

TELSTAR

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Worship Helpers

May 1

Acolyte: Brigit Jepsen, Norah Brigham
Audio:
Children's Time: x
Coffee Hour: Clemens Family
Communion:
Greeters: Burt & Peg Dauphin
Liturgist: Burt Prins
Media: Susan Michelle Jepsen
Nursery: Kathie Prins
Ushers: Bob & Judy Davidson, Pam Dar-
row

May 8

Mother's Day

Acolyte: Hannah Guilinger, Noah Johnson
Audio:
Children's Time: Linda Jachino
Coffee Hour: Brigham Family
Communion: x
Greeters: Brady Knop
Liturgist: Julie Brigham
Media: Chris Falk
Nursery: Katie Floming
Ushers: Jessica Boyer

May 15

Acolyte: Brennon Cavanagh, RJ Clemens
Audio: Kay Cavanagh
Children's Time:
Coffee Hour: Mayer Family
Communion: x
Greeters: Bob Davidson, Debbie Long
Liturgist: Molly Andersen
Media: Paul Mayer
Nursery:
Ushers: Jessica Boyer

May 22

Acolyte: Hannah Guilinger, Max
Audio:
Children's Time:
Coffee Hour: Hoffman Family
Communion: x
Greeters: Sunday School Children
Liturgist: Dave Davies
Media: Paula Mayer
Nursery:
Ushers: Bonnie Davies

May 29

Memorial Day

Acolyte: Brennon Cavanagh, Eddie
Audio:
Children's Time:
Coffee Hour: Linda Jachino
Communion: x
Greeters:
Liturgist:
Media:
Nursery:
Ushers:

Thank you to our worship helpers.

Greeters & ushers please be at the church 30minutes before worship is scheduled to begin. Responsibility sheet will be with the bulletins.

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



We are sharing a sermon series “*Faith thru All Your Mind*”. As I ponder and meditate on faith, a letter of a Paris man came across my mind.

You may remember the Paris attacks on November 13th of last year. I was attending a training session, and I remember all my colleagues paused and prayed together for the victims and their families.

A man named Antoine Leiris lost his 35-year-old wife of 12 years that day. Less than three days after his wife was killed in Bataclan Theater, this grieving husband and father of 17-month-old son wrote a powerful open letter titled “*You Will Not Have My Hatred*” on his Facebook page to the terrorists.

His letter tremendously touched my heart. He opened his letter,

“Friday night, you took an exceptional life – the love of my life, the mother of my son – but you will not have my hatred.”

“I won’t grant you the gift of my hating you. You’re asking for it, but responding to hatred with anger is falling victim to the same ignorance that has made you what you are. So you failed.”

“Of course I am devastated by this pain, I give you this little victory, but the pain will be short-lived. I know that she will be with us every day and that we will find ourselves again in this paradise of free love to which you have no access.”

*“My beloved wife of 12 years is gone forever. Now we are just two, my son and I, but **we are stronger than all the armies in the world**. I don’t have any more time to devote to you, I have to join Melvil who is waking up from his nap. He is barely 17-months-old. He will eat his meals as usual, and then we are going to play as usual, and for his whole life this little boy will threaten you by being happy and free. Because no, you will not have his hatred either.”*

I was deeply impressed by his expression of ‘*stronger than all the armies in the world*’. Where did such thoughts come from? How can one live stronger than all the armies in the world?

I think that we can live such a life in a way of not returning the anger and hatred and not seeking the revenge. I believe this way is stronger than any violence, terrorism, bombs, and weapons.

It reminded me of Jesus our Lord who was arrested and tortured and then crucified but prayed to the Father in heaven to forgive the persecutors. We know his prayers had mighty power. After his death and resurrection, Jesus is still ruling this world and healing all of us with the power of love which is stronger than all the armies in the world. We are Christians following Jesus and his way in our life’s journey.

What does it mean to live in this world as a person of faith? I think that faith is not just belief in a statement. Faith is not just reciting the Lord's Prayer or the Apostle Creed.

I think faith is an action word. It is not a noun but a verb. Faith is to take action to follow Him. Faith is to take a risk to follow Him whatever it takes.

I believe, in this respect, *faith is to allow ourselves to be vulnerable*. When we allow ourselves to be vulnerable, we give God and those around us the opportunity to speak into our lives in a way that couldn't be done while trying to handle life alone.

Embracing our vulnerabilities is risky in our society. It is not easy. That is why faith is to take a risk. When we have true faith in God, we count on the power of love more than the power of weapons.

When we have true faith in God, we continue to pray even when we do not hear anything back from heaven because we trust God when He tells us that He always hears and answers according to His will.

When we have authentic faith in God, we are becoming more generous with our resources when it does not make any economic sense because we trust God when He tells us that we are more blessed when we give than when we receive.

When we have authentic faith, we treat our enemies with love and forgiveness because we trust Jesus when he says that revenge and bitterness will consume our souls and our life will be miserable eventually.

When we have true faith in God, we endure tough and tragic times in life with hope because we trust

God when He says death is not the final word but joy and peace and eternal life.

When we have authentic faith in God, we find strength in love and grace than in force of all the armies in the world.

When we have faith in God, we are willing to embrace our vulnerabilities to follow Him so that God can mold and change us to become more like Him.

Do you and I have such true and authentic faith?

The communion offering for the months of April, May and June will be going to the Bishop's Appeal (Launch to Life campaign). Their mission - providing help, hope and recovery to children, youth, adults and families— compels us to do everything in our power to provide treatment to those suffering from the disease of addiction.

Your prayers and gifts will help deliver addiction treatment and mental health services to those in need.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SAVANNA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

11:30 A.M. Sunday, March 20, 2016

Chairman Burt Dauphin called the meeting with 13 members present. Rev. Sejoon Jang opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a motion to accept by Paul Mayer with a second by Jason Moore.

Financial statement: Vivian Eaton explained the financial statement as presented. She stated that the memorial monies from Mel Jacobson has been designated to be put towards a new heating system. Everything is up-to-date, including apportionments through March. Kathie Prins moved and Kris Yingling seconded that the financial statement be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Trustees: Paul Mayer reported that the boiler was fixed and the trustees are looking ahead towards replacement at some time in the future. The water heater is leaking internally and needs replaced. They are considering an on-demand heater and will be investigating costs starting this week. There is also a leak in the radiator in one of the classrooms. There needs to be training of members of the congregation on the AED, CPR and First Aid. If more than 10 people take the training the cost will be \$20/person, or \$40/person for fewer than 10. It was mentioned that UMM still has funds and could probably cover the costs. Trustees discussed replacing the parking lot lights with LED. Paul will contact Jo-Carroll regarding a grant for help in replacing those lights.

Lay Leadership: Pastor Jang put forward the recommendation of LaVona Grissinger as Staff-Parish Relations chair. A motion was made by Kris Yingling and seconded by Susan Michelle Jepsen that we approve this appointment. Motion passed and we then welcomed LaVona.

Staff-Parish Relations: LaVona Grissinger reported that Shauna Roberts has adapted well to the administrative assistant position and has been given a \$2/hour raise following her probation period. Vivian Eaton will be gone on April 3, and has not been able to find a replacement. Pastor Sejoon stated that he will arrange to have the contemporary service that week instead of the second Sunday in April.

Education: Kris Yingling reported that the Easter breakfast is planned for next Sunday during the Sunday School time. Peg Dauphin told of the women's Bible study set to start March 29 at Kris Yingling's home. 14 women are signed up.

Stewardship/Finance: Randy Bonjour gave an update on the embezzlement case. Final claim to the insurance company is due by the end of March. They are continuing to find more funds misappropriated. The insurance company is allowing for a regressive trend analysis to calculate the amount of cash stolen. It is thought to be about \$114,000. Randy said the total claim as of right now is approximately \$200,000 but that we most likely will not get that amount. He needs a resolution to reconstruct utility records from Jo-Carroll Electric. That will be done immediately following this meeting. John Lecomte stated that our insurance premium seems extremely low and it looks as though there is no insurance on the parsonage. The possibility of us being underinsured means that our policy needs to be updated and possibly re-done. This was sent to the Trustees for action. Randy also stated that we need a financial secretary. This will be handled by the lay-leadership committee.

Outreach: Jason Moore stated they have nothing to report at this time.

Worship Committee: Kris Yingling reported there was no March meeting. They served the soup supper prior to the Lenten service held at our church. Passing the clip board for worship helpers is working well so far.

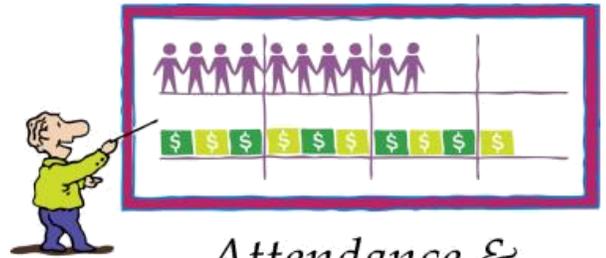
Youth representative: Hayley Guilinger had no report except that we need more youth. Kris Yingling said that WOW met once in March. They are planning some activities for the summer months this year.

Pastor's report: Pastor Sejoon advised that he will be going to Korea May 2-25. Services for that time have been arranged.

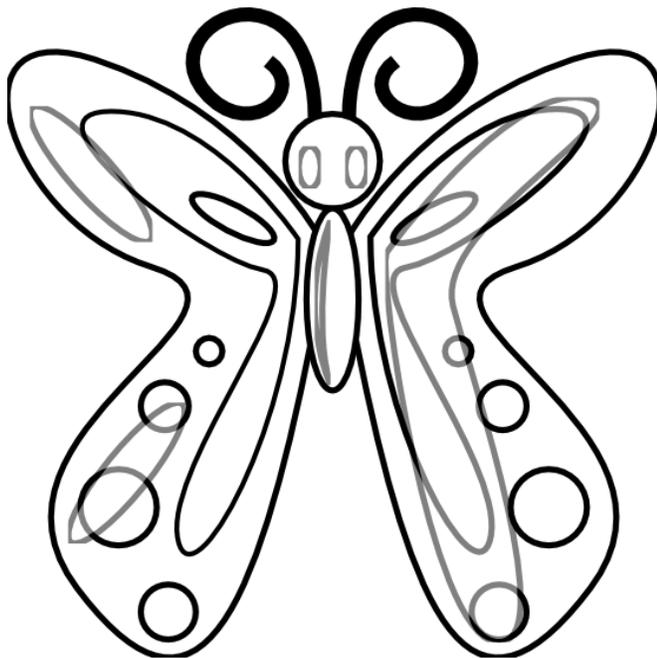
Kris Yingling made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Kathie Prins. Motion passed.

Peg Dauphin, Secretary pro-tem

Date	Income
Mar. 27	\$5656.00
April 3	\$3062.54
April 10	\$2571.01
April 17	\$2047.74
Total Income	\$13,337.29



Attendance & Financials



Attendance

Week	Sat.	Sun.	Sunday School
Mar. 27	27	112	X
Apr. 3	8	91	34
Apr. 10	16	79	35
Apr. 17	12	70	31
Avg.	16	88	34

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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, LaVona Gris-singer, Ann Bercheric, McKinsey Eich, Carl Engaldo, Bill Remrey, Ike, Molly Stevens, Ruth Kelly, Briar and his family, Military Personnel and their families

Thank You

I would like to thank the people of the First United Methodist Church and all of the Community for their support and prayers; including Pastor Sejoon.

The non Hodgins lymphoma is in remission and I am doing well.

My family has been with me at every Hospital visit plus all the appointments With great support.

With God's love and care, along with this Community my prayers have been answered

With great gratitude and Thanks,
Merle Law



- May 2 Matthew Shaw
3 Burt Dauphin, Ben Fosdick
4 Jonathon Floming
6 Ancil & Sharon Guilinger '60
7 Deb Jackson, Robert Bauer
8 Bill Wright, Brittany Hartman
9 Bob & LaVona Grissinger
10 Adam Haas, Cameron Jones, Letty Weidman, Rodney Clemens
11 Florence Bevins-Powell
12 Cody Johnson
13 Sharon Beyer
14 Courtney Johnson, Zack Schneider
15 Joe & Bituin Michels '04
16 Jan Schreiner, Charlene Mayer, Jeremiah Belander
17 Alysa Jackson
18 Stephanie Hensley
19 Nicolaus Prins
20 Louis Cerveny, Payton Haynes, Lois Grove
21 TJ Sisson
23 Jane Shaw
24 Jacob Carey, Nathan Schoenecker, Enoch & Ramon Green '80
John & Julie Brigham '98
25 Ashton Nadig, John LeComte, Rhonda Mercer, Jon & Pam Darrow '85
26 Kim Falk, Jerry Cavanagh
27 Jean Ferris, Nicole Howard, Theresa Morris Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison '07
28 Carlo Stubbe, Shirley Hastings
29 Connor Knop
31 Darren Mangler



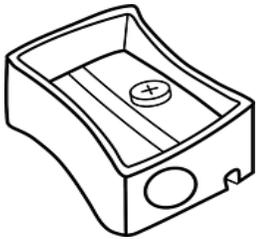
GRADUATES

Graduation will soon be here. If you have a graduate in the family, we want to know. Please contact the office with the name, date/grade of graduation and if a college graduate, the school they graduated from, their degree earned and what their future plans may be. We would like to include this information in the June Telstar. Pictures of your graduate are encouraged!

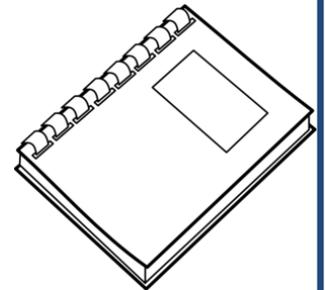


2016 Annual Conference MISSION CHALLENGE

for this year will be School Kit items for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center



50 pencil sharpener and 100 Notebooks (1 subject spiral, 8" x 10 1/2") - We're asking for a normal one-subject notebook that can be found individually at Target or on-line from Amazon (usually in bulk, too).



Newsletter

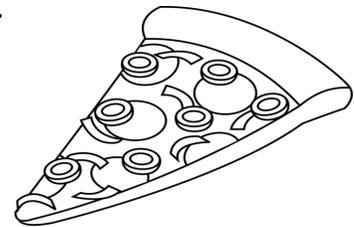
Information for the Telstar is due the third Monday of the month. Please be sure to turn in articles for your group's upcoming activities. We love sharing the goings on in the church. We also like to share special events in your family so be sure to keep us informed.

UMW movie night Tuesday, May 3rd.

We will carpool from the church at 6:30 and go to the Thomson Library for pizza and a movie.

The movie we will be watching is the War Room.

Bring money for pizza and invite a friend to join us.

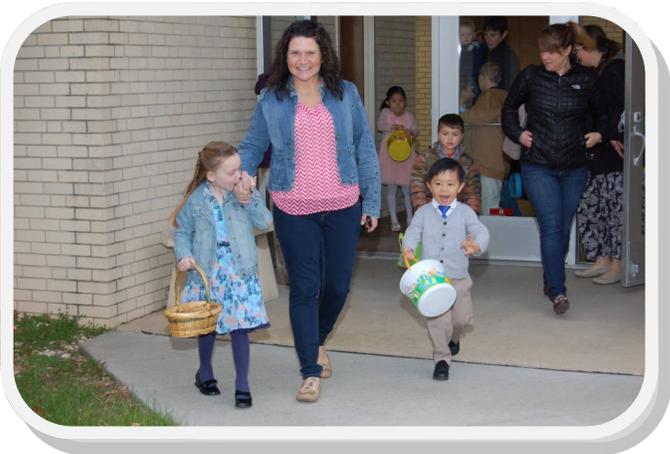


Easter



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RISEN

Easter Egg Hunt

A graphic with the text "Easter Egg Hunt" in a yellow, stylized font on a blue background. Below the text are several colorful Easter eggs: a yellow one with green stripes, a yellow one with red spots, a rainbow-striped one, a white one with pink and blue spots, a blue one with white stripes, and a green one with yellow spots.

Count Your Blessings



Blessed

First United Methodist Church of Savanna, Illinois

May 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9 am– Sunday School 10:15 am– Worship	2 9 am– Body & Soul Yoga	3 4 pm– Women’s Bible Study UMW pizza night	4 4 pm– WOW	5 9 am– Body & Soul Yoga	6	7 5 pm– Worship
8 Mother’s Day 9 am– Sunday School 10:15 am– Worship	9 9 am– Body & Soul Yoga	10 4 pm– Women’s Bible Study	11	12 9 am– Body & Soul Yoga	13	14 5 pm– Worship
15 8 am– Trustee Meeting 9 am– Sunday School 10:15 am– Worship 11:30 am– Ad Council Meeting	16 9 am– Body & Soul Yoga	17 4 pm– Women’s Bible Study	18 4 pm– WOW	19 9 am– Body & Soul Yoga	20	21 5 pm– Worship
22 9 am– Sunday School 10:15 am– Worship	23 9 am– Body & Soul Yoga	24	25	26 9 am– Body & Soul Yoga	27	28 5 pm– Worship
29 9 am– Sunday School 10:15 am– Worship	30 9 am– Body & Soul Yoga	31				



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