

SAVOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Wellspring

October 2026



"Let your glory be over all of the earth". – Psalm 108:5

Join SUMC in blessing children around the world with the love of Jesus Christ!

By packing shoebox gifts, you're helping to spread the Gospel to children around the world. Remember to make each shoebox gift fun, full, and personalized. Anyone can participate by filling a 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. Let's make our goal of 35 boxes for 2026.

If you would like to donate items towards a box, please leave them in the donation box in the entryway. Packing materials can be found at the Operation Christmas Child table at the back of the worship area. Our final day for box collection will be Sunday, Nov. 15.

For any questions, please contact Michelle Horvat at mrhorvat4@gmail.com or 217-898-4927.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, Oct 4
World Communion
Sunday

Monday, Oct 12
Columbus Day

Sunday, Oct 18
Lait Sunday
Scouts Popcorn Sale

Friday, Oct 23
Articles for the November
newsletter due in the church
office

Sunday, Oct 25
Pastor Tim Smith
preaching

Saturday, Oct 31
Halloween

Celebrate World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026



FOOD PANTRY

Many hands make light work! It is a joy to work with our friends as we serve those in our community who visit our food pantry each month. Come, meet and visit our friends on Tuesday, October 6. We set up at 2:45pm. The pantry is open 3:30-5pm for anyone in need of some extra food. God always gives plenty of loaves and fishes for everyone!



United Women in Faith

Our October meeting is Wednesday, October 14 at 9:30 am. Hostesses will be June Wieneke and Kay McCoy. Dana will lead us in the program for the month – “Grace, Not Punishment”. Is there someone we should be inviting to join us? There’s always room at the tables and we do have a good time.

Adult Sunday School

Join us for Adult Sunday School in the Crossroads Room at 11am. Sunday, Oct 4 we will be starting a 6-week series on the Holy Spirit called “The Familiar Stranger”. Join us on the first, third and fourth Sundays of each month as we study God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We look forward to seeing you!

Fellowship

The Fellowship committee wants to thank those that have served goodies to our congregation each Sunday after the Worship Service. We invite any to join us in this service to our church. We encourage small groups and other groups of the church to sign up and serve. It is a rewarding feeling.



If you'd like to send a card to Crystal Dillavou or Linda Olson their addresses are –

Crystal – Newman Rehab & Health Care Center,
Attn: Crystal Dillavou, Room 208, 418 S
Memorial Park Rd, Newman IL 61942

Linda – 1603B Coventry Dr, Champaign IL 61822

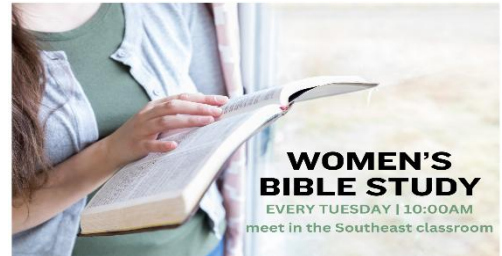


Savoy UMC will be participating in this year's Savoy Fall Festival. The event will be held at the Savoy Rec Center on Friday, Oct 9 from 5-7pm. We are asking you to provide Halloween candy and to have it to the church office by Monday, Oct.5. Also needed are a couple of volunteers to work the booth. If you have questions or are interested in helping, contact the church office.

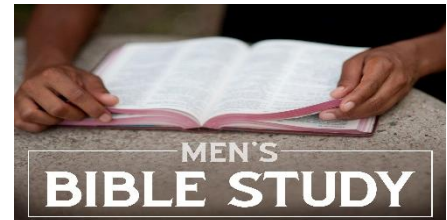


Tuesday Bible Study

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 Rose Redmon.



Wednesdays at 7:00am at Evergreen Place.

Chick
Chat



Thursday mornings at 9:00.

Contact Cindy Cook with questions 217-841-0420.



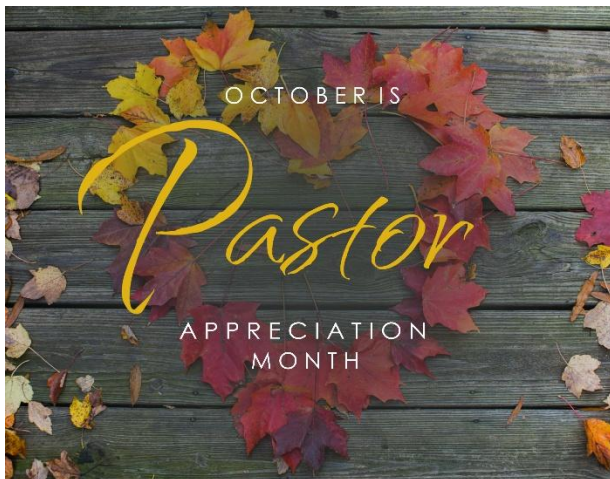


MISSION TEAM

In United Methodist Churches around the world, a special offering is collected on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October, to fund scholarships for seminarians. One half of the proceeds is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. If you would like to contribute to this special offering on October 4, please make your check out to SUMC with "World Communion Sunday" indicated on the memo line.



Please support Scouting and its effort to build the youth of tomorrow by buying Scout popcorn on Sunday, Oct 18!



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

SAVE THE DATE



CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER

Saturday, November 14, 2026
4:30 – 7:00 pm



CHURCH CALENDAR - OCTOBER

THURSDAY, OCT 1

9:00am Chick Chat
7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, OCT 2

10:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, OCT 3

7:30am Journey Men
9:00am Crafters

SUNDAY, OCT 4 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:30am Worship
11:00am Sunday School

MONDAY, OCT 5

10:00am Parkinsons

TUESDAY, OCT 6

9:30am Tues AM Bible study
10:00am Women's Bible study
11:30am Prayer Team
3:30pm Food Pantry Distribution
6:00pm SPPRC Mtg
7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, OCT 7

7:00am Men's Group
5:30pm Trustee Mtg
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 8

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

FRIDAY, OCT 9

10:00am Cleaning Crew
5-7pm Savoy Fall Festival – Rec Center

SUNDAY, OCT 11

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

MONDAY, OCT 12

10:00am Parkinsons
7:00pm Troop 101 Committee Mtg

TUESDAY, OCT 13

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT 14

7:00am Men's Group
9:30am United Women in Faith
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 15

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

FRIDAY, OCT 16

10:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, OCT 17

7:30am Journey Men
9:00am Crafters

SUNDAY, OCT 18 - LAITY SUNDAY

SCOUTS POPCORN SALE

9:30am Worship
11:00am Sunday School

MONDAY, OCT 19

10:00am Parkinsons

TUESDAY, OCT 20

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT 21

7:00am Men's Group
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 22

9:00am Chick Chat
7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, OCT 23

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

10:00am Cleaning Crew

SUNDAY, OCT 25

9:30 am Worship
11:00am Sunday School
2:00pm Charge Conference at Faith UMC

MONDAY, OCT 26

10:00am Parkinsons

TUESDAY, OCT 27

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT 28

7:00am Men's Group
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCT 29

9:00am Chick Chat
7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, OCT 30

10:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, OCT 31 – HALLOWEEN



Dear Savoy Church family,

Leadership author John Maxwell once said, "When you're out of alignment with your purpose, your energy leaks everywhere." We know that feeling. But Scripture gives us a better way: "Teach me your way, Lord... give me an undivided heart." (Psalm 86:11, NIV)

This fall, our **Spiritual Growth Campaign** invites our whole church to pursue that undivided heart together. Through worship, prayer, and small groups, we'll seek clarity, renewal, and alignment in Christ.

Beginning in **October**, I want to invite you to journey together through **UNPUZZLED** (A daily study on Ephesians) by J.D. Walt - a powerful guide for letting Jesus untangle the confusing, knotted places of our lives. The study is also supported by the author's **Wake Up Call** daily devotional videos on Seedbed.com, which make it easy to stay connected throughout the week. Unpuzzled costs \$20 per book, and our church will cover that cost. If you feel led, you may give a freewill gift (toward the Small Group fund) or even help cover the expense for someone else.



And, yes! I am encouraging you to join or create a small group, which can meet for 7-8 weeks, choosing the schedule that works best for you during the campaign. The small group takes only about 2 hours a week for 8 weeks – that's less than 0.2% of the year, yet capable of shaping your entire year. And if you're unable to join a group, you can use the study as a personal devotional guide as well. Either way, I'm praying that Jesus unpuzzles our hearts and aligns us as one church, in one spirit, and for one purpose.

Your brother in Christ,

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Please see the resources to the right to help you and your small group. To access the online resources, either enter the web address provided into your browser or scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet. May God bless you with clarity, purpose, and hope in Jesus as you grow in your faith together!



UnPuzzled (by J.D. Walt)

A bible Study on the Letter to the Ephesians

Prayer of Consecration:

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (Ephesians 5:14)

"Jesus, I belong to you. I lift up my heart to you. I set my mind on you. I fix my eyes on you. I offer my body to you as a living sacrifice. Jesus, we belong to you. We're praying in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Free, daily bible study with Adam Smith

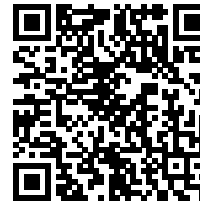
<https://my.seedbed.com/courses/unpuzzled/#learndash-course-content>



Free, daily "Wake-Up Call" devotionals lead by J.D.

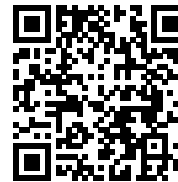
Walt: (Public Playlist on YouTube: "UnPuzzled JD Walt Savoy UMC")

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEaAOvakRW24>



Group Discussion Videos (lead by J. D. Walt):

<https://seedbed.com/unpuzzled-resources/>



Need a small group to join?

Call the office or join the all-church Fall Small Group with Pastor Rhee (Oct – Nov) on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Crossroads classroom. Email pastor at jrhee@savoyumc.org or text to 309-224-6420.

Church Information

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Service Hours: Sundays 9:30am / Adult Sunday School 11:00am