



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



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July is the month of VBS. The theme of the 2021 VBS is '*Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor!*' From 19th to 23rd of July, our kids will be exploring about how they put on the armor of God as brave knights of God with games, craft, snack, and science. For another amazing and successful VBS, we need volunteers, helpers, leaders, and donations. Jesus loved children so much that he allowed them to come closer to him and he blessed each. As Jesus' followers, we should take good care of our kids and share the love of God with them by our good deeds and words. Please, help our 2021 Savanna Community VBS with your prayers and support!

While my wife and kids are away, God has reminded me of my calling. I can see why I love being a pastor. I love God and I love people. It makes me feel excited, happy, and blessed when I get to know God and get to know people. It's so much fun working with God and with people for the kingdom of God on earth. Then, I can see why God has called me to be a pastor. I love church. Church has been like another home to me since I was little. I want to see and make God's churches become vital, strong, and healthy and thrive. My wife and kids have been on this journey with me for 11 years and have supported me to be a good pastor. While they are gone to visit families in S. Korea, I can see the importance of their presence.

So, I might be gone for 2-3 weeks in July thru August to see my family in South Korea and get back home with them together. My last trip to see my parents was 2014. I don't really like the long flight (13-14 hours flight), but I think that it's right time to go and see my parents this year. Whenever I do the face talk with my parents, I can see that they are getting older and weaker. The flight tickets are very expensive now in post pandemic and I have to turn in some paperwork to get into S. Korea without self-quarantine. Please, pray for me and my trip!

The State of Illinois is in phase 5, now. We can see that we are gradually getting back to normal with outdoor activities, family reunion, getaway, summer vacation, etc. Our vaccination clinic in June was very successful. However, our kids are still not vaccinated yet and the Delta variant is hanging around us as another threat. So, I think it's still too soon to feel relieved. Our church is offering drive-in service every Sunday till Labor Day weekend. In bad weathers, we are going to have in-person service. I would like to encourage you to wear your mask inside of our sanctuary no matter you have been fully vaccinated or not, because we should take care of our kids and each other. Do no harm! Do good!

May God who is strong and powerful watch over you and your family in July!

Happy summer!

Pastor Dave



Attendance & Financials

Cash Available in General Account: \$1,375.01		
	May	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$9,396.45	\$68,096.80
Church Expenses	\$10,850.00	\$69,102.07
Net Operating Balance	\$(1,453.55)	\$(1,005.27)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$0	\$5,212.00
Please, contact Vivian Eaton at 815-541-5671		



	<u>Income</u>	<u>Worship inside</u>	<u>Worship outside</u>	<u>Avg attend per week</u>
5/23/21	\$1,772.00	52	20	36
5/30/21	\$2,569.00		59	59
6/6/21	\$1,963.00		58	58
6/13/21	\$1,450.00		53	53
Total income	\$5,982.00		57	52

CONGRATULATIONS!



Jerry & DeeAnn Brearton

June 19th, 2021

Glenn & Cheyanne Hoffman

June 26th, 2021



Soul Sisters



Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens Tour

“Soul Sisters”

JULY OUTING

Timberlake Playhouse

Thursday, July 29th 2 pm

Price: \$20 per person

(To Linda Jachino by July 1st)

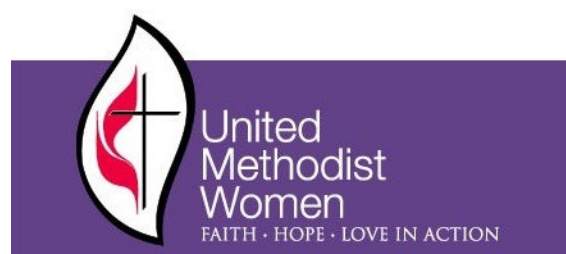
Carpool: Leaves Church parking lot by 1:00 pm

Contact Linda to volunteer to drive

Handicapped Accessible, Masks may still be required, so, please, be prepared to wear yours

ALL WOMEN are invited to attend! Invite your friends!





UMW Picnic will be on Tuesday, July 6 at 6:00 pm at Old Mill Park Shelter House. Our guest for the evening will be Judy Behke, a member of the District UMW Mission Team.

Menu will be, Brats & Fixings, Drink, Salad, chips/dips and dessert.

Everyone is welcome!

Please R.S.V.P. to Mary Iron 815-541-8487



SEWING LADIES

The sewing ladies are responding to the Conference Mission request of many items during annual conference. Baby diapers are needed, so the ladies will be sewing. At the present time we have 150 diapers made. We are in need of flannel by the yard. (Prints or Plain) or donations so we can purchase fabric. If you sew, please join us every Monday from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm.



Worship summer schedule 9:30 am worship, outside service only through Labor Day weekend.

Liturgist for month of July :

July 4—Bonnie Davies, July 11—Sarah Bates.

July 18—Noah Johnson, July 25—Joe Michels

Kids Kards

Will be on Sunday, July 25th, around 10:30 am

This month's cards will be celebrating our joys that God gives us every day. Don't you have a joy to share with someone? Join us! All materials will be provided, lunchables available to take home. Everyone is welcome to participate. Contact Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104 with any questions.

FOOD PANTRY

The Savanna Food Pantry is moving to 118 S. 4th Street. At this time they are in need of monetary donations to help with the remodeling costs. You can send a check to Savanna Food Pantry, 926 Viaduct Rd, Savanna, IL 61074 or include a donation with your church offering. Be sure to mark your envelope "Savanna Food Pantry" and donation amount.

Thank you!



2 Corinthians 9:10 tells us "And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity." Plant the seed!

BLESSING BASKET

With the summer months here we are in need of sunscreen products for children and adults. Also needed are dish detergent and sandwich bags. The West Carroll School Food Pantry will be open all summer, thanks to our churches willingness to provide the pantry a home. The days and hours will remain the same. Thank you for your support.



Blood Drive with ImpactLife

Phil Brown's Eagle scout project was a success!!!



Thank you to everyone who participated!!

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Dawn Barber, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown, Sandy Pratt, Katie Wand, Bruce Fritz, Bob Grissinger, Gary Goetz, Janis Wilt, Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Yim Family, Family of Libby Thulen.

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

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools.

Military Personnel & their families

Family members of those lost in the building collapse in Florida.



July 19, 2021—July 23, 2021 9 am—11:30 am

Volunteers and donations are needed!

Questions? Please contact Kris Yingling

Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Shows



Susan Michelle and Brigit Jepsen, Sabula, have been a big part of the Rock Island, IL Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Shows. The team has been in existence for 42 years. Susan Michelle has been a member for 40 and Brigit for 14. Brigit is 17 and recently graduated from Easton Valley High School in Preston, IA. Both are members of our church.

Have you ever seen a ski show at Tommy Bartlett, Cypress Gardens or Sea World? The Backwater Gamblers offer a much bigger show, with more skiers, drivers, riders and announcers than a professional show... normally 3-4 times as many on most acts!

The best part is that admission is FREE! They perform water ski shows from Memorial Day through Labor Day at 5000 44th Street in Rock Island, on the Rock River. The shows are Sundays and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. The show lasts one hour, with a short intermission, so plan on 90 minutes. Bleachers are furnished and there is parking near the river. Donations are gladly accepted at intermission, as the money helps pay for the boats, motors, costumes, skis, ropes, speakers and a lot more. The 2020 ski season was cancelled, due to Covid-19, but the bills continued to come in.

What sport can parents and children do together? Not many, but show skiing is one of them. In addition to her daughter, Brigit and husband, Greg, being members, other family members that ski or have skied/driven boats in the past include her sister, Teresa Hofmann from Port Byron, IL, her husband (Richard), daughter (Morgan) and son (Joshua). Also add to that her brother, Randy Thompson from Bettendorf, IA and his wife (Val) and 2 daughters (Tristan and Tanner). Susan Michelle's dad and Brigit's Gpa Pinky Thompson, Port Byron, IL comes to almost every show to see his children and grandchildren ski. Susan Michelle, Brigit, Teresa and Randy are all participating in the 2021 ski season.

The themed show consists of 14 acts, including Ballet, Swivel, Jumping, Barefooting, Trios, Strap Doubles, Conventional Doubles, Around-the-Boat and Pyramids. The 2021 theme is Boomtown. Susan Michelle currently rides in one of the boats for the majority of the show, but does get out to help build the final pyramid. Brigit can usually be found in a couple pyramids in the show. They are both on 2nd tier.

The picture in red costumes was taken in 2015, when Brigit was on the 3rd tier of the pyramid for the first time in a ski show. She is the 3rd tier girl on the far left. Her mom, Susan Michelle, is below her, 2nd tier on the far left. Teresa is on the 2nd tier, middle girl, of the 4-tier pyramid. Randy is 5th from the left.

The team competes yearly against other show ski teams from around the nation. Currently they are ranked 2nd in the Central Region and 5th in the Nation.

Some impressive acts from their history include 8 skiers Around-the-Boat – a world record in 1991 and a 5-tier pyramid. They were the 2nd team in the world to successfully build 4 4-tier pyramids all behind one boat, which was accomplished in 2014. Susan Michelle was a part of that pyramid. She is 3rd from the right on the 2nd tier, in the blue and orange costumes. Teresa is 2nd from the left on 2nd tier. Randy is 3rd from the left, 1st tier. Brigit was not in the picture.

If you are looking for something different and unique to do, come and see a Backwater Gambler ski show and cheer on Brigit and Susan Michelle. The shows are on **Sundays** and **Wednesdays** at **6:30 pm** at **5000 44th Street in Rock Island**. They'll be competing at the Regional and National Tournaments on July 11th and August 15th, so no shows on those 2 dates. The last show of the season will be Labor Day. Check them out at www.backwatergamblers.com.





1	Luke	Holcomb
1	Diana	Steffes
5	Jeff	Doran
5	Sarah	Neumiller-Jackson
5	Wendy	Reitemeier
6	Molly	Andersen
6	Judy	Greenfield
7	Noah	Johnson
8	Michael	Jones
10	Ancil	Guilinger
10	Erik	Torrison
12	Hannah	Guilinger
12	Eric	Purchis
17	Nathaniel	Law
18	Rhonda	Rathje
25	Bruce	Badtke
26	Salinda	Belander
31	Deeann	Kramer



5 Rhonda & Jeff Law 1986
Gary &

12 Melinda Dykema 2014

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July 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 9 am Bible Study	2	3
4 9:30 am Worship Liturgist: Bonnie Davies	5 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	6 6 pm UMW Picnic Shelter house @ Old Mill Park	7	8 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 9 am Bible Study	9	10 Memorial Service 2 pm
11 9:30 am Worship Liturgist: Sarah Bates	12 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies	13 4 pm Finance Committee (Zoom meeting)	14	15 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 9 am Bible Study 3 pm Worship & Health Meeting	16 9 am—3 pm Annual Conference (Zoom)	17 9 am—3 pm Annual Conference (Zoom)
18 8 am Trustees 9:30 am Worship Ad Council Liturgist: Noah Johnson Guest Speaker	19 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry 9-12 VBS	20 9-12 VBS	21 9-12 VBS	22 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 9 am Bible Study 9-12 VBS	23 9-12 VBS	24
25 9:30 am Worship Liturgist: Joe Michels Guest Speaker	26 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies	27	28	29 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 9 am Bible Study 2 pm Soul Sisters @ Timberlake Playhouse	30	31 Memorial Service

Pastor Dave on Vacation from 7/14—8/6

VBS 7/19—7/23 9 am—12 pm



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