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“Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:5-11)

God has power. It is shown through God's Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus was tempted by the devil to reveal his ability on earth. But, Jesus chose to be humble himself before God and before people. Jesus had power and ability from heaven, but he didn't use it for himself at all, but chose to follow the will of God and die on the cross to save all of us.

The power can become real and authentic when we use it for others, not just for ourselves or just for our self-interests. In fact, the power makes us humble ourselves before God and before others, and then God highly honors us and lifts us up before others. That's the real and authentic power. Therefore, let us try to adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus this month!

Our worship and health team has been working hard to make everybody feels safe and comfortable in the moment of worshipping God together. That's why we have been offering pre-recorded service and drive-in worship service every Sunday since last July.

Please, invite our neighbors, friends, and family members to our services, who need the spiritual strength and peace from our loving and caring God, especially in this uncertain time. Also, please continue to make financial contributions to our church. Sadly, many churches have been struggling financially in this pandemic situation. But, we can't stop serving God and serving others in need. God will continue to bless us as we share our blessings with each other. Worship team will be starting preparing for in-person worship with live streaming. For that, we need a good speedy internet, recording tools, live streaming platform, etc. Please, pray for that and also make sure that FUMC of Savanna wants everyone feels connected, engaged, and encouraged, even in this unprecedented challenge.

Our Church Conference is scheduled on 10/29 (Thursday, at 6:30pm through Zoom). I would like to invite all of you to join our Zoom Church Conference. It is time to celebrate the past year and get ready for 2021. Let us gather together to give thanks and praise God who has taken good care of us in 2020. Then, let us prepare for the following years together by putting our hearts, minds, and spirits together. We are truly blessed because we are walking our faith journey together with each other. Praise be to God!

Stay healthy and safe!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave





COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020 10AM

Pastor David Yim opened the meeting with prayer with 10 members present.

Susan Michelle Jepsen moved, seconded by Pam Darrow, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and the motion passed. Vivian Eaton presented the financial statement for July. A motion by Kris Yingling, seconded by Tom Michels, to approve the statement passed.

TRUSTEES: Even though the committee is not meeting they have been busy. The air circulating pump on the boiler needs to be checked by TMI this fall. Two rooms have been cleaned out and the West Carroll School food pantry has moved into one. Weight Watchers has been moved to the other room and the sewing room has moved to the former Tween Sunday School classroom. Mark Cook put in 5 new outlets for the sewing machines. VBS supplies have been moved downstairs. Shelving will be purchased for storage bins downstairs. The memorial desk has been moved to the library and one bookcase has been removed from the library. Bob Davidson moved, seconded by Pam, to sell the extra furniture and tables that we no longer use, and the motion passed. LaVona Grisinger moved, seconded by Pam, to get our trailer back from the former boy scout troop leader and the motion passed. LaVona will call him and then we can decide what to do with it.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: LaVona reported Stephanie Shaw will be bringing her son, Dalton, to work with her on days when he is not in school. A new job description has been made for her.

EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP: We are hoping to have a Sunday School kickoff on September 13, 2020, along with Blessing of the Backpacks during worship. Hannah Guilinger is this year's scholarship recipient.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: The committee met Thursday and discussed many things, including the Christmas Kids annual party, Trunk or Treat, and Bridges opening soon.

UMW: Mary Irons reported on their last meeting, where they had a speaker from Riverview Center. The next meeting is September 1 and they will discuss plans for the annual bazaar and luncheon. The sewing ladies are meeting every Monday at 1pm.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed his report to everyone. Many thanks go to the Law family, Ron Miller and crew, and neighbors and friends who helped clean up after the derecho storm on Monday, August 10th. A large tree came down on the church lawn and many smaller branches were broken around the yard. Vivian and Mary have spent many hours updating our membership files and mailed about 75 letters to inactive members. Mike Jones will be affiliated with our church in order to fulfill his duties to the district. Molly Andersen will be the coordinator of the West Carroll School food pantry. Pastor Dave's mentor is Rev. Marilyn Nolan from Lanark UMC. He will start his residency program next month via Zoom. We will have a work day on Wednesday at 9am and a Worship/Health committee meeting Thursday at 3:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

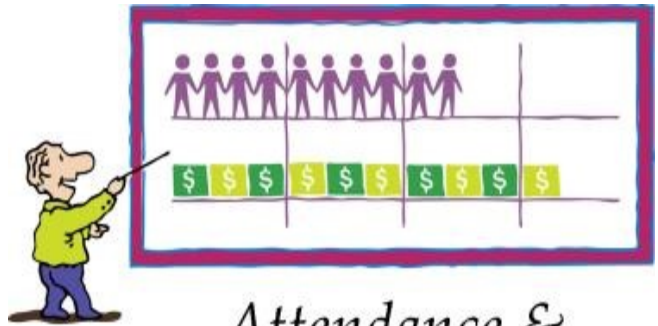
ADDENDUM:

Our mask-wearing policy was questioned. After much discussion it was decided that individuals or families would not need to wear masks outside as long as they maintain the 6 foot social-distancing guideline.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen

Date	Income
August 23	\$ 1,535.00
August 30	\$ 2,881.00
September 6	\$ 1,107.29
September 13	\$ 2,700.00
September 20	\$ 3,025.00
Total Income	\$11,248.29



Attendance & Financials



Week	Sun.	SS
Aug 23	61	X
Aug. 30	70	X
Sept. 6	32	X
Sept. 13	69	X
Sept. 20	74	X
Avg.	61	X

IN OUR PRAYERS

Suzie Berg, Judy Dunn, Cindy, Emilee Derrer, Sherri Miller,
 Harper Christian, Burt Dauphin, Beth Wickes, Betty Speck,
 Suzanne Atherton, Susan Meyer, Paul Mayer,
 Charlie White, Big Meadows nursing home.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Frank Grove,
 Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

Military Personnel and their families



On Sunday, Sept 27 we celebrated UMW Sunday. Linda Stubbe was awarded a special recognition pin and certificate for her service to missions. She has been busy sewing projects for layette kits (baby blankets, sleepers, diapers) that are shipped all over the world; children's clothing for a hospital in Haiti; items for personal hygiene kits (sanitary pads, cloth bags, zippered bags. This kit goes to Africa so that young girls can stay in school and not miss a week per month just because they are female; and prayer shawls shared within our community. Thanks Linda for your service!

October 6 we will meet at the church at 6:30 pm. Molly Andersen will present a short program highlighting Savanna Food Pantry and West Carroll Food Pantry.

We invite ALL women of the church to join us as we close out 2020 with our Thank Offering service, led by Deeann Kramer in November and make plans for our Christmas get-together.

Thank you to any and all who contributed to our “bake less” bake sale. All donations were appreciated and will go toward our pledge to missions of \$1,800.

Any questions may be directed to Mary Irons, 815-541-8487.



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- 1 Emily Mills
- 2 Allen Hoffman
- 4 Haley Jones
- 7 Jeremy Fosdick
- 8 Emily Heindel, Jared Green
- 9 Jason Wallace
- 10 Brian Corbett, Sarah Belander
- 12 Brian Wallace, Emily Schoenhaar
- 15 David Fosdick, Mark Cook
- 16 Chrissy Ihle, David Raymond
- 19 Joyce Corbett, Kris Yingling
- 20 TC Michels
- 22 Sarah Hanson
- 25 Jamie Mills, Olivia Nolte
- 26 Carissa Bundy
- 27 Adam Whitmer, Natalie Shaw
- 28 Autumn Morfey, Josh Hanson
- 29 John Jachino, Maddie McDonnell
- 30 Kyle Moore

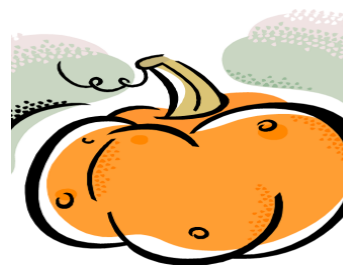
Thank You

The amazing Molly Andersen
deserves an award for her
continued care of our
flowers and
outdoor decorations.

She has done a great job all
summer long caring for our
aesthetics.

We thank you so very much Molly!





Our annual TRUNK OR TREAT is ON!! The city of Savanna has stated they will be allowing trick or treating on Saturday, October 31st from 5 to 7pm. They are asking individuals passing out candy to only share pre-packaged store bought items, nothing homemade! They also ask everyone coming within 6 feet of trick or treaters to wear your mask. Please use your best social distancing! We are excited we are able to host our annual event! Get your trunk all decorated up. Put on your best mask and costume and help us bring some "normalcy" to the kids of our community.



OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9am-Body & Soul Yoga 9am-Bible Study 2pm-Nominations Mtg	2	3
4 9am-Outdoor worship 10am-Sunday School	5 9am-Body & Soul Yoga 12-5 WC Food Pan- try 1pm-Sewing Ladies	6 6:30pm-UMW Evening Star Circle Mtg	7 4pm-Finance Mtg	8 9am-Body & Soul Yoga 9am-Bible Study 1:30pm-Inter church council mtg	9	10
11 9am-Outdoor worship 10am-Sunday School	12 9am-Body & Soul Yoga 1pm-Sewing Ladies 6:30pm-Savanna Service Club Mtg	13	14 10-11:30am-- Carroll County Health Dept Flu Shot Clinic in Fellowship Hall	15 9am-Body & Soul Yoga 9am-Bible Study 3pm-Worship & Health Com. Mtg	16	17
18 8am-Trustees Meeting 9am-Outdoor worship 10am-Sunday School 10am-Ad Council Mtg	19 9am-Body & Soul Yoga 12-5 WC Food Pan- try 1pm-Sewing Ladies	20	21	22 9am-Body & Soul Yoga 9am-Bible Study	23	24
25 9am- Outdoor worship 10am-Sunday School	26 9am-Body & Soul Yoga 1pm-Sewing Ladies	27	28 9:30am-- Rockford Cler- gy Mtg	29 9am-Body & Soul Yoga 9am-Bible Study 5:45pm-SPRC Mtg 6:30pm-ZOOM Church Conference	30	31



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