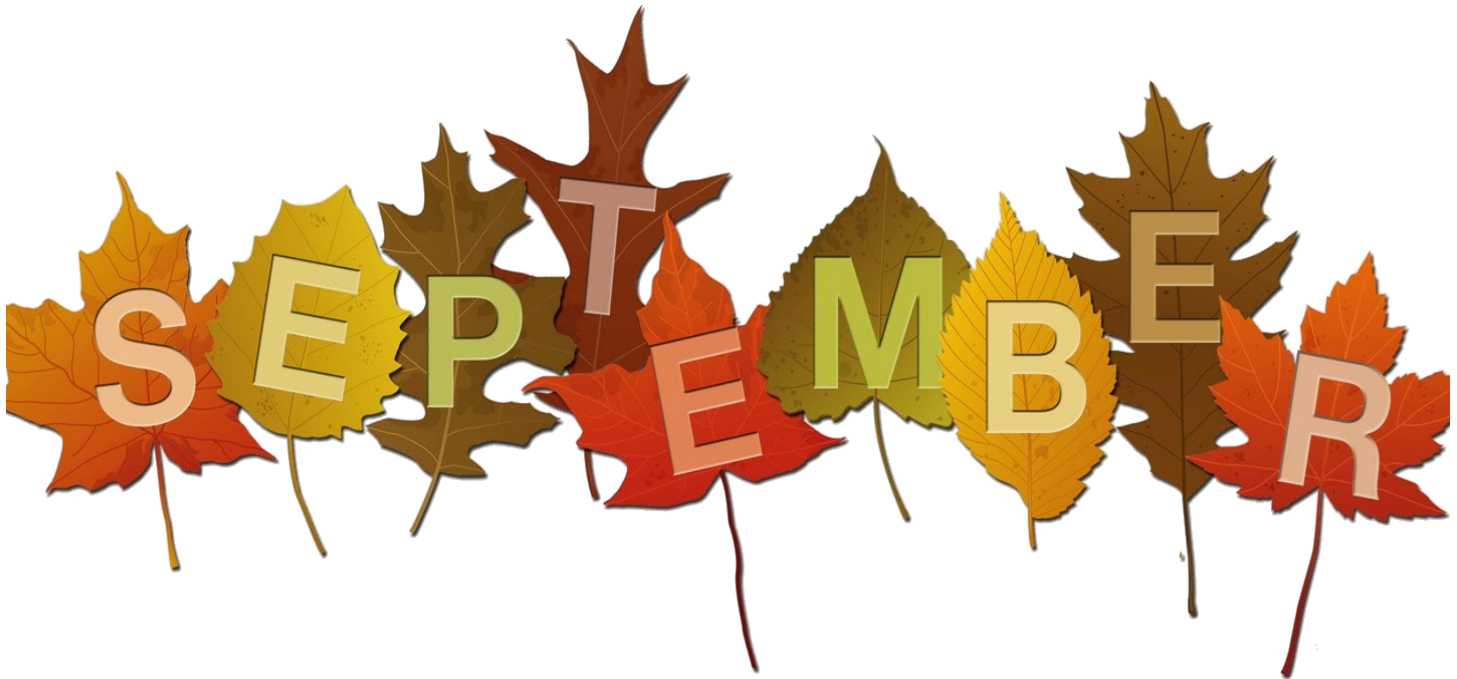




Our Mission Is To Be Committed Christians Inviting Others To Join Us.



Our Vision Statement

“Our faith calls us to action in the body of Christ and in the local community to love God and to love others.”

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Dear FUMC Family,

Happy Labor Day!

After two months in Savanna, I had the chance to leave for Chicago for the Pastoral orientation training. On my way, I saw the vast green color shining with corn as I hit the road. I couldn't help but think about the hard work of the farmers around this place and the joy they must feel during the approaching harvest time. It's striking to realize that all the green around us results from labor, actual hard labor. It takes people effort, planning, land preparation, regular irrigation, and pruning. In the same manner, it took time of planning, and bravery in the minds of those who organized Labor unions and started strikes and rallies to protest conditions and demand better hours and pay, resulting in the betterment of the working conditions of many Americans and even beyond this nation. I wonder how joyful those people were back in the days when for the first time, Labor Day was declared a national holiday in 1894. To honor the nation's workers and their contributions to the country's well-being. Can you imagine how joyful the people who fought were...

Since the first Labor Day in New City in 1882, people worldwide have looked forward to better work conditions and wages.

As Christians, we are also looking forward to our final wage. And that is conditioned by work. Although differently, our job is in a harvest that is plenty, said Jesus to his disciples in Matthew 9:37-38. The good news is that in our field of work, Jesus is telling us he needs workers; wages are not a problem, for our Lord has good wages for as many people as we get, for the harvest indeed is plentiful, and people are like sheep without shepherds. The words of Jesus assure us that one day, we all shall have our wages as we work together to fill our Lord's harvest with as many laborers as possible. Finally, on Sunday, September 29th, remember to invite a friend. I am looking forward to seeing your friends; bring them. God will water our field, and God will pay all of us a significant wage at the end of our journey.

As we celebrate Labor Day, let's take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to all laborers, past and present. Their hard work and dedication have shaped this nation and our lives, and we are truly grateful for their contributions.

May God bless and keep you.

Pastor Fernando Candumbo de Castro

SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, July 21, 2024 10:30 AM @ CHURCH LIBRARY

Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen called the meeting to order at 10:40am with members Ronda Rathje, Molly Andersen, Mary Irons, Tom Michels, Kathie and Burt Prins, Deeann Kramer, Jason Moore, Pam Darrow, Esther Losh, Linda Stubbe, LaVona Grissinger, Kris Yingling, and Pastor Fernando Candumbo de Castro. Pastor Fernando opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Kathie moved, seconded by Mary, to approve the minutes as presented and the motion carried. The financial reports were distributed. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Ronda, to approve the reports and the motion carried.

TRUSTEES: The kitchen remodel is almost done. The H-frame for our new electrical line is done. We have had no response on bids for the parsonage roof. The 4H group wanting to use the church building for meetings gave us a liability form from the state of Illinois and wants a 5-year contract. This is not acceptable to us and will be further studied. The compressor in the boiler room is needing the water dumped twice a month now and will be monitored. Fiber optic internet has been installed at the parsonage. We will fix the leaking faucets on the radiators in the church. We will get an estimate from a mason about a base for a possible new electronic sign in the church yard.

FINANCE: We are \$40,000 in the red for the first 6 months of the year. Tom has drafted a letter to the conference regarding changing to a part-time pastor in the future. It will be discussed again in the fall.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: They will meet soon.

WORSHIP: There has been much discussion about ushers and greeters and in order to have less congestion in the narthex we will not have a greeter at the sanctuary door. Susan Michelle was outside today during worship and could hear Pastor Fernando on the radio.

EDUCATION: We had a fun VBS last week with 57 children and 25 helpers. Blessing of the Backpacks will be August 18th, hot dogs, games, and bounce house on August 25th, and Sunday School kick-off on September 8th.

EVANGELISM: Mary sent a birthday card to Erik Torrison. She and Pastor Fernando will be visiting shut-ins on Thursday. Susan Michelle talked to Sylvia Reuterfors this week and she has moved back to her house in Rockford.

UWF: They are meeting Tuesday, August 6th and donating school supplies. Molly will give the program on our school supply giveaway.

UMM: They are not meeting until September and need someone to organize their local mission work. Ronda will remove the notice in the bulletins that they are looking for projects for local mission work.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: The VBS offering was over \$700 for Camp Benson scholarships. They will be meeting soon to discuss the Christmas fund.

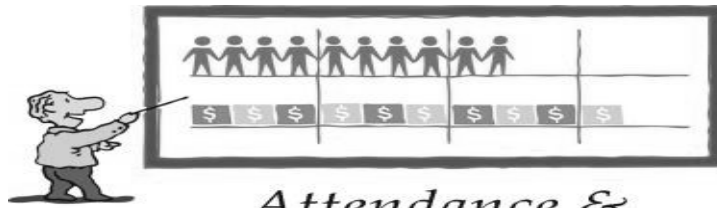
OLD BUSINESS: Katy Cook's Griefshare program is ending July 29th and will start again September 11th. She had 14 participants, including several from Savanna. LaVona moved, seconded by Susan Michelle, that future participants will buy their own workbooks, and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Our HP copier is acting up and may need to be replaced. Ronda will check into getting it fixed or possibly replacing it. We are having a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in Clinton, IA on Monday, July 29th for next year's rice-meal packing event. We need volunteers to work and we get 10% of the sales that night and tips.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Fernando thanked everyone for his warm welcome. He is getting settled in and learning about the church building and our people. There has been much paperwork to get his religious visa but it has all been submitted and the conference has it as a priority status. He is meeting with Rev. George Woosnam to help him learn about being a pastor.

Pastor Fernando closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 11:18am.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Andersen



Attendance & Financials

Cash Available in General Account: \$ 16,948.98		
	July 2024	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$ 10547.48	\$ 88,542.72
Church Expenses	\$ 15, 687.89	\$ 152,416.10
Net Operating Balance	\$ -5031.41	\$ -63,873.38
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 9,835.00
Kitchen Remodeling	\$ 20,107.33	\$ 20,107.33
Please, contact Vivian Eaton with any questions vkeaton@grics.net		



Date	Income	Worship Inside	Worship Outside	Total Attendance
August 4	\$ 3720.00	51	3 + 2 dogs	54 + 2 dogs
August 11	\$ 1601.00	50	2+ 2 dogs	52+ 2 dogs
August 18	\$ 1579.00	69	0	69
August 25	\$ 1174.00	57	2 + 2 dogs	59 + 2 dogs
Totals	\$ 8074.00	227	7 + 6 dogs	234 + 6 dogs



In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Sandy Pratt, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), Angie (Paula's friend), Roger Furrow, Eli (Bob & Lavona's grandson), Paula Mayer, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belandar) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, John Jachino, Dennis Plattenberger (Mary's friend), Kristin (Bob & LaVona Grissinger's granddaughter), Chuck Curtis, Eldar (Karen Hoffman's friend), Alyssa Volkers, Mary Ellen Dreger, Karen Hoffman, Sharon Guilinger, Bob Grissinger, Burt Prins, Jan (Karen Hoffman's friend), Lisa (LaVona's friend), Denise David (Billy David's sister), Jill (Melinda Dykema's daughter), Elaina Gooding (Bonnie's granddaughter), Susan Foltz (organist at Mt. Carroll UMC), Denise Curtis, Abby & baby (Karen Hoffman's cousin), LaVona Grissinger, Tom Michels, the Byron United Methodist Church in Byron, GA, West Carroll teachers, staff and students, the family of Jackson Kradle, the family of Martha Purchis, and the family of Jacob Green.

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, and Florence Bevins Powell.

Our country & government, those that are serving in the military & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Haiti, Syria, Israel, the Gaza strip, peace in the Middle East, people affected by heat, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, hurricanes, and the victims of the everyday gun violence and their families.

What's Happening At Church!!!!

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!

We also are asking for clean and dry plastic bags. The group will be making sleeping mats for homeless people. You can drop them off in the box in the sewing room. A loom was obtained from Midwest Mission and Mary Irons attempted to make the first one. We now have 5 mats complete. They are fabulous!!! If you are interested in getting involved in this ministry, call Mary Irons at 815-541-8487. Thank you to those who have brought in bags and continue to bring them!

JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministry

We have started a new senior ministry, providing a free meal, fellowship, and program once a month for those who are 60+ years old.

JOY will meet Wednesday, September 18th from 4:30 -6:30pm in the church fellowship hall. Our program will be Deb Connor from the Carroll County Senior Center and she will answer your questions about Medicare and open enrollment. It'll be a taco and nacho bar with all the fixings for dinner. This is a free dinner and program open to anyone over 60. You MUST RSVP to the church office by noon, Monday, September 16th at 815-273-2345. Rides are available, in-town only. Come join the fun!

We are looking for volunteers to help cook, serve, clean, and provide rides and programs. If you are interested in helping, please let Molly Andersen or Ronda Rathje in the church office know.

SOUL SISTERS OUTING "EXPLORING GALENA"

Thursday, Sept. 12th

*Explore the shops & galleries of downtown Galena

*Lunch at a local restaurant

*Optional \$5.00 tour of General Grant's Home & "restored village" *Carpool leaves the church at 9:00 A.M. ****ALL WOMEN are invited to join us!!****

Kids Kards is starting again!

We need all available hands to make friendship cards for the residents at Big Meadows and Pinnacle Place and for our shut-ins. We'll meet after worship on September 22nd and have a pizza party for lunch. All supplies are provided, just bring your creativity!

Blessing Basket

The Blessing Basket was pretty empty after the school supply giveaway. We served 40 families and are in desperate need of men's, women's, and children's bodywash. Thank you for your continued support.

West Carroll Food Pantry

The food pantries was very busy this summer. Please continue to support the West Carroll School Food Pantry with your donations of money or food items. Items are Chef Boy r Dee, peanut butter and jelly (grape or strawberry), cereal, mac & cheese, fruit, pancake mix and syrup. Items may be left in the pantry box in the narthex or monetary donations may be placed in the office. Thank you for your support!

The Savanna Food Pantry's annual

meeting is September 18th at the

Mt. Carroll Church of God.

Anyone interested in going can carpool with Molly, 815-273-2104.

IMPACT YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF **(formerly Carroll County Youth Group)**

We have so many fun experiences in store for our youth and can't wait to kick off the year with a **POND PARTY!!** If you have lifejackets, please bring them!!! We have some as well but want to ensure we have enough. The whole family is welcome!

Sunday, Sept 8th 12 to 3 pm
9317 IL Route 84, Savanna, IL



PICTURES!!!



Howard Nichols received a Quilt of Valor on Friday, August 2nd.



Rice Meal Fundraiser @ Pizza Ranch



Soul Sisters Blue Heron Eco Cruise



School Supply Drive and some very happy customers!!!



Jeff & Rhonda Law took Pastor for a boat ride on the Mississippi River and ice cream afterwards.

Sharon Beyer says "Hello" and that she misses everyone!!!



Pastor Fernando & Connie Kramer out for a ride



Upcoming Events!!!

GADGETS & GIZMOS GALORE GI-NORMOUS

Treasure Sale

Sponsored by the Lanark United Methodist Church
405 East Locust Street ~ 815-493-6300

Thursday, Sept 26, 1pm-4pm

Friday, Sept 27, 8am-4pm

Saturday, Sept 28, 8am-12pm

Kitchen items, home décor, toys, games, linens, craft
supplies, holiday decorations, small furniture, &
MORE.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
Don't miss this sale!!!



Baked Goods & Fall Produce also available



RIB FEAST!

First Presbyterian
502 Third Street

Saturday September 14
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Profits go to
Savanna and
West Carroll
Food
Pantries!
\$15

PORK RIBS
POTATO SALAD
BAKED BEANS
SLICE OF WHITE
BREAD
COOKIE
WATER

Buy your tickets today!

At the Classy Closet, 415 Main Street, Savanna, IL

From Pastor Gary Panetta, (815)590-1792

Walk-up orders will be available

Drive-Up Lunch Fundraiser

All proceeds will go to Carroll County Transit

Wednesday, Sept. 18

11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Location:

Carroll County
Senior Center

17612 E.

Benton Street
Mount Carroll



Cost: Donation

For large orders please call with
the number of lunches needed
by Monday, Sept. 9.

815-244-0011

Menu includes:

Grilled Pork Chop Sandwich,
Chips, dessert and
Bottled Water




United
Women
in Faith

SAVE THE DATE!
2024 Annual Celebration



Date: **Saturday, October 26, 2024**

Location: **First United Methodist Church**
1903 E. Euclid Ave
Arlington Heights, IL. 60004

Time: Registration opens 8:30

Annual Celebration and Business Meeting: 9:00 - 12:00

Theme: **"Bind Us Together in Love"**

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14

Lunch: 12:00

Leadership Training: After lunch

Registration details to follow

Begin gathering your car pool members and plan to join in the celebration!



2024 Community Flu Clinics

Community clinics are for adults age 19 and older.

Lanark Heritage Center

Wednesday, September 25th — 2:00pm-3:30pm

Milledgeville Village Hall

Thursday, September 26th — 9:30am-10:30am

Savanna First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, October 2nd — 10:15am-11:30am

Thomson York Township Public Library

Thursday, October 3rd — 1:30pm-3:00pm

Chadwick Public Library

Tuesday, October 8th — 1:30pm-2:30pm

Mt. Carroll - Carroll County Health Department

Wednesday, October 9th — 4:00pm-6:00pm

CHILDREN'S FLU VACCINES—IN OFFICE BY APPOINTMENT

Ages 6 months to 18 years. Children's flu vaccines will not be available at community clinics

For appointment please call: Carroll County Health Department (815) 244-8855

The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a flu shot.



822 S Mill St
Mount Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-8855
www.ccpd.org

Some insurance companies can be billed. Call your insurance prior to the clinic to find out if they will cover the flu vaccine given by the Carroll County Health Department. There is no charge to those with Medicare Part B. Please bring all insurance and supplemental insurance cards with you. If the insurance provided denies the claim, you will be responsible for payment.



Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting
will be on Thursdays at 7 pm
Zoom link will be emailed each week.

Worship will change
to 10:15 am
on September 8th!!!

United Women of Faith will meet Tuesday,
Sept 3rd at 6:30 pm at the church.
All women are invited!

United Methodist Men will meet
September 17th @ 5 pm

Kids Kards will meet Sept 22nd after worship.

Finance/Growth will meet Tuesday, Sept 10th
@ 5 pm in the library at the church.

Come meet with Pastor Fernando!
He would like to meet with each of you!
Call the office to set up a time or see if he is free.



First Day of Sunday School
Bring a grandparent
Sunday, September 8
9:00 a.m.
Church at 10:15 a.m.

Telstar items will be due on
the 15th of each month !!!

Church Conference will be
Saturday, September 21st @ 3:30 to 5:30 pm.
(SPRC will meet at 3 pm)



Thanks to Linda Stubbe for
volunteering August 6th and 8th
at the Savanna Food Pantry.

Many thanks go to Karen Wallace
for cleaning the sculpture
in the sanctuary!



Our School Supply giveaway was a huge success. We served 84 children, 42 families. We are very grateful for all your donations and special thanks to Great River Outreach (Kay Engaldo) and Thiesen's for all the shoes and flip flops they donated. All those children's smiles warm our hearts and show Jesus's love and God's goodness in our lives. Many thanks to all the volunteers who

Thank you Carroll County United Methodist Churches for your participation in the 2024 Planned Acts of Christian Kindness – Water Project at the Fair! We enjoyed a beautiful day – not too humid – but hot enough where people were grateful for a cold bottle of water! It was a little slow at the beginning of the afternoon but we wrapped up before five as planned, allowing Pastor Rich to participate in the tractor parade! Once again we had 100% participation from all of our Carroll County UMCs! Based on the number of labels remaining, we distributed 504 bottles of water. Maybe more as I imagine there were some bottles that didn't catch a label. It was a blessing to see all of us working together and welcoming not only our new pastors but new helpers in 2024. And of course we appreciate our faithful dedicated servants who return every August! Please share this info with others from your respective churches. Looking forward to exploring more ways that we can serve together in helping others know Christ. Peace....

Nancy Sweitzer, Lay Leader, Milledgeville UMC 815.622.8132



September 2024

1—Kim Bundy
 1—Caleb Thornton
 1—*Tom & LeaAnn Michels (1979)*
 2—Ramona Green
 2—Nick Law
 3—Jean Treter
 5—Kenny Clemens
 7—Julie Brigham
 11—Madison Haynes
 12—Lori Law
 14—Sherri Miller
 16—Boyd Law
 21—Dorothy Taylor
 24—*Rod & Christy Clemens (2005)*
 24—Janis Wilt
 26—*Tim & Kay Cavanagh (1986)*
 26—Jessica Turner
 28—*Bob & Sandy Froehlich (1985)*



Acolytes

Sept 1 -
 Sept 8 -Ryker McCombie
 Sept 15 - Asia LaShelle
 Sept 22 - Blain Johnson
 Sept 29 -

Liturgists

Sept 1 - Burt Prins
 Sept 8 - Susan Michelle Jepsen
 Sept 15 - Jason Moore
 Sept 22 - Joe Michels
 Sept 29 - LeaAnn Michels

Ushers & Greeters

Sept 1 - Worship cmte
 Sept 8 - Worship cmte
 Sept 15 - Worship cmte
 Sept 22 - Worship cmte
 Sept 29 - Worship cmte

Counters & Verifiers

Sept 1 - Molly Andersen & Linda Stubbe
 Sept 8 - Rhonda Law & Tom Michels
 Sept 15 - Lori Miller & Karen Hoffman
 Sept 22 - Vivian Eaton & Sharon F Guilinger
 Sept 29 - Lori Miller & LaVona Grissinger

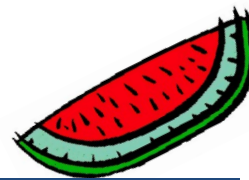
**If you are unable to do your scheduled day,
please find someone to take your place!**

Lots of pictures inside! Even more on our
 Facebook page. Be sure to friend us!
www.facebook.com/savanna.firstumc





September 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 am Worship	2 Labor Day 1 pm Sewing Ladies	3 6:30 pm United Women of Faith	4 Choir Practice	5 9 am Bible Study 7 pm Prayer Zoom	6 Conference Paperwork due @ 9 am	7
8 Communion Bring Grandparents to Church Day 9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee hr 12-3 pm IMPACT Youth Group	9 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	10 5 pm Finance/ Growth mtg 6:45 pm UWF to Timberlake	11	12 9 am Bible Study 9 am Soul Sisters-Galena 7 pm Prayer Zoom	13	14
15 Telstar Info due 9 am Trustees 9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Ad Council	16 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	17 UM Men @ 5 pm	18 4:30-6:30 pm JOY Ministry Dinner	19 9 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Worship Mtg 7 pm Prayer Zoom	20	21 Church Conference 3:30-5:30 pm (SPRC mtg @ 3 pm)
22 First Day of Fall 9 am Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Kids Kards 	23 1 pm Sewing Ladies 5 pm JOY mtg	24 10 am Memorial Cmte mtg	25	26 9 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Senior Service 7 pm Prayer Zoom	27	28
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