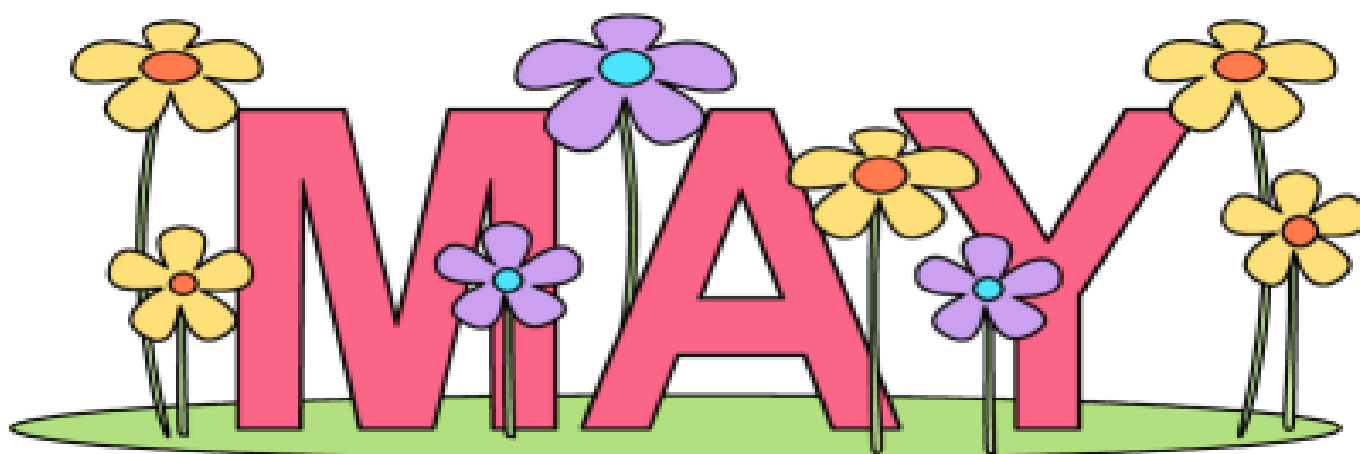




**Our Mission Is To Be Committed Christians Inviting Others To Join Us.**



**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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May is a busy and an excited month of the year. Most farmers are in their field to plant seeds. Students will be finishing up another school year and some will be graduating from their schools. We will be honoring our 2021 graduates in May. We will be also celebrating our mothers, aunts, and God-mothers on Mother's Day. Parents already began making a plan for summer with their children. People are planning to visit their parents or grandparents who haven't been able to see in person because of the virus. After the second dose of vaccination, people are getting excited about that they can visit their parents and grandparents. Hooray!

First UMC of Savanna will be having special worship services in May. Please, put them on your calendar; Pet Blessing (5/2), Mother's day Service (5/9), Honor 2021 graduates (5/23), and Memorial service (5/30). Please, join our special worship services in May to serve God and people. The more we serve God and serve people, the more strong, vital, and mature we become. All are invited!

Summer worship schedule will be started from May 30<sup>th</sup>. Only drive-in service will be available from May 30<sup>th</sup> and the worship time will be 9:30am at our parking lot. Please keep in mind that the virus is still around us and we are still in the midst of uncertainty. FUMC of Savanna considers your safety and health as our first priority. Please, use your masks in public places and try to avoid crowded people in compact and close area. Do no harm, do good, and stay in God's love!

I would like to use my summer time to plan for our post pandemic ministries and prepare for Sunday School and youth group in fall. My wife and kids will be visiting S. Korea from May 12<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>. After two weeks' self-quarantine, my wife will be visiting various and different doctors to have physical checkups in S. Korea. The two months might not enough for health examinations and treatments. Please, pray for their safe travel to S. Korea and for my bachelor's life here for two and a half months. But, as I said above, I will be using my summer time to plan for our post pandemic ministries and for our church's future including our Sunday School and Youth Ministries. Please, let me know if you would like to serve our kids and youths.

*"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."* (Jeremiah 17:7-8) People who trust in the Lord don't fear and not anxious about anything, but continue to stay green and bear fruit. Our trust is the Lord! Stay connected to God and to each other in May!

Happy May!

Pastor Dave



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SAVANNA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

### FUMC SAVANNA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021 11AM**

Chairperson John LeComte called the meeting to order at 11:12am. Members present were Pastor David Yim, Burt and Kathie Prins, Mary Irons, LaVona Grissinger, Vivan Eaton, Kris Yingling, Jason Moore, Molly Andersen, Susan Michelle Jepsen, Brennon Cavanagh, and Pam Darrow.

Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Kathie, to approve the minutes and the motion carried. The financial reports were presented. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Mary, to accept the reports, and the motion carried. Vivian let us know our second PPP loan for \$15,795 was approved. Our utility bill for February was \$4300 due to the winter storms in Texas causing the price of natural gas to skyrocket. We have been given the option by Jo-Carroll Energy to pay our bill over several months.

**TRUSTEES:** TMI replaced some parts on the furnace and it's working! Praise the Lord! A verbal bid of \$985 was received for the replacement of the floor tiles at the end of the Education wing and under the dividing curtain between the sanctuary and fellowship hall. The committee is recommending we spend up to \$1200 once we receive a written bid and the recommendation passed. A church member was approached about the triangle piece of church property by the new owner of the L&M Motel. After much discussion it was decided to table the item until we receive an official request from the new owner. The committee also recommends loaning some of the fellowship hall tables to the Savanna Museum April 16-18, 2021 and the recommendation passed. Kris moved, seconded by Vivian, to allow Susan Michelle to borrow tables and chairs for her daughter's graduation party in May and the motion passed. The committee also recommends allowing a framed 1968 cloth calendar, donated by Cindy Law from her parents' estate, be hung in the church building and the recommendation passed. Bids will be sent out for several window replacements at the parsonage. Jason will look into getting a new electronic sign for the church yard.

**STAFF PARISH RELATIONS:** Bob Grissinger is resigning his position as groundskeeper effective April 1. Harry Grissinger will be replacing him. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Vivian, to allow Pastor Dave to purchase a \$200 gift card for Bob and the motion passed.

**WORSHIP:** Mary showed us the new red and white paraments. The cost was \$100 less than expected thanks to Pastor Dave, who found them cheaper through a different company. The altar cloth is custom-made and will be arriving soon. They are beautiful! The radio channel for outdoor service was changed because of static on the old channel, and is working well. April 1, Maundy Thursday, will be a special service at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Easter

Sunday, April 4th, we will celebrate the baptism of Dalton Shaw and receive 2 new members, Stephanie Shaw and Melinda Dykema. Blessing of the Tractors, Lawnmowers, Motorcycles, and Bicycles will be April 18th. Blessing of our Pets will be May 2nd.

**OUTREACH:** The committee would like to be a Rainbow Covenant church again. Kris moved, seconded by Kathie, to spend \$100 each in each of the seven colors and the motion passed. They will host a soup and sandwich to-go luncheon on April 18th after worship service.

**EDUCATION:** Kris is working on providing Resurrection eggs for Easter to the children and sending care packages to our college students.

**EVANGELISM:** Mary has done some visiting with the Hamms and Alice Riffe.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** We are expecting 2 applications this year.

**LAY LEADERSHIP:** Jason will continue to chair the Outreach committee.

**UMW:** They will meet on April 6th and have a book review on social action. The district spring retreat will be April 24th via Zoom.

**INTERCHURCH COUNCIL:** VBS will be July 19-23 and will be held outside.

**YOUTH:** The West Carroll Masked Voice program has already raised \$10,000!

**NEW BUSINESS:** Susan Michelle visited with Bill and Letty Weidman and Bill remembers that we were bonded for the church's metal roof, and the last time we had the parking lot done was with the help of the county's connections. Molly asked permission to use the Fellowship Hall for Kids Kards on April 11th after worship and permission was granted.

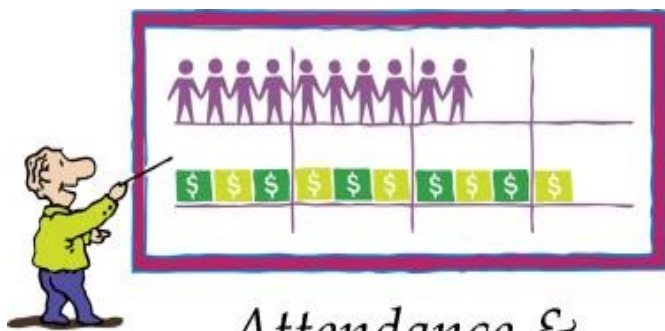
**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor emailed a copy of his report to members. An Easter letter will be mailed soon. He will be on vacation April 21-26, 2021, with Rev. Bonnie Davies filling in for him. He will be commissioned on April 24th at Barrington UMC. Congratulations, Pastor Dave! He will start his pre-marital counseling with Cheyanne Martelle and Glenn Hoffman on April 10th. This will be 4 sessions lasting 1-½ hours each before their wedding on June 26, 2021.

He closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen

Date	Income
3/28/21	\$3,322.00
4/4/21	\$4,055.69
4/11/21	\$2,136.00
4/18/21	\$1,786.00
<b>total</b>	<b>\$11,299.69</b>



## Attendance & Financials

Week	inside	outside	Total per week
3/28/21	24	39	63
4/4/21	50	49	99
4/11/21	23	45	68
4/18/21	35	29	64
			Avg. per
Avg.	<b>33</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>73.5</b>

### Financial Report March 2021

Cash Available in General Account: <b>\$1,932.00</b>		
	March	Year to Date
Church Revenue (Member Contributions)	\$12,082.07 + 2 <sup>nd</sup> PPP Loan, \$15,795.00	\$47,406.13
Church Expenses	\$15,104.49	\$42,207.36
Net Operating Balance	\$12,772.58	\$5,198.77
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$2,606.00	\$3,909.00
Please, contact Vivian Eaton at 815-541-5671		

Birthdays  
&  
Anniversaries



1	Judy	Getz
6	<i>Ancil &amp; Sharon</i>	<i>Guilinger 1960</i>
7	Robert	Bauer
8	Bill	Wright
9	<i>Bob &amp; Lavona</i>	<i>Grissinger 1966</i>
10	Rodney C	Clemens
10	Letty	Weidman
11	Florence	Bevins-Powell
12	Cody	Johnson
14	Courtney	Johnson
15	<i>Joe &amp; Bituin</i>	<i>Michels 2004</i>
16	Charlene	Mayer
17	Alyse	Jackson
20	Payton	Haynes
22	Jeanne	Spraetz
24	<i>John &amp; Julie</i>	<i>Brigham 1998</i>
24	<i>Enoch &amp; Ramona</i>	<i>Green 1980</i>
24	Nathan	Schoenecker
25	<i>Jon &amp; Pam</i>	<i>Darrow 1985</i>
25	John	LeComte
26	Jerry	Cavanagh
26	Chris	Falk
27	Jean	Ferris
28	Shirley	Hastings
28	Carlos	Stubbe



**Join us on May 4th for our annual “Walk in the Park”. Meet at 5 pm in Manny’s back parking lot to car pool to the State Park. We will return to Manny’s for a bite to eat. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the spring flowers.**



*Thank You*

Thank you to all of our worship helpers each week. We greatly appreciate your dedication.

Thank you to Kevin Law for training our acolytes.

Thank you to Karen Wallace for cleaning the sanctuary sculpture.

Worship Committee



Is there a Graduate in your family? Please contact Shari with the name and future plans of your Graduate. We will be honoring all graduates on Sunday, May 23 during service.



**SOUL SISTERS'**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**



**“Soul Sisters”**

**“Ice Cream & Ideas” Luncheon**

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 12 noon

**PLACE:** Shiver’s Ice Cream Shoppe Pavilion

**BRING:** \$\$ for a Shiver’s lunch or bring a sack lunch

Ideas for our monthly outings/ get-togethers  
Your calendar  
Your mask

***WHO ARE THE “SOUL SISTERS?”*** We are Christian women who uplift and inspire each other through faith, fellowship, and fun! We love to explore our community and God’s world. We meet in the daytime at our church or another location. Times and days vary depending on each month’s program or outing.

**ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!**

★ To RSVP or for more information, contact Linda Jachino at 815-541-4760.



**Worship Time Change/Summer hours**

**Outside/Drive up service only**

**9:30 am starting Sunday, May 30th—Labor Day Weekend. Will resume fall/winter hours on Sunday Sept, 12th.**



## Kids Kards

Thanks to all the children who made Friendship cards. They made 80 cards for Big Meadows and our shut-ins! Great job everyone! We'll be making Mother's Day cards May 2nd 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! Any questions contact Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104



## Food Pantries

Thank you for all of your donations to the local food pantries! The West Carroll School Food Pantry will be able to stay open throughout the summer because of it's new location at our church. Thank you!. This month we need juice, egg noodles and cake mix.



## Blessing Basket

The Blessing Basket has been used a lot in April, with over 60 items given out. Toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, and soaps have been restocked for those who need them, making their lives more comfortable and healthy. What a wonderful way to share our many blessings with our neighbors. Thank you! This month we still need paper towels, lightbulbs and dish soap.



# First United Methodist Church of Savanna, Illinois

## May 2021

							1 8:30 am Premarital Counseling
2 9:0am– Sunday School 10:15am– Worship Pet Blessing Kids Kards	3 9am– Body & Soul Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30-5pm WC Food Pantry	4 5 pm UMW “Walk in the Park”	5	6 9am– Bible Study 9am– Body & Soul Yoga	7	8 8:30 am Premarital Counseling	
9 <b>Happy Mother’s Day</b> 9am– Sunday School 10:15am– Worship	10 9am– Body & Soul Yoga	11	12	13 9am– Bible Study 9am– Body & Soul Yoga	14	15	
16 8am– Trustee Meeting 9am– Sunday School 10:15am– Worship 11:am– Ad Council	17 <b>Telstar deadline</b> 9am– Body & Soul Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30-5pm WC Food Pantry	18	19 12pm Soul Sisters	20 9am– Bible Study 9am– Body & Soul Yoga	21	22	
23 9am– Sunday School 10:15am– Worship Graduates Honored	24 9am– Body & Soul Yoga 1PM Sewing Ladies	25	26	27 9am– Bible Study 9am– Body & Soul Yoga	28	29	
30 <b>Outside worship only 9:30 am summer hrs through Labor Day</b>	31 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED						



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