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Our country has a new leadership team last month. May God tell them what to do, make them humble before God and people, and help them seek faith in Jesus Christ on their new journey! May God bless the new administration team of our country and walk with them!

Also, may God bless the new leadership team of Savanna FUMC! February Telstar has the 2021 church leadership information. I would like to name each one of them; the newly elected church leaders in 2021. Susan Michelle Jepsen is our new vice-chair of administrative council. Brennon Cavanagh will serve administrative council as youth representative. Kathie and Burt Prins will also serve administrative council as members at large. Jason Moore takes over trustee chairperson on behalf of Bob Davidson who steps down because of his health. I would like to thank to Bob for his dedication and commitment to maintaining church building and property well with his knowledge and skills. Tom Michels is finance chairperson that has been vacant for many years. Mary Irons is worship chairperson after Vivian Easton. Thank you Vivian for your wonderful leadership on the worship committee! Linda Stubbe will serve the worship committee as a member. Esther and Tom Losh will serve the outreaching committee as members. Cheyenne Martelle will serve the education committee as a member from 2021. Karen Wallace will serve the evangelical committee as a member. I really look forward to working with the newly elected leaders and want them to put a new perspective on our church ministries and missions. I am very excited to serve God, God's church, and God's people with the 2021 church leadership team. Very excited and thankful!

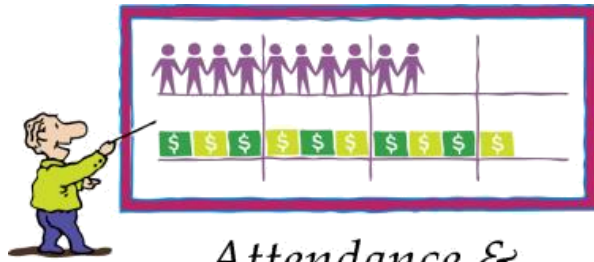
In the midst of church ministries, I think having good communication is very important. Church leaders have decided to open our financial status to all of you each month. It starts from this month with 2020 financial report. First of all, on behalf of the FUMC of Savanna and the leadership team, I would like to say thank you to all of you for your generous giving in 2020. Your help, support, and dedication made us not only survived in 2020, but also even grown-up and vigorous in the midst of pandemic. So, I really look forward to seeing more fruits and growth through our 2021 ministries and missions. We can do it together, and we will see it through our monthly report.

2021 Lenten Season starts this month. Because of the virus, Inter Church Council decided not to do anything during the 2021 Lenten Season. So, FUMC of Savanna invites all of you to Virtual Prayer Meeting on every Tuesday and Virtual Lenten Devotion Time on every Wednesday during Lenten Season. The first prayer meeting will be 2/23 (Tuesday) and the first Lenten Devotion Time will be Ash Wednesday, 2/17. The gathering time will be announced later. Please, keep an eye on it! All are invited!

"The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness will be quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." (Isaiah 32:17-18)

Please, stay strong and safe in God who is our peace, stronghold, refuge, and shield!

Pastor Dave



Attendance & Financials

Cash Available in General Account: \$(3,266.75)	
2020 Total Revenue	\$164,734.42 (Included PPP Loan \$16,417.50)
2020 Total Expenses	\$168,001.17 (Included Boiler Repair \$10,000.00)
Net Operating Balance	\$(3,266.75)
2020 Apportionments Paid	\$17,357.42
Please, contact Vivian Eaton at 815-541-5671	

<u>Week</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sun Sch</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>
Christmas Eve	NS	NS	Christmas Eve	No service
December 27, 2021	53	-	December 27, 2021	\$5,110.00
January 3, 2021	48	-	January 3, 2021	\$2,690.50
January 10, 2021	56	-	January 10, 2021	\$3,899.00
January 17, 2021	55	-	January 17, 2021	\$3,770.20
January 24, 2021	50	-	January 24, 2021	\$918.00
Average	52	-	Total income	\$16,387.70



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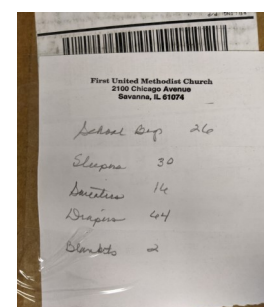
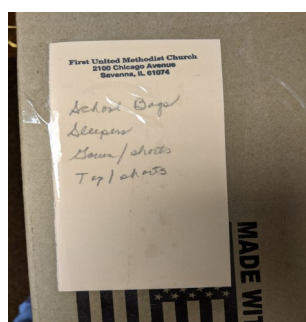
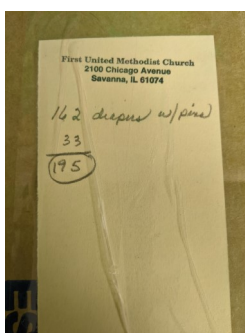
One of their first projects was setting up a prayer shawl ministry. This has been expanded to include lap blankets. The shawls and blankets are available in the church’s narthex for whoever needs one.

This past year they have sewn hygiene bags for women and children who have used the services of the local sexual/domestic violence center, Riverview Center. Riverview Center provided a program at one of the UMW meetings and the bags were presented at the end of the program. A church-wide donation drive filled the bags with shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other essentials. Some of the bags were also donated to the community food pantry. The Sewing Ladies repeated the effort with bags made from Christmas-themed material. This time the members of UMW took the bags home and filled them with personal hygiene products and these Christmas gifts were given to the West Carroll Scholl food pantry, which is located in the church building.

One of their big projects for 2020 was making pillowcases. Each pillowcase was unique. A beautiful pillowcase was given to each resident at Savanna’s nursing home and the church shut-ins as a Christmas present. The UMW members wrapped and delivered every one.

When COVID-19 hit, the Sewing Ladies turned their talents and their material to making facemasks. The masks were donated to church members and throughout the community. They made 3 different sizes, including small ones for children.

Most of the Sewing Ladies projects are destined for Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL. They have made hundreds of diapers, school bags, sleepers, sanitary pads, and short sets. Several UMW members have volunteered at MMDC to work as weekly missionaries.





Prayer Concerns

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Lois Grove, Don Kramer

Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Katie Wand, Patty Nevills, Pam Darrow, Jodi French, Libby, Tom & Karen Grissinger, James Long

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

Our Country and New Government,

West Carroll Schools, Nursing homes in Carroll County, Military Personnel and their families

2021 Lenten Program

1. Virtual Prayer Meeting

When? Tuesday Evening
2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30

Time? 6:30pm

2. Virtual Lenten Devotion Time

Theme: Forgiveness

When? Wednesday Evening
2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31

Time 6:30pm

*Zoom Link will be sent to you each week.
Please, check your email.
All are invited!

FUMC of Savanna

New membership class
and infant baptism class
will be offered March,
2021.

Please, Contact Pastor
Dave!

Kids Kards

The children are busy making
Valentines. Check your mailbox for
yours!



FOOD PANTRY

The food pantries need cereal and juice. Drop off your donations in the big box in the narthex. Thank you!

BLESSING BASKET

This is up and running at the West Carroll School Food Pantry and is being well used. We need batteries, laundry detergent, and paper towels.

Thank you to everyone for supporting this new mission.

God is Good!



Thanks to everyone for remembering me on my 90th birthday. I celebrated in Michigan with 2 daughters and family.

Jackie Walker



Month	Day	First name	Last
February	1	Tommy	Losh
February	3	Joe	Belander
February	3	Alicia	Mararie
February	4	Rocky	Mangler
February	4	Elliott	Mills
February	8	Mary	Schoenecker
February	9	Dana	Haynes
February	9	Jerry	Ingersoll
February	9	LeAnn	Michels
February	9	Becky	Roberts
February	10	Lucy	Eissens
February	13	Bruce & Rhonda	Badtke '88
February	13	Judy	Davidson
February	14	Joe	Flies
February	15	John	Hamm
February	15	Aiden	Michels
February	16	Shauna	Roberts
February	19	Enoch	Green
February	23	Christy	Clemons
February	23	Carol	Leitzen
February	23	Patti	Thulen
February	24	Jeff	Andersen
February	25	Josh	Hartman
February	26	Janis	Jones
February	28	Diane	Brinkmeier
February	28	Denise	Curtis

2021 Leadership Team

*Please, Pray for our church leaders!

Administrative Council	Chairperson	John LeComte	
	Vice-Chair	*Susan Michelle Jepsen	
	Secretary	Molly Anderson	
	Youth Rep.	*Brennon Cavanagh	
	Members at large	*Kathie and Burt Prins	
Trustee	Chairperson: *Jason Moore (2021)		
	2021	2022	2023
	Ron Miller	Carlo Stubbe, Kevin Law	Bruce B., Bob G.,
Staff Parish Relations	Chairperson: LaVona Grissinger (2021)		
	2021	2022	2023
	Tom Michels	Judy Davidson	*Jason Moore
Finance	Chairperson: *Tom Michels (2021)		
	Treasurer	Vivian Easton (2021)	
	Secretary	Lori Miller	
	2021	2022	2023
	·	Bill Wright	·
Worship	Chairperson: *Mary Irons (2023)		
	2021	2022	2023
	Bonnie Davies	Kay Cavanagh	*Linda Stubbe
	Vivian Eaton	Bob Grissinger	
Outreach / Mission	Chairperson: Jason Moore (2021)		
	2021	2022	2023
	Burt Prins	Jean Jones, Rhonda Law	*Esther and Tom Losh
		Lori Miller, Rodney Clemens	
Education	Chairperson: Kris Yingling (2021)		
	2021	2022	2023
	Karen Hoffman, Rhonda Badtke, Ramona Green	Susan Michelle Jepsen	*Cheyenne Martelle
Evangelism	Chairperson: Mary Irons (2022)		
	2021	2022	2023
	Jackie Walker	LaVona Grissinger	*Karen Wallace
Memorial / Historical	2021	2022	2023
		Jean Jones, Ann Larsen	LaVona Grissinger
UMW	President: Mary Irons, Vice-President: Deeann Kramer		
Inter-Church Council Rep.	Pam Darrow		
Scholarship Committee	Kris Yingling, Rhonda Badtke (2021)		
Nomination Committee	Pastor Dave, Molly Anderson (2022), *Mary Iones (2023)		
Financial Counters	Charlene and Paula Mayer, Molly Anderson, Rhonda Law, Lori Miller		
Financial Verifiers	Pam, Mary, LaVona, The Guilinger, Denise & Diane, The Michels		
Thrift Shop Liaison	Kathie P., *Linda Stubbe	Food Pantry Liaison	Molly A., Bonnie D.
Annual Conference Rep. / Lay Leader		John LeComte	

First United Methodist Church

Savanna, Illinois

February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 3:30-5:00 pm	2	3	4 9 am Bible Study	5	6
7 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	8	9	10	11 9 am Bible Study	12	13 9 am—12 pm Laity Convocation
14 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Mardi Gras	15 3:30-5:00 pm WC Food Pantry Telstar deadline	16 4 pm Finance Meeting (zoom)	17 Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm	18 9 am Bible Study 3:00 Worship/ Health Committee	19	20
21 Trustees 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	22	23 6:30 pm Virtual Prayer Meeting	24 9:30 am Rockford Clergy Meeting 6:30 pm Virtual Lenten	25 9 am Bible Study	26	27
28 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship						

LAITY CONVOCATION 2021

The Other Side

Making our churches vital in a post-pandemic world

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
9 AM TO 12 NOON

Via Zoom video conferencing
Cost: \$10
Register by February 11 at 12 noon





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