



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



Vision 2022 – “Love Others!”

Outward Focused Ministry during/after Pandemic
(to build up a strong and safe local community)

Strong in Mission, Strong Justice, Strong in Diversity

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.”

(Acts 2:44)

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2 years ago today, we didn't expect that the pandemic would last for two years. We are still fighting against the virus, but we need to pause now and get together to celebrate how we have survived and what we have done for the last two years. Even in the pandemic, we have worked very hard to love God and love others as ourselves. Also, we have tried to become God's hands and feet to take care of each other to get over difficult times together. I am very proud of you, FUMC family, and I am very blessed to be able to serve God and the local community with you! We all hope that there will be more brighter days ahead.

We should continue to fight for justice. We should voice up and put into action against human evilness and brutality. We have been facing another crisis after one crisis done. It's been very painful to watch Ukraine slowly being ruined by the Russian attacks. We have been experiencing the evilness in human nature and an example of human brutality through Russian invasion. We stand with Ukraine, and we fight for justice and peace.

Much worse, however, the increasing global focus is on self-dependence rather than co-dependence and holistic social focus. It has been causing more division and dispute around the world. The Bible says that we who are many are one body in Jesus Christ, and we are members of each other. We couldn't live without each other. Please, pray for the people in Ukraine who are a part of the body in Christ and peace in everyone's heart!

Easter Sunday of 2022 is April 17th. We will be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ together with Sunrise Service at 7am, Easter breakfast, Easter service with special music at 10:15am, and Easter egg hunt for children on the day. The Joy of the salvation and the power of the resurrection will fully fill our church on Easter Sunday. The happiness of the redemption and the joy of resurrection will be upon us who will be participating in our Easter celebration. The joyful noise from our children and adult choir will be increasing the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please, invite your friends and neighbors to our Easter Celebration on April 17th. Peace from our Lord God be with you all!

Happy Easter!

The Lord is Risen, indeed! Hallelujah!

Pastor Dave



<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Worship in- side</u>	<u>Worship out- side</u>	<u>Total attend per week</u>
2/6/2022	\$2,926.21	40	12	52
2/13/2022	\$1,577.00	38	8	46
2/20/2022	\$995.47	33	12	45
2/27/2022	\$960.00	50	2	52
Total income	\$6,458.68		Average per week	49



Attendance & Financials



Financial Report February 2022

Cash Available in General Account: \$26,802.00		
	February	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$9,730.87	\$23,435.68
Church Expenses	\$11,763.03	\$21,783.71
Net Operating Balance	\$(2,032.16)	\$1,851.97
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$2,482.00	\$2482.00
Please, contact Paula Mayer (our new treasurer) with any questions!		

Our Church's Financial Picture



We in the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council believe it is essential that we be as transparent as possible on our financial picture.

Today, I am going to give you a quick view of where we are and more importantly, what you are providing by your gifts to the Church. If you want more information, just ask the office and they will be glad to provide you the detailed financial report we present to the Administrative Council every month.

Before getting into the financial specifics, I want to first mention the assets that our Church has and highlight some of the missions we support.

We have a great congregation, a good staff and dedicated volunteers who work together to further the work of our Church. We have excellent and well-maintained facilities, both the church building and the parsonage. Our accessible church building allows us to conduct many programs such as vaccination clinic and blood drives but also allowed us to easily host outside services during the pandemic and now give attendees a choice of inside/outside attendance. Although I am focusing on the financial condition, I think it is just as important, or maybe even more important, to talk about our support of missions both local and beyond.

Our facilities provide us space to provide many services and support locally as well as denominational missions. In addition to bible studies, adult and children's Sunday school, and youth group, we also hosted the West Carroll food pantry, supported the Savanna food pantry, Needy Children's Christmas program, COVID and flu vaccination clinics, CPR training, Community Christmas Concert, Trunk or Treat, October Fest and women's sewing circle. The sewing circle provides various items to the Methodist Midwest Mission Distribution Center at Chatham, IL and 3 women of the church worked there for a week in support of the relief efforts. Members manned the Red Kettles at Christmas in support of the Salvation Army. We support the Interchurch council including hosting of the city-wide Vacation Bible School. We also have a college scholarship program. We received \$4,200 in grants from the Northern Illinois UMC Conference for clergy health insurance, kids cards, blessing basket and school supplies. The congregation provided donations to these programs and the Christmas tree that at least matched the conference grants.

Our income is primarily supported by member giving. We do have two "endowment" funds that are invested in the Northern Illinois Conference Foundation to provide a better return. One is the Sterk Endowment Fund of approximately \$ 283,000. We are restricted to only using the interest income from this fund. The other fund currently at \$120,000 is the restitution funds from the bonding company. Although not technically a restricted fund, we treat it as such, only using the principle for major expenses such as our recent air conditioner replacement at the church and parsonage window replacements. We also have two other designated funds, a scholarship fund of approximately \$15,000 and a youth fund of \$5,000.

We spent \$179,000 in 2021 in operating the Church.

Apportionments, what we pay as our share to operate the district and conference and support its relief missions was \$15,636. This is assessed by the conference based on our budget and other factors.

Operation and maintenance of the church and parsonage were \$42,150.

As with most service organizations, salaries are our major expense. Our paid staff (pastor, secretary, janitor, groundskeeper and music) costs last year were \$72,348.25. It should be noted that the pastor's salary, benefits and reimbursements are set by the Conference. Also, that we are annually increasing the pay of the rest of the staff to ensure we are in compliance with the upcoming change to \$15 per hour minimum wage.

Each committee in the Church has its own line in the budget to cover the expenses to perform their function. Some of very small amounts while others such as trustees can be a significant amount.

In our monthly report to the congregation of income and expenditure, we also include pass thru giving that goes to the two food pantries, Needy Children, Great River Outreach, UMCOR etc. Last year the congregation provided \$3300 to these. We are exploring a better way to show these transactions. They are not in the budget but inflate both our income and expenditures. We are though very happy to see the great response of the congregation in supporting these primarily local outreach programs.

Now that we have discussed our expenditures, what is our income.

We are basically dependent upon our member giving. For 2021, it was \$138,471. This was a \$15,000 increase over the early pandemic year of 2020.

Due to the pandemic, we received \$16,117 in 2020 and \$15,795 2021 in PPP forgivable loan from the federal government. This helped fill the gap from what we lost from not being able to have normal services and attendance. In our budgeting for 2022, we assumed that this money would be available, either as another government loan if the pandemic continues or increased giving if we are able to return to pre-pandemic operations. This is the major funding challenge we face in 2022.

I hope this gives you a better understanding of the financial resources needed to operate our Church and carry out its missions. Thank you for sharing your money, time and talents in supporting the missions of the First United Methodist of Savanna.

March 2022

The Chairperson of the Finance Committee

The First United Methodist Church of Savanna



CHURCH COUNCIL

SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022 11:15AM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Chairperson Susan Michelle Jepsen called the meeting to order with members LaVona Grissinger, Molly Andersen, Jason Moore, Pam Darrow, Kris Yingling, Mary Irons, Pastor Dave Yim, and Paula Mayer present. Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Mary moved, seconded by Susan Michelle, to accept the minutes and the motion passed. The financial reports were presented and Susan Michelle moved, seconded by LaVona, to accept the reports and the motion passed. Paula mentioned that our members' giving is down so far this year. We have paid our \$300 for the rice-packing meals event.

TRUSTEES: They are still working on getting the church roof leaks and electrical and lighting projects done. The boiler was inspected for the conference and passed. A new laptop for the treasurer and computer for the office were purchased.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: We received a letter from our district superintendent congratulating us for paying 108% of our apportionments. We made 2 payments in December and it will be corrected later.

FINANCE: Tom Michels will be speaking during the worship service next week, giving a report on 2021. We have been notified we will be receiving \$120,000 from Paul Brunner's estate. April's communion offering will be designated for Kids Kards.

WORSHIP: Our Memorial Day service will be outside on May 29th at 9:30am. We will have a sunrise service on Easter Sunday at 7am, followed by an Easter breakfast served by our children and youth.

EDUCATION: Today is Pretzel Sunday. Linda Jachino will host a Seder meal on April 10th.

EVANGELISM: Paul Brunner has passed away but Pastor Dave got to visit him in Sterling before his death. Easter cards will be mailed to our shut-ins in April. Mary will keep in contact with Brenda Hamm, since John Hamm has recently passed away.

CHURCH COUNCIL

MEMORIAL/HISTORICAL RECORDS: Committee chairpersons were asked to make a wish list, prioritizing their items, for the committee to consider.

UMW: Their next meeting is April 5th.

UMM: Their first meeting was Monday with 6 men attending. The next meeting will be Monday, April 11th, at 5pm.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: The Lenten services are going well.

YOUTH: The youth group and confirmation continue to meet.

OLD BUSINESS: Rice-packing will be held at 9am on Saturday, April 30th, with children encouraged to come.

NEW BUSINESS: We will plan a reception for Vivian Eaton on April 24th. Kids Kards will be held that day during Sunday School. Our next meeting will be a zoom meeting on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30pm, due to Easter Sunday.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed his report and mileage record to members. He passed his ordination interview! CONGRATULATIONS! He will be ordained on June 10th in Schaumburg. He will conduct Ruth Carey's funeral on Saturday, April 2nd, at FUMC. Bang-Wool will be home April 15th. Pastor Dave closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04pm.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Andersen

APRIL



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Katie Hoffman
Paul & Charlene Mayer 1964
- 2 April Ruddell, Bill Weidman
- 5 Kris Offenheiser
- 6 JC Carey, Melinda Dykema
- 7 Glen Brunner
- 8 Karen Hoffman
- 9 Jeanine Mills
- 11 Rosemary Hartman
- 12 Deb Long, Jiwon Yim
- 14 Kathie Prins
- 15 Claire Floming
Carlo & Linda Stubbe 1972
- 16 Alice Riffe-Torrison
- 21 Jim Haynes
- 23 Anna Badkte



Kids Kards



Making Easter Cards

Kids Kards will be making Mother's Day cards on April 24th at 10:15 am at Children's time during service.



Soul sisters



“St Patrick’s Party”

Next outing will be on Friday, April 22nd. “Earth Day” 10 am—2 pm
Fritz Nursery & Garden Center,
11385 East US 20, Stockton, IL .
We will have lunch at a local
restaurant. Carpool will leave the
church at 10 am. Drivers are needed!



Please, save the date!
Rice Meal Packing with neighboring
Methodist Churches
April 30th (Saturday) 9 am
@ FUMC of Savanna

We are collecting money for rice meal packing.

Please, join us!

Signup sheet is in the narthex!

And a donation basket is in the hallway!





The paper bags we decorated and donated last month were well received by both pantries. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate them



This month we need juice and pasta sauce. During this season of Lent, remember our neighbors who are hungry. Please leave your items in the Food Pantry box in the narthex.

Blessing Basket

Last month was one of the busiest months yet, with over 70 items given out. Thank you for your support of this ministry with your gifts and prayers. Toilet paper and laundry detergent donations are greatly appreciated.

Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28

Tommie Falk Places 2nd at State FFA Awards Day

West Carroll FFA member, Tom Falk, placed 2nd at the State FFA Proficiency Awards Day on March 26 at Decatur Eisenhower High School. Tom's SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) is Agriculture Sales Placement. Tom is employed and works at the Ace Hardware Store in Savanna, Illinois. Through his SAE experiences at Ace Hardware, Tom has learned numerous business skills, logged over 2000 hours, and earned a little over \$20,000. Falk won both the Section I and District I FFA Proficiency contests to advance to the State Awards Day. To compete in an FFA SAE proficiency award area, each member must have completed at least one year of SAE record books, complete a proficiency application, and interview in front of a panel of judges.

Tom is the son of Chris and Kim Falk of Savanna, Illinois.

Tom's FFA Advisors are Christina Polk and Don Mathey.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

A “CHRISTIAN PASSOVER” MEAL

On **April 10th**, the children will experience Jesus’s last supper during a “Christian Passover” meal or Seder. They will eat the foods Jesus and his disciples ate and learn what each food and drink symbolize.

After the children bring palm branches into the Sanctuary during Worship Service, they will follow their teachers to a special room to learn about Passover and how it became our Christian sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children of all ages except the very young are encouraged to attend this meaningful event. Parents are welcome, too.

Please, let us know if your child plans to come. Contact Kris Yingling or Sharon Guilinger.

Questions?? Contact Linda Jachino at jachino@grics.net.



2022 Graduate

Do you have 2022 Graduates in your family (Preschool, Grade School, High school, or college)? Please, let us know so that we can celebrate their big achievement and bless them together! Recognition of our Sunday school teachers and 2022 graduates is scheduled for the Sunday of May 15th. Please, contact the church office.





from the desk of

Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer
Prairie North District Superintendent

Dear friends of Savanna: First UMC,
I greet you with gratitude and celebration.
It was a joy to read that your church paid
108% apportionment in 2021. I celebrate that
you did your best to support the life and
mission of our connection. Please extend
my gratitude to the leaders and church
members. May God continue to bless your
ministry.

Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer



Easter Celebration (4/17 Sunday)

Sunrise Service at 7am

Breakfast

Easter Service (with special music) at 10:15am

Egg Hunt



Carroll County Help Center—Celebrating 50 years of service



Pictured from left: Terese Truninger, 91, 25 year volunteer, Jackie Walker, 91, 15 year volunteer, Betty Moore, 88, 10 year volunteer. Not pictured: Sally Ritchie, 88, 10 years, Berta Lenkeit, 91, many years.

Five area women, all over the age of 85 are among the loyal volunteers. Every Monday and Wednesday, no matter the weather, they are at the shop processing new merchandise dropped off, sorting through items, pricing and cleaning the shop.

The Thrift shop is looking for volunteers not only to process items brought in, but also for sales days Friday and Saturday.

Located at 126 South 4th Street, Savanna, the Thrift Shop is open 10 am—4 pm Fridays, and 10 am—2pm on Saturdays.



United Methodist Men's Gathering
Cookout, Fellowship!
All men are welcome!

April 11th (Monday) at 5pm At church

Please, mark it on your calendar!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Dawn Barber, Tim Cavanagh, Stone Curboy, Billy David,
Emilee Deerer, Greg Eversoll, Chris Falk, Sandy Gabriel,
Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Marcile Fowler, Rhonda Harlock Smith,
Robert Hill, John Irons, Noah Johnson,
Dallas Kosier, Ann Larson, Judy Law, Bang-Wool Lim,
Paul Mayer, Susan Meyer, Collen Olsen, Bonnie Parker,
Bill Robinson, Jane Rubietta, Salvador Sanchez, Ron Smith,
Betty Speck, Grace Struve, Peter Tsoukalas, Martha White,
Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), Vanessa and Kristen
(daughter and granddaughter of Bob & LaVona Grissinger),
Families of Katrina Barten and Ruth Carey.
Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Dorothy Taylor, Bill Weidman,
Steve Yenny

Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Military Personnel & their families.
Pray for students, teachers, administrators, parents & workers. Peace on earth and
peace in Ukraine.



April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Ruth Carey funeral 2—4 pm
3 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Wor- ship	4 9 am Sewing ladies 3:30—5 WC Food Pantry	5 6:30 pm UMW	6 4:30 pm Confirma- tion class 5:45 Youth Group 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Interchurch Service, St John the Baptist—Pastor Dave	7 9 am Bible Study	8	9
10 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Wor- ship	11 9 am Sewing ladies 5 pm UMM	12	13 1:30 Senior Service 4:30 pm Confirma- tion class	14 9 am Bible Study	15 Good Friday Noon— Interchurch Ser- vice @ FUMC	16
17 Easter 7 am Sunrise Service Breakfast 10:15 am Service Easter Egg Hunt	18 9 am Sewing ladies 3:30—5 WC Food Pantry	19 7 pm Finance Committee (zoom)	20 6:30 pm Ad Council (zoom)	21 9 am Bible Study	22 10 am Soul Sisters—Earth Day	23
24 9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Wor- ship 10:15 AM Kids Kards Celebration for Vivian Eaton Fol- lowing service	25 9 am Sewing ladies	26	27	28 9 am Bible Study	29	30 9 am Rice Packing

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