



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



Vision 2021 – “Love God!”

Inward Focused Ministry during Pandemic

(to build up strong and vital church)

Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

(Joshua 1:9)

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Spring is here. A long severe winter finally ended, and we can now see the buds coming out all green from the ground and the trees. It seems like this spring makes us more pleasant as the winter has been severe and long. It seems like this spring makes us happier as the confirmed cases of the virus is keep going down and the numbers of the vaccinated is going up. Please, continue to stay safe and use your masks in public places. Especially, take good care of yourselves in between seasons.

Our hybrid service on Sunday has been going great. We hope to see more people in our sanctuary on Sunday morning and to see our kids and youth to be more involved in church activities and be active again. Please, keep praying for me and our church leaders who have been working really really hard to make our church more safe and more dynamic. Also, continue to pray for each other because we are going through this unprecedented challenge together! God's house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples!

Here is the schedule of April. Maundy Thursday Service is scheduled on 4/1 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. We are going to have six prayer stations with activities, prayers, and hymns on that night. And also, we will be partaking of the body and the blood of Jesus Christ together to remember the life and the death of Jesus Christ during the service. Please, come join us! On Easter Sunday, April 4th this year, we will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ with welcoming new members to FUMC of Savanna and with infant baptism. It will be reminding us of our baptism again and our calling as Jesus' followers. It's a great way to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ who came for us, lived for us, died for us, resurrected for us, and still alive for us. Praise be to God! Please, join us!

Outreach team will be hosting a fundraiser on 4/18 Sunday. There will be also blessing of tractors and anything on wheels on that Sunday morning. Freewill donations are welcome. Please, pick up your own soup and sandwich. And also, pick up extras for your friends and family members. We can also treat medical staff or school teachers or first responders in our town who have been working very hard to deal with the virus so that we can express our big thanks to them. May God bless our caring and supporting heart so much that we can continue to be a blessing to others who are in need.

The Lord is Risen, indeed!

Hallelujah!

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Dave



Dear Friends and Family of Savanna First United Methodist Church,

That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven." (John 20:19-23)

Jesus is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Jesus' disciples were behind closed doors in fear and anxiety after Jesus' death. However, the resurrected Jesus came and stood among them, showing his hands and side, and gave them joy, peace, the Spirit of God, and mission. The joy of the resurrection filled the room fully where Jesus disciples were sitting with fear and anxiety.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, we have been apart and separated in fear and anxiety away from others like the Jesus' disciples. But, we are not alone and we are not isolated! The resurrected Jesus has been with us and he always comes and stands among us whenever we need him. He has been giving us joy, peace, and the Holy Spirit whenever we pray to him. It also enables us to reach out to others who need the joy and peace in their lives.

Easter is the historical event that gives ultimate meaning and purpose to our lives. Because Jesus died and rose from the dead, we no longer have to fear sin and death. The victory has been won in the Risen Christ. We celebrate the Risen Christ, Jesus who is our Paschal Lamb who died out of unlimited love for us.

Therefore, how can we show our thankfulness to God for sending God's only Son, our Savior? We must first love God completely with our whole beings, and secondly, love others as we love ourselves. We can also show our gratitude by being faithful stewards of God's church so we can continue our ministries and missions as "The Body of Christ". God's goodness and righteousness have guided us through a very challenging year at First United Methodist Church of Savanna, but our prayers in earnest have been answered each step of the way. So, it is time for us to give back to God.

Your faithful financial giving throughout the years has been deeply appreciated by the Finance Committee. However, there is also a current need to assist the budget due to 1. pandemic outbreak, 2. one large gas and electric bill from Jo Carroll Energy, 3. deficit carried over from last year, 4. cancelled church services in last Jan and Feb, and 5. boiler repairs this winter. Please take this into thoughtful consideration as you donate to FUMC of Savanna. A special Easter envelope is included in here. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

May the joy and the peace from our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you who have felt burdened, anxious, and weary out of the virus! May the Spirit of God enfold you every day in your life and give you power to finish the mission from our God!

"Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!"

Blessings in the name of the Risen Christ!

Finance Committee

Savanna First UMC



Easter Flowers

Given by: Kris Offenheiser Family
In Memory of: Jayne Henry
Wayne & Joyce Krohmer

Given by: Harry & Linda Grissinger
In Memory of: Edward Speck
Paul & Helen Grissinger
In Honor of: Betty Speck

Given by: Molly & Jeff Andersen
In Memory of: Mr & Mrs Marshall Amesquita
Mr & Mrs Harold Andersen
In Honor of: Kathie Prins

Given by: Shirley Hastings
In Memory of: Husband George
In Honor of: Darlene Ritenour

Given by: Jim & Vivian Eaton
In Memory of: Les & Lillian Eaton
Paul & Lorna Friederich

Given by: A member
In Memory of: Ralph & Vivian Gilmore

Given by: Burt & Kathie Prins

Given by: Matt & Katie Floming
In Honor of: Jon & Claire Floming

Given by: Bob & LaVona Grissinger
In Memory of: Paul & Helen Grissinger
Howard & Violet Von Haden
Frank & Lois Grove

Given by: The Clemens Family
In Memory of: Eldon Leatherberry

Given by: Glen & Susan White
In Memory of: Loved Ones

Given by: Rhonda Law, Kelley Johnson, Kris Yingling
In Memory of: Suzanne Atherton
Harold & Lena Atherton

Given by: Bonnie Davies
In Honor of: My 6 Grandchildren, Chase, Parker,
David, Lainey, Will & Kate

Given by: John & Mary Irons
In Memory of: Bob & Ruth Kelly

Given by: Lynn Haas
In Memory of: Harold & Violet Handel

Given by: Tim & Kay Cavanagh
In Honor of: Our sons, Jerry & Brennon

Given by: Linda & John Jachino
In Memory of: Lois & Bob Kendall
Carmela & John Jachino, Sr.

Given by: Dianne Brinkmeier
In Memory of: David Brinkmeier

Given by: Janet Smith, Denise Curtis & Dianne Brinkmeier
In Memory of: Fred & Barb Hottenstein

As more of our residents receive the COVID-19 vaccine, Illinois will operate with a metrics-based pathway toward the fifth and final phase of the Restore Illinois reopening plan, in which all sectors of the economy reopen with businesses and recreation resuming normal operations, and where conventions, festivals, and large events can take place.

Following recommendations from public health experts, Illinois will move forward with a dial-like approach between the mitigations in Phase 4, which currently apply to the entire state, and the post-pandemic new normal of Phase 5. This Bridge to Phase 5 will allow for higher capacity limits and increased business operations, before public health experts tell us it is safe to move to the new normal that Phase 5 will bring.

Like the prior evidenced-based approaches to deliberately lift mitigations that have kept us safe and saved lives, this gradual path to Phase 5 will protect the progress we've made while allowing us to reopen the economy.

Once 70% of residents 65 and older have been vaccinated and barring any reversals in our COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths for a 28-day monitoring period, the Bridge to Phase 5 will begin with increased capacity limits in both indoor and outdoor settings. Once 50% of residents 16 and older have been vaccinated and stable or declining COVID-19 metrics are recorded during a 28-day monitoring period, Phase 5 will be implemented, removing capacity limits altogether. All regions of the state will move through these next phases together based on statewide metrics.

While regulations are rolled back gradually, Illinoisans should continue following the public health guidelines that have kept us safe during the pandemic, like wearing a mask in public and social distancing. Additionally, this updated guidance establishes new capacity limits for settings determined by risk level. **In an update to current Phase 4 mitigations, individuals with proof of full vaccination — defined as 14 days after receiving a final vaccine dose — or a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) 1-3 days prior to an event do not count against capacity limits.** Following the latest studies on virus transmission, lower risk activities that were either not permitted or allowed at a lower capacity have been expanded in Phase 4.

FUMC SAVANNA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021 11:00AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Chairperson John LeComte called the meeting to order at 11:05am. Members present were Pastor David Yim, Mary Irons, Kris Yingling, Jason Moore, Kathie and Burt Prins, LaVona Grissinger, Tom Michels, Vivian Eaton, Molly Andersen, and Brennon Cavanagh.

Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Tom moved, seconded by Kathie, to accept the minutes and the motion carried.

The financial reports were presented. Kris moved, seconded by Jason, to accept the reports and the motion carried.

TRUSTEES: Jason reported the furnace is acting up again and has to be reset constantly. TMI is meeting with Jo-Carroll Energy this week to see if they can decide what the problem is. The snow on the church roof is not leaking because it is frozen but we assume it will start again when it starts to thaw. We are waiting for bids to replace some floor tiles in the Fellowship hall and down the Education wing. The drinking fountain in the Fellowship hall is not working and may need to be replaced.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: LaVona will be moving and Bob will be resigning his job as groundskeeper. Our new administrative assistant, Shari, is doing a great job.

FINANCE: Tom reported offerings are coming in on-line, even from non-members. It is felt that the money from the trailer sale should be used for our youth members, since it was given to the Boy Scouts. The money in the Outreach account has not been used. Jason and his committee will meet to decide how it should be spent, including the Rainbow Covenant funds.

WORSHIP: Mary and her committee did a great job with our virtual Mardi Gras service last week, including the debut of our FUMC band! We will be offering an indoor service starting on Sunday, March 7, 2021, and continue our outdoor service at the same time. The calling tree was used to poll the congregation and it was evenly divided as to wanting to come inside or stay outside to worship. Calling Tree callers were asked to respond individually to Pastor Dave instead of group texting. The committee is

EDUCATION: They are working on a project for Easter, possibly giving each family with children a set of Resurrection eggs during Holy Week. Jason moved, seconded by Kathie, to spend up to \$200 for supplies, and the motion passed. It would be approximately 20 families. Kris read a thank-you from Lori Miller, whose granddaughter received a book during Advent.

EVANGELISM: Valentines were sent to our shut-ins. Bill and Letty Weidman were honored on Valentine's Day. Mary took them cookies, Pastor Dave took candy, and 2 hand-painted napkins to celebrate their lifetime of love. Napkins also went to Big Meadows residents for Valentine's Day. Mary and Pastor Dave will start visiting again in March, possibly having some Meet and Greet meetings at church to get to know Pastor Dave and his family.

SCHOLARSHIP: We are expecting 2 applications this year. Last year's recipient, Hannah Guilinger, received her check recently.

UMW: They will start meeting again in March.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: Brennon has some ideas on having a youth event this summer, like a basketball tournament. He talked about having an ad in the high school yearbook and a sponsorship for the upcoming fundraiser at West Carroll school, sponsored by the Drama Club. The fundraiser is based on the tv show, The Masked Singer. All funds raised will be split between the two students at West Carroll who are battling cancer. The goal is \$5000. Kris moved, seconded by Jason, to spend \$200 for a ½-page ad in the yearbook and \$75 for a sponsorship for the fundraiser and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Molly read a borrowing resolution, allowing the church to apply for a Payroll Protection Program loan for \$15,795.00 from the Savanna Thomson State Bank. Kathie moved, seconded by Kris, to accept the resolution and the motion passed unanimously.

Molly asked to use 2 shelving units in the downstairs room for the Blessing Basket ministry. There have been so many donations she needs the storage! They will be moved to the empty room at the end of the Education wing. The council granted her request and she thanked everyone for their generous donations. The Blessing basket

Date	Income
February 28	\$ 2796.00
March 7	\$ 3132.24
March 14	\$ 2292.00
March 21	\$ 1675.00
Total Income	\$ 9895.24



Attendance



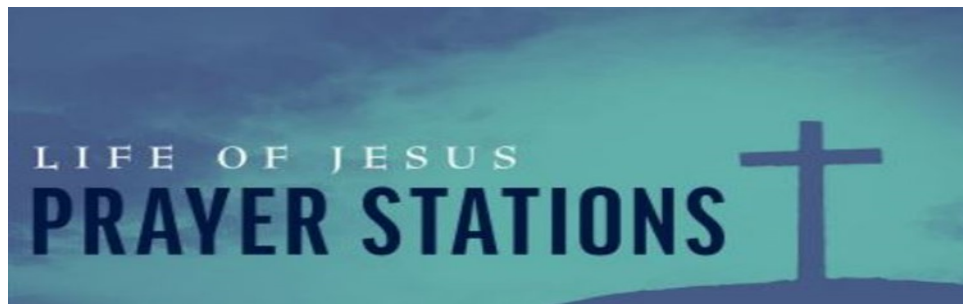
Attendance & Financials

Week	Sun.
Feb. 28	57
Mar. 7	70
Mar. 14	49
Mar. 21	74

Avg.	62.5
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Financial Report February 2021

Cash Available in General Account: \$(10,840.56) *(-3,266.75 from 2020)		
	February	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$6,842.15	\$19,529.06
Church Expenses	\$13,242.67	\$27,102.87
Net Operating Balance	\$(6,400.52)	\$(7,573.81)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$00.00	\$1,303.00
Please, contact Vivian Eaton at 815-541-5671		



Maundy Thursday Service

4/1, Thursday at 6:30pm

Prayer Stations, Hymns, Communion

Please, join us!



Meeting April 6—6:30 pm

"For Such a Time as This"

By Rev Sharon Fisher

**A social action book for UMW reading program will be shared
by Molly & Mary.**

In Our Prayers

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen,
Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle,
Chris Falk, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dr. Dan, Suzanne and Adam Woods,
Dawn Barber, Kathy Hamilton, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Bob Grissinger,
Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown, Jeff Law, Don Kramer, Ruth Clay, Janice Wilt,
Jean Treter & Family

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

The victims of the massive shooting in Colorado
Our country & government/West Carroll Schools

OUTREACH TEAM



Soup & Sandwich To go Lunch

Sunday, April 18th
Following the church service
Curb-side pick up in the parking lot

FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds will go towards mission projects

Serving soup, sandwich, chips and dessert

See you there!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

APRIL



- 1 Nicole David, Rosemary Hartman
Katie Hoffman, Sarah Murphy
Paul & Charlene Mayer 1964
- 2 April Ruddell, Bill Weidman
- 3 Ben Fosdick
- 4 John Belander
- 5 Kris Offenheiser
- 6 JC Carey, Gary Dykema, Melinda Dykema
- 7 Glen Brunner
- 8 Karen Hoffman
- 9 Jeanine Mills
- 11 Rose Hartman
Bill & Betty Weidman 1952
- 12 Deb Long, Paula Weber, Jiwon Yim
- 13 Lyle Eaton
- 14 Jennifer Neumiller-Greisbush, Kathie Prins
- 15 Claire Floming
Carlo & Linda Stubbe 1972
- 16 Heather Bradbury, Alice Riffe
- 21 Lauren Belander, Jim Haynes
- 23 Anna Badkte
- 25 Tripper Carey
- 28 Karen Stott
- 30 Chris Nortunen



SOUL SISTERS'
“LUNCH & ART” OUTING
SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH

11:00 A.M.--Lunch at “My Friends Place,” 409 Main St.

12:00ish---Savanna Museum’s “**CREATIVITY ON THE MOVE**”

Free Arts & Crafts Exhibit, 406 Main St.

(Donations to the Museum are always appreciated!)

RSVP Molly Andersen (815-541-6852)

Kids Kards

Thanks to all the children who made Easter cards. They made 85 cards to send to family & friends! Great job everyone! We’ll be making friendship cards for the residents at Big Meadows & Pinnacle Place in April.

Kids Kards will resume in person on April 11th after Sunday worship. We will meet in the fellowship hall to make friendship cards. Each family will work at their own table in order to maintain social distance. All supplies will be provided and Lunchables will be available to take home. Masks must be worn inside the church. Everyone is invited to come and be creative and share some fellowship! If you are not comfortable coming inside let Molly Andersen know and she will give you supplies to take home.

Food Pantries

He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. Proverbs 14:31

Our pantry box is full! Thank you for all of your donations. This month we need juice, cereal and cake mix.

Blessing Basket

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations. We were able to help many families with their basic household items like the soap, sandwich bags & shampoo. This month we still need C & D batteries and paper towels.

First United Methodist Church of Savanna, Illinois

April 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES-	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9 am Bible Study 9 am Yoga 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday 9 am Sun Sch 10:15 Worship	5 9 am Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3—5:30 pm WC Food Pantry	6 6:30 pm UMW	7	8 9 am Bible Study 9 am Yoga	9	10 8:30 am Premarital Counseling
11 9 am Sun Sch 10:15 Worship 11 am Outreach Committee 11 am Kids Kards	12 9 am Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies	13 4 pm Finance Meeting	14	15 9 am Bible Study 9 am Yoga 3 pm Worship/Health Committee	16	17 8:30 am Premarital Counseling 11 am Soul Sisters
18 9 am Trustees 9 am Sun Sch 10:15 Worship 11 am Ad Council Outreach Fundraiser Soup & Sandwich Vehicle Blessing (anything with wheels)	19 9 am Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3—5:30 pm WC Food Pantry Telstar Deadline	20	21	22 9 am Bible Study 9 am Yoga	23	24
25 9 am Sun Sch 10:15 Worship Guest Speaker—Rev Bonnie Davies	26 9 am Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies	27	28	29 9 am Bible Study 9 am Yoga	30	



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