wednesday at 4 pm.
Email: office@firstumcsavanna.org**



