



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



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PASTOR'S Pen

The Book of Genesis in the Old Testament deals with blessings upon God's people. God blessed them who worshiped God and followed the will of God in their lives. For example, Jacob was blessed by God when he stayed with his uncle, Laban. God blessed Jacob's sheep and his flocks more than Laban's. Joseph was also blessed by God. When he was sold to Potiphar's house as a slave, God blessed Joseph to take care of the entire household of Potiphar. Even when Joseph was put in prison with the false charge, God continued to bless Joseph.

The most important thing that we can learn from Jacob and Joseph is the fact that they believed that God was with them always no matter where they were and no matter whatever happened to them. They put their full trust in God. Jacob escaped from his brother, Esau, who tried to kill him. Joseph was sold by his brothers to a foreign country as a slave and put in prison for many years. Nevertheless, they didn't feel scared or anxious at all. But rather, they continued to worship God and count on God under any circumstances.

We all have been going through this very challenging and uncertain time since last March. Human beings would be at the mercy of our circumstances. The virus has impacted on not only our lives, but also our souls. As God's people and church, however, even in the midst of any difficulties in our lives we look up to God and put our full trust in God like Jacob and Joseph. We call it faith. The faith keeps us moving forward and enables us to feel the presence of God in our everyday life. It also strengthens us to go through any difficulties in our lives and makes changes in our lives. May God give all of us stronger faith in this uncertain and difficult time!

We are in the Season of Advent and Christmas. To somebody, this Christmas season would be much more difficult and frustrated than the past. We have been blessed by God to be a blessing to others in our Lord, Jesus Christ. In accordance with the grace and blessings given to us, let us be generous in giving help this Christmas. By doing so, Savanna FUMC can offer worship, caring and nurturing ministries, evangelism, and outreach that touch people's lives in our local community. Our acts of generosity will become an extraordinary means of grace to those seeking hope and refuge in their lives. Your support makes this possible!

May the hope, peace, joy, and love from our Lord Jesus Christ who was before, is with us now, and will come again remain with you always in this Season of Advent and Christmas!

Merry Christmas to you all!

Many Blessings,

Pastor Dave





SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020 10AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Chairperson John LeComte called the meeting to order with 11 members present:

himself, Susan Michelle Jepsen, Molly Andersen, Pastor David Yim, Vivian Eaton, TomMichels, Bob Davidson, Kris Yingling, Pam Darrow, Jason Moore, Mary Irons. Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Mary, to accept the minutes and the motion carried. The financial reports were discussed. A motion was made by Kris, seconded by Pam, to accept the reports and the motion carried.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE: Tom presented a budget for 2021. The committee recommends we adopt the budget and the recommendation passed.

TRUSTEES: Bob reported TMI came to check the boiler. The air pressure system is working now, after switching some thermostats. He got an estimate of \$1000 to remove 3 trees, and a motion to accept the bid was made by Susan Michelle, seconded by Pam, to accept the bid and the motion passed. Ron Miller will send a crew to help clean up the trees. John will check with the county to see if the trees along Plum River are ours, before we remove any of them. Bob received a bid from Erickson Blacktop for the church driveway and parking lot to be blacktopped of \$68,000. He will check about sealcoating them instead.

EDUCATION: Kris and Pastor Dave have talked about when Sunday School can resume. The children got to carve pumpkins last week. She hopes to have a monthly activity planned until classes can start again.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: The budget includes raises for the staff. New job descriptions are in the works.

WORSHIP/HEALTH: Vivian reported we will continue our outdoor services through November but will change the time back to 10:15.

EVANGELISM: Mary, Molly, and Pastor Dave are visiting members on Wednesdays.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: We will have Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 31st from 5-7pm. Everyone is invited to participate. The Christmas children's party is still being planned but will be different due to the pandemic. Betsy Kinder is asking for children's winter coats.

UMW: The group will celebrate their Thank Offering at the November meeting.

Members have made and wrapped 101 pillowcases for Big Meadows residents and our shut-ins for Christmas presents. They are also making more hygiene bags for Christmas presents. Several members come every Monday to sew or work on craft items.

UMM: John reported the group is inactive but must pay past dues of \$160 before they can become active again. Jason moved, seconded by Susan Michelle, to pay the past dues out of the UMM checking account and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mary and Vivian have been working on the membership list for months and will have a report to present at the church conference. Many thanks to them for all their hard work! Susan Michelle asked for the names of the members present to be added to the minutes and Molly will do that. The internet connection at the church is very slow so Tom offered to check out why and if there is a better plan available. Vivan is trying to get a Christmas concert together but it may be taped with DVD's available or on-line due to the pandemic.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed his report to members. Our church conference is October 29, 2020 at 6:30pm via Zoom. He is working on having a site available at the church for members to participate. He presented a list of committee members for 2021. We will celebrate All Saints' Day on November 1, 2020. He is sending invitations to families who have lost loved ones this year to come and light a candle during the service in memory of them. He will be doing a series of sermons on stewardship during November. He will be commissioned in Barrington on November 13, 2020. The annual conference will be held virtually the following day, November 14th.

CONGRATULATIONS, PASTOR DAVE!

He closed the meeting with prayer at 11:07am and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen

Date	Income
October 25	\$ 1,728.00
November 1	\$ 3,636.00
November 8	\$ 3,245.00
November 15	\$ 8,285.00
Total Income	\$16,894.00



Attendance

Week	Sun.
Oct. 25	54
Nov. 1	31
Nov. 8	62
Nov. 15	56
Avg.	51



Attendance & Financials

In Our Prayers

Suzie Berg, Judy Dunn, Cindy, Emilee Deerer, Sherri Miller, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Suzanne Atherton, Kris Yingling, Lois Grove, Claire Winterburn, Dee Helle, Ancil Guilinger, Nancy Emery, The Mayer Family, Denise Curtis, Chris Falk, The family of Joan Arb at her passing.

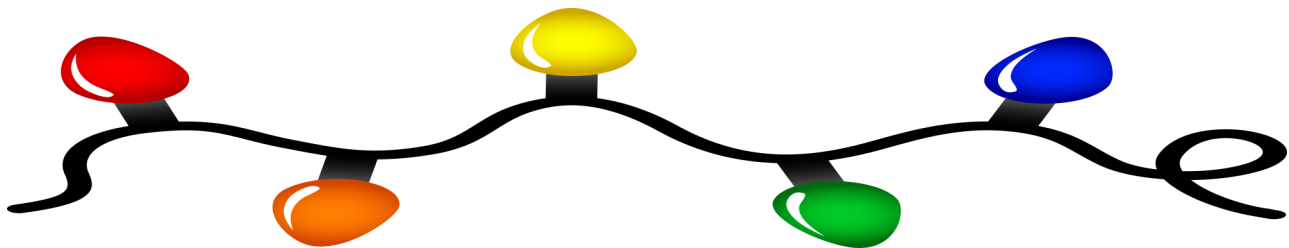
Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

West Carroll Schools, Nursing homes in Carroll County,
Please lift the victims of the wildfire and storm areas as well.
Military Personnel and their families

Blessing Basket

FUMC and the West Carroll School Food Pantry are working together to provide some essential items for the pantry's clients. We are taking donations of laundry detergent, batteries, and shampoo, both children's and adult's. Monetary donations are also welcomed. The Blessing Basket will be available during the food pantry's regular hours.

Please support this new ministry with your gifts and prayers as we share our many blessings with others. Thank you!



We have begun collecting food for both food pantries in Savanna. Items they need include: crackers, juice, egg noodles, canned pumpkin, sugar, flour, paper towels, toilet paper and canned vegetables. Please bring your donation to the church and we'll get it to them. You are welcome to leave it at the door and we will step out to grab it to maintain social distancing.

We didn't need any volunteers to staff the food pantries this year but they still need our support. Please remember them in your year-end giving and help our neighbors that are food insecure.

He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord,
and He will pay back what he has given. Proverbs 19:17



DECEMBER

- 1 Amy Prins, Max Purchis,
Bonnie Davies
- 2 Tony Jackson, Pearl Michels,
John Bringham
- 3 Shelby Rathje
- 12 Rhonda Badtke
- 14 Michele Mangler, Paul Brunner,
Rachel Badtke
- 18 Michele Reagen, Bituin Michels
- 21 Bethany Wright, Brady Knop
- 24 Ann Larsen
- 25 Joseph Green
- 26 Jackie Walker,
Suzanne Atherton
- 27 *Jim & Vivian Eaton 1962*
- 28 Shayla Roberts
- 30 Stephanie Shaw

UMW Christmas Gathering

December 1 we will meet at the Thomson library at 6:00pm for supper.

We will be looking at our budget for 2020 and approving our end of the year expenses.

Come and enjoy a night of Christmas fellowship.

Questions, call Mary Irons at 815-541-8487.



First United Methodist Church of Savanna, Illinois

December 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6pm UMW Christmas Party	2	3 9am-Bible Study 9am Body & Soul Yoga	4	5
6 9am Adult Sunday Scholl 10:15am Outdoor Worship	7 9am Body & Soul Yoga 1pm-Sewing La- dies 3:30-5 WC Food Pantry	8 4pm Finance Committee Mtg	9	10 9am-Bible Study 9am Body & Soul Yoga 1:30pm Inter Church Council Mtg	11	12
13 9am Adult Sunday School 10:15am Outdoor Worship	14 9am Body & Soul Yoga 1pm-Sewing La- dies	15	16	17 9am-Bible Study 9am Body & Soul Yoga 3pm Worship Cmte	18	19
20 8am Trustees Meeting 9am Adult Sunday School 10:15am Outdoor Worship 11am Ad Council Meeting	21 9am Body & Soul Yoga 1pm-Sewing La- dies 3:30-5 WC Food Pantry Telstar Deadline	22	23	24 NO Bible Study 7pm Christmas Eve Drive-in Candle- light Service	25 Merry Christmas Office Closed	26
27 9am Adult Sunday School 10:15am Outdoor Worship	28 9am Body & Soul Yoga 1pm-Sewing La- dies	29	30	31 NO Bible Study		



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