



The Wellspring

SAVOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 2024



RICE MEAL PACKING EVENT

Sunday, Sept 29, 2024

11:30am

Worship with us at 9:30am, stay for coffee and a light lunch and then join in at 11:30 to pack rice meals. We need 20+ volunteers to help set up, pack rice meals and clean up. This event is sponsored by Illini Fighting Hunger. Contact Crystal Dillavou or Amy Markstahler if you have questions.

AUDIENCE OF ONE: A Call to Praise & Worship is set for Sunday, September 29, at 6pm at the historic Virginia Theatre in Downtown Champaign.

Born out of a desire to bring the people of God in Central Illinois together to praise and worship, this Praise & Worship time will be a major event to impact the community for years to come. Great News Media, Champaign, Illinois (a 501(c) 3 non-profit ministry) will help host the event.

Believers from all denominations are invited to attend *Audience of One: A Call to Praise & Worship*, that will last under 2 hours. Songs of praise and worship will be followed by a message of hope and unity, closing out with more music and a time of prayer.

Audience of One is a free, non-ticketed event. Seating is general admission.



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.



SUMC MISSIONS TEAM

We are praising God for your generous giving over the summer months! A total of \$644.21 was collected through the Change for Hope Baby Bottle drive to aid the Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Champaign. Thirty fans were purchased and distributed to our local community through the ministries of Empty Tomb in Urbana and The Giving Place in Tolono.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Missions' events:

Sunday, September 29, at 11:30 am - Rice Meal Packing Event at SUMC (Light lunch will be provided during Fellowship Time.)

October 6, World Communion Sunday - World Communion Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. We commemorate this day by giving generously to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for United Methodist undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder provides grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access.

Link for more information: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article>

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 2025 Easter Meal Baskets. Contact Michelle Horvat or Cindy Cook for more details.

December - Walk to the Manger



September Teaching: Let's Go!

- Sept 8 - Go Publicly with My Faith
- Sept 15 - Go Prayerfully for God's Kingdom
- Sept 22 - Go Passionately to God's People

Chick Chat

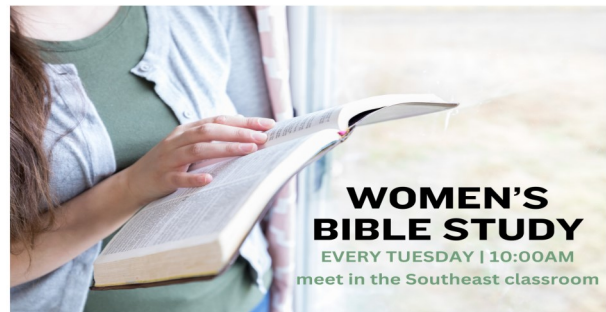


Ladies, check out the Chicks on Thursday mornings at 9:00 as we fellowship, learn and grow together. Contact Cindy Cook with questions 217-841-0420.



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 Sept will be at 7:30am on the 7th and 21st. Breakfast and fellowship provided.



FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry - Change in hours

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.



Trent Hulse's Eagle Scout Project brought in a huge quantity of food for our pantry. On Sunday, August 4 Trent and a few of his friends held a very successful food drive at Savoy Schnuck's. Scout Troops 101 and 2119 also donated non-perishable items. We were greatly blessed to receive this food for our clients!

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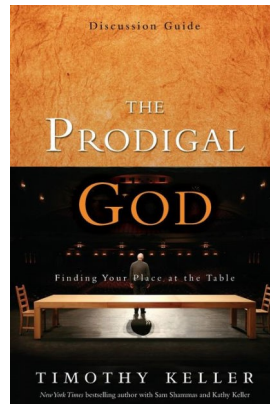
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How can you get motivated and energized? Molly Fletcher, a former top sports agent, said at the recent Global Leadership Summit 2024 that "misalignment and losing our purpose depletes and creates burnout." The antidote? The Bible says to "... be like-minded, 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?





CHURCH CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, SEPT 8

9:30am Worship
10:30am Worship Team Mtg
3:00pm Scouts

MONDAY, SEPT 9

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

TUESDAY, SEPT 10

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 11

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

THURSDAY, SEPT 12

9:00am Chick Chat
6:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, SEPT 13

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SUNDAY, SEPT 15

9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, SEPT 16

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, SEPT 17

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 18

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

THURSDAY, SEPT 19

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

FRIDAY, SEPT 20

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, SEPT 21

7:30am Journey Men
9:00am Quilters

SUNDAY, SEPT 22

9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, SEPT 23

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, SEPT 24

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 25

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

THURSDAY, SEPT 26

9:00am Chick Chat
7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, SEPT 27

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SUNDAY, SEPT 29

9:30am Worship
11:00am Rice Packing (light lunch served)

MONDAY, SEPT 30

10:00am Parkinson's Group

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.

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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