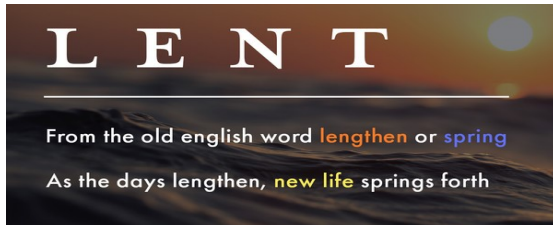




# The Wellspring

SAVOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## SPRING TO LIFE IN LENT

Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday, begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on March 2. Take a break from your regular work day and join us for our Ash Wednesday service on March 2 from 12:05-12:35pm. A box lunch will be available. (Please sign up for lunch at the church for planning purposes.)

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Get ready for an opportunity to grow deeper in faith! On Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5 we will host a Livestream of the IF conference for women (as young as 14 yrs old). "IF: Gathering 2022 is a two-day conference broadcasted live from Dallas, TX where women all over the world get to gather together, get equipped, and discover their next step in the calling: to go and make disciples." More details coming soon! Read about it here: <https://www.ifgathering.com/if2022/>

## YOUTH GROUP

The youth group has been having fun and growing deeper in faith the last couple of months. In December, a few of us attended the Illinois State University campus church Cornerstone Church. We participated in their worship service, heard a few college students give their testimony, and witnessed their baptism. It was amazing!



Also in December, we had a Christmas party where we ate lots of food (thanks to the hard work of Essie and Claire) and had a competition to see which team could re-tell the Christmas story with the greatest level of detail.

In January, we've had some 'tumbling tower' competitions, Yahtzee competitions, and discussed identity in Jesus, and God as Jehovah Jireh. Three of the youth went to Little Galilee for an



overnight Winter Retreat, and several of them went to Indianapolis to see the WinterJam Christian Concert.

Coming up -

**Feb. 13** - 6-8pm - Youth Group at the Taylor house (306 Silver Lake Ct, Savoy) for food, games, and to watch the Super Bowl

**Feb 20** - 6-8pm - Youth Group meeting at the church

**Feb 27** - 6-8pm - Youth Group meeting at the church

**March 4 and March 5** - female youth will watch/discuss the Livestream of the IF Women's Conference. <https://www.ifgathering.com/if2022/>

**March 6** - 'Boys Night Out' for the male youth. (No meeting of the young women that night.)

Feel free to attend any youth events, and to contact Andrea and Paul Taylor to find out more - 217-840-1342 or [afabrtay@gmail.com](mailto:afabrtay@gmail.com).

## SPECIAL SUNDAYS

**UMCOR Sunday** - Sunday, March 27 - formerly One Great Hour of Sharing. It enables the United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR) to reach out and ease pain and suffering by providing humanitarian aid after disasters. This offering covers administrative expenses so that 100 percent of donations given to particular UMCOR projects and appeals can go directly to them.

## RICE MEAL PACKING

On January 12 Midwest Mission Distribution Center sent 7,200 rice meals and 1,680 personal dignity kits to their partner, FFTP, in Coconut Creek, Florida. FFTP will be shipping these kits to Port Au Prince, Haiti. Weighing around 30,306 lbs, this was an important shipment to get hygiene items and food to families and children in need! Midwest Mission says "Thank you to our amazing donors and volunteers who have made this shipment possible!" That is you, SUMC. On Oct. 31, 2021 you helped pack 1037 rice meals. Even today, you see the blessing you are to our neighbors around the world by doing the work God has laid before you.





### FROM THE PASTOR

I love the snow, and we are FINALLY getting plenty of it. In just six weeks, though, it will officially be spring, and I love playing in the dirt in my garden even more than I love playing in the snow. In just six weeks, the snowdrops and daffodils will start pushing their oh-so-welcome green leaves up through the soil, and the tulips and hyacinths won't be far behind.

I envision the same new life springing up right here at Savoy UMC. Some of the seeds we're planting right now will grow into a women's conference, an all-church retreat, renewed fellowship times, and an openness to new dreams of reaching out into our community. It is a great time to be part of SUMC!

One word of caution as we step out into new ground: Bishop Beard's sermon last month included a chuckle about how as a youngster he would tease his mom by kinking the garden hose as she watered her flowers. His illustration was a reminder to us to let the Holy Spirit flow freely as we tend our spiritual garden. As we look at fresh ways to encounter God and grow as disciples of Jesus, let's be careful not to "kink the hose" and hinder God's Holy Spirit from flowing and growing our congregation.

Love in Christ,  
Pastor Kim

### FOOD PANTRY

Our next open food pantry will be Tuesday, February 8, 4:30-5:30pm. Please share this information with those who may be food insecure. It is necessary for people to reserve a box by calling the church office at 217-352-3993.



If you are unable to help assemble boxes on Feb 8 at 3:00pm, please pray with us for those who are receiving this food. God has been providing food for us to distribute through Midwest Food Bank. We are praying He will also show us with whom He wants us to share His love.

SUMC food pantry owes a huge thank you to the Eagle Scout project which revamped our storage closet. It was a huge job and much appreciated by everyone!

We also owe a huge thank you to UMW and Senior Saints for filling our shopping cart with their donations at Christmas time.

This month's shopping list is pancake mix, tuna and soup. We can never get enough peanut butter and jelly!



*"...rejoice with those who rejoice..." Romans 12:15*

Congratulations to Efren and Arlene Sandico! They passed the stringent test for American citizenship last month in St. Louis. A ceremony will be held in the near future during which they will take the oath of citizenship. The Sandico family are originally from the Philippines.



Our Senior Saints will meet on Thursday, February 17, at the Mahomet Family Restaurant at 12:30pm for lunch and games. Plan to meet at the church by 12:15pm. Bring your favorite games. Call Gary and Audrey Ricketts (217-367-2098) by February 14 if you plan to attend.



United Methodist Women  
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

UMW will meet Wednesday, February 9 at 9am in the choir room. Cunningham Children's Home Reps will be joining us to install new officers. The program will be on Prayer and Self-Denial with an offering taken. You will have the opportunity to sign up to serve as a hostess for year. **ALL** women in the church are invited. Contact Mary Hackl (217-377 8721) with any questions.



"Fellowship will begin again in the near future. This will mean making coffee and providing goodies for the table. We will also need to have help in the kitchen to get things ready, serving and cleaning up. Please drop a note to the office if you are interested in helping out.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### TRUSTEES - Jason Haegele, chair

The trustee committee tackled many large projects during 2021 and some of those have been or are in the process of being completed. One example that is visible to all members is the carpet replacement that has occurred throughout the church building. A special thanks to Steve Setzler for leading this project, and working many hours to remove and replace furniture as the carpet was being installed. Other projects have occurred in the parsonage to replace carpet, paint walls, and remodel the master bathroom. Finally, the red church van will soon be replaced with a new Ford Transit for use by passengers and for transporting food pantry supplies. The manufacture of this van is being delayed by the ongoing materials shortages that are occurring, but it should be delivered and ready for use by spring. The focus for the trustees committee for 2022 will likely be ongoing maintenance projects in both the church and parsonage.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL - Bill Tredway, chair

At the January meeting the Administrative Council reviewed its role and priorities. The Council discussed its sense of accountability to God, to the congregation, and to others less fortunate. Priorities involving staffing, financial reporting, movable assets, repairs to the parsonage, and building security were reviewed. The strengths of the congregation and the issues affecting us, including rebuilding attendance post-Covid, were considered. To facilitate communication and transparency, members were asked to contribute briefs for the monthly newsletter--and that process begins in this February edition.

At the February meeting the Council Executive for Prairie-lands Council BSA will attend to answer questions regarding the re-chartering process for the Scout Troops which Savoy UMC sponsors. To make the vacant Administrative Assistant position more attractive to applicants, the bookkeeping tasks were removed from that position. Accordingly, a presentation by an accounting firm seeking to provide bookkeeping services for the church will follow. That firm, located in Monticello, IL, currently handles the bookkeeping for five other nearby churches.

Meetings of the Admin Council are traditionally the third Thursday of each month, starting at 6:00pm. Members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

### S/PPRC - James Maggio, chair

For January the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee has finalized and advertised the job description for the position of office Administrative Assistant. We also met with Rev Jungil Rhee and family who has been appointed our new pastor effective July 1, 2022.

### MISSION COMMITTEE - Nicole Haegele, chair

*"But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Corinthians 8:7)*

I get to pray specifically for our church body to be about the Church's "business" and ministry of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ by providing practical opportunities for everyone to love the Lord our God with all of our hearts, minds, souls and bodies as we love our neighbors as ourselves. Asking you now to pray about how you may be involved in meeting the needs of others to the glory of His Name.

The Missions Committee appropriated funds for the purchase of a number of coats in support of Allison Hemming's Eagle Scout project to provide for those who are in need of winter coats through Salt and Light. Praising God for the compassionate heart of a young scout and the generosity of all those who contributed.

A special offering was collected during January for a community of Afghan refugee families in the Quad Cities area, who are in immediate need of shoes, coats, and clothes. We are currently considering how we as the Church may continue to support incoming refugee families from Afghanistan who are searching for a safe space to live and work, rebuilding their lives in a foreign land where they may not know or understand the language. Thank you for your prayers and following through with your contributions to clothe, feed, and care for the needy who are fleeing from the ravages of war and terrorism in their homeland.

Another opportunity for loving others without a home address in our local community is through the Canteen Run's "Fill a Sack" campaign with much needed socks and underwear. Labeled donation sacks will be available in the foyer to take and fill with the listed items from Sunday, Feb 13 through Sunday, Feb 27. Donations will be distributed at the Canteen Run stops in Champaign-Urbana.

Your ideas for local or global Mission projects/ministries for the Mission Committee to consider are always welcome. You may contact Nicole Haegele, Cindy Cook, Riley Akers, or Amy Markstahler with the details.



No fooling!  
Save these dates!  
All Church Retreat  
April 1-3  
*Come Grow with us.*



**CHURCH CALENDAR - FEBRUARY**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study  
7:00pm AA

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

6:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)  
5:00pm Prayer Team  
5:30 pm Trustees  
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

9:00am Chick Chat  
12:00pm Kiwanis  
7:00pm Scouts

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

10:00am Cleaning Crew

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

7:30am Journey Men  
9:00am Quilters

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

9:30am Worship  
6:00pm Youth Group

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

10:00am Parkinson's Group

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study  
7:00pm AA

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

6:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)  
9:00am United Methodist Women  
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal  
7:30pm Mission Team Mtg

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

9:00am Chick Chat  
6:00pm Stewardship/Finance  
6:00pm Scouts - Troop 2119  
7:00pm Scouts

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

10:00am Cleaning Crew

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 (Scout Sunday)**

9:30am Worship  
6pm Youth Group

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

10:00am Parkinson's Group  
7:00pm Troop 101 Committee Mtg

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study  
7:00pm AA

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

6:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)  
5:00pm Prayer Team  
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

9:00am Chick Chat  
12:00pm Kiwanis  
6:00pm Church Council  
7:00pm Scouts

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

10:00am Cleaning Crew  
7:00pm Troops Lock-In

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

7:30am Journey Men  
9:00am Quilters

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

9:30am Worship  
6:00pm Youth Group

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

10:00am Parkinson's Group

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study  
7:00pm AA

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

9:00am Chick Chat  
7:00pm Scouts

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

10:00am Cleaning Crew  
6:00pm Troop 2119 Lock - In

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

9:30am Worship  
6:00pm Youth Group

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

10:00am Parkinson's Group

**WEBSITE**

If you have anything you would like posted to our church website please let the office know - church@savoyumc.org



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