



The Wellspring

SAVOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 2025



JOIN THE MISSIONS TEAM FOR DINNER AND A MOVIE!

Who: Church Family and Friends

What: Chili Cook Off plus "The Forge" Movie

When: Saturday, September 6

5 pm - Chili Sampling/Judging

6 pm - "The Forge"

Where: Savoy United Methodist Church

Sign up sheets for those who want to compete or bring a side treat will be available in the foyer prior to the event.

Volunteers will also be needed to help set up, serve up, and clean up.

Monetary donations will go to Missions.

If you need a ride, contact Cindy Cook or Amy Markstahler.



What is a Birthday Brunch? Watch for more details.





FOOD PANTRY

The next open food pantry at church will be on Tuesday, September 2, 3:30-5pm. The following month will be on October 7. Our volunteers look forward to meeting our neighbors each month. It is truly a blessing to serve others and enjoy visiting while we are together. Won't you stop by sometime? Our pantry is open to anyone who may be food insecure. Please spread the word, God always provides plenty to give to others.



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, September 10 at 9 am. Hostesses will be Anita Althaus and Marty Vits. We will have several topics to discuss so we hope all can attend. We will be sorting and separating the school supplies that were donated. UWIF Sunday will be September 28 so we need to plan for that.

Our district's fall meeting is September 20 at Oakland UMC. Lunch will be \$13 and Kay will need your check or cash at our meeting. Checks should be made out to Oakland United Methodist Women and all money needs to be sent in together. If you want to donate love gifts for the meeting they are: Cunningham – pump top hand soap, men's body wash, Epsom salt or Walmart gift cards; Lessie Bates Davis NH – dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent and toilet tissue. We will see that they get to Oakland.

The conference's annual meeting is 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

"Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, or to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:14



Operation Christmas Child is a project that collects and delivers shoebox gifts to children in need around the world. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Savoy UMC will be participating with Meadowbrook Community Church again this year on this mission project. Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals, families, and groups fill shoeboxes with school supplies, craft supplies, hygiene items and fun toys, such as dolls or soccer balls. Start collecting your items now. More details to come.

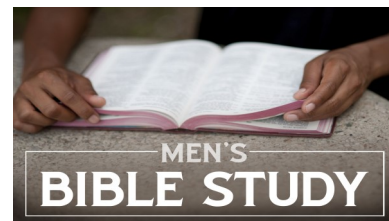


Tuesday Bible Study

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 Canteen Run ministry for Persons Without a Permanent Address are in urgent need of Men’s tee shirts size Large and up, and Men’s underwear size Large and up. Donations may be dropped inside the box in the church foyer.

The Missions Chili Cook-off Fundraiser and Movie Night will be hosted by the Missions Team beginning at 5 pm on Saturday, September 6, at the church. Contestants will need to arrive at 4:30 pm to set up their crock pot of spicy or mild chili. The two cook-off winners will be determined by the greater amount of monetary donations received from those who will be joining us at 5 pm to sample the chili. All proceeds will support future Missions projects. “The Forge” movie will be shown at 6 pm. Popcorn and beverages will be served. Let us know if you need a ride or you can provide a ride. Sign up sheets and more details are in the church foyer for this event.

The International Friendship, Inc., Welcome Picnic for incoming international students to the U of I campus will be held from 3 to 8 pm on Sunday, September 7, at Hessel Park (in the pavilion located on the north side). Volunteers are needed to contribute food items, help with games, and converse with the students. A list of the ways you may choose to help will be available on the Welcome Center in the church foyer.

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 to reserve your seats at the table. <https://www.pregnancyresourcecenter.org/get-involved/events/champaign-events/>

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



Gospel Encounter Engage Conference
Friday & Saturday, September 12th & 13th, 2025
New Horizon Church
3002 W Bloomington Rd, Champaign

We must respond to the growing need for the gospel to be shared in this generation. How will you respond? Let’s gather and mobilize a generation into their missional calling to reach every high school, university, neighborhood and community around the world with the gospel. It starts with you today right where you are. Join up with like-minded believers to be equipped to take the gospel to your community.

The Fifth Annual Gospel Encounter Engage Conference is designed to • Teach you to engage with GRACE & TRUTH, • Empower you to share the gospel, • Give you tools to reach your community, • Join a regional community of soul winners, and more.

Main speakers and Breakout Sessions will be led by Shauna & Daniel Nalley, Desmond Henry, Terry, Dr. Brad Butcher, Dawn Coulter, and more. They come from South Africa, Oregon, Tennessee, S. Carolina, Texas and Illinois!

God has called you to reach your community with the gospel. You carry the hope that the lost are seeking. We are calling all Christians to come to be a part of the ENGAGE CU movement that is happening in and throughout Champaign and Urbana Illinois. Come gather to be equipped to share the gospel in powerful and effective ways.

To learn more, or to register, visit the webpage at: <https://www.gospelencounter.com/gospel-encounter-engage-conference>



A **BIG** Thank You to Dave and Dawn Rear for the great fellowship at the Bonfire and Cook Out last Saturday! The food was great and everyone enjoyed getting to know each other while sitting around the fire and eating s'mores.

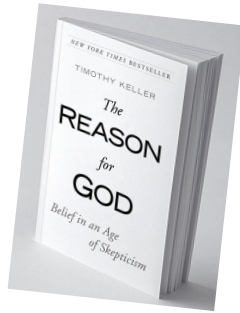


YOU ARE INVITED!

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.



Your brother in Christ,

Jung ♥ IL Rhee



STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We are meeting again after a couple of months off.

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

We are still plowing through Ecclesiastes and learning a lot of what King Solomon was thinking. 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. We will be finishing up Ecclesiastes soon.

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 think you might be interested contact Pat in the church office - 217.352.3993 or church@savoyumc.org.



Doors open at 8:00 am, with the event beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 3:30 pm. The cost of admission is \$20, and if you'd like a box lunch the cost is \$30. Bagels, coffee and water will be served in the morning. Tickets are available at meadow.org.

LOST & FOUND

If these belong to you contact Pat in the church office.





Hey church family! Hope you get to know more of our sister Laura as she shares great stories of her below. She has joined us earlier this year, and is fun to hang around with. God is on the move! Woohoo~! Your brother in Christ, Jungil.

1. Tell us about yourself: background, family, and origins.

My name is Laura Ann (Henderson) Harrold, born and raised in Homer, Illinois, where my childhood was rooted in farm life with my father working as a farmhand and my mother as a self-taught seamstress. I had five brothers and one sister, but only four of them are with us now. I retired in 2005, after a fifty-year career in accounting - working for Dog n Suds, Gill Athletics, Grandy's Chicken, Sullivan Chevrolet, and finally as a payroll specialist for Wayne Township School District in Indianapolis. After retirement, I returned to Illinois to help my youngest brother, a Vietnam veteran, reintegrate into society in Effingham. In August 2016, volunteers from Watson UMC helped me move to be closer with friends and family in Urbana.

I have one married daughter; and a granddaughter – with a 10-year-old great-granddaughter; and a grandson with a 2-year-old great-granddaughter, and he's expecting my great-grand twins in February, 2026. (So far, we only know one is a boy!) They all live near Speedway in Indianapolis.

2. What hobbies, interests, or hidden talents light up your life?

In high school I discovered a passion for music as a soloist in the choir, winning blue ribbons at Peoria's annual contests from 1954 to 1957. After graduation, I taught myself to play guitar and helped form a small band with young people that played at church gatherings and cook-outs.

3. How did you come to faith in Jesus?

When I was young, my father didn't go to church or allow us to attend. But we came to Jesus through nightly Bible readings led by my mother, which became the spiritual heartbeat of me and my siblings. And I started attending a Lutheran church in 1960.



4. What drew you to Savoy United Methodist Church, and when did you know it was your home?

After retirement in 2005, I joined the local Methodist church in Watson and later transferred to Faith UMC after I moved back to Urbana. My journey to Savoy UMC began with Debby Drysdale, who was my good neighbor and friend, and discovered we shared a Methodist heritage. I visited Savoy UMC food pantry, and the moment I walked through the doors, it felt like my child-

hood Lutheran church. The reason I transferred to Savoy was I had told Pastor Rhee I felt as if I was listening to a Lutheran pastor, and it was then he told me he had been mentored by a Lutheran pastor. Also, the people at Savoy are friendly and made me feel at home.

5. What gifts, passions, or dreams do you want to share with others?

Since I fell last year and injured my right arm - and without a vehicle - my mobility does not allow me to do many things.

6. If you were roasting hot dogs by a campfire with Jesus, what would you ask Him?

I would ask if I could prepare a hot dog sandwich for Him and whether He preferred mustard, ketchup, onions.

7. What's your favorite fall memory, and how would you love to recreate it with others?

My favorite fall memories are those church cook-outs like the one that just happened! Where we gather around grills, share stories, and savor the crisp autumn air with live music.

FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Team would like to thank everyone for serving our congregation for Fellowship. We couldn't do this each Sunday without our tremendous volunteers. If you and a friend or a group would like to provide refreshments on a Sunday morning check the sign-up sheet during Fellowship time. There are plenty of Sundays available! Thank you once again for volunteering to serve our congregation. You all are the best!



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

**CHURCH CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER****MONDAY, SEPT 1****LABOR DAY****CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, SEPT 2

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

6:00pm SPPRC Mtg

7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 3

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)

4:00pm Prayer Team

5:30pm Trustee Mtg

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPT 4

9:00am Chick Chat

7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, SEPT 5

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, SEPT 6

7:30am Journey Men

9:00am Quilters

5-8pm CHILI COOK OFF & MOVIE NIGHT**SUNDAY, SEPT 7**

9:30am Worship

10:45am Adult Sunday School

MONDAY, SEPT 8

10:00am Parkinson's Group

7:00pm Troop 101 Committee Mtg

TUESDAY, SEPT 9

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study

10:00am Women's Bible Study

7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 10

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, SEPT 11

9:00am Chick Chat

6:00pm Stewardship/Finance Mtg

6:00pm Troop 2119

7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, SEPT 12

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SUNDAY, SEPT 14

9:30am Worship

10:45am Worship Team Mtg

MONDAY, SEPT 15

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, SEPT 16

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study

10:00am Women's Bible Study

5:45pm Mission Team Mtg

7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 17

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)

4:00pm Prayer Team

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPT 18

9:00am Chick Chat

6:00pm Ad Council Mtg

7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, SEPT 19

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SATURDAY, SEPT 20

7:30am Journey Men

9:00am Quilters

SUNDAY, SEPT 21

9:30am Worship

10:45am Adult Sunday School

MONDAY, SEPT 22

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, SEPT 23**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study

10:00am Women's Bible Study

7:00pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 24

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Original Pancake House)

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00pm Women's Wed Night Small Group

THURSDAY, SEPT 25

9:00am Chick Chat

7:00pm Scouts

FRIDAY, SEPT 26

9:00am Cleaning Crew

SUNDAY, SEPT 28**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY**

9:30am Worship

10:45am Adult Sunday School

MONDAY, SEPT 29

10:00am Parkinson's Group

TUESDAY, SEPT 30

9:30am Tues AM Bible Study

10:00am Women's Bible Study

7:00pm Al-Anon

