



# The Wellspring

SAVOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 2024

IN CONCERT

## COMMON BOND QUARTET

SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 8, 2024  
6:00PM

FREE ADMISSION.  
A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN



SAVOY UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH  
3002 W OLD CHURCH RD  
CHAMPAIGN IL 61822

JOIN US!  
CONTACT THE CHURCH  
AT 217.352.3993

Common Bond Quartet is based near Ashland, Kentucky. The group began in 2009 with four friends who loved Southern Gospel Quartet music. Thinking they'd only sing in the Lexington area a few times a year, they soon found that God has other plans for them. In the past 10 years, Common Bond has twice been nominated as a 'New Horizon Group' of the year and have had least 10 songs make their way up on the Singing News Gospel Music charts.

They've become known for selecting songs that will minister to your heart and speak truth to your soul; as well as delivering those lyrics with smooth harmonies, clarity and a bit of humor. The ministry of Common Bond Quartet is sure to leave you tapping your toes...and feeling blessed!

The music will include southern gospel music and some familiar Christmas music. The concert is free and there will be a free will offering taken.

Doors will open at 5:15pm. Concert will begin at 6:00pm. The church van will be available for transportation to and from the concert. If anyone from the church would like a ride just contact the church office at 217-352-3993.



**December -**

Dec 8 - Sunday MORNING 9:45AM - 10:30AM  
Dec 15 - Sunday NIGHT 6-7:30pm at the Taylors' home.

Let us know if you have any questions about this schedule. We're looking forward to connecting on Sunday mornings some weeks!



Andrea and Paul Taylor  
217-840-1342 for more info.



On Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> please join us for A Christmas Gathering, an event which has been sponsored the past few years by Senior Saints but it's for everyone and we

hope lots of you will want to be a part of it. Carl Johnson and his combo will be providing fabulous musical entertainment again. Lunch will be provided starting at 11:30 am.

If you plan to attend it would be helpful in planning the meal to have your response. See Kay or Gene McCoy. Please bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry. If anyone wishes to help us with payment for the musical group that would be appreciated (any amount) but not required. Do you need a ride? We don't want anyone to miss out because they don't have transportation. Just let us know. Join us for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate this beautiful season of our Savior's birth.

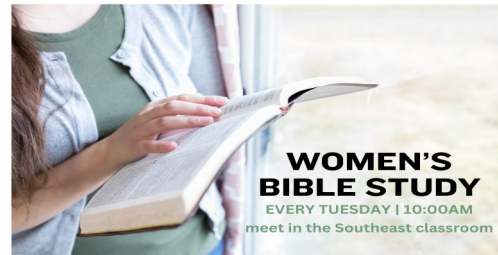


Our Christmas remembrance to our homebound family is our Christmas Card Project! If you'd like to provide a Christmas card to one or more of our homebound friends the cards can be found on the Welcome Center. There is a checklist and on the back is a list of our homebound members. All you need to do is pick a card, sign it, write a note if you wish, put the name on the envelope and place it in the box to be mailed. If you'd rather do this from home feel free to take some cards, envelopes and a checklist and either return the cards to the church or mail them yourself.



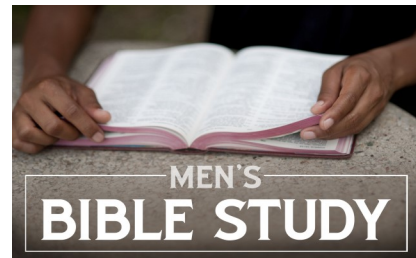
**Tuesday Bible Study**

Every Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Crossroads Classroom. Anyone interested is welcome and encouraged to attend!



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
EVERY TUESDAY | 10:00AM  
meet in the Southeast classroom

All women are invited to this weekly Bible Study. Contact person is JoAnn Warnes.



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays at 7:30 am at the Original Pancake House.

**Chick Chat**



Thursday mornings at 9:00. Contact Cindy Cook with questions 217-841-0420.



**JOURNEY MEN**

First & Third Saturdays  
7:30am - at the church  
Breakfast provided



**FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you for your support of our church food pantry. Tues, December 10 from 3:30-5pm will be our next open food pantry. Please invite those who may be food insecure to visit us. If you would like to help distribute the food, we set up at 2:15 and are finished at 5:30pm.

In November we served 30 families of 49 adults + 18 children. We are pleased to be able to bless so many families!

You are welcome to donate to the food pantry: place non-perishable food in the shopping cart in the hallway or note "food pantry" in the memo of your check and we will buy needed items. With the cold weather more people like to eat soup and the pantry is still low on pasta and cereal. The Lord loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).

**(SPPRC) STAFF PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS**

The search is still on. We are working to find a Music Director for the church. The committee is meeting each month working for the betterment of the church.

We want to wish the congregation a Happy Christmas Season. Our Lord Jesus Christ will come in to the world as a baby to save the world.



Help us "Bless the Parkinson's Group" by bringing Christmas treats (candy, cookies, cakes, etc) to the church by Sunday, Dec 22. Please leave the treats in the kitchen and we will prepare them for the group. If you have questions contact Kay McCoy or the church office.



UWIF will not meet on our usual date in December but have decided instead to attend the Christmas Gathering on December 19. Members are making donations to assemble a family basket for the Christmas giveaway at empty tomb. As always we will not meet in the month of January. Merry Christmas everyone!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

As many know Sunday School meets the first, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 10:45am in the Crossroads Room. Recently we finished our first study on Romans. There were good discussions around the table.

Beginning on December 1 we will be starting a Rightnow Media Advent study by J. D. Greear. There are 4 sessions and we are looking forward to the study. Any and all are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

**TRUSTEE REPORT**

As we wind down 2024, your SUMC trustees felt we should give a quick update on some of the goings on in the world of maintaining what God has given us:

- Found a new mowing company that was reasonably-priced and dependable
- Major repair of crack sealing and patching of the parking lot
- Recently finished Eagle Scout project at the fire pit consisting of new benches and a firewood rack
- Fire extinguishers inspected and refreshed
- Church van maintained and bi-annual safety lane inspections completed
- Oversaw funding transfer to Cozad investment account
- Coordinated spring grounds cleaning and mulch spreading with church and Scouts

We even battled some of God's creatures, the nuisance swallows, at the north side door of the kitchen.

Thanks to all who have helped with the projects that we have undertaken. We appreciate you, and we will ALWAYS welcome church members who want to help in this way by serving God as a trustee.

Bryant Seraphin, Trustees Chair

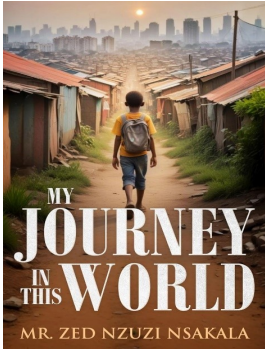
**COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND DATES**

- \* Trustees - First Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm
- \* Stewardship/Finance - Second Thursday of the month at 6pm
- \* Ad Council - Third Thursday of the month at 6pm
- \* PPRC - First Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm
- \* Mission Team - Third Tuesday of the month at 5:45pm
- \* Prayer Team - First and Third Wednesdays of the month at 4pm
- \* Worship Team - Second Sunday of the month at 10:45am.



Thank you all so much for your generous donations to the Kids at Cunningham. It's a blessing when you know you can help brighten someone's Christmas. The staff at Cunningham is always so appreciative of our donations. Thank you to Donna Brinegar for coordinating this for us.

Bondville UMC will be hosting their annual Cookie and Craft Corner on Saturday, Dec 7 from 10:00am - 1:00pm. There will be baked goods, handmade crafts, bulk sausage, sausage sandwiches and a raffle for a handmade quilt.



From the words of the author: "I look back to where I came from and how God had to change my location from the Democratic Republic of Congo to the United States. This book is about how God has done the impossible in my life, I would not be here if it were not for my relationship with him."

Many of you have come to know Zed since he joined us for worship earlier this year. He started as a quiet observer, gradually became an enthusiastic participant, and now he's singing with our praise team. Praise God! Whenever he was on and off during weekends, he always told me he was traveling for speaking engagements and mentioned of his upcoming book. Well, it's finally out! Praise God for guiding him to us and in his journey.

On Amazon, kindle eBook. Get one now, and let's show our love!



SCAN ME



Our Walk to the Manger will be Sunday, Dec 15. This is a day where we take a special offering. In past years it has been to bless others. This year the Stewardship/Finance committee decided the offering will be to help offset our 2024 budget deficit.



**CHURCH CALENDAR - DECEMBER****MONDAY, DEC 2**

10:00am Parkinson's Group

**TUESDAY, DEC 3**

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study

10:00am Women's Bible Study

6:00pm S/PRC

7:00pm Al-Anon

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 4**

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)

4:00pm Prayer Team

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, DEC 5**

9:00am Chick Chat

7:00pm Scouts

**FRIDAY, DEC 6**

9:00am Cleaning Crew

**SATURDAY, DEC 7**

7:30am Journey Men

9:00am Quilters

**SUNDAY, DEC 8**

9:30am Worship

6:00pm Common Bond Quartet

**MONDAY, DEC 9**

10:00am Parkinson's Group

7:00pm Troop 101 Committee Mtg

**TUESDAY, DEC 10**

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study

10:00am Women's Bible Study

2:00pm Food Pantry Set Up

3:30-5pm Food Pantry Distribution

7:00pm AL-Anon

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 11**

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)

5:30pm Trustees

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, DEC 12**

9:00am Chick Chat

6:00pm Stewardship/Finance Mtg

6:00pm Troop 2119

7:00pm Scouts

**FRIDAY, DEC 13**

9:00am Cleaning Crew

**SUNDAY, DEC 15**

9:30am Worship

**WALK TO THE MANGER OFFERING**

10:45am Sunday School

6:00pm Youth Group at Taylor's

**MONDAY, DEC 16**

10:00am Parkinson's Group

6:00pm Chesterbrook Academy Christmas Program

**TUESDAY, DEC 17**

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study

10:00am Women's Bible Study

5:45pm Mission Team

7:00pm Al-Anon

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 18**

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)

4:00pm Prayer Team

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, DEC 19**

9:00am Chick Chat

11:30am Senior Saint's Christmas Gathering

6:00pm Ad Council

7:00pm Scouts

**FRIDAY, DEC 20**

9:00am Cleaning Crew

**SATURDAY, DEC 21**

7:30am Journey Men

9:00am Quilters

**SUNDAY, DEC 22**

9:30am Worship

10:45am Sunday School

**MONDAY, DEC 23**

10:00am Parkinson's Group

**TUESDAY, DEC 24**

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

7:00pm Al-Anon

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 25****MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Church office closed

**SUNDAY, DEC 29**

9:30am Worship

10:45am Sunday School

**MONDAY, DEC 30**

10:00am Parkinson's Group

**TUESDAY, DEC 31**

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study

10:00am Women's Bible Study

7:00pm AL-Anon