



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



## Our Vision Statement

**“Our faith calls us to action in the body of Christ and in the local community to love God and to love others.”**

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Dear FUMC Family,

I want to share some updates on Bang-Wool's health in South Korea. She underwent outpatient surgery a couple of weeks ago and is now doing okay. She has completed some tests and treatments and is scheduled for a biopsy with her thyroid doctor soon. Currently, she is focused on caring for her father, who recently underwent open heart surgery. Unfortunately, his recovery has been challenging, as he lacks the strength and patience required for daily exercises and treatments. He was moved back to the ICU last week for intensive care. Please continue to keep him and Bang-Wool's family in your prayers. She will return to the U.S. on May 17th.

I've been very busy with church work, especially with our active congregation and ongoing events. Additionally, managing the soccer season for my three boys has been quite demanding. This experience has deepened my compassion for single mothers and fathers. I truly admire their strength and perseverance in balancing parenting and work responsibilities. Let us pray that God grants them the strength and patience they need each day.

We are currently in a transition period as we prepare to welcome our new pastor. The Transition Team will begin meeting to ensure a smooth and exciting transition. They will organize farewell and welcoming parties, work on introduction videos for Pastor Fernando, and arrange listening tours so that our new Pastor can connect with each church member. Please continue to pray for our church and our new pastor during this transition.

On May 19th, our confirmands will be officially confirmed and become FUMC members. I am eagerly looking forward to celebrating this significant milestone in their lives. They have completed 14 classes, participated in 5 mission works, visited 2 churches, and engaged in 4 activities together since last October. We will have Holy Communion that Sunday, with the confirmands serving the communion. I encourage you all to attend and support our confirmands with your prayers for their future.

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd, between 3 and 6 pm. Our goal is to collect 14 units of blood, which can potentially save up to 42 lives. Your participation in this small act of kindness can make a significant difference. Please sign up for the blood drive and join us in saving lives together.

May is a month filled with hope and new beginnings. Let us continue to support and uplift one another in faith and love.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave Yim

**SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 11:30AM**  
**CHURCH LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 11:57am by Tom Michels, chairperson of the Finance committee. Members present were Pastor Dave Yim, Ronda Rathje, Molly Andersen, Kathie and Burt Prins, Esther Losh, Linda Stubbe, Vivian Eaton, Kris Yingling, Jason Moore, Pam Darrow, and Mary Irons. Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Pam moved, seconded by Kathie, to approve the minutes and the motion carried. The financial report was presented and Kris moved, seconded by Ronda, to accept the report as presented and the motion carried.

**TRUSTEES:** Members met with JCE about an easement for an electrical line and fiber optic cable. The leaking gasket on the church boiler was replaced but a bolt was broken in the process. It may need to be inspected again to get certified. Pastor Dave was cleaning out the gutters at the parsonage (thank you!) and noticed some bad spots on the roof. We will check with the shingle company to see what type of guarantee we have. A work day for the church and parsonage is planned. If there is a specific project members have in mind please let a member of the Trustees know. Outlets in the library and end room quit working again. It was determined there was a pinched wire behind the stone wall in the narthex. The emergency lights were replaced as their lithium batteries were leaking. Speaking of leaks, the heating system leaked in the library and counting room and new valves are needed. The library is without heat at this time. The Kitchen committee has decided on a new epoxy floor and needs the Trustee committee to move the oven, stove, and refrigerator. They will work with the flooring company to see if they can be moved to one side while the floor is being redone, but this will take longer and probably cost more. Mary volunteered to be on the sign committee.

**EVANGELISM:** Mary shared in worship this morning what the committee does. She sent a birthday card to Sandy Pratt and she and Pastor Dave visited Jackie Walker in the hospital.

**WORSHIP:** The temporary signs are up in the church building. Pastor Dave asked us to let him know when we have visitors at worship. The committee will discuss passing offering plates again at their next meeting. Esther and Linda will talk about their committee next month during worship.

**EDUCATION:** Things are going well and they have 1 unit left for the year. The last day of Sunday School is May 26th.

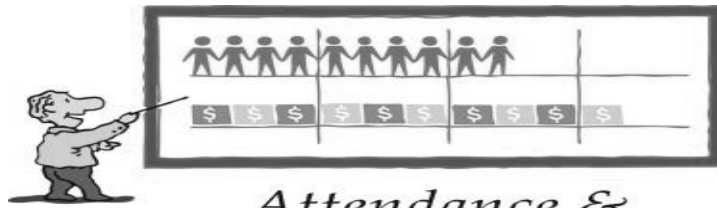
**OUTREACH:** The committee is busy serving an ice cream social today to raise funds for Ronda's trip to the national PAUMCS conference in Memphis next month. Ronda read a thank-you from Solar Oven Partners in South Dakota for the \$100 donation we made.

**INTERCHURCH COUNCIL:** The Lenten service is at our church this week with Rev. Bonnie Davies preaching. Our church is in charge of VBS this year.

**UWF:** This month's meeting was the Prayer and Self-Denial program. Next month we will have a movie night. The group will help the youth serve Easter breakfast and are hosting a drive-thru pork chop sandwich dinner April 14th.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Dave emailed his report to members. He has several baptisms coming up, starting next week. We will celebrate Charlene and Paul Mayer's 60th wedding anniversary on April 7th and Don Kramer's birthday, hosted by Wallene and Tom Neumiller, on April 14th. Susan Shellhorn and Peter King will be married on May 4th. Mary moved, seconded by Kris, that we reinstate her membership, effective immediately, and the motion passed. If anyone is interested in a new member class, please let Pastor Dave know. The computer system in the sanctuary has been updated but had some problems during our service this morning. All committees have been asked to meet before next month's ad council meeting to evaluate their programs and question what they can do differently to help connect others to God. It was announced at the end of worship this morning that he has been assigned to the church in Woodridge, IL, starting July 1st. The Staff Parish Relations committee is meeting with our district superintendent this evening to discuss a new pastor for us. The meeting ended in prayer and adjourned at 12:36pm.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Andersen



## Attendance & Financials

Cash Available in General Account: <b>\$ 17,677.09</b>		
	March 2024	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$ 15,413.98	\$ 39,696.95
Church Expenses	\$ 21,633.08	\$ 76,061.37
Net Operating Balance	<b>\$ -6,219.10</b>	<b>\$ -36,364.42</b>
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 4215.00
Kitchen Remodeling	\$ 20,107.33	\$ 20,107.33
Please, contact Vivian Eaton with any questions vkeaton@grics.net		



Date	Income	Worship Inside	Worship Outside	Total Attendance
March 31 (Sunrise)	\$ 626.00	28	0	28
March 31 (Easter)	\$ 2447.50	91	0	91
April 7	\$ 3463.25	51	2 Dogs	51 + 2 Dogs
April 14	\$ 1341.00	55	1 + 2 dogs	56 + 2 dogs
April 21	\$ 1760.20	50	1 + 2 dogs	51 + 2 dogs
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 9637.95</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>2 + 6 dogs</b>	<b>237 + 6 dogs</b>



### In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Gi-Tae Yim, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's parents), Dale Wurster, Owen Davies (Bonnie's son), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Steve Runge (Ronda's friend), Connie Zink, Pastor Lee (Pastor Dave's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Shirley Fritz, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Tim Cavanagh, Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), John & Linda Jachino, Paul Mayer, Angie (Paula's friend), Roger Furrow, Kurtis (Susan Michelle's friend), Eli (Bob & LaVona's grandson), Paula Mayer, Young-Ho Yim (Bang Wool's dad), Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belander) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, Bang-Wool Yim, Dennis Plattenberger (Mary's friend), Teresa Wiber (Susan Michelle's friend), LaVonna Grissinger's granddaughter, Shirley Hastings, Courtney Johnson, our Confirmands (Jon, Aidan, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), and WC staff & students.

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins Powell, and Shirley Fritz.

Our country & government, those that are serving in the military & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, the Gaza strip, peace in the Middle East, and the victims of the everyday gun violence and their families.

# 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!

We also are asking for clean and dry plastic bags. The group will be making sleeping mats for homeless people. You can drop them off in the box in the sewing room. A loom was obtained from Midwest Mission and Mary Irons attempted to make the first one. We now have 5 mats complete. They are fabulous!!! If you are interested in getting involved in this ministry, call Mary Irons at 815-541-8487. Thank you to those who have brought in bags and continue to bring them!

## JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministry

We're starting a new senior ministry, providing a free meal, fellowship, and program once a month for those who are 60+ years old.

**Our next meal will be Wednesday, May 15th from 4:30-6:30pm. Menu will be: chicken noodle soup, vegetable beef soup, ham salad and egg salad sandwiches, and desert. YOU MUST RSVP to the church office by 12 noon, Monday, May 13th!!! (Invite your friends and neighbors and make this a success!)**

We are looking for volunteers to help cook, serve, clean, and provide rides and programs. If you are interested in helping, please let Molly Andersen or Ronda Rathje in the church office know.

## Soul Sisters "HATS OFF TO MOM!"

### **Salad Luncheon**

**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am @ FUMC**

**Bring a salad to share (not XL!)**

**Drinks & table service provided.**

**HATS & SPRING ATTIRE are encouraged!**

**ALL WOMEN are invited to attend!!**

**RSVP--Linda Jachino at (815) 541-4760**

## Worship Committee

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

## Blessing Basket

We need sunscreen for the summer months, especially those products to be used on children. Please leave your donations in the Food Pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

## West Carroll Food Pantry

Please consider donating any non-perishable food item for the community and school food pantries. The pantry box is located in the narthex and all items may be placed in it. Thank you for thinking of our neighbors!



The schedule for volunteering at the Savanna Food Pantry is out and we are manning it May 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, and December 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, the hours are 9am to 12 noon, contact Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104.



Thank  
You

I want to thank everyone who helped support my trip to The National PAUMCS (Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure) Conference in Memphis, TN. Your support & faith in me truly means a lot!  
Lots of love & big hugs! Ronda Rathje

Thank you for all the cards and prayers. I am continuing to improve with my PT while staying with my daughters in Michigan. Not sure yet when I will be back, but looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Continue with your prayers they are still needed. Love to all, Jackie Walker

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### Pictures & New Directory

If you have not had your picture taken, please reach out to Ronda ASAP!  
We are going to wrap it up here within the next couple of weeks!

**We want everyone to have their picture taken for the directory!!!**

### Carroll County Pitter Patter Pantry

The Pitter Patter Pantry has items for children ages newborn to 5 years-old. They are looking for volunteers to work in the pantry. They are open 2 Tuesdays every every month from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and from 4 to 6 pm on the first Tuesday only. They are located in Shaw's Express Mall in Mt. Carroll.

If you are interested or want more information, contact Pia Molloy via email at [jimm61525@gmail.com](mailto:jimm61525@gmail.com) or call (815)297-5203.

If you have not heard, Pastor Dave will be leaving our church and is being transferred to Woodridge United Methodist Church. He will take over there on July 1st. Let's keep him in our prayers for a smooth transition.

Our new pastor will be

**Pastor Fernando Candumbo de Castro.**

We all definitely know that Pastor Dave and his family will be greatly missed by the entire congregation and the community! Let's get excited to welcome our new Pastor by keeping him in our prayers and praying for the following:

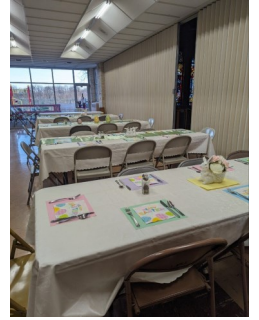
#### Prayers for Pastor Fernando Candumbo de Castro

1. God's wisdom for his last weeks of Seminary "The assignments".
2. Please pray for his family: Isabel, Ennie Maria, and Priscila, God's protection and provision.
3. The packing and moving to Savanna, That God may have mercy in this process.
4. That God be at the center of this transition time, Wisdom, discernment, and love for God's vineyard.
5. Pray for Unity, among the people who will work directly with Pastor Fernando.



# Pictures!!!

## Easter Pics



## JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministry



## UWF Pork Chop Sandwich Dinner



## Kitchen Remodel Pics





## Rice Meal Packing

Over 60 people from 8 churches made 1800 rice meals in 2 hours!!!



Our Confirmands wrapping up their pictures



Savanna police, fire, and ambulance received our Kids Kards and treats. Thanks to everyone who made cards!





## Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Shows

5000 44<sup>th</sup> St, Rock Island, IL

Sundays and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Memorial Day through Labor Day

**NO show on July 14 or August 11, due to tournaments**

FUMC members, **Susan Michelle** and **Brigit Jepsen**, Sabula, have been a big part of the Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Shows (BWG). The team has been in existence for 45 years.

Susan Michelle has been a BWG member for 43 years and Brigit for 17.

The themed show consists of 14 acts, including Ballet, Swivel, Jumping, Barefooting, Trios, Strap Doubles, Conventional Doubles, Around-the-Boat and Pyramids. The 2024 theme is Home Alone.

The best part of the show is that admission is **FREE!** Donations are gladly accepted at intermission (but not required), as the money helps pay for the boats, motors, gas, costumes, skis, ropes, speakers and a lot more.

The show lasts one hour, with a short intermission, so plan on 90 minutes. Bleachers are furnished and there is parking near the river. A concession stand is available on site with food, drinks and Culvers!

Due to Susan Michelle's rotator cuff surgery in September, she will not be skiing this season, but is a boat rider in one of the Ski Nautique inboards. Brigit is taking the year off.

The team competes yearly against other show ski teams from around the nation.

Currently they are ranked **3<sup>rd</sup> in the Central Region** and **9<sup>th</sup> in the Nation**.

If you are looking for something different and unique to do this summer, come and see a ski show!!!

For pictures and to read about the history of the BWG, go to [www.backwatergamblers.com](http://www.backwatergamblers.com).

If you have questions, please reach out to Susan Michelle @ **309-738-0946**.

**As a new feature this season, the Backwater Gamblers are asking local talent to sing the National Anthem before each show.**

**Pastor Dave will be singing the National Anthem before the ski show on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**Please arrive by 6:10 pm, so you don't miss him. Please come and support**

**Pastor Dave and Susan Michelle!**





Graduation Sunday will be May 12th! Be sure to send in a picture and information about your graduate to the office no later than Monday, May 6th!

Confirmation Class will be meeting Sunday, May 5th & 12th @ 3:30 pm to 5 pm.  
Confirmation Sunday will be May 19th!

The church office will be closed on Thursday, May 9th for PAUMCS meeting and Friday, May 10th to move my daughter back home from college.

Last day of Sunday School is May 19th!

Worship Service will be at 9:30 am for the summer beginning June 2nd!!!

Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting every Thursday at 7pm.  
Pastor Dave will email you a link each week.

Transition Team Meeting Sunday, May 5th @ 11:30 am

Coffee hour will end after this month and resume in September.

Finance/Growth will meet Tuesday, May 14th @ 5 pm in the library at the church.

United Methodist Men will meet Wednesday, May 21st @ 5:30 pm.

There will NOT be a Kids Kards meeting in May! We will meet June 23<sup>rd</sup> to make 4<sup>th</sup> of July cards.

United Women of Faith will meet Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 pm at the church.  
All women are invited!

Let's get signed up for our blood drive!!!

Grief & Loss Support Group begins on April 29th at 7:30 pm to 9 pm and goes thru July 22.  
Register online!

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
BLOODCENTER.ORG

Savanna First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Fellowship Hall (2100 Chicago Ave.)

To schedule, scan the QR code, email LaVona Grissinger at [grandma54601@gmail.com](mailto:grandma54601@gmail.com) or online at [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org).

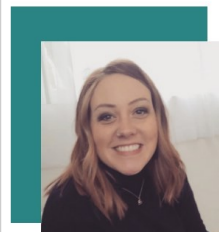
Get a choice of gift card, a donation to Best Friends Animal Society or bonus points!

**ImpactLife**  
50 Years of Saving Lives

Please call before donating and bring Photo ID.  
Local Blood for Exchange (LBE) license: 3273324  
Group Sponsor Code: 2891



Grief and Loss Support Group  
Guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort,  
and peace of mind.



Hi, I'm Katy and I will be hosting the Griefshare group through The First United Methodist Church in Savanna! I have lost my mom, my dad, and a couple close friends and I have gone through Griefshare 3 times and it has been such a blessing to me! Which is why I would love to help others by organizing an online group. No need to leave your house - as long as you have wifi you can join! All are welcome!!

Dates & times TBD | Follow @SavannaFirstume on Facebook for updated information



## May 2024

- 8 - Bill Wright
- 9 - *Bob & LaVona Grissinger (1966)*
- 10 - Rodney Clemmons
- 11 - Florence Bevins-Powell
- 12 - Cody Johnson
- 14 - Courtney Johnson
- 15 - *Dave & Bang-Wool Yim (2010)*
- 15 - *Joe & Bituin Michels (2004)*
- 16 - Charlene Mayer
- 20 - Payton Haynes
- 22 - Jeanne Spaetz
- 24 - *John & Julie Brigham (1998)*
- 24 - *Enoch & Ramona Green (1980)*
- 25 - *Jon & Pam Darrow (1985)*
- 25 - John LeComte
- 26 - Jerry Cavanagh
- 26 - Chris Falk
- 27 - Jean Ferris
- 28 - Shirley Hastings
- 28 - Carlos Stubbe



### Liturgists

- May 5 - LaVona Grissinger
- May 12 - Jason Moore
- May 19 - LeaAnn Michels
- May 26 - Bonnie Davies

### Acolytes

- May 5 - Ellie Johnson
- May 12 - Jisung Yim
- May 19 - Ryker McCombie
- May 26 - Asia LaShelle

### Greeters

- May 5 - Kay Cavanagh
- May 12 -
- May 19 -
- May 26 - Mark Rathje

### Ushers

- May 5 - Carlo & Linda Stubbe
- May 12 - Jean Jones & John LeComte
- May 19 - Kelley Johnson
- May 26 - Ronda Rathje

### Coffee Hour

- May 5 - Vivian Eaton
- May 12 - LaVona Grissinger
- May 19 - Confirmation
- May 26 - Esther Losh

### Counters & Verifiers

- May 5 - Molly Andersen & Karen Hoffman
- May 12 - Rhonda Law & Pam Darrow
- May 19 - Lori Miller & Sharon F Guilinger
- May 26 - Vivian Eaton & LaVona Grissinger

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

**Lots of pictures inside! Even more on our Facebook page. Be sure to friend us!**






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# MAY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 	<b>2 National Day of Prayer</b> 9 am Bible Study @ McDonald's 7 pm Prayer zoom 	<b>3</b> 5 pm Wedding rehearsal	<b>4</b> Wedding 2pm (Shellhorn/King) 
<b>5</b> 8:45 am Adult SS 9:30 am Youth SS 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Transition meeting 3:30-5 pm Confirm. Class 5-7 pm Youth Group	<b>6</b> 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	<b>7 Pastor out of office</b> 6:30 pm United Women of Faith	<b>8</b> 10 am Choir Practice 10 am Inter-church Council	<b>9 Office Closed</b> 9 am Bible Study @ McDonald's 7 pm Prayer zoom	<b>10 Office Closed</b>	<b>11</b> 4 pm Confirm Bowling
<b>12 Mother's Day Graduation Sunday</b> 8:45 am Adult SS 9:30 am Youth SS 10:15 am Worship 3:30-5 pm Confirm. Class 	<b>13</b> 1 pm Sewing Ladies	<b>14</b> 5 pm Finance/Growth Mtg (in person)	<b>15</b> 10 am Choir Practice 4:30-6:30 pm JOY Ministry Dinner 6 pm Baccalaurate	<b>16 Pastor out of office</b> 9 am Bible Study@ McDonald's 3:30 pm Worship Mtg 7 pm Prayer zoom	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4 pm Confirm rehearsal
<b>19 Communion Confirmation</b> 8:45 am Adult SS 9 am Trustees 9:30 am Youth SS 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Ad Council	<b>20 Telstar Info due</b> <b>Pastor out of office</b> 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm UM Men	<b>22</b> 3-6 pm Blood Drive	<b>23</b> 9 am Bible Study @ McDonald's 1:30 pm Senior Service 7 pm Prayer zoom	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 Memorial Service</b> 10:15 am Worship 1:30-3:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>27</b> 1 pm Sewing Ladies 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9 am Bible Study @ McDonald's 7 pm Prayer zoom	<b>31</b>	