



# The Wellspring

SAVOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2026



This year Native American Ministries Sunday is on Sunday, April 19. It is one of six churchwide Special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. We come together to honor and support Indigenous peoples and communities and to recognize the rich gifts, cultures, and contributions of Native Americans to both society and the Church.

Many people lack an understanding of Native American life, culture, and spirituality. Native American Ministries Sunday helps bridge this gap by celebrating Indigenous heritage and empowering Native voices in ministry.

Special Sundays give us a chance to focus our prayers and support on important ministries all year long - uniting our gifts to multiply our impact. Your generosity strengthens Native leadership and sustains ministry across the connection. Funds are distributed in three key ways:

**Annual Conference Ministries (50%)** - Half of the funds collected remain in our annual conference to support local Native American ministries through the work of the Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM).

**Scholarships (25%)** - A quarter of the money funds scholarships for Native American students pursuing ordained or licensed ministry at approved theological schools.

**Programs (25%)** - The remaining funds support programs that develop new Native ministries, including mentoring, economic empowerment, and leadership development initiatives.

Contributions can be made through Savoy UMC by noting "Native Americans" on the memo line of your check.

## Singing Men of GNN in concert





**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are the “beating heart” of the Christie Clinic Illinois Race weekend. If you haven’t had a chance to sign up to volunteer yet, now is a great time. You can use the link - <https://illinoismarathon.com/get-involved/volunteer/> or if you have questions call the Race Hotline at 217.902.1538.



Every volunteer receives the official volunteer TEAM t-shirt and drawstring bag as a thank you for being a part of the race weekend. We hope you’ll join us!



**United Women in Faith**

United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, April 15 at 9 am. This month’s program will be “Seeds of Hope” led by Dana Lamb.

Our district’s spring meeting will be Saturday, April 18 at Villa Grove UMC. The program will be a portrayal of Mary Magdalene by a storyteller dramatist. Anyone at Savoy UMC who might be interested in this program is most welcome to attend. You do not have to attend our monthly meetings to go to this event. There is a registration requirement and lunch is \$15. If interested please see Kay McCoy.

**FESTIVAL OF QUILTS**

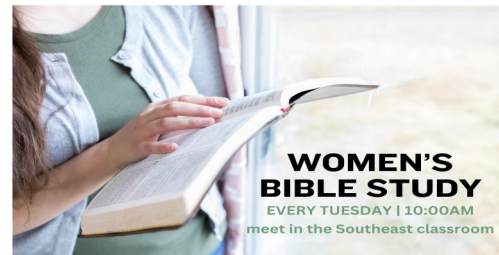
**Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11**

Come to the Spiritual Life Center on the Cunningham Children’s Home campus for this signature fund raising event to see beautiful quilts for sale or for show, handcrafted gift items, beautiful creative centerpieces and delicious items in the bake sale. Several handcrafted items made by ladies of Savoy UMC will be available in the gift shop. Some of Savoy UMC’s quilters have quilts entered. Thank you, ladies, for sharing your talent and your generosity. So many quilts to see, each one so unique and you’ll always see one (or two) you’d like to take home.

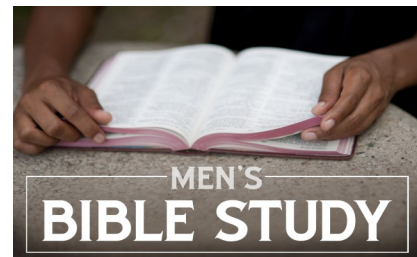


**Tuesday Bible Study**

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



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



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.



Isaac and I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your support of the One Winter Night (OWN) challenge hosted by the C-U at Home at the Venue on February 6–7. This update is a late (cont. on page 3) because I waited until all cash gifts were tabulated. And I know



**STEP INTO SPRING THROUGH THE CRASH COURSE ON EVANGELISM** with Dr. Bobby Conway

Sharing your faith with others can be a daunting endeavor. Having a plan can help you share Christ without stressing about saying the right thing or losing the relationship. Dr.



Bobby Conway will guide you through what the Bible says about reaching non-believers, equip you with the starting blocks of sharing your faith, and offer you a strategy for getting started. By the end you will have a new found excitement for the Great Commission and be encouraged to notice various opportunities to reach others with the Gospel. Dr. Conway is the lead pastor of Image Church in Charlotte, NC, and is well known for his YouTube ministry, Christianity Still Makes Sense. He also serves as the cohort of Pastors' Perspective, a nationally syndicated radio show on KWVE in Southern California. Bobby is the author of several books including The Fifth Gospel and Doubting Toward Faith.

We will be watching the video conference available on



**rightnow MEDIA**, followed by an open discussion. We will also have a session on One-Minute Witness, an easy to do evangelism by Oasis World Ministries. You don't want to miss it. Let's share the light of Jesus together!

**Details:**

- ◆ Starts Wednesday, April 15 from 10am-12pm (for 6 weeks)
- ◆ You will need a pen and notebook. Handouts & discussion notes will be provided.
- ◆ Watch for a Small Group Sign-Up Sheet in the foyer
- ◆ For more information contact pastor Rhee at 309-224-6420 ([jrhee@savoyumc.org](mailto:jrhee@savoyumc.org))

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND DATES**

- \* S/PPRC - First Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm
- \* Trustees - First Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm
- \* Worship Team - Second Sunday of the month at 10:45am.
- \* Stewardship/Finance - Second Thursday of the month at 6pm
- \* Ad Council - Third Thursday of the month at 6pm
- \* Prayer Team - First and Third Tuesdays of the month at 11:30am
- \* Mission Team - Tues prior to Ad Council mtg at 5:45pm

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This year's OWN goal was to raise over \$90,000 during the challenge (part of CU at Home's annual \$150,000 goal). Participants raised \$53,379 and with your generosity plus additional gifts from friends and online donors, Team Savoy UMC contributed over \$700. Your support is helping our neighbors find a mid-shelter and, ultimately, a stable home. Praise God!

As we gathered for the event, we had a short worship time followed by several testimonies of overcoming homelessness. It was indeed, a very heartwarming experience.

Out in the camping lot, it was a joy to reconnect with long time OWN participant, like Ian. And special thanks to Mark and Riley Akers for coming to the site and staying late to show their support.



We were also joined by a group of "very tall" bikers who looked tough but were warm-hearted; they built a tall cardboard fort (maybe 7 feet) to accommodate their stature and ran a gas heater through the night to stay warm; I wonder if they slept while standing in the fort? Thankfully, they were respectful and quiet through the night.



Our camp setup had its challenges. We couldn't secure a "One Big Beautiful Box" from local warehouses, so we used a lightweight Walmart tent intended for summer camping, with an insect-screen top. With advice from the bikers, we added a vinyl tarp between the wind cover and the tent roof, which made the tent surprisingly cozy until a strong gust tore the tarp away in the middle of the night. We woke cold, our air mattress deflated, and the tarp blown off.

That reminded me of a night years ago when I saw someone sleeping in a bag behind a conference center, next to a dumpster, while we slept in a hotel. That contrast has stayed with me. And as we were exposed to the cold windchill in the night, Isaac told me, "how could people sleep outside in this condition?" We were glad we could help at least someone stay in a warm shelter, and prayed that they could find a home, and eventually Jesus!

Thank you for making a difference again this year. If you'd like to visit C-U at Home's new shelter and office or volunteer your time, please consider doing so. More information is available at <https://cuathome.us>.

With gratitude,  
Isaac and Jungil Rhee



CHURCH CALENDAR - APRIL

WEDNESDAY, APR 1

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
- 5:30pm Trustees Mtg
- 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APR 2 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 9:00am Chick Chat
- 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APR 3 - GOOD FRIDAY

- 9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, APR 4

- 7:30am Journey Men
- 9:00am Quilters

SUNDAY, APR 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, APR 6

- 10:00am Parkinsons Group
- 3:45pm Sending of Mission Team to Philippines

TUESDAY, APR 7

- 9:30am Tues AM Bible Study
- 10:00am Women's Bible Study
- 11:30am Prayer Team
- 2:30pm Food Pantry Set Up
- 3:30-5pm Food Pantry Distribution
- 7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, APR 8

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
- 5:30pm Trustees Mtg
- 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APR 9

- 9:00am Chick Chat
- 6:00pm Stewardship/Finance - CANCELLED
- 7:00pm Scouts
- 7:00pm Women's Small Group

FRIDAY, APR 10

- 9:00am Cleaning Crew

SUNDAY, APR 12

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

MONDAY, APR 13

- 10:00am Parkinsons Group
- 7:00pm Troop 101 Mtg

TUESDAY, APR 14

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

WEDNESDAY, APR 15

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
- 9:00am United Women in Faith
- 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APR 16

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

FRIDAY, APR 17

- 9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, APR 18

- 7:30am Journey Men
- 9:00am Quilters

SUNDAY, APR 19 - NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, APR 20

- 8:00am Carpet cleaning

TUESDAY, APR 21

- 9:30am Tues AM Bible Study
- 10:00am Women's Bible Study
- 11:30am Prayer Team
- 7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, APR 22

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
- 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APR 23

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- 9:00am Chick Chat
- 7:00pm Scouts
- 7:00pm Women's Small Group

FRIDAY, APR 24

- 9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, APR 25

- 6:00pm **SINGING MEN OF GNN IN CONCERT**

SUNDAY, APR 26

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, APR 27

- 10:00am Parkinsons Group

TUESDAY, APR 28

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

WEDNESDAY, APR 29

- 7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
- 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APR 30

- 9:00am Chick Chat
- 7:00pm Scouts

