



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



Vision 2021 – “Love God!”

Inward Focused Ministry during Pandemic
(to build up strong and vital church)

Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

(Joshua 1:9)

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This winter has been bitter cold. Last January and February, we cancelled our services for three Sundays in a row and offered online service only due to the severe cold. Despite the cold weather and drive-in service cancellation, however, we were able to stay healthy in body and in spirit and we were able to feel our heart warm and strengthened because of our mutual care and support for each other in Savanna FUMC family. Please, continue to stay connected with each other in the love of God! God has put us together to support each other and love each other as Jesus' disciples.

From March, FUMC of Savanna will be offering hybrid worship. You can join our church service on Sunday inside of our church building (up to 50) with our safe guidelines or outside at our church parking lot with tuning in your car radio to FM 90.5. In addition, you can listen to our latest service thru online or by phone at your home. We hope that you can stay connected with God, with FUMC family, and with each other through our hybrid worship. If you have any questions about our hybrid worship, please let us know.

We are in the season of Lent. Tuesday Prayer Meeting and Wednesday Devotion Time are underway. We are meeting with each other via Zoom. Also, I am sending out daily Bible verses to church members and our friends every morning. Please, use the daily verses as a tool for your personal meditation and for drawing closer to God. May God speak to you and touch your hearts through our Lenten Programs. You are in my prayers and thoughts during the season of Lent.

Membership Class and Baptism Class will be offered in March for those who want to be a member of our church and those who want be a Christian. Baptism is a visual sign of the invisible grace of God. By Baptism and by the holy water, we affirm that our sins are forgiven and we become the children of God. After Jesus' baptism in the Bible, for example, the Holy Spirit came upon him and there was a voice from heaven, "*You're my Son, the beloved, whom I am well pleased.*" In addition, baptism is a physical sign of that we are incorporated into God's church. So, baptism is a very important part of Christian life and church for those reasons. Please, pray for those who will be taking these classes and for sending God's Spirit upon each class and the people.

Mary God be with us through the Spirit of God and lead us during our spiritual journey in the Season of Lent. Let us walk with each other in our 40 days' spiritual journey in 2021!

Pastor Dave



FUMC SAVANNA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021 FELLOWSHIP HALL 11:15AM

Chairperson John LeComte called the meeting to order. Members present were Brennon Cavanagh, Pastor Dave Yim, Susan Michelle Jepsen, Tom Michels, Burt Prins, Kathie Prins, Jason Moore, Molly Andersen, Kris Yingling, Mary Irons, Pam Darrow, and Vivian Eaton.

Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Mary, to accept the minutes and the motion carried.

The financial reports were presented, including an end-of-the-year summary. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Kris, to accept the reports and the motion carried.

TRUSTEES: Jason told us the church purchased the used snowblower for \$500 and it worked very well this morning! Bob Grissinger is retiring soon and thought his brother, Harry, might be interested in his job. There is an ice jam on the roof at the back of the church and it causes a leak. The roof needs to be cleaned. The Trustees wondered where the records are for the roof project and Mary suggested contacting Erik Torrison, a former chairperson. The furnace seems to be fixed finally. Praise the Lord! Floor tiles are popping up under the room divider in the fellowship hall. The parking lot chip and seal project will cost around \$33,000. Ron Miller will get bids and offered to remove the front circle. We will cancel our garbage service for 2 months this spring when the ground is thawing. The garbage truck is damaging the parking lot.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: Our new administrative assistant has started and is doing a great job.

FINANCE: There will be a financial report in the monthly Telstars. Several people have used the on-line giving. We have been notified that we can apply for another PPP loan through the federal government. Jason moved, seconded by Susan Michelle, to apply for another loan and the motion passed. Vivian will contact Savanna Thomson State Bank. Mary and Molly retrieved the contents of our safe deposit box. John will examine the contents and decide if we need to keep the box.

WORSHIP: Mary is the new chairperson. We will continue our services outside through January.

EDUCATION: Kris and Pastor Dave delivered all the Advent bags to our Sunday School children. The materials cost \$190 and she will plan on doing something similar for Easter.

SCHOLARSHIP: We have two seniors this year and hope both will apply.

EVANGELISM: Two of our shut-ins have passed, Joan Arb, and Suzanne Atherton. Valentines were sent out.

UMW: Although the group is not meeting in January and February, the Sewing Ladies continue to meet every Monday afternoon. All of their projects were delivered to UMC in Lanark to be sent to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL, along with several other big items. They are currently making Valentine napkins for the residents at Big Meadows. Each one is hand-painted.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: Brennon Cavanagh was welcomed and he is looking forward to the end of the pandemic, as we all are. A special event will be planned!

NEW BUSINESS: Mary and Vivian are still working on the membership list. They have been notified to remove Kristin Prins' name.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave emailed a copy of his report to members, including a new list of proposed building use fees. Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Pam, to accept the new fees and the motion passed. He is planning on having a church leadership meeting via Zoom soon.

He closed the meeting with prayer, with adjournment at 12:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen



Jon & Claire Floming



Jiwon & Jiho Yim



Our kids made Valentines in February and will be making Easter cards this month. We hope you are enjoying their efforts! Thanks to all the kids and their parents for helping out.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantries are in need of cereal, juice and egg noodles. Please leave your donations in the big box in the narthex.

As the hymn we sing says,

We are called to act with justice

We are called to love tenderly

We are called to serve one another

To walk humbly with God.

Your donations are answering the call! Thank you!



BLESSING BASKET

The Blessing Basket in the West Carroll School Food Pantry is a bit hit! In the 2 months it's been available 86 items have been shared! Items given out include shampoo, laundry and dish detergent, batteries, body wash, toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue, bar and liquid soap, and deodorants. Truly this is helping our neighbors and the children in our area. Items needed this month are sandwich bags, C & D batteries, and light bulbs. Thank you for all your donations.



United Methodist Women will be meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm.

Topic will be Prayer and Self-denial by Bonnie Davies.

Please Join Us!

We now have 4 ways to Worship with us.

1. Prayer by phone, call **815-599-1307** to hear the most recent sermon.
2. You can join us on our website, **www.firstumcsavanna.org**, and watch on Youtube.
3. You can listen to us on **FM 90.5** from the church parking lot
4. In person service. Join us inside to worship. We do however, have a limit of 50 persons in the church at one time.



Telstar deadline:

3rd Monday of each month

Bulletin Prayer Concerns/Announcements

due by Wednesdays at Noon

Email:

office@firstumcsavanna.org

Internet:

www.firstumcsavanna.org



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<http://www.facebook.com/savanna.firstumc>

2021 Church Survey Result

*Thank you so much for sharing your ideas and inputs with us!

1. In 2021, how do you think we can love God and love others better as a church? How can we build strong relationships with God and with each other? e.g.) prayer meeting, worship, mission, small group, etc.

More small groups (like UMM, bible study, prayer meeting, etc) (7 people)
Local & Global Missions & Outreach (7)
Church suppers (3), Special worship services (3)
Service Projects to help our community and strengthen our relationships
Youth Mission Trips & Grow relationships between youth and congregation
Strong relationship through worship, small groups, and fellowship

2. What ministries and missions do you think we need to focus on or should do in 2021? (Even in pandemic)

Food Pantry or bank (4) - Local Food Insecurities
Helping Those in Need (2)
Local families (2) - elderly and Vets in need, youth + young families
Youth and children (VBS)
Mission trip
Free Lunch
Global Efforts (UNICEF, World food bank, Compassion international, etc)
Evangelism

3. In 2021, how do you think we take our next step after the pandemic over?

Move inside with caution (7)
Get back inside our building for worship ASAP
We need to get back inside – our faith is essential
Proceed with caution
Pray and follow conference's guidelines, be thankful for God's blessings
Hold some events where we can all be brought together to strengthen our relationships
Social economic and health concerns will continue to need to be addressed for many years to come
Get Sunday School active again
Saturday Worship with a twist (Sunday worship can stay in their car or come into the building)
Maybe keep outside going longer

4. Weather permitting, would you be comfortable attending outdoor worship services in 2021?

Yes (30) No Not Sure (1)

Any suggestions or inputs about worship?

Worship & Health Team is doing a great job! (5)
More special music when the weather permits
5th Sunday Special Music

5. Please, let us know if you have anything that you want from us, FUMC of Savanna?

In-person worship
Really Happy with FUMC and my church family

6. Are you interested in being active in UMW (United Methodist Women) or UMM (United Methodist Men) in 2021? Or Any specific committees you are interested in?

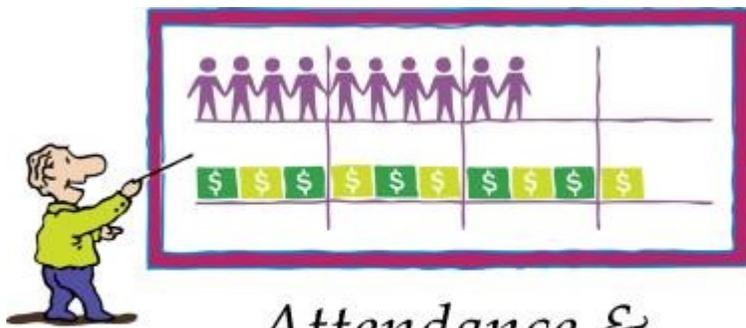
Committees – help with education (1)
UMW (2), UMM (2)
Limited because of my job, but I have lots of support if you need it; people, vehicles, food, just call (1)
Can be a member of any committees (1)

*Updated 2/19/2021

Date	Income
Jan. 31	Online service
Feb. 7	Online service
Feb. 14	\$2,196.00 online serv
Feb. 21	\$3,944.00
Total Income	\$6,140.00



Attendance



Attendance & Financials

Week	Sat.	Sun.	Sun. School
Jan. 31		Online	
Feb. 7		Online	
Feb. 14		Online	
Feb. 21		62	

Avg.

Financial Report January 2021

Cash Available in General Account: \$(4,440.04)		
	January	Year to Date
Church Revenue	\$12,686.91	\$12,686.91
Church Expenses	\$13,860.20	\$13,860.20
Net Operating Balance	\$(1,173.29)	\$(1,173.29)
NIC Apportionments Paid	\$1,303.00	\$1,303.00
Please, contact Vivian Eaton at 815-541-5671		



Birthdays
&
Anniversaries

March

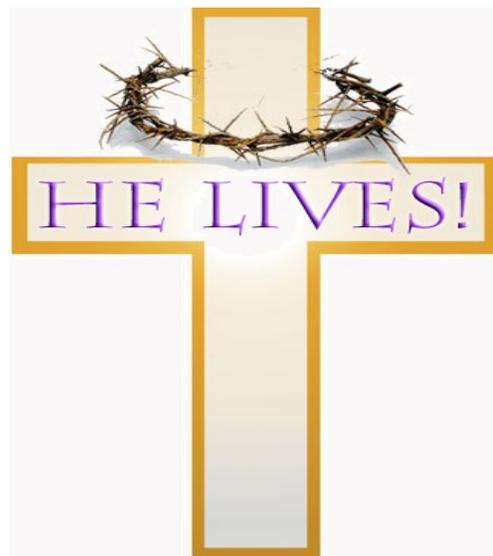
- 4—Pam Darrow, , Lou Ann Darrow,
Kelley Johnson
- 5—Greg Jepsen
- 8—John Jachino Jr
- 9—Brienne Cook-Dierkson
- 13—Sandy Pratt
- 13—*John & Linda Jachino 1971*
- 14—Tom Michels
- 15—Mike Melhus, Wallene Neumiller
- 16—*Bob & Teresa Bauer 2002*
- 17—Collin Fosdick
- 22—Patrick Holcomb, Tim Thulen
- 26—Don Kramer, Rex Kreuder
- 29—Susan Ingersoll, Burt Prins,
Susan White
- 31—Miranda Schoenhaar

2021 Lenten Program

1. Virtual Prayer Meeting
When? Tuesday Evening
3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30
Time 6:30pm

2. Virtual Lenten Devotion Time
Theme: Forgiveness
When? Wednesday Evening
3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31
Time 6:30pm

*Zoom Link will be sent to you each week.
Please, check your email.
All are invited!



Extra Easter offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex!

Prayer Concerns

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Lois Grove, Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk, Katie Wand, Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dr. Dan, Suzanne and Adam Woods, Don Kramer, Pam Darrow, Dawn Barber, Jeff Law, Kathy Hamilton.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

Our country and new government

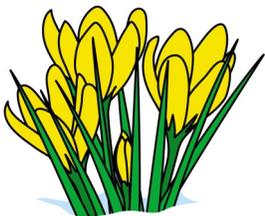
West Carroll Schools



Our sympathy to the family of Daniel Ingersall,
Brother of Jerry and Bill.



Thank you to our new FUMC Band for their first performance for Mardi Gras service! Members include Pastor Dave, Vivian Easton, Jiho Yim, Brennan Cavanagh and Bang-Wool Yim.



Thank you for all your help for the Savanna Children's Fund. We were able to serve 113 children. We are gearing up for 2021 and thinking of more ways we can serve.

Thank you,

Katie Floming & Ashley Bunn



March 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	2 6:30 pm Virtual Prayer 6:30 pm UMW	3 6:30 pm Virtual Lenten Devotion # 3	4 9 am Bible Study	5	6
7 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	8 1 pm Sewing Ladies	9 6:30 pm Virtual Prayer	10 6:30 pm Virtual Lenten Devotion # 4	11 9 am Bible Study	12	13 2 pm New Members Class
14 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Daylight savings 	15 1 pm Sewing Ladies 3:30—5 pm WC Food Pantry	16 6:30 pm Virtual Prayer 4 pm Finance Meeting	17 6:30 pm Virtual Lenten Devotion # 5 St Patrick's Day 	18 9 am Bible Study 3 pm Worship/Health Committee	19	20
21 9 am Trustees 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11 am Ad Council	22 1 pm Sewing Ladies	23 6:30 pm Virtual Prayer	24 6:30 pm Virtual Lenten Devotion # 6	25 9 am Bible Study	26	27 2 pm Infant Baptism Class
28 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 	29 1 pm Sewing Ladies	30 6:30 pm Virtual Prayer	31 6:30 pm Virtual Lenten Devotion # 7			



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