



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



Vision 2022 – “Love Others!”

Outward Focused Ministry during/after Pandemic
(to build up a strong and safe local community)

Strong in Mission, Strong Justice, Strong in Diversity

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.”

(Acts 2:44)

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Lent is coming. It begins on Ash Wednesday. This year, March 2nd is Ash Wednesday. The churches in Savanna will be gathered at our church and having joint Ash Wednesday service together. Pastors will be leading the service together. Please, come join us. It's scheduled at 7pm at our church on March 2nd. We need volunteers for the service, ushers and greeters. Let us serve Ash Wednesday service and the local community, especially our Christian friends together!

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, and spiritual discipline. Lent is a time to turn away from our sins, mourn oppression and brokenness in our world, and anticipate a day when the broken world will be healed. During this holy season, Christians focus on two things: our sinfulness before God and our human morality. The community Lenten services scheduled every Wednesday during the 2022 Lenten Season will help us realize that we are sinners and mortal and that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, please join 2022 interfaith Lenten services scheduled every Wednesday. And please join our Lenten Bible study, faithful and inclusive Bible study. The first session of the Lenten Bible study is on March 10th (Thursday) at 6:30pm at the church. They will help us grow in faith and truth. Please, join us!

Preparing ourselves for the Risen Christ, many Christians do fast, pray in solitude, meditate on the Bible, refrain from social media, and give up certain food and practices during the Lenten journey. The Book of Zechariah says about joyful fasting. In Zechariah 8:19 it says, "*The Lord of heavenly forces proclaims: The fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months will become times of joy and gladness, pleasant feasts for the house of Judah. Love truth and peace!*" So, my prayer is that our times of fasting from food, technology, and certain practices in this Lenten Season will become times of joy and lead us into deeper love, truth, and peace in Christ. Let us save \$1 out of our fasting during this Lenten Season and send the money to rice meal packing which is scheduled for April 30th at our church. We will all experience joy and gladness together in the self-giving love for all.

In the middle of Lenten Season, United Methodist Men will be beginning its monthly gathering on March 14th. The meeting starts at 5pm with grilled food and fellowship. In that meeting, we will be talking about mission works that we can do for our local community. I am very excited and looking forward to coming up with some ideas of mission works for the local community with our men on March 14th. All are welcome!

I will be taking my ordination interview on March 8th in the morning for full membership as an Elder. My wife will be flying back to S. Korea on March 9th and returning on April 15th. She will be gone for the season of Lent. Please, pray for her safe trip to S. Korea and her hospital visits and medical checkups. Also please pray for my boys while she is away and me and my interview. Thank you very much for your support and prayers always!

May the Spirit of God be with us during the 40 days' spiritual journey and guide us, so that we can focus on God and our faith. Let us walk on our spiritual journey together during 2022 Lenten Season in the guidance of our Lord God, looking forward to the Risen Christ. Blessings,

In Christ,

Pastor Dave



FUMC SAVANNA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022 FELLOWSHIP HALL 11:15AM

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen with members Paula Mayer, Pam Darrow, Kathie and Burt Prins, Tom Michels, Bill Wright, Molly Andersen, Kris Yingling, and Pastor Dave Yim present. Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Kathie moved, seconded by Pam, to accept the minutes as presented and the motion passed. Paula handed out the financial report. Bill moved, seconded by Kris, to accept the report and the motion passed.

FINANCIAL: Tom presented a resolution for Paula to become our new treasurer, with him and Susan Michelle signing the resolution. Bill moved we accept the resolution and it passed. We are thankful for Paula being our new treasurer and welcomed her to the Ad Council. She did have a question about how to designate our monthly communion offerings. Pastor suggested our February offering going to a pastor couple he knows that has medical bills and we agreed. Tom mentioned our members' giving was up from last year and hoped that trend will continue. Unfortunately the members' giving records for 2021 were lost when the office computer crashed last month. New software will be decided on with Paula's help.

TRUSTEES: Will Johnson will be asked to install new water fountains in the church building. The youth group met downstairs but would like a divider of some kind since some of the room is used for storage. The boy scout belongings need to be removed. It was suggested we have reflectors at the end of the driveway to make it easier to see. A new bulb was purchased for the projector but it has been working better since a light bulb in the sanctuary was replaced. The office computer is working now and Jason Moore fixed the electric piano legs.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: Jeff Law is our new groundskeeper and went to work this morning clearing snow.

WORSHIP: We have our hymnals back in the sanctuary! We will no longer be taking temperatures of people entering the building but will be using hand sanitizer and continue to social distance and wear masks. Mardi Gras will be celebrated February 27th.

EDUCATION: Sunday School is now meeting every Sunday during worship. We have an attendance of 6-8 children every week

SCHOLARSHIP: Kris read a thank-you note from Brennon Cavanagh.

EVANGELISM: Pastor reported Dorothy Taylor has moved to Colorado. Susan Michelle sent post-cards to Bill Weidman while she was on vacation. It was added to last month's minutes that Christmas cards were sent to our shut-ins.

LAY LEADERSHIP: Joe Guilinger is now serving on the Trustees committee, Cori Moore is serving on the finance committee, and John LeComte will be the leader of the resurrected UMM.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: They will resume meeting in February and will be planning this year's Lenten services.

NEW BUSINESS: We will host a rice-meal packing event on April 30th. Plans are to pack 1200 meals at a cost of \$1200. It was suggested for next year's Christmas Eve service to use the hymnals so we won't need a tech, allowing them to sit with their family.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed a copy of his report and his mileage sheet to everyone. Several confirmation classes and trips have been canceled due to COVID. Our Vision Casting for 2022 will focus on missions. We will have a Lenten Bible study, Advent Bible study, book discussion, and a local youth mission trip. The church needs diversity by attracting young people, understanding why the church matters, and reaching out to others.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen

Monday, March 14th, 12:00--2:00 P.M., church Fellowship Hall

"St. Patrick's Party" (wear green!)

Soup and Dessert Luncheon (everything will be provided)

Devotions by Molly Andersen

Bunco Game (Vivian Eaton will teach us how to play)

Friday, April 22nd, 10:00 A.M.--1:30 or 2:00 P.M.

"Earth Day!" outing

Fritz Nursery and Garden Center (floral and gifts also)

11385 E. US 20, Stockton IL

Lunch at a local restaurant

Carpool leaves church at 10. Drivers are needed! Devotions

Wednesday, May 18th, 1:00--3:00ish P.M.

"Popcorn and a Movie"

Church Sanctuary

Popcorn Bar by Deb Long

Bring your own bottled drink! Devotions

Questions? Please, contact Linda Jachino! (Her Email address is jachino@grics.net)

Soul
sisters



KIDS KARDS

Kids Kards will meet after church on March 27th. We will be making Easter cards. All supplies are provided and everyone is welcome. Come get creative and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with others. Lunchables will be provided to take home.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantries need juice and cereal. God bless you for giving to others.

BLESSING BASKET

Thank you for your continued support of the Blessing Basket. Items needed this month are D batteries and dish detergent.

Please leave your items in the Food Pantry box in the narthex.



Speaker Series: Race, America, and the Church

The Northern Illinois Conference, in partnership with the Indiana Conference and other groups, is pleased to announce a 2022 Speaker Series.

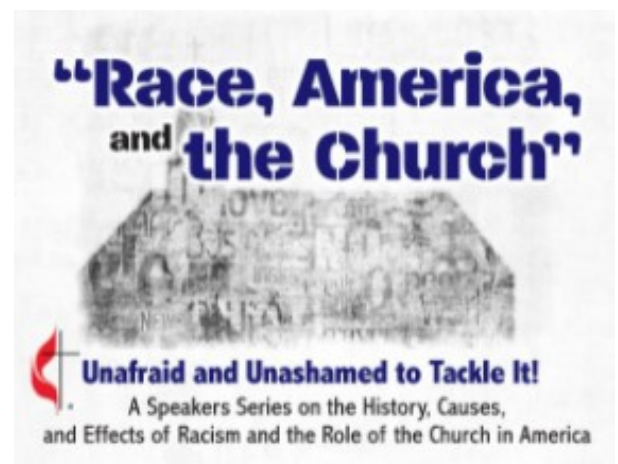
During this 4-part series that extends into December and includes a 6-week book study in the fall, we will journey together to prayerfully learn, engage, and tackle our personal and corporate role in addressing racism. We invite you to journey with us.

The first event will be held March 24.

Unsilenced: Our stories, our voices

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 12-1:30pm via Zoom

Interested? Please, let pastor Dave know.





Congratulations! The Northern Illinois Conference celebrates Savanna First United Methodist Church for faithfully paying 100% of its apportionments in 2021. Bishop John L. Hopkins gives thanks to all the Northern Illinois churches that stepped up and made connectional giving a priority despite these challenging times.

"I praise God for the sacrificial giving of our churches, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic," Hopkins said. "Many people will be served because of your faithfulness."

Your apportionment dollars help support hundreds of global and local ministries and missions throughout our United Methodist connection. Thank You!



2022 Interfaith Lenten Services in Savanna Area

'Prepare our hearts to meet the Risen Christ!'

Join us for Lenten services, please! All are welcome!

Date	Time	Location	Preacher
3/2 Ash Wednesday	7pm – Service Only, Imposing Ashes	First United Methodist Church	All Pastors
3/9 Wednesday	7pm – Service Only	First United Methodist Church	Pastor Gary
3/16 Wednesday	7pm – Service Only	Community United Church of Christ	Pastor Bonnie
3/23 Wednesday	7pm – Service Only	First Presbyterian Church	Pastor Narda
3/30 Wednesday	7pm – Service Only	First United Methodist Church	Father Tom
4/6 Wednesday	7pm – Service Only	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church	Pastor Dave
4/15 Good Friday	Noon – Service Only, Passion Story	First United Methodist Church	All Pastors

*Lenten offering will support Inter Church Council Ministry and Savanna Community VBS in July.

*Host: Savanna Inter Church Council *Schedules could be changed to prevent the spread of the virus.



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)

Faithful and Inclusive Bible Study was developed to create a safe space for participants to have constructive conversation.

The goal of the study is to encourage learning, listening, dialogue, inclusive, and understanding of each other and the Bible – not create greater divides.

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)

Telstar deadline:

3rd Monday of each month

Bulletin deadline:

**Prayer Concerns/Announcements
due by Wednesdays at Noon**

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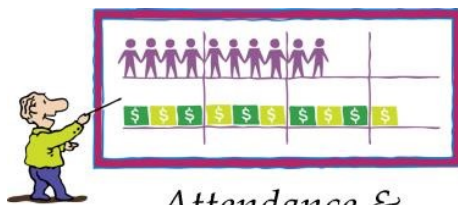
You now have 4 ways to Worship with us.

1. Prayer by phone, call **815-599-1307** to hear the most recent sermon.
2. You can join us on our website, **www.firstumcsavanna.org**, and watch on Youtube.
3. You can listen to us on **FM 88.9** from the church parking lot on Sunday Morning
4. In person service. Join us inside to worship.

Date	Income
Feb. 6	\$2,926.21
Feb. 13	\$1,577.00
Feb. 20	\$995.47
Feb. 27	\$960.00
Total Income	\$6,458.68



Attendance



Attendance & Financials

Week	Sun.
Feb. 6	52
Feb. 13	48
Feb. 20	45
Feb. 27	52
Avg.	49

Financial Report January 2022

Cash Available in General Account: \$ Will be updated soon!		
	January	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$	\$
Church Expenses	\$	\$
Net Operating Balance	\$	\$
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$	\$
Please, contact Paula Mayer with questions! Thank you!		



Youth Gathering

First Wednesday of Every Month (Next is March 2nd)

@ 5:45pm @ church basement (Youth Room)

FaceBook Page: [Carroll County Youth Group | Facebook](#)

Interested? Any questions? Please contact April Ruddell

Her email address is aprilruddell3@gmail.com



March

4—Pam Darrow, , Lou Ann Darrow,
Kelley Johnson

5—Greg Jepsen

8—John Jachino Jr.

13—Sandy Pratt

13—*John & Linda Jachino 1971*

14—Tom Michels

15—Mike Melhus, Wallene Neumiller

16—*Bob & Teresa Bauer 2002*

17—Collin Fosdick

22—Patrick Holcomb, Tim Thulen

26—Don Kramer

29—Susan Ingersoll, Susan White

31—Miranda Schoenhaar



Please, save the date!

Rice Meal Packing with neighboring
Methodist Churches

April 30th (Saturday)

@ FUMC of Savanna

We are collecting money for rice meal packing.

Please, join us!

Signup sheet is in the narthex!

And a donation basket is in the hallway!



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, Greg Eversoll, Dallas Kosier, Paul Mayer, Bill Robinson, Chris Falk, Ron Smith, John Hamm, Salvador Sanchez, Collen Olsen, Cori Moore, Courtney Johnson, Ann Larson, Hazi, Bonnie Parker, Stone Curboy, Rhonda Harlock Smith, The families of Paul Brunner and Randy Buisker
Peace on earth and peace in Ukraine, John Irons

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

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Military Personnel & their families. Pray for students, teachers, administrators, parents & workers.



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Bob Davidson, Reuben Jarvis, Paul Brunner, and Randy Buisker!

May God send them the peace and comfort from heaven!

Thank you to our choir for their wonderful music
for Mardi Gras service!
Great Job!



Please, mark it on your calendar!

[March 14th \(Monday\) at 5pm](#)

[At church](#)

United Methodist Men's Gathering

Cookout, Fellowship, Setup future meetings and missions!

All men are welcome!



March 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:30 pm UMW	2 5:45 pm Youth Group 7 pm Ash Wednesday	3 9 am Bible Study	4 11 am Funeral Service Paul Brunner	5 11 am Recording
6 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 10:15 am Worship (Communion) 10:15 am Kid's S. School	7 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	8	9 7 pm Community Lenten Service @ FUMC	10 9 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study 1	11	12 11 am Recording
13 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 10:15 am Worship (Choir) 10:15 am Kid's S. School Daylight savings	14 1 pm Sewing La- dies 12 pm Soul Sis- ters, St. Patrick's Party 5 pm United Methodist Men	15 7 pm Finance Meeting	16 4:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm Community Lenten Service @ Community UCC	17 9 am Bible Study 3 pm Worship/ Health Team 6:30 pm Lenten Bible 2	18 School Choir will be using our church building all day	19 11 am Recording
20 9 am Trustees 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 10:15 am Worship & Kids SS 11:15am council	21 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry Telstar deadline	22	23 7 pm Community Lenten Service @ First Presby- terian Church	24 9 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Lenten Bible 3	25	26 11 am Recording
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Open hearts. Open minds, Open doors.

The people of “The United Methodist Church”

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everyone is
welcome

We are in the season of Lent.

Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for the Risen Christ by observing a period of Fasting, repentance, and spiritual discipline.

Please, join our community Lenten services every Wednesday at 7pm and Lenten Bible Study every Thursday at 6:30pm.

Please, sign up for worship helpers and Bible Study.

We pray that God's blessing is upon you all in this 40 days' Lenten journey!

Praying with You During This
LENTEN SEASON

