



The Wellspring

SAVOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2025

Holy Week Schedule



Sunday, April 13 — Palm Sunday Worship - 9:30am

Thursday, April 17 — Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service - 6:00pm

Sunday, April 20 — Easter Sunday Service - 9:30am



Once again the Mission Team will be serving their Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 22 from 8-11am at the church. Proceeds will go toward our mission projects.

There are many ways you can volunteer. Check out the sign-up sheets in the church entryway. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for some good food and fellowship!



Take prayer to the streets with Prayer Walk, open to any. During April, anytime and anywhere you want, you can take a **Door Hanger Prayer Card**, walk around neighbors, pray, and hang the prayer card of blessings and protection. Have a friendly conversation, be courteous, hear their stories, share good vibes, offer a prayer or a helping hand, be a good Christian neighbor, and remember to smile.

Door Hanger prayer cards are available at the Welcome Center. Take as many as needed.

Also, walk with a prayerful heart, wear comfortable attire and shoes, take a water bottle and apply sunscreen, if necessary.



Last year we provided meals for 60 families in need of food. Our goal this year is 100 families. The Easter Meals will be packed on Friday, April 11. Food distribution is on Saturday, April 12 from 9am - 2:00pm. Your help is needed on Saturday to coordinate and assist individuals when picking up the food. If you are available to help or have questions contact Crystal Dillavou at cdillavou63@gmail.com or 217.649.0613.



FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your servant's heart in helping our neighbors with food pantry donations and for volunteering in our church food pantry. Upcoming food distributions are on Tuesdays, April 4 and May 6, 3:30-5pm. If you would like to volunteer we begin setting up at 2:45pm. Everyone is welcome to stop by and greet our neighbors! To donate food you may place items in the grocery cart in the hallway. If you would like to donate money and have us shop for items, please make your check out to SUMC, with a memo for the food pantry.

On March 4, 35 families were blessed with a big box of food and they were able to sign up for Easter meal baskets. If you know people in need of food please send them to our pantry.

STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS (S/PPRC)

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 would welcome those who are interested in serving on this committee and getting us closer to upper end of our target membership.

The committee would also like to invite anyone from the church or any committee to come an SPRC meeting to discuss any issues you might have with the church. We are here to help. SPRC meets the first Tuesday of each month.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

We look forward to seeing 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.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

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.



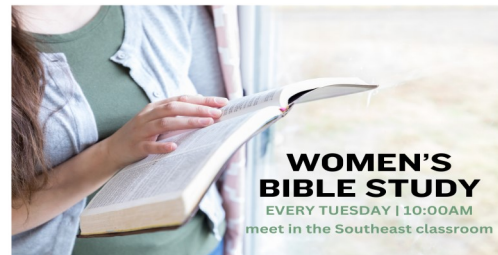
We hope you or your group will be able to find a time in your schedule to serve, check the sign-up sheet at Fellowship time. We still have Sundays open through-out the year. If you have questions don't hesitate to contact someone on the team.

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

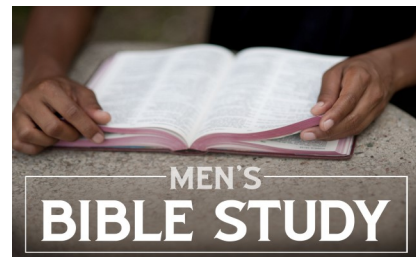


Tuesday Bible Study

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.



Thursday mornings at 9:00. Contact Cindy Cook with questions 217-841-0420.





United Women in Faith

The April meeting of United Women in Faith (UMW) is Wednesday, April 9 at 9 am with a time of fellowship prior to the meeting. Hostesses will be Dana and Diana. The program is the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial with a voluntary one-time offering taken. Dana will be our leader.

The East District Spring Meeting is Saturday, April 26 (9:15 am) at St. James UMC in Danville. The program will be CASA For Kids. Cost is \$12 and reservations must be mailed in right after our meeting on the 9th. Checks should be made payable to Danville UWIF. Love gifts requested are Cunningham: men's stick deodorant, full sized toothpaste, men's body wash, chapstick/lip balms, unscented, aloe or lavender body lotions, gift cards from Walmart, Amazon or Visa, Lessie Bates Davis NH: paper towels, men's and women's deodorant, feminine hygiene items. You can bring them to the meeting or if you are going to Danville take them that day.

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the areas of concern for Methodist Women is caring for our environment. In the next few newsletters we are going to point out some areas and facts and figures concerning our great earth that you may not be aware of.

Plastic water bottles. Who hasn't used them, probably on many occasions because of their convenience? Here are some facts about "recyclable" plastic water bottles.

- One million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute. At best less than 1/3 of all plastic bottles will be recycled.
- The majority of these end up in landfills or waterways. At least 15 million metric tons of plastic enter the ocean each year and unless something changes there will be one pound of plastic in the ocean for every three pounds of fish.
- Production of plastic water bottles relies heavily on oil.
- "Recyclable" water bottles do not get recycled as often as we think.
- Plastic water bottles can take up to 450 years to decompose.
- Purchasing a \$20 reusable water bottle can significantly reduce plastic waste, saving an average of 156 plastic bottles annually per person.
- Switching to reusable water bottles is a long-term investment, saving money compared to constantly purchasing disposable bottles.

UWF are going to start collecting pill bottles, something else that is usually discarded. Who doesn't have empty plastic prescription bottles that we throw into the recycle bin? Start saving those bottles – labels removed.



UWIF will send them to Matthew 25 Ministries who will use them to ship medical supplies to developing countries and this also helps care for our environment. Look for the collection box in the front entry.



The 2025 Festival of Quilts at Cunningham Children's Home is Friday, April 4 (9 am-5 pm) and Saturday, April 5 (9 am-2 pm). Enjoy or bid on the beautifully crafted quilts as well as hand crafted items and baked goods in the gift shop. There is a lot to see and enjoy. The location is the Spiritual Life Center on the campus at 1301 N Cunningham Avenue, Urbana.

Since 1895 Methodist women and other quilters throughout Illinois have created quilts so each young person can feel wrapped in love. This signature fundraiser celebrates that tradition. Tickets are available at the door (\$10).



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

**MISSION TEAM**

God is good...all the time! All the time...God is good!

We are praising God for your generosity in support of Bill Erickson who is reaching out to local international students through International Friendships, Inc. (IFI) on the U of I campus, and the global organization of Wycliffe Bible Translators (WBT). The proceeds of \$1,400 from Penny Wars and \$1,300 from the recent Pancake Breakfast will make it possible to donate \$300 quarterly to each of these ministries through December 2025! Another big "thank you" to all those who consistently support the local Canteen Run ministry to those without a permanent address. The Canteen Run bin in the church entryway has been filled up with donations and delivered 3 times in the past few months!

Crystal Dillavou is coordinating our Easter Meal Basket project. With the help of the Boy Scouts and other volunteers, we will begin to assemble the baskets on Thursday, April 10, and distribute them from the church building between 9 am and 2 pm on Saturday, April 12. The baskets will include a ham dinner with all the fixin's, a devotional celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, and an invitation to join us for worship services. Please let Crystal know as soon as possible if you or a family you know would be blessed with an Easter Meal Basket. If you'd like to sponsor a basket the cost is \$46. Checks should be made payable to Savoy UMC with Easter Meal on the memo line.

Dave and Dawn Rear will be hosting a Fish Fry the evening of Saturday, April 12, to raise funds for Missions projects. More details and sign up sheets for volunteers to help with the set up, serving, and clean up will be appearing soon. Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Your ideas for Missions projects and local/global ministries that you would like the Missions Team to consider supporting through financial and/or material donations are always welcome. Current Missions Team members include: Cindy Cook (chairperson), Riley Akers, Crystal Dillavou, Don Maase, Amy Markstahler, Terry Murphy and Dawn Rear.



Easter Teachings on the Beatitude of Jesus
Matthew 5:3-12
Starting April 20, 2025
Because of Jesus, I Can!

Did you know that our church has a Card Ministry? We do!

Dana Lamb has been sending cards/notes to our church family shut-ins for the last 3 years. Due to family commitments she needs to step away and therefore, we are looking for someone (or two or more) to take over. Please consider being a part of this vital ministry to special members of our church family. Contact the church office or Dana Lamb if you are interested.



COMING
in May



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

Free Mother's Day family photoshoot!

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 lrhee@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.





CHURCH CALENDAR - APRIL

TUESDAY, APR 1

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study
 10:00am Women's Bible Study
 6:00pm S/PPRC Mtg
 7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, APR 2

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

THURSDAY, APR 3

9:00am Chick Chat
 7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, APR 4

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, APR 5

7:30am Journey Men
 9:00am Quilters

SUNDAY, APR 6

9:30am Worship
 10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, APR 7

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, APR 8

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

WEDNESDAY, APR 9

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

THURSDAY, APR 10

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

FRIDAY, APR 11

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SET UP FOR EASTER BASKET DISTRIBUTION**SATURDAY, APR 12**

9:00am - 2:00 pm Easter Basket Distribution
 4:00 - 7:00pm **Fish Fry**

SUNDAY, APR 13 - PALM SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, APR 14

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

**TUESDAY, APR 15**

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

WEDNESDAY, APR 16

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

THURSDAY, APR 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

9:00am Chick Chat
 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service
 7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, APR 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, APR 19

7:30am Journey Men
 9:00am Quilters

SUNDAY, APR 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:30am Worship
 10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, APR 21

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, APR 22

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

WEDNESDAY, APR 23**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

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

THURSDAY, APR 24

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

FRIDAY, APR 25

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SUNDAY, APR 27

9:30am Worship
 10:45am Sunday School

MONDAY, APR 28

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, APR 29

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

WEDNESDAY, APR 30

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