



The Wellspring

SAVOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2025



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

What's the Birthday Brunch? We are going to have a great time celebrating everyone's birthday on Sunday, October 19 following worship. First, we will enjoy a potluck. Please bring a dish to share but NO DESSERTS please. That's because our desserts will be on 12 different tables, each representing a month of the year. You are asked to sit at the table of your birth month. It's a chance to meet someone you haven't connected with or to renew acquaintances and you will join together to compete against the other 11 tables in a contest you will learn about that day. We will need sponsors for the monthly tables which consists of decorating it appropriately and providing some sort of dessert for your group (cake, cupcakes, etc). Check out the sign-up sheet in the church foyer if you'd like to sponsor a monthly table. Some tables have already been spoken for so don't wait too long.

Questions? Ask any of the planning committee - Dee Smith, June Wieneke, Donna Brinegar, Cindy Cook and Kay McCoy.



Don't forget to start collecting items for your shoeboxes! By packing shoebox gifts, you're helping to spread the Gospel around the world. Remember to make each shoebox gift fun, full, and personalized. Anyone can participate by filling an empty shoebox full of fun toys, school supplies, personal care items, and a "wow" item, such as a doll or soccer ball. The "wow" item makes a joyful first impression when the child opens the shoebox. A \$10 donation per shoebox helps cover shoebox collection, shipping, processing, training local volunteers, and Gospel materials.

Be sure to personalize the gifts so each child feels unique and special. Consider including a letter and a photo of you or your group. And don't forget the most important thing you can add to a shoebox gift - prayer! As you pack each shoebox, pray for the child who will receive it.

Look for the Operation Christmas Child table set up in the back of the sanctuary for shoeboxes. Box collection will begin in November. Please contact Michelle Horvat (mrhorvat4@gmail.com) with any questions.



FOOD PANTRY

The next open food pantry will be held on Tuesday, October 7. Anyone who is food insecure may come to the church from 3:30-5pm and choose the foods they want from the wonderful donations of our church and Midwest Food Bank. In September we served 29 families of 45 adults + 25 children. It is a blessing to see all the smiling faces each month as they receive good, nutritious food. Please stop by anytime after 3pm to help set up, serve or clean up.



United Women in Faith

Join United Women in Faith as we meet on Wednesday, October 8 at 9 am with Donna Brinegar and June Wieneke as hostesses. The program will be "The Greatest Gift: How Are You Defining and Living Love?"

Dee Smith and Kay McCoy recently attended the East District's fall meeting in Oakland. Midwest Mission Distribution Center provided the speaker and school bags for MMDC were filled with the many, many school supplies that had been donated. Thank you to everyone who brought supplies and a special thanks to the Scouts.

The conference's annual meeting is Saturday, October 4 at Faith UMC in Champaign. There's always room at our tables for any of you ladies at Savoy UMC to join us.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesday mornings a group of men and women meet at 9:30am in the Crossroads Room and study the Word of God. They will begin the study of ***The Reason for God*** on October 7. We will review the on-line video by Timothy Keller, followed by review and discussion of each chapter and study guide. All are welcome to join us for this study series. Just grab the books (located in foyer on table or in the church office) and join us. Hope to see you on October 7th at 9:30. Have questions? Contact Dee Smith at jdgoilers2@comcast.net or 630-254-5677.

CHILI COOK OFF & MOVIE NIGHT



We had a great night of fun and inspiration at the Chili Cook-off and movie night viewing "The Forge". Congratulations to John Hancock and Pat Setzler for their winning chili recipes! \$561 was raised for missions.

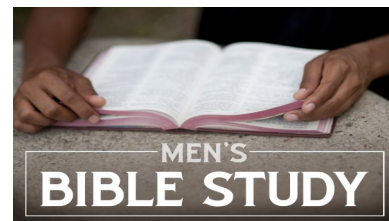


Tuesday Bible Study

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 at 10:00am on Tuesday mornings. Contact person is Rose Redmon.



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.





MISSION TEAM

The United Methodist Church (UMC) Special Collection for UMC seminary students will be on World Communion Sunday, October 5, 2025. "World Communion Sunday celebrates the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. As we gather around the Lord's table, we recognize our unity in Christ, joining with others worldwide in Holy Communion. Embracing this commitment, United Methodists are dedicated to nurturing diverse leadership within the church by allocating funds for scholarships and leadership training for under-represented students." <https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article>.

The Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center Banquet is scheduled for 7 pm on Monday, October 20, at the i Hotel in Champaign. Doors will open at 6:15 pm. Special guests will be The Rhythm Makers Orchestra, "a passionate band dedicated to reviving the timeless classics from the 1920s, 30s and 40s, in addition to Gospel music delivered with a distinctive 1940s twist." A table for ten has been reserved for anyone who would like to attend. Contact Cindy Cook (217-841-0420 or cindycook31061@gmail.com) to reserve your seat at the table.

Philippines Mission Trip - Have you always wanted to go on an international missions trip? Your opportunity is coming up April 6-20, 2026 to Bohol, Philippines. Volunteers in Mission International are praying that God's plan is our plan. The cost is \$3500, with \$500 deposit due November 1, 2025. Scholarships may be available for up to half of the trip cost, with fundraising opportunities available. The team is excited to make new friends as we support their building a new church. This is another congregation which is meeting under the trees. The church already owns the land and has a good relationship with the community.

Are you unable to go on the trip, but want to get involved? On Saturday, November 1 we will be packing boxes right here at SUMC to send ahead of the mission. Anyone is welcome to join in the fun! Another way to be involved is to sponsor the \$90 shipping of a box. Please contact Cindy Cook for more information 217-841-0420 cindycook31061@gmail.com.

Current Missions Team members include Cindy Cook, Riley Akers, Crystal Dillavou, Don Maase, Amy Markstahler, Terry Murphy, and Dawn Rear.



You are invited (and anyone you'd like to bring) to **C-U at Home's Volunteer Orientation** on **Thursday, October 9 at 9:30 AM** at the **Champaign Public Library**.

This 90-minute session gives a clear, practical look at:

- Who C-U at Home is and how our **Pathways to Progress** program works
- Volunteer roles (from low-lift, one-time options to deeper engagement)
- How faith partners can plug in—service projects, prayer support, and ongoing relationship building

We'll have light refreshments, time for Q&As, and simple next steps for groups and individuals.

Please feel free to invite others from your congregation who might be interested - staff, small group leaders, missions teams, or that one person who always says, "Put me to work!"

- **When:** Thursday, **Oct 9**, 9:30–11:00 AM
- **Where:** **Champaign Public Library** (Robeson Pavilion Rooms)
- **RSVP:** email the church office (church@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 Wednesdays of the month at 4pm
- * Mission Team - Tues prior to Ad Council mtg at 5:45pm

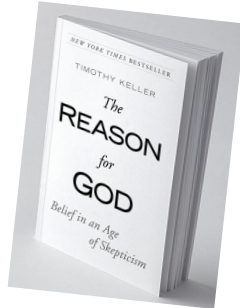


**YOU ARE INVITED!**

Dear Church Family,

Fall is on the horizon, and with it comes our church-wide Fall Spiritual Growth Campaign. Beginning in October, I want to invite everyone into a season of intentional alignment - a time to rediscover your purpose over the course of eight weeks. During the time, we will commit to pray, worship, and gather in small groups to encourage one another on this journey.

This year we'll be exploring Tim Keller's book, ***The Reason for God***, the thoughtful sequel to last year's campaign study, *The Prodigal God*. While the latter spoke powerfully to our hearts as we explored God's grace, *The Reason for God* will speak to our minds, offering a compelling rationale for pursuing God amid doubts and skepticism. When John Wesley found the rationale for God, his heart turned "strangely warm," and he transformed into a totally new Christian. As we journey together, may you gain greater conviction of His grace, and deepen your faith to grow in confidence to share with others. So, be on the lookout for the books and the discussion guide in the upcoming weeks in September. The cost is covered for you, and you can always give a free will offering or pay it forward for your friend.



To enhance your small-group experience, you can access RightNow Media which, as of this writing, carries the accompanying video series. Simply contact the church office to gain access to your account, and use any internet-connected media device. If you're not yet in a

small group, now is a wonderful time to join one, plug in and make friends, or even form your own. You're only asked to commit two hours per week for eight weeks - Less than 0.2% of your year!

Paul reminds us in Philippians 2:2 (NIV) to "...be like-minded, have the same love, be one in spirit and of one mind in Christ."

Will you join us this fall as we align our hearts and minds, coming together as one church in love and purpose? It is my prayer that through this campaign your reason for God will become clearer, stronger, and filled with hope, and your hearts become strangely warm as well.

**STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

We will be meeting on the first Tuesday of October. The committee invites anyone from the church or any committee to come to an SPPRC meeting to discuss any issues you might have within the church. We are here to help. SPPRC meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to all that have joined us as we studied Ecclesiastes and learning a lot of what King Simon was thinking and trying to understand the ways of this world. Why we, as humans, put more stock in what we have, what we work for and what we will leave behind.

As we have concluded this study we will be beginning anew. The group has decided we will begin Tim Keller's ***The Reason for God***. The book has a companion Right Now video series we will be watching. This is the study Pastor Rhee has recommended small groups do during this season of our walk with God.

Join us the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10:45am. We welcome as many as would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Do you have a desire to serve the church in some way, but just not sure how? Well, we've got the answer!



We are looking for individuals to serve the communion elements the first Sunday of each month. A schedule would be made so that the volunteers would know in advance the months they would serve.

If you are interested or would like to know more, contact Pat in the church office - 217.352.3993 or church@savoyumc.org.

FELLOWSHIP

We would like to thank everyone for serving our congregation during Fellowship Time. We couldn't do this each Sunday without our tremendous volunteers. There also seem to be some elves that have been beautifully decorating the tables. Thank you for taking the time to make the space beautiful.

Please check the sign-up sheet at Fellowship time. We are sure you will find a Sunday you and your group would like to serve our congregation.

Thank you once again for volunteering to serve our congregation. You all are the best!

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

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
4:00pm Prayer Team
5:30pm Trustee Mtg
6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 2

9:00am Chick Chat
7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, OCT 3

WOMEN OF JOY TRIP
9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, OCT 4

7:30am Journey Men
9:00am Quilters
4:00 pm Youth Bible Study

SUNDAY, OCT 5 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, OCT 6

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, OCT 7

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
2:30 pm Prep for Food Pantry Distribution
3:30 pm Food Pantry Distribution
6:00 pm S/PPRC Mtg
7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, OCT 8

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

THURSDAY, OCT 9

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

FRIDAY, OCT 10

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, OCT 11

4:00 pm Youth Bible Study

SUNDAY, OCT 12

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

MONDAY, OCT 13 - COLUMBUS DAY

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

TUESDAY, OCT 14

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study
10:00am Women's Bible Study
5:45pm Mission Team Mtg
7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, OCT 15

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
4:00pm Prayer Team
6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 16

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

FRIDAY, OCT 17

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, OCT 18

7:30am Journey Men
9:00am Quilters
4:00 pm Youth Bible Study

SUNDAY, OCT 19 - LAITY SUNDAY

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

BIRTHDAY BRUNCH**MONDAY, OCT 20**

10:00am Parkinson's Group
7:00pm Living Alternatives Banquet

TUESDAY, OCT 21

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT 22

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal
7:00pm Women's Wed Night Small Group

THURSDAY, OCT 23

9:00am Chick Chat
7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, OCT 24 - NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, OCT 25

4:00 pm Youth Bible Study

SUNDAY, OCT 26

9:30am Worship
10:45am Adult Sunday School
2:00 pm Charge Conference at Champaign Faith

MONDAY, OCT 27

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, OCT 28

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT 29

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)
6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 30

9:00am Chick Chat
7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, OCT 31 - HALLOWEEN

9:00am Cleaning Crew