



**Our Mission is to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously.**



## **Our Vision Statement**

**“Reaching out to all people  
Inviting them to experience the Love of  
God through Open Hearts, Open  
Minds and Open Doors.”**

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## June – A Halfway Resting Point

Friends, many of us have taken long journeys—hours of driving, flying, riding buses, trains, cruises, or even bicycles. And we all know the feeling of reaching the halfway point. By then, most travelers pause, breathe, rest, and gather strength to continue. Our life journey is no different. We look forward to moments of rest, renewal, youthfulness, and vacation.

June, the doorway into summer, often becomes that resting point. Life slows down. Church attendance dips as families travel, explore, and take well deserved breaks. Yet the rest we take is not the same as God's rest. God did not rest because He was tired; He rested because His work was complete. Genesis 2:2–3 reminds us: *"On the seventh day God finished His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done."*

June also marks the halfway point of each year. This year of 2026, we are blessed to celebrate **190 years of ministry in Savanna**, since the founding of the First United Methodist Church in 1836. With this in mind, we formed a Taskforce to dream, plan, and prepare meaningful activities. With a spirit of joyful servanthood, we will celebrate this milestone from **July 4 through Fall 2026**. Get ready—order your anniversary T-shirt from our Taskforce and join us as we expand our impact in the community.

June also brings **Father's Day**. Our United Methodist Men are excited to sing, share encouragement, and bless the congregation. I am truly grateful for their unwavering commitment and unity.

In July, as usual, our Church will host **Vacation Bible School**. Please prepare to register your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren for this special time of learning and joy.

As we reach the midpoint of this year, remember halfway does not mean finished. We still have six months ahead of us. Let us hold fast to the confidence Paul expressed to the Philippians: *"I am sure of this: the One who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 1:6)

Keep doing the good work God has entrusted to you. Let the vision of the end strengthen your steps today, and may our journey be energized by the hope of Christ.

**God bless you,**

***Fernando Candumbo de Castro***

## May 17, 2026 11:30AM LIBRARY

### Administrative Council Minutes

**Members present:** Lea Ann Michels, Karen Hoffman, Esther Losh, Deann Kramer, Jason Moore, Mary Irons, Molly Andersen, Kris Yingling, Pam Darrow, Susan Michelle Jepsen, Pastor Fernando, John LeComte, Tom Michels The meeting was called to order by Susan Michelle Jepsen. Pastor Fernando opened the meeting with prayer.

**Education:** Kris Yingling reported that Sunday School ended today with a scavenger hunt. They will meet in the future to make plans for VBS and next fall's course. She reported they would like more children to attend Sunday School. Pastor asked to meet with the committee to see about the students learning Bible verses.

**Evangelism:** Mary Irons reported that Florence Bevin's Powell and Jean Ferris had birthdays. She made phone calls twice to Jackie Walker. She visited with Don Kramer(3 times), Jackie Walker (communion), Steve Yenney, and Sandy Kittoe. She texted Emily Medley and attended the visitation with Pastor for Gage Smith.

**Finance:** Tom Michels reported that we are doing better financially. It appears member giving is up.

**Hospitality:** Ester Losh reported that a sign up for the potluck was passed around at church today. IT was suggested that the potluck be advertised on Facebook as an event so people will come. There will be another Craft day on June 13 and the committee is working on the menu for the day.

**Outreach/Mission:** Deann Kramer reported that the Bishop's Appeal offering brought in \$172. The committee will be working on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade entry alongside the 190 year group. They will meet My 24.

**Staff/Parish:** Karen Hoffman reported that they will be meeting to do the evaluation of the Pastor.

**Trustees:** Jason Moore reported they had a presentation from Vivian about the organ. A replacement organ would cost between \$30,000 and \$58,000. They are investigating a different way to get power supply for the existing organ. They group of volunteers who mow the lawn has been working well, they are working on getting the valve in the youth room fixed so it doesn't leak when turned off. He questioned the phone bill being so large and will investigate what we are paying for. He will check with Ryan Miller regarding the AED.

**Worship:** Linda Stubbe reported that they will meet Thursday at 4:30. The Memorial Day service will be next Sunday. On June 7 we will start church services at 9:30 for the summer.

**Youth:** There is no representative but 2 names were brought up as possibilities.

**United Women In Faith:** Kathie Prins had emailed her report. At their meeting in May they watched a movie about Job's wife, planted flowers, and at meal at Papa Chubby's.

**United Methodist Men:** Jason reported that they will meet Tuesday and will practice singing for the Father's Day service.

**Interchurch Council:** There was no report but there was a discussion about getting the 'unchurched' to God.

**OLD BUSINESS** Policy Book Location: It was decided that there probably isn't one but there should be.

**JOY camp interest:** The Pastor hasn't had any responses to his email regarding attendance.

**Meals at The Table:** Karen Hoffman reported they served 19 meals last month. The next meal will be June 12 with Karen Hoffman and Karen Wallace serving Brats, baked beans, ad cheesy potatoes. We were reminded to keep praying for this ministry.

**190 year committee** will meet on May 24 after church to start making plans.

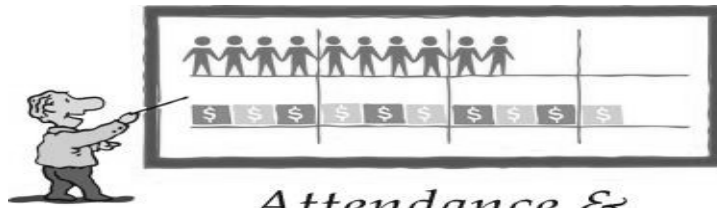
**NEW BUSINESS** Facebook page: After a lot of discussion Jason Moore moved that John LeComte contact these people to see if they would be on a media team: Glenda Brokema, Joe Michels, Addie, Jason Moore, Deb Long, Paul Meyer. The motion was seconded by Karen Hoffman. The motion passed.

Molly reported that we have received 2 grants, \$1500 for the school supplies and \$2000 for the WC food pantry.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor Fernando reported the following things has been involved in: 4 Hybrid Services, 4 prayer meetings, 10 meetings, a funeral visitation, 3 pastoral care/counseling. He was in an interview for Deacon, Preached at the Baccalaureate Service, and attended Oakwood resort in Indiana. He will be gone on vacation in July.

The next meeting of Administrative Council will be June 14 since the 21 is Father's Day.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Fernando at 1:05. Respectfully submitted, Lea Ann Michels



## Attendance & Financials

Cash Available in General Account: \$17,770.58		
<b>April</b>		YTD
Church Revenue	\$13,968.97	\$59,465.63
Church Expenses	\$11,041.91	\$60,516.67
Net Operating Balance	\$2,927.06	\$-1,021.04
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$1,225.14	\$4,871.22



Date	Income	Worship Inside	Worship Outside	Total Attendance
May 3	\$4560	100	1 + 2 dogs	101
May 10	\$2077	65	2 +2 dogs	67
May 17	\$3153	74	1 +3 dogs	75
May 24	\$6113.	68		68
<b>Totals</b>	\$15,903	307	4 + 7 dogs	311

Bennett Sturtz, Howard Nichols, Curtis Pilgrim, Tinslee, Dan Zambon, Frank Norman, Pastor Narda, Mike Medley, Matt, Lt. Brian Robinson, Bill Haas, Colleen Olsen (brain surgery), Kevin Everson, Benny McClure Julia Castro, Trena, Rev. David Forbes, JoannWinkler, Teresa Bauer, Sandy Froelich, Kathie Prins

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Florence Bevins-Powell, Judy Law

**Our country & government,** Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel and Iran, the Gaza Strip; peace in the Middle East, families, students, school administrators, and those grieving their loved ones.

Sympathy: Cora Bellini Family  
David Bower Family  
Davis Family , loss of Father and daughter



# What's Happening At Church!!!!

## New Sewing Ministry

We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry but getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available (pattern & material). Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women of Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be a part of this important ministry by sewing at home at your convenience. Come check it out!

If you are interested in getting involved in this ministry, call Mary Irons at 815-541-8487.

## JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministry

**June 17th 4:30 - 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We're having a cookout with hot dogs and brat-wurst and strawberry shortcake for dessert. If it's nice weather we can eat on the deck! Our program will be games with lots of prizes. RSVP to the church office at 815-273-2345 by noon, Monday, June 15th. Rides are available, in-town only. JOY is a free monthly meal with fellowship and fun for anyone 60 years and older.

## **United Women of Faith**

**The flowers are planted and look nice. Our June 2nd meeting will be at 6:30. Our plan is to clean the pews in the sanctuary. Please bring a bucket and cleaning rags. Murphy's Oil Soap will be here waiting for your bucket. Absolutely every woman is welcome to join in this cleaning adventure!**

## Hospitality Committee

is trying to bring back Ushers and Greeters. If you would be interested in volunteering for these, please see Esther Losh.

**Greeters are needed for May!**

## Blessing Basket

**We need laundry detergent !**

Please leave your donations in the Food Pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

## ***SOUL SISTERS***

### SUMMER COOK-OUT

An "organized potluck"—hot dogs & fixin's (**SIGN-UP**)

Date: Thursday, June 4th

Time: Gather at 11:00 A.M.--- Lunch at 12:00 noon

Place: Fellowship Hall & Deck

Hostess: Molly Andersen

Devotions and Grace: Carol Fosdick

RSVP ---Linda Jachino by June 2<sup>nd</sup> (815-541-4760)

**Volunteer at the Savanna Food Pantry i**

# JOY (Just Older Youth)



# Soul Sisters Apron Show



# GRO TABLE MINISTRY Served by First United Methodist Church



## Zander Lawrence Scott Feuerbach Baptism



**Noah Johnson 2026**  
**West Carroll High School**





**Graduation Sunday will be May** Be sure to send in a picture and information about your graduate to the office no later than Monday, May 4th

**All graduates --Preschool, 8th Grade and High School!**

**Pictures for the directory  
Forms in the Narthex! Everyone please fill  
out the form and get pictures scheduled!**

**United Methodist Men will  
meet Wednesday,  
June 16th, 5:30pm**

#### Food Pantries

This is a special message from Chris Ford, president and CEO of the River Bend Food Bank, who supply the Savannah Food Pantry and the West Carroll School Food Pantry. As the days get longer and the weather warms up, thoughts naturally turn to the upcoming break. Vacations, pool days, picnics, and freedom from the school bell are just ahead! That freedom from the routine is great, unless you have children who rely on accessing free and reduced-price meal programs at school. Many families are figuring out how to provide enough food for 3 meals a day -- and snacks! -- during the months breakfasts and lunches are no longer available at school. And the recent cuts to SNAP and Medicaid left more families feeling unsure of how they'll afford what they need. However, summer hunger affects more than just families. For many individuals and older neighbors, food insecurity is a year-round issue. Thanks to your generosity, River Bend Food Bank is here for our neighbors, ready to provide meals for children, families, and older adults. That's because YOU always rise to the occasion. As we head into the summer months, I'm grateful for your support. If you'd like to give again, every \$1 helps provide 5 meals for someone facing hunger. Thank you for your compassion.

With gratitude, Chris Ford

You can make a donation to the food bank or any food pantry with your weekly church offering. Just label your giving envelope on the outside with your gift. Thank you.

#### Coffee Hour

June 7 - Jim & Vivian Eaton

June 14 - Ron & Lori Miller

June 21 - Rhonda Law & Kelly  
Johnson

June 28 - Mary Irons & Esther Losh

#### West Carroll Food Pantry

Gearing up for the summer when some

Students will be missing the 2 meals a day they receive at school. Kid-friendly items will be needed, things that can be microwaved or individually packaged like macaroni & cheese, pasta meals, jello and pudding. These are great way to keep our children fed during the summer.

**KIDS KARDS will not  
meet May, June or July!**



## June 2026

June 1 - Shay Ruddell

3 - Sylvia Reuterfors

4 - Jim Eaton

4 - Herb Pratt

7 - Bob Grissinger

11 - Connie Kramer

16 - Tim Cavanagh

17 -Kevin Law

18 - Mark Miller

18 -Cori Moore

19 - Frank Norman

22 - Cheyenne Hoffman

24 - Glenn Hoffman

25 - Kirk Hoffman

25 - Paul Mayer

26 - Lori Miller

26 - Karen Wallace

26 - Jon Darrow

26 - Paula Mayer

27 - Blake Ruddell

28 - Linda Jachino

### Liturgists

June 7 -Linda Jachino

June 14 -Lea Ann Michaels

June 21 - Bonnie Davies

June 28 -

### Greeters

June 7 -Esther Losh

June 14 -Bob & LaVona

June 21- Deb Long

June 28 -Bob & LaVona

### Ushers

June 7 -Linda Stubbe, Pam D, Molly A. , Isobel Castro

June 14 - Linda Stubbe, Glenda & Ross Dykema  
Sherry Cancelose

June 21 - Pam D. & Molly A., ,Karen Hoofman  
Kirk Hoffman

June 28 -.Pam D. & Molly A., Glenda & Ross  
Dykema

### Counters & Verifiers

June 7 -Molly Andersen & Mary Irons

June 14 -Rhonda Law & Pam Darrow

June 21 - Lori Miller & Linda Jachino

June 28 -Lori Miller & Linda Stubbe



Worship Helpers

### Acolytes

June 7 -Tyson Speer

June 14 -Faith Gomzalez

June 21 - Ellie Johnson

June 28 - Kirk Hiffman

**If you are unable to do your scheduled day,  
please find someone to take your place!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31</b>	1	<b>2 UWF 6:30</b>	<b>3</b>	4 Soul Sisters 11 am Summer S=Cook-out	5	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Communion</b>	<b>8</b> 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11 Nursing Home</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Annual Conference</b>	<b>15</b> 1 pm Sewing Ladies	<b>16 Men's Meeting 5:30 pm</b>	<b>17 JOY</b> 4:30- 6:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Father's Day</b> 8:45 am Adult SS 9 am Trustees 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Ad Council	<b>22 Telstar Info due</b> 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  10:15 am Worship	<b>29</b> 1 pm Sewing Ladies	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>