



The Wellspring

SAVOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2024



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Pastor Appreciation Month is a great time to show your pastor how much you care. By expressing your gratitude and appreciation, you can let them know that their hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed.

This is also an opportunity to encourage them in their faith and let them know that they are making a difference in your life and the lives of others. Use this month as a way to build up your pastor and show them the impact that they have made in your life.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX

Let your glory be over all of the earth – Psalm 108:5

Last year alone, Samaritan's Purse delivered millions of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children around the world. God used these simple gifts to change the lives of many boys and girls and their families. Simple shoebox gifts, packed with love and prayer, are tools for children to discover Jesus and share Him with their friends and families in over 100 countries. Local pastors across the globe are thankful for the opportunity these shoeboxes provide to spread the Gospel in their communities. We are so excited to share with you that after much prayer and in great faith, we set our church's shoebox goal at 30 shoebox gifts for this year. We believe that God wants to use Savoy United Methodist to send Operation Christmas Child boxes to children all over the world. We need you to join us as we pray, pack, and ship these gifts.

Boxes are available at the Operation Christmas Child table, as well as helpful information for purchasing items, packing the boxes and the shipping donation. OCC encourages that each box be FUN, FILLED and PERSONALIZED.

Our final day for box collection will be Sunday, Nov. 10. For any questions, please contact Michelle Horvat. at 217-898-4927 or mrhorvat4@gmail.com.



This Fall, we invite you to join a small group (for 8 weeks) during *the Prodigal God*, fall Spiritual Growth Campaign. You may choose to join an existing group, or you may start your own. Call the church office or contact the group leader to sign up or to get for more information.

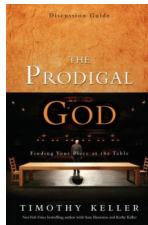
World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by many Protestant denominations. In the United Methodist Church it is one of six Special Sundays with offerings. World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The special offering provides scholarships for US racial-and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.





Dear spiritual leader at Savoy!

How can you get motivated and energized? Molly Fletcher, a former top sports agent, said at the recent Global Leadership Summit 2024 that “misalignment and losing our purpose depletes and creates burnout.” The antidote? The Bible says to “... be like-minded, have the same love, be one in spirit and of one mind in Christ.” (Philippians 2:2, NIV) The spirit of alignment with Jesus excites and energizes His people.



The Fall Spiritual Growth Campaign is all about the church-wide, radical alignment for 8 weeks to find your purpose again. During this time, we will pray, worship, and join in small groups together.



Starting in October, I would love to invite you and your small group to join together in learning and receiving the radical grace of God through, *The Prodigal God* (by Tim Keller, 2008). It will guide us through the

parable “where Jesus reveals God’s prodigal grace towards both the irreligious and the moralistic, and will challenge the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way.”

What’s great about the Spiritual Growth Campaign is that there is no need to commit for the whole year, but only for 8 weeks: 2 hours of commitment for 8 weeks is less than 0.2% of your time for the year! So, would you join us to align together as a church, to be like-minded, have the same love, be in one spirit and of one mind in Christ this fall?

Your brother in Christ,

Jung ♥ IL Rhee

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 - Second 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.

Chick Chat

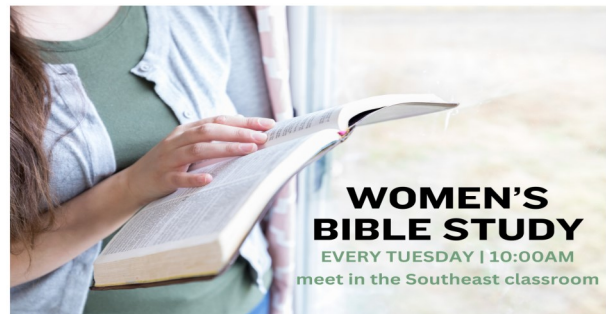


Ladies, check out the Chicks on Thursday mornings at 9:00 as we fellowship, learn and grow together. Contact Cindy Cook with questions 217-841-0420.



Tuesday Bible Study

This group of men and women meet to study the Bible and grow in the faith and knowledge of Christ. They meet at 9:30 am every Tuesday morning in the Crossroads Classroom at church. Anyone interested is welcome and encouraged to attend!



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



Journey Men meetings in Oct will be at 7:30am on the 5th and 19th. Breakfast and fellowship provided.



FOOD PANTRY

SUMC food pantry will continue to be open on the first Tuesday of the month, but our schedule is changing a bit. If you would like to help on October 8, November 5, or December 10 you can just show up at the church at 3:00pm to help set up. If you know of someone who may be food insecure, they may receive food on those dates from 3:30 to 5:00pm.

SUMC MISSIONS TEAM

Tuesday, October 15, at 7 pm - Living Alternatives Annual Celebration Banquet at the I Hotel Conference Center in Champaign. "Join us for an evening of celebration as we remember the miraculous moments of "today" — moments we can proclaim the goodness of God as He has moved in the lives of the women and families served through the Pregnancy Resource Center or our various counseling ministries in 2024. As always, our banquet will also be a great opportunity to share with you the vision God has placed on our hearts for the future of Living Alternatives." We already have a table for 10 reserved with open seats available. Just let Cindy Cook or Amy Markstahler know if you would like to attend.

Saturday, November 9 - Chicken Noodle Dinner Volunteers for meal preparation, serving, and clean-up will be needed and appreciated. Donations received will help fund local community outreach. Contact Michelle Horvat or Cindy Cook for more details.

December - Walk to the Manger

S/PPRC

Our Mission and Purpose for the Church

S/PPRC functions for the church:

- Focusing on the Missional Goals of the church.
- Building strong relationships between the staff, the congregation and between the congregation and the district superintendent.
- Administrative work - S/PPRC is the administrative unit in the church where staff and congregational interested are integrated to focus on the mission of the church.

Members of the congregation are welcome to attend a S/PPRC meeting to voice concerns, ask questions or make suggestions. Please notify a member of the committee if you are interested in coming to a meeting so you can be included on the agenda.

In the past year S/PPRC has interviewed a Director of Music and Office Assistant. We are happy to announce that Pat Setzler has accepted the SPPRC offer to serve as the Office Assistant. We are currently searching for a Director of Music.

We have advertised in Indeed, the Conference and the University of Illinois.

October is Pastor Appreciation month. The second Sunday in October is Pastor Appreciation Day. We encourage the congregation to recognize Pastor Rhee for his attention and pastoral leadership this year. Several ways to recognize Pastor Rhee would be to write a meaningful card, a small gift (dinner gift card, etc.), help minister to the community.

S/PPRC members – Bruce Branham, chair; Vera Maase; Dawn Rear; Rose Redmon; and Franni Vlahovich.



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, October 9 at 9:00 am at the church. Hostesses will be JoAnn Warnes and Cyndi Jensen. Our guests will be the district's Cunningham representatives who will present a Cunningham update.

Several members recently attended the East District's fall meeting at Sullivan UMC where Cindy Cook was one of the presenters, speaking of her mission trip to the Philippines. An additional speaker shared her experiences in Liberia.

On Saturday, October 19 the district will have a spiritual growth seminar at Villa Grove UMC. Savoy's UWF will be sponsoring a bake sale on Sunday, October 13 following worship. Proceeds will be directed to Cunningham Children's Home and Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House.

And, as always, all ladies of Savoy UMC are welcome to come to any of our gatherings.

CONNECTING NEIGHBORS

Disaster hits your area!
What do you do?

Join
Connecting Neighbors
webinar training from
UMCOR to learn more!

Friday, November 15th
1-5pm

For more information,
Call 217-586-2147 or
email ministrydir@mumc.org
www.mumc.org

**CHURCH CALENDAR - OCTOBER****TUESDAY, OCT 1**

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
6:00pm S/PPRC Mtg
7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, Oct 2

6:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
5:30pm Trustee Mtg
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 3

9:00am Chick Chat
6:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, OCT 4

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, OCT 5

7:30am Journey Men
9:00am Quilters
12:00pm Troop 101

SUNDAY, OCT 6 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, Oct 7

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, OCT 8

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
2:00pm Food Pantry Set up/Clean up
3:30pm Food Pantry Pick up
7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, OCT 9

6:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
9:00am United Women in Faith
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 10

9:00am Chick Chat
6:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, OCT 11

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SUNDAY, OCT 13

9:30am Worship
10:45am Worship Team Mtg

MONDAY, OCT 14

10:00am Parkinson's Group
5:45pm Mission Team Mtg
7:00pm Troop 101

TUESDAY, OCT 15

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm AL-Anon
7:00pm Living Alternatives Banquet

WEDNESDAY, OCT 16

6:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 17

9:00am Chick Chat
6:00pm Ad Council Mtg
7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, OCT 18

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, OCT 19

7:30am Journey Men
9:00am Quilters

SUNDAY, OCT 20

9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, OCT 21

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, OCT 22

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, OCT 23

6:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 24

9:00am Chick Chat
6:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, OCT 25

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SUNDAY, OCT 27

9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, OCT 28

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, OCT 29

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, OCT 30

6:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 31

9:00am Chick Chat
7:00pm Scouts

welcome

to our new Administrative Assistant in the church office!

The Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee is happy to announce that Pat Setzler has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant at Savoy UMC. Pat officially began her ministry on Monday, September 16. Regular office hours will be 9:00am - 1:00pm Monday through Friday. When stopping by the church be sure to poke your head in the office and say hi!