



The Wellspring

SAVOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 2025



SINGING MEN OF GNN

AT

SAVOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6 PM | MAY 3, 2025
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

3002 W OLD CHURCH RD
CHAMPAIGN IL 61822
217.352.3993

A free will offering will be taken to purchase weighted blankets for Cunningham Children's Home



THURS
MAY 8
5:30pm



FOOD PANTRY

The next open food pantry at SUMC will be on Tuesday, May 6 from 3:30 to 5pm. If you would like to greet our neighbors or help set up please join us at the church after 2:30pm. In April your church food pantry served 30 families of 43 adults and 22 children. Many of these families received an Easter meal basket thanks to your generous support. Crystal and her team would like to thank you for your donations and for your help. The families who received baskets were very thankful. Many of them would not have had such a wonderful Easter dinner without your help. We praise God for all He inspires you to do for this community.



FREE MOTHER'S DAY FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT!

Sign up for a free Mother's Day family photoshoot! Available from May 1 – 15. To book a session, send your inquiries to pastor Rhee at jrhee@savoyumc.org, call the church office (217-352-3993), send text message to 309-224-6420 (cell), or grab him while at church!

Jungil will print you a complementary 4x6 photo. For a larger print, you will need a valid email to receive the digital copy of the photo. You can then either print it yourself or take it to Walgreens or Walmart to be printed for you.



"CHANGE FOR HOPE" BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Baby bottles will be available to be claimed at the church on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11. Please save your change through Father's Day, June 15, to fill a baby bottle to support the Pregnancy Resource Center, a free medical clinic in Champaign that provides pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STI testing, parenting education, and resource assistance to those who are pregnant.



Countryside United Methodist Church
Saturday, May 3, 2025
7am - 2pm

They'll have a food truck, bake sale goodies, kitchen/glassware,

books/puzzles, clothing/linens and household items for sale. Questions call the church office at 217.688.2422.

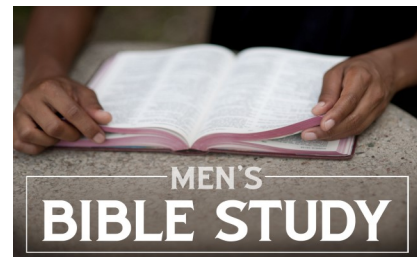


Tuesday Bible Study

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.



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



United Women in Faith

Wednesday, May 14 at 9 am is the next meeting date for United Women in Faith (UMW). Our hostesses will be Elsie Bray and Dee Smith. Dana will lead us in the program – Making the Commitment: How Can You Live Out Your Faith.

Thank you to all who donated or visited Cunningham's Festival of Quilts recently. It was another successful event with proceeds of \$81,487.

We will deeply miss our Sister in Christ, Mary Hackl. Mary was a woman of faith and a great mentor to us all with her great knowledge of all things relating to Methodist Women. We are so grateful that she had so much to share with us.

Prescription bottles

Do you throw your empty prescription bottles in the recycle bin? Why not put them in the basket in the entry at church? UWF will send them to Matthew 25, an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization helping the poorest of the poor, regardless of race, creed or political persuasion. Matthew 25 accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies. The pill bottles program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment. We do need the bottles to have the label removed and be cleaned of residue. Matthew 25 is based out of the State of Ohio.



Caring for our Environment by UWF

Styrofoam – what to do with it?

Styrofoam is everywhere in our world today from coffee cups to carry-out from restaurants. What do we do with it when we are done with it? It is technically expanded polystyrene (EPS) and is generally not accepted in curbside recycling programs because it is difficult and expensive to recycle efficiently. Standard recycling facilities lack the necessary equipment to process it.

Reasons it is difficult to recycle:

- 1) the porous nature and common use in food packaging make it challenging to clean and prevent contamination;
- 2) breaks easily and sticks to other materials, contaminating the entire recycling bin;
- 3) it is made from polystyrene, a plastic that doesn't break down naturally, most recycling facilities don't have the necessary densifiers to break down and compact EPS. In Texas Lowe's has been using 2 Greenmax Styrofoam recycling and compacting machines but that doesn't help us in our area.
- 4) It is expensive to recycle. Some estimates (March 2025) show it costs \$3,000 to recycle one ton. On the other hand it costs less than \$100 to recycle one ton of paper.



5) It can take over 500 years or even longer for Styrofoam to decompose in a landfill. Over 5 billion pounds of Styrofoam ends up in our landfills each year with Americans alone throwing away around 25 billion styrofoam cups annually.

So what's the answer? There really isn't a good solution until someone comes up with a similar product that will be environmentally friendly. Some can be used for various projects like DIY crafts and insulation. We can reduce the use and opt for reusable containers and cups. Hopefully sometime a local recycler can handle Styrofoam to keep it out of our landfills. In the meantime we just can't throw it in our weekly recycle pick up.

MISSION TEAM

THANK YOU from the Missions Team!

Praising God for your overwhelming generosity of time, effort, and gifts as we seek to accomplish our 2025 Missions goals.

Proceeds from February's Penny Wars and March's Pancake Breakfast will help support the ministries of International Friendships, Inc. and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

In April, 80 Easter Meal Baskets were assembled by the Scouts along with other volunteers, and then picked up from the church or delivered to the local community.

Funds raised from April's Fish Fry will go toward next year's Easter Meal Baskets.

Thank you in advance for your donations to a freewill offering taken during the Singing Men of GNN concert on May 3, which will go toward the purchase of weighted blankets for student residents of Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana.

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

**MISSIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY AND JUNE****Sunday, May 4 – UMC Native American Ministries Sunday**

United Methodists are called to recognize and honor the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and church. Contributions help develop and strengthen Native American ministries within each United Methodist annual conference and provide scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained or licensed ministry. Please indicate "Native American" on the memo line of your check made out to SUMC or on an envelope containing your cash donation.

Sunday, June 15 – UMC Peace with Justice Sunday

The United Methodist Church uses this day to speak out for peace and justice. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as peacemakers in resolving conflict. We renew our commitment that to live into our mission of transforming the world, we must prioritize collaboration among nations, work to reduce the use and need for weapons, and foster just, equitable and durable solutions to the root causes of conflict. Contributions support programs that witness to God's demands for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world. Please indicate "Peace with Justice" on the memo line of your check made out to SUMC or on an envelope containing your cash donation.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Congratulations to our 2025 graduates -

From 8th grade -

Angeleena Gaines Johnny Williams

From college -

Jake Seraphin (U of I) Olivia Taylor (Ball State, IN)
Nick Seraphin (U of I)



We will celebrate their accomplishments on Sunday, May 18.



Pat is going to be out of the office the week of May 12 through the 16. If you would be able to cover the phones and do some simple office tasks sometime that week it would be appreciated. Please let her know by calling (217.352.3993) or emailing (office@savoyumc.org) the church office.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We continue to plow through the Hebrews study by Josh Duffy on Right Now Media. We will be reading the chapter in Hebrews that coincides with the video and cover a few questions about what we have learned.

Soon we will be looking for a new study. If you have an idea about what you would like to study please come to Sunday School and let us know what you are interested in studying.

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

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee currently has 5 members; however, the Methodist Book of Discipline recommends that SPPRC committees have 5-10 active members. We welcome any that would be interested in serving on this committee and getting us closer to upper end of our target membership.

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

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Team would like to thank everyone for serving our congregation for Fellowship. We couldn't do this each Sunday without our tremendous volunteers. The varieties of goodies are tremendous. We have good bakers in our church. Thank you.

We hope you or your group will be able to find a time in your schedule to serve, check the sign-up sheet at Fellowship time. We still have Sundays open through-out the year. If you have questions don't hesitate to contact someone on the team.

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





CHURCH CALENDAR - MAY

THURSDAY, MAY 1

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 2**

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, MAY 3

7:30am Journey Men
9:00am Quilters

6:00pm SINGING MEN OF GNN

SUNDAY, MAY 4

9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, MAY 5

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, MAY 6

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

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

THURSDAY, MAY 8

9:00am Chick Chat
5:30pm CHURCH YARD CLEAN UP
6:00pm Troop 2119
7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, MAY 9

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SUNDAY, MAY 11 - MOTHER'S DAY**NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY****CRISIS NURSERY BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School

**MONDAY, MAY 12**

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

TUESDAY, MAY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

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

THURSDAY, MAY 15

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

FRIDAY, MAY 16

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, MAY 17

7:30am Journey Men
9:00am Quilters

SUNDAY, MAY 18**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY****BLESSINGS OF PRAYER SHAWLS****CRISIS NURSERY BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, MAY 19

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, MAY 20

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22

9:00am Chick Chat
7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, MAY 23**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SUNDAY, MAY 25**CRISIS NURSERY BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, MAY 26**MEMORIAL DAY**

Church Office will be closed

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, MAY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

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

THURSDAY, MAY 29

9:00am Chick Chat
7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, MAY 30

9:00am Cleaning Crew

