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



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We expected that the COVID virus would be slowing down in summer time. But, the Delta variant is at the center of this summer surge. What makes us more scared and concerned is new COVID variants are coming and they are more deadly. Please, continue to stay safe and use your facial covers in public areas and try to avoid crowds and especially poorly ventilated indoor spaces. And also, continue to pray for scientists, health workers, and government officers for God's wisdom and power upon them as they work hard to save people's life. Also, please continue to support each other in God's love and stay connected with each other in Christ!

FUMC had a couple of construction works done last month. First, parsonage's windows have been all replaced. The old and wooden frame windows that have been sat there since the house was built were all removed and the new windows are placed. The house is now more quiet and warm. Next project was church sidewalk. A portion of church sidewalk was very uneven. One day in July, a lady who came to our church to drop off her granddaughter during 2021 Vacation Bible School fell over the raised spot. We felt really sorry about the incident happened on our church sidewalk. Church leaders have run fast to take care of that. Thank you so much for your caring heart, FUMC family, and for your faithfulness!



Schools started in August. We have been praying for our students, teachers, school-staff, and parents! Our Sunday School made a decision to follow the school's guideline which means that we are going to offer Sunday School class with masks and social distancing. Please, get the word out to the young family and help our Sunday School with your prayers and support! Sunday School Kick-off Day is 9/12 Sunday at 9:30am. We are going to bless our students, teachers, and school workers through the blessing of the backpacks during the church service and kids will be introduced to our congregation. Then, they will have fun with our Sunday School teachers. Confirmation Class orientation is scheduled on 9/19 at 2pm at our church. 7th through 10th graders are subject to the class. Please, get the word out!!!

Regarding to our next generations, we must try to pass beautiful nature and whole faith on to our next generations. More serious damages and losses have been caused by global warming all over the world. We have been taking advantage of nature to prosper in life. It's not too late to try and fix the things we have messed up. Likewise, many young generations don't go to church regularly any longer. Let us invite them to our church and become doers of God's Word; loving God and loving neighbors as ourselves. *"Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against God, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!"* (Ezekiel 18:31) May God give the young generations a new heart and spirit!

Our church conference is coming. It's time to give thanks to God who have been taking care of our church and celebrate what we have done in God's protection and guidance. And also, it will be time to envision our next year's ministries and visions together. Please, plan to attend it and continue to work together for the Kingdom of God on earth! Continue to stay safe and healthy! Blessings,

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



Attendance & Financials

Cash Available in General Account: \$ 12,979.14		
	July	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$9,320.81	\$94,187.06
Church Expenses	\$14,732.68	\$101,365.76
Net Operating Balance	\$(5,411.87)	\$(7,178.70)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$1,303.00	\$9,121.00
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>
7/18/21	\$1,818.74		51	51
7/25/21	\$1,290.00		44	44
8/1/21	\$3,135.00		47	47
8/8/21	\$11,921.00		60	60
8/15/21	\$1,530.00		41	41
	\$19,694.74			49

Soul Sisters

August Outing

Thursday, August 19th Sunset Eco-Cruise
on the "Blue Heron"



September Outing

Thursday, September 23rd 11 am

Dittmar Farms

Elizabeth IL

Car Pool from church leaves at 10 am

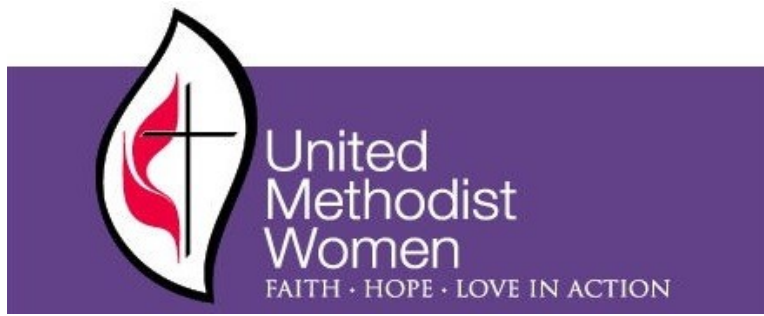
11 am Lunch in Elizabeth, 1 pm Tour of Farm with Hayride

Purchase apples and pumpkins and donuts

Must pre order donuts, apple cinnamon flavor

R.S.V.P to Pam Darrow no later than September 20th

815-718-4486 jpdarrow@grics.net



Monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm.

Bring your ideas for the Bazaar! (Hopefully we will be able to serve our Luncheon).

On September 11, UMW will be participating in Shadfly Days in Marquette Park with a Craft/food booth. We are asking for small/medium loaves of quick breads and muffins.

Something wrapped separately.

Any questions, contact Mary Irons @ 815-541-8487

Fall worship schedule

Will continue 9:30 am worship, outside service only for month of September. Health & Worship Committee will make decision for October by end of month.

Liturgist for month of September:

September 5—Bill Wright

September 19—Noah Johnson

September 12—Burt Prins

September 26—LeaAnn Michels

Congratulations to Molly, who applied for and received
a \$500 grant to fund the Kids Kards!

Kids Kards

Will be on Sunday, September 26th, around 10:30 am.

The theme will be "God's Abundant Harvest"

Join us! All materials will be provided. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Contact Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104 with any questions.

August Kids Kards theme was "In the Garden"



BLESSING BASKET

Thank you for your continued support of the Blessing Basket. It has been available all summer at the West Carroll Food Pantry. This month the Blessing Basket needs Kleenex, dish soap, and 9-volt batteries. Your generosity is AWESOME! Please leave your donations in the Food Pantry box in the Narthex.



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FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry has moved into it's new location at 118 S. 4th Street. Thank you for all of your support and prayers during the transition! The West Carroll School Food Pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce, graham crackers, and boxed cereal. September is Hunger Action Month. Visit SolveHungerToday.org/Action to learn how you can help.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. Luke 1:53



School Supply Drive

Thanks to all who supported our school supply drive. We collected over 300 items! 13 children, pre-school through high school seniors, came to the church and picked out the items they will need for the 2021-2022 school year. We had backpacks, pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, clipboards, crayons, markers, scissors, notebooks, Kleenex, Ziplocs, erasers, index cards, folders, pencil sharpeners, highlighters, glue sticks, 3-ring binders, etc. The extra items will be given to the West Carroll primary and middle schools. God is good!





In Our Prayers

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck,
Beth Wickes, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk,
Patty Nevills, Dawn Barber, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Matthew Foltz,
Keith Brown, Bruce Fritz, Gary Goetz, Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Don Adams,
Bang-Wool Yim, Merry Florence, Stone Curboy, Grace Struve,
Sammy Alvelo, Pat (Brother of Pam Darrow), Family of Jodi French
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, Soldiers in Afghanistan.

Those under the threat of wildfires, tropical storms, & flooding.

People in Haiti, Afghanistan, & North Korea.

With school now opening, please pray for students, teachers,
administrators, parents & workers.



1 – Hayden Bradberry, Caleb Thornton

2 – Ramona Green, Nick Law

3 – Jean Treter

4 – Sandy Wurster

5 – Kenny Clemens

7 – Julie Brigham

8 – Ethan Mangler

11 – Madison Haynes, Bryan Purchis

12 – Lori Law

14 – Sherri Miller

16 – Boyd Law, Scott Mills

18 – Johanna Kramer-Ford

20 – Jason Moore

21 – Dorothy Taylor

22 – Emily Sisson

24 – Cassidy Reitemeier, Janis Wilt

26 – Jessica Turner



24—Rod & Christy Clemens “2005”

26—Tim & Kay Cavanagh “1986”

Card Shower

For

Dorothy Taylor

For her 98th Birthday

Please mails cards to:

C/O Big Meadows

1000 Longmoor

Savanna, IL 61074

Thrift Shop

Remembering 9/11

Special for First Responders*

½ Price anything in store on ***Saturday 9/11/2021***

***Law Enforcement Officers, Paramedics, EMT's & Firefighters**



THRIFT SHOP BAG SALE September 17 & 18, 2021

Fill a bag w/ *Summer Items

for only \$2.00!



***short sleeve & sleeveless tops, shirts and dresses;
swim gear; shorts & capris; sandals**

Open Fridays and Saturdays ONLY @

126 South 4th St. Savanna

Friday hours 10am-4pm Saturday hours 10am-2pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 9 am Bible Study 4 pm Nomination	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship Liturgist: Bill Wright	6 Labor Day Church Office Closed 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies	7 6:30 pm UMW	8	9 9 am Body & Soul Yoga No Bible Study	10	11 12 pm—6 pm Shadfly Festival UMW Booth
12 Blessing of the Backpacks 9:30 am Worship Sunday School Kickoff Finance Commit- tee Following worship Liturgist: Burt Prins	13 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30 pm—5:00 pm WC Food Pan- try	14	15	16 9 am Body & Soul Yoga 9 am Bible Study 3 pm Worship & Health meeting	17	18
19 Trustees 8 am 9:30 am Worship Ad Council Liturgist: Noah Johnson 2 pm Confirma- tion Orientation	20 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30 pm—5:00 pm WC Food Pan- try	21	22	23 9 am Bible Study 10 am Soul Sisters Car Pool to Dittmar Farms 5 pm Health & Worship Committee	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship Kids Kards Liturgist: LeaAnn Michels	27 1 pm Sewing Ladies	28	29	30 Leadership Institute 9-5 (Zoom)		



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welcome everyone **is**

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