



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



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A New Year has dawned. The year of 2021 was another tough year. Now we are looking forward to a whole new year of hope and joy. As we celebrate the New Year, we continue to ask God for God's guidance and protection throughout the year of 2022. Let's hope our 2022 will bring more rays of sunshine and healing to our life, to our church, and to our community by the grace of God! *"Give thanks and praise to God, for God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever!"* (1 Chronicles 16:34)

"Love Others!" Our vision for 2022 is "Love Others!" FUMC and each member have been trying to serve the local community and needy people in Jesus Christ. We have tried to reach out to our local community in many ways, such as Blessing Basket, Sewing Ladies, Soul Sisters, Weekly Bible Study, Vaccination Clinics, Flu shot clinic, Blood drive, VBS, School Supply, Adult & Kids Sunday School, Youth group, CPR Training, Kids Kards Ministry, Trunk or Treat, October Fest, Christmas concert, Food Pantry, etc. God has blessed us so tremendously that we can serve others and share what God has given to us with them. We will continue to work together to serve our local community and people in need in the New Year under the grace and blessing of God.

First, in 2022, Lenten Bible study, book discussion, Advent Bible Study are scheduled for everyone. We will learn together about how we can become more inclusive and diverse in our ministry and mission. The learning opportunities will be helping us and challenging us to grow in faith. More details will be coming in a timely manner.

Second, United Methodist Men will be resumed in 2022. What I am really looking forward to that group is to reach out to our local community with more direct actions. For example, we can visit veterans, low-income families, and seniors together and ask them what their direct needs is and get it done. We can also invite our youth group members to join UMM for the local mission projects together. There are many mission fields near by us. *"All the believers were together and had everything in common."* (Acts 2:44) Like the early Christians got together and had everything in common to serve God and others in need, we can also work together for the kingdom of God in Savanna area.

Third, I would like to introduce to you our newly elected church leaders. Susan Michelle Jepsen is our new administrative council chairperson and Bill Wright is vice chairperson. Noah Johnson will be serving our administrative council as the youth representative. Joe Guilinger is a new member of trustee committee. Paula Mayer is our new treasurer. Cori Moore is a new member of finance committee. Esther Losh is a new member of worship committee. Stephanie Shaw, Linda Jachino, and Molly Andersen are new members of memorial and historical committee. John LeComte will be serving United Methodist Men as a leader. Let us welcome our new leaders with gratitude and joy. I am very excited and thrilled to work with our 2022 leadership team. Thank you all for stepping up willingly to serve God and others!

Lastly, our financial goal of 2022 is to make profits. For the last two years, we got two PPP loans from our government. It's been used to pay for our staff payment and church utilities. It's been a big help for our church. For the upcoming years, however, we must survive without the loans. I strongly believe that we can make more profits for the coming years, so that we can do more amazing works and missions together for God's kingdom in Savanna. Let us continue to serve God and others with what God has given to us. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to God, and God will make your paths straight."* (Proverbs 3:5-6) When we serve God and God's people with all our hearts, minds, and souls, God will take care of us and send us more people and missions. Let us keep moving forward together in 2022, supporting and caring for each other!

Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave

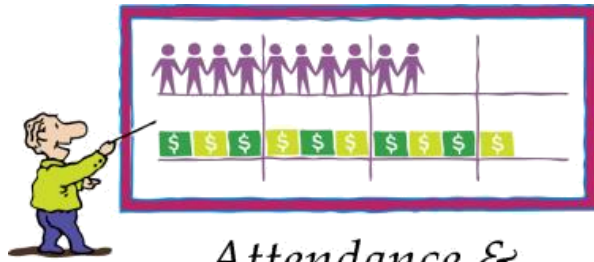
Honor Flight

November 4, 2021



Bob Grissinger with Pam Darrow
as his Guardian flew to
Washington DC on Honor Flight
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Attendance & Financials

Financial Report December 2021

Cash Available in General Account: \$22,643.96		
	December	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$17,475.65	\$176,470.95
Church Expenses	\$18,168.26	\$178,134.46
Net Operating Balance	\$(692.61)	\$(1,663.51)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$1,303.00	\$15,636.00
Thank you very much for your faithfulness and generous giving in 2021!		
Please, contact Vivian Eaton at 815-541-5671		

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Worship inside</u>	<u>Worship outside</u>	<u>total attend per week</u>	
12/19/21	\$4,006.00	41	6	47	
12/24/21	\$2,492.00	64	11	75	
12/26/21	\$3,616.83	19	11	30	
no service					
1/2/22	\$0.00	0	0	0	
1/9/22	\$3,286.00	34	4	38	
 Total in- come	 \$13,400.83	 29	 7	 38	 Avg per week

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Prayer Concerns

Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dawn Barber, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Matthew Foltz, Judy Law, Bang-Wool Lim, Grace Struve, Merry Florence, Pat (Brother of Pam Darrow), Katie Wand, Reuben Jarvis, Greg Eversoll, Dallas Kosier, Paul Mayer, Bob Davidson, Bill Robinson, Debbie King, Chris Falk, Ron Smith, John Hamm, Salvador Sanchey, Collen Olsen, Cori Moore, Courtney Johnson, Brook Bradbury, Barb Carstens. Ann Larson, Tim Cavanagh.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenney.



To the FUMC Scholarship Committee:

Thank you so much for awarding me with this scholarship! This will greatly help me fund my education! I am so grateful to have the support of my church as I further my education!

Thank you,

Brennon Cavanagh



2022 Interfaith Lenten Services in Savanna Area

'Prepare our hearts to meet the Risen Christ!'

Churches:

**Community United Church of Christ, First Presbyterian Church,
First United Methodist Church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**

Join us for service and fellowship, please! All are welcome!

Date	Time	Location
3/2 Ash Wednesday	7pm – Service Only Imposition of Ashes	First United Methodist Church 2100 Chicago Ave
3/9 Wednesday	6pm – Soup & Bread 7pm – Service Preacher: Pastor Gary Panetta	First United Methodist Church 2100 Chicago Ave
3/16 Wednesday	6pm – Soup & Bread 7pm – Service Preacher: Pastor Bonnie Davies	Community United Church of Christ 346 Chicago Ave
3/23 Wednesday	6pm – Soup & Bread 7pm – Service Preacher: Pastor Narda Alvelo	First Presbyterian Church 502 3 rd St,
3/30 Wednesday	6pm – Soup & Bread 7pm – Service Preacher: Pastor Dave Yim	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 318 Chicago Ave
4/6 Wednesday	6pm – Soup & Bread 7pm – Service Preacher: Father Thomas Doyle	First United Methodist Church 2100 Chicago Ave
4/15 Good Friday	Noon – Service Only Passion Story	First United Methodist Church 2100 Chicago Ave

*Lenten offering will support Inner Church Council Ministry and Community VBS.

*Host: Savanna Inner Church Council



2022 Lenten Bible Study

Faithful and Inclusive Bible Study

“The Bible, Sexuality, and the United Methodist Church”

Session 1 How United Methodists Interpret Scripture – The difference between “prescriptive” and “descriptive”

Session 2 Old Testament Scriptures – The ancient understanding of sexuality

Session 3 The Influence of Culture on How We Read the Bible – Cultural Influence on scriptural interpretation

Session 4 New Testament Scriptures – An examination of the Apostle Paul’s background and culture

Session 5 The Jesus Ethic: What Did Christ Say? – Understanding the Bible through the lens of Jesus’ life and teachings

Session 6 Where Does the United Methodist Church Go from Here? – a thoughtful framework to help persons identify what direction they want for UMC

Each session will take an hour

Every Thursday evening at the fellowship hall at 6:30pm (The first meeting is March 10th)

1. Faithful and Inclusive Bible Study was developed to create a safe space for participants to have constructive conversation.
2. The goal of the study is to encourage learning, listening, dialogue, inclusive, and understanding of each other and the Bible – not create greater divides.
3. How can you resolve your love for LGBTQ family members and friends with what the Bible says?

All are invited to 2022 Lenten Bible Study (from highschoolers to adults)

Kids Kards

The children are busy making
Valentines. Check your mail-
box for yours!



Food Pantry – This month items needed are peanut butter, jelly, fruit juice, graham crackers and cereal. We can't keep Peanut Butter and Jelly on the shelves! Any that is donated is gone immediately! Please consider buying some to donate the next time you are at the grocery store.

Blessing basket – This month we need laundry detergent and Paper Towels. Any personal healthcare items are greatly appreciated. Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in The Narthex.

Choir Director

We are looking for someone to direct our adult and children's choir. Each choir would be singing once a month during church service.

Every 2nd Sunday – Adult

Every 4th Sunday – Children's choir.



February

Day	First name	Last			
1	Tommy	Losh			
3	Joe	Belander			
3	Alicia	Mararie			
4	Rocky	Mangler			
4	Elliott	Mills			
8	Mary	Schoenecker			
9	Dana	Haynes			
9	Jerry	Ingersoll	13	<i>Bruce & Rhonda</i>	<i>Badtke '88</i>
9	LeAnn	Michels	28	<i>Burt & Kathie</i>	<i>Prins '76</i>
9	Becky	Roberts			
10	Lucy	Eissens			
13	Judy	Davidson			
14	Joe	Flies			
15	John	Hamm			
15	Aiden	Michels			
16	Shauna	Roberts			
19	Enoch	Green			
23	Christy	Clemons			
23	Carol	Leitzen			
23	Patti	Thulen			
24	Jeff	Andersen			
25	Josh	Hartman			
26	Janis	Jones			
28	Diane	Brinkmeier			
28	Denise	Curtis			

Administrative Council	Chairperson	*Susan Michelle Jepsen	
	Vice-Chair	*Bill Wright	
	Secretary	Molly Andersen	
	Youth Rep.	*Noah Johnson	
	Members at large	Kathie and Burt Prins	
Trustee	Chairperson: Jason Moore (2022)		
	2022	2023	2024
	Carlo S., Kevin Law	Bob G., Kay C., Bruce B.	Ron M., Bob D. *Joe G.
Staff Parish Relations	Chairperson: LaVona Grissinger (2024)		
	2022	2023	2024
	Judy Davidson	Jason Moore	Tom Michels
Finance	Chairperson: Tom Michels (2022)		
	Treasurer	*Paula Mayer	
	Secretary	Lori Miller	
	2022	2023	2024
	Bill Wright, Vivian Eaton		*Cori Moore
Worship	Chairperson: Mary Irons (2023)		
	2022	2023	2024
	Kay Cavanagh	Linda Stubbe	Vivian Eaton
	Bob Grissinger		*Esther Losh
Outreach / Mission	Chairperson: Jason Moore (2024)		
	2022	2023	2024
	Jean Jones, Rhonda L. Lori M., Rodney Clemens	Esther and Tom Losh Dee- ann Kramer	Burt Prins
Education	Chairperson: Kris Yingling (2024)		
	2022	2023	2024
	Susan Michelle Jepsen	Cheyanne Hoffman Sharon Guilinger	Rhonda B.
Evangelism	Chairperson: Mary Irons (2022)		
	2022	2023	2024
	LaVona Grissinger	Karen Wallace	Jackie Walker
Memorial / Historical	2022	2023	2024
	Jean Jones, Ann Larsen	LaVona Grissinger	*Stephanie Shaw., *Linda J. *Molly A.
UMW	President: Mary Irons, Vice-President: Deeann Kramer		
UMM	*John LeComte		
Inter-Church Council Rep.	Pam Darrow	Blood Drive Contact	*LaVona Grissinger
Scholarship Committee	Kris Yingling, Rhonda Badtke		
Nomination Com-	Pastor Dave, Molly Anderson, Mary Irons		
Financial Counters	Molly Andersen, Rhonda Law, Lori Miller, *Vivian Eaton		
Financial Verifiers	Pam D., Mary I., LaVona G., Sharon G., Dianne B., Tom&LeeAnn, *Linda J., *Jackie W		
Thrift Shop Liaison	Kathie P., Linda Stubbe	Food Pantry Liaison	Molly A., Bonnie D.
Annual Conference Rep. / Lay Leader		John LeComte	
Youth Leader		*April & Quinn Ruddell	

(* is newly elected leader)

First United Methodist Church

Savanna, Illinois

February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 3 pm Inner Church Council	4	5
6 9:15 am Adult SS 10:15 am Worship 10:15 am Child SS	7 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	8	9 10 am Choir Practice	10	11	12
13 9:15 am Adult SS 10:15 am Worship 10:15 am Child SS	14 1 pm Sewing Ladies	15 4 pm Finance Meeting	16 4:30 pm Confirmation Class	17 3 pm Worship & Health	18	19
20 9 am Trustees 9:15 am Adult SS 10:15 am Worship 10:15 am Child SS Ad Council	21 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	22	23 1:30—3:30 Senior Service	24	25	26
27 Mardi Gras 9:15 am Adult SS 10:15 am Worship 10:15 am Child SS Kids Kards	28 1 pm Sewing Ladies					