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**SHARE JESUS
WITH A FRIEND**

Worship Helpers

<p>April 3</p> <p>Acolyte: Brigit Jepsen, Alivia Garcia Audio: Kris Yingling Children's Time: Burt Prins Coffee Hour: Prins Family Communion: Greeters: Merle Law Liturgist: Dave Davies Media: Susan Michelle Jepsen Nursery: Kathie Prins Ushers: Bonnie Davies</p>	<p>April 10</p> <p>Acolyte: Brennon Cavanagh, RJ Clemens Audio: Children's Time: LaVona Grissinger Coffee Hour: Brigham Family Communion: x Greeters: Ann Larsen, Jackie Walker Liturgist: Kris Yingling Media: Chris Falk Nursery: Ushers: Jessica Boyer</p>
<p>April 17</p> <p>Acolyte: Hannah Guilinger, Harrison Jang Audio: Children's Time: x Coffee Hour: A. Guilinger Communion: x Greeters: Dave & Bonnie Davies Liturgist: Jason Moore Media: Kris Yingling Nursery: Jessica Boyer Ushers: Burt & Peg Dauphin</p>	<p>April 24</p> <p>Acolyte: Tommie Falk, Noah Johnson Audio: Children's Time: x Coffee Hour: Communion: x Greeters: Falk Family Liturgist: Hayley Guilinger Media: Nursery: Ushers: Jessica Boyer, Pam Darrow, Shirley Hastings</p>

Thank you to our worship helpers.

Greeters & ushers please be at the church by 9:45. Liturgist please contact the church office for information on the readings for the morning service. Coffee hour - If we are low or out of paper product supplies please let the office know so items may be purchased.

PASTOR'S Pen



The church at its best is doing its best to be the hands and hearts of God in the world around us. As we come together, seeking to be the church, we live out this commitment in covenant with God and one another and in community together, promising to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. We need to recognize that the blessings we enjoy are not products of our own efforts; all that we have is a gift from God. As a community of faith, we share these gifts to serve God and our neighbors near and far. Now I am not talking about a financial gift, although it is important; I am talking about the spiritual gifts that God has given to each one of us.

We can read about spiritual gifts in the Bible that our generous heavenly Father gives; unique gifts to His children for His glory – those gifts of compassion, hospitality, prophecy, leadership, faith, administration, encouragement, giving, serving, teaching, and more. They are the foundation for who we are in the body of Christ. Regardless of one's role, all gifts are necessary in the body of Christ.

One quietly serves as a prayer intercessor behind the scenes while another boldly arrange and lead a committee meeting or a huge event. One enjoys teaching and caring for children while another feels more comfortable to sit and read through a pile of documents crunching numbers and managing data. One supports financially from a generous and prayerful heart while another brings his/her own equipment to clean snow off in winter or grow flowers in spring or fix a broken part of the facility.

All Christians have a unique set of spiritual gifts that combines with their talents, abilities, and passions as a powerful way of living out their faith that is meaningful and fulfilling both to the church and to the individual. God equips individuals for His good works. I believe that God's distinctive gifting is a sign that He values each one of us.

***"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* (Ephesians 2:10)**

What do you do well? Where is your passion? How can we discover our sweet spot of service for our Lord and people? One way is to develop our natural abilities and engage in activities that energize us. The Spirit helps us in a way that brings us pleasure when we exercise our gift. For example, a generous giver finds great joy in giving. Evangelists are excited when they share the gospel. An administrator is not content until everyone and everything is in its place. One loves to see someone encouraged, and so they use their gift of writing or gift of presence to convey God's love to people who are hungry and desperate to feel loved. Perhaps you are great with people. People love your company because they sense you know, understand, and care for them. Your ability to network and convene a group is valuable for building up a relationship with each other and helping others feel more like God's family. Stewarding well God's unique gift to us is how we live out God's will for our life and how we feel we are more alive.

***"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."* (Romans 12:6)**

I am very grateful that we are blessed with many members who dedicate themselves and what they have to serve the church and the community with their spiritual gifts. Apostle Paul described about characteristics of the church as Christ's body and each saint's spiritual gift in the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Listen to Eugene Peterson's refreshing translation. (This is my favorite Bible version!) I pray that the Spirit of God guide and inspire you as you take time to read the following Word of God.

“1-3 What I want to talk about now is the various ways God’s Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable. Remember how you were when you didn’t know God, led from one phony god to another, never knowing what you were doing, just doing it because everybody else did it? It’s different in this life. God wants us to use our intelligence, to seek to understand as well as we can. For instance, by using your heads, you know perfectly well that the Spirit of God would never prompt anyone to say “Jesus be damned!” Nor would anyone be inclined to say “Jesus is Master!” without the insight of the Holy Spirit.

4-11 God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; Gods various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit,

and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful: wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust, healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation, distinguishing between spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues. All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. He decides who gets what, and when.

12-13 You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you’re still one body. It’s exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.) Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink. The old labels we once used to identify ourselves—labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free—are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive.

14-18 I want you to think about how all this makes you more significant, not less. A body isn’t just a single part blown up into something huge. It’s all the different-but-similar parts arranged and functioning together. If Foot said, “I’m not elegant like Hand, embellished with rings; I guess I don’t belong to this body,” would that make it so? If Ear said, “I’m not beautiful like Eye, limpid and expressive; I don’t deserve a place on the head,” would you want to remove it from the body? If the body was all eye, how could it hear? If all ear, how could it smell? As it is, we see that God has carefully placed each part of the body right where he wanted it.

19-24 But I also want you to think about how this keeps your significance from getting blown up into self-importance. For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of. An enormous eye or a gigantic hand wouldn’t be a body, but a monster. What we have is one body with many parts, each its proper size and in its proper place. No part is important on its own. Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, “Get lost; I don’t need you”? Or, Head telling Foot, “You’re fired; your job has been phased out”? As a matter of fact, in practice it works the other way—the “lower” the part, the more basic, and therefore necessary. You can live without an eye, for instance, but not without a stomach. When it’s a part of your own body you are concerned with, it makes no difference whether the part is visible or clothed, higher or lower. You give it dignity and honor just as it is, without comparisons. If anything, you have more concern for the lower parts than the higher. If you had to choose, wouldn’t you prefer good digestion to full-bodied hair?

25-26 The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don’t, the parts we see and the parts we don’t. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance.

27-31 You are Christ’s body—that’s who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your “part” mean anything. You’re familiar with some of the parts that God has formed in his church, which is his “body”: apostles, prophets, teachers, miracle workers, healers, helpers, organizers, those who pray in tongues. But it’s obvious by now, isn’t it, that Christ’s church is a complete Body and not a gigantic, unidimensional part? It’s not all Apostle, not all Prophet, not all Miracle Worker, not all Healer, not all Prayer in Tongues, not all Interpreter of Tongues. And yet some of you keep competing for so-called “important” parts. But now I want to lay out a far better way for you.” (1 Corinthian 12:1-31 / The Message)



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SAVANNA IL

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Chairman Paul Mayer called the meeting to order with 11 members present. Rev Sejoon Jang opened the meeting with prayer.

Christy Clemons moved and Jason Moore seconded a motion to accept minutes of the January 17 and January 24, 2016 meetings and the motion passed.

Kris Yingling moved and Peg Dauphin seconded a motion to accept the financial statement as presented and the motion passed. Vivian Eaton questioned the need for our postal machine as it doesn't save much money and there is a yearly fee to have it. She also questioned our bulk mailing rate that is used for the Telstar mailings once a month. Since most people have internet access it was suggested emailing the Telstar to those who want it. It will be available to members the last Sunday of each month in the narthex and posted on the church's website.

Sejoon announced the Lay Leadership committee recommends Burt Dauphin to be the chairman of the Ad Council starting next month.

The pastor's report included ideas presented at the Leadership meeting held last Saturday. Sejoon would like to try a small structure for the future Ad Council members. We had a contemporary worship service this morning and will continue this on the second Sunday of each month. He would like to start a Shoes of Hope program and has already received a donation of \$250 after showing a video on the project last week during Sunday Worship. He will apply for a grant to fund the program and will set a goal of serving 50 children. Hiring a youth pastor is another goal, hoping the Staff Parish Relations Committee will support this. He would also like to see a Welcoming Committee started to greet visitors.

Christy reported for the Education Committee. Today was Pretzel Sunday and the Sunday School children made their pretzels, learned about their history, and then enjoyed the pretzels fresh from the oven. We will have Easter Eggs available for adoption next week.

Easter breakfast plans are in the works. She would like to start a mentoring program with the congregation and have adults buddy up with a child. Confirmation will begin in the fall.

Randy Bonjour would like Vivian Eaton, Kris Yingling, and himself as signatories on the Scholarship account and remove Joe Belander's name.

Randy also gave an update on the embezzlement case and has found another \$22,000 missing and will file another claim with the insurance company. He also stated we have paid our apportionment for 2015 in full and did not borrow money from any fund to do this.

Kris reported for the Worship Committee that we will host the Interchurch Council Lenten service on Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

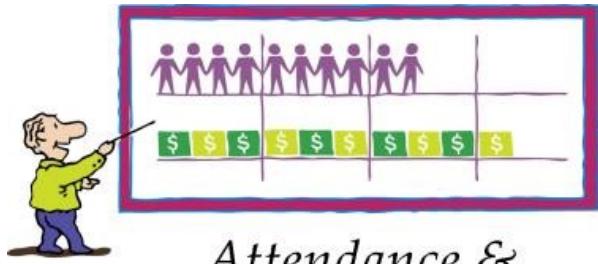
Jason reported for the Outreach Committee that last Sunday's Souper Bowl luncheon raised \$417. It has not been reported where the communion offering goes and Sejoon stated that it is going to the Great River Outreach Program.

It was discussed how bills are paid and members were reminded that large or unexpected bills should be presented to the Ad Council for approval before being paid.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.

Molly Andersen, recording

Date	Income
Feb. 28	\$2340
Mar. 6	\$5386.92
Mar. 13	\$2667.42
Mar. 20	\$2197.69
Total Income	\$12,592.03



Attendance & Financials



Attendance

Week	Sat.	Sun.	Sunday School
1	9	81	23
2	20	64	18
3	13	75	29
4	x	x	x
Avg.	14	74	23

88

Prayer Concerns

John Hamm, Glen Brunner, Lisa Holmes, Frank Prowant, Joan Cassellius, Shawn Roling, Kelly Satterly, Sandy Shaw, Robin Cook, Nancy Martin, Merle Law, John Powell, Jerry Hallaron, Joan Hallaron Janet Smith, Kay Hottenstein, Rex Felten, Judy Orn, Eli, Rita Schwanke, Ora Davenport, Tyson, LaVona Grissinger, Ann Bercheric, McKinsey Eich, Carl Engaldo, Bill Remrey, Ike, Molly Stevens, Ruth Kelly, Military Personnel and their families

Thank You!

1st UMC,

I would like to thank you for the generous scholarship you have awarded me with. I am doing well here at Carroll University academically and will be transferring to Iowa

State in the fall of 2016 as a result of switching my major to animal science and deciding a bigger school may have more opportunities for me. Iowa State has a great program for animal science and I am grateful for your support with this scholarship to help me pursue my career.

Rachel Badtke

I'd like to thank the congregation for so faithfully praying for me. I know pray works.

Thank you again

Judy Orn

I would like to thank all the choir members that faithfully came to practice. I appreciate your patience with me as we tried new songs. Thank you for your commitment to the choir.

Vivian Eaton



- Birthdays & Anniversaries**
- April 1 Lance Wallace, Nicole David, Sarah Murphy, Katie Hoffman, Paul & Charlene Mayer '64
 - 2 April Ruddell, Bill Weidman
 - 3 Chuck Fowler, Ben Fosdick
 - 4 John Belander
 - 6 JC Carey, Joseph Tirone
 - 7 Glen Brunner
 - 8 Karen Hoffman
 - 9 Jeanine Mills
 - 11 Rose Hartman,
 - 12 Paula Weber, Deb Long
 - 13 Lyle Eaton
 - 14 Jennifer Neumiller, Kathie Prins
 - 15 Claire Floming,
 - 16 Alice Torrison
 - 21 Jim Haynes, Lauren Belander
 - 25 Justin Belander, Tripper Carey
 - 28 Ginny Anderson
 - 30 Chris Nortunen

FUMC Women's Bible Study

"The NO-Homework Women's Bible Study: Group Hug"

Is an 8 week study which will be held at Suzanne Atherton & Kris Yingling's home on Tuesdays at 4:00pm beginning March 29 and continuing through May 17. Peg Dauphin will be leading this small group.

This is a perfect study for new groups that offers engaging content that stimulates discussion and builds strong group relationships without a need to complete homework. Books cost \$6 payable at the first meeting.

Please sign up if you are interested!

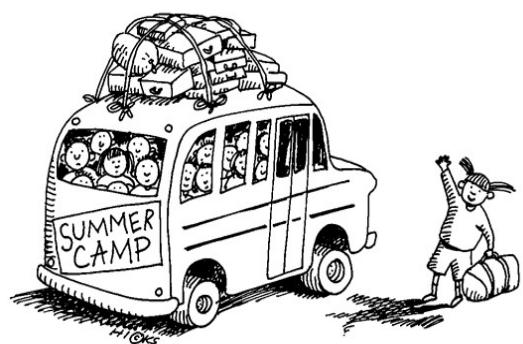


Blessing of the Tractors - Sunday, April 3rd. Drive your tractors to church so that we may bless them as you begin Spring planting.



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Interested in learning more about enrolling your child in a church summer camp this coming June? Parents and children who have questions about the Stronghold Summer Camp, set for June 13-17, are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner will be held 5-7 p.m. April 1 at First Presbyterian Church. Stronghold Summer Camp is co-sponsored by Savanna Bible Church and First Presbyterian Church. This all-day event includes fun and games, projects, and Bible lessons. For more information, call Pastor Gary Panetta at (815) 590-1792.



United Methodist Men

The UMM will be holding a training class on the AED, CPR, and First Aid. If you are interested in attending the training class please let Shauna in the office know so she can put together a list and get it to the United Methodist Men.



PUZZLE

OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

5 who was Raised	8 Right hand	6 To life
3 diEd	4 moRe than that	7 Is at the
2 JeSus who	11 intErceding	9 Of God
12 for Us	1 Christ	10 aNd is also

... 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____ , 5 _____

_____ 6 _____ — 7 _____

_____ 8 _____

6 _____ 10 _____

11 _____ 12 _____. Romans 8:34, NIV



Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

1. Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) "He" on the smallest block, "is" on the medium block and "risen!" on the large block.
3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim "He is risen!"

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV

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April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5pm- Info. Spaghetti supper for Stronghold Summer Camp	2 5pm- Worship
3 9am- Sunday School 10:15am- Worship Blessing of the Tractors	4 9am- Body & Soul Yoga	5 4pm- Bible Study	6 4pm- WOW	7 9am- Body & Soul Yoga	8	9 5pm- Worship
10 9am- Sunday School 10:15am- Worship	11 9am- Body & Soul Yoga	12 4pm-Bible Study	13	14 9am- Body & Soul Yoga	15	16 5pm- Worship
17 8am- Trustee Meeting 9am- Sunday School 10:15am- Worship 11:30am- Ad Council Meeting	18 9am- Body & Soul Yoga	19 4pm- Bible Study	20 4pm- WOW	21 9am- Body & Soul Yoga	22	23 5pm- Worship
24 9am- Sunday School 10:15am- Worship	25 9am- Body & Soul Yoga	26 4pm- Bible Study	27	28 9am- Body & Soul Yoga	29	30 5pm- Worship



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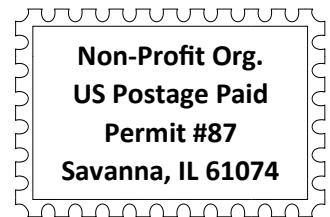
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3rd Monday of each month

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