

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Searching the Scriptures – Aug 1– Aug 7:

Isa. 1:1, 10-20, Ps. 50:1-8, 22-23, Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16, Lk 12:32-40

### Selected Reflection Questions:

1. How might we create space for our conviction of things not yet seen as did our faithful forebears listed in Hebrews?
2. Where is your heart? What is taking up space in your heart that is keeping you from having space for God's economic plan, "the Father's good pleasure" to show up?



**Meet & Greet Listening Sessions in Host Homes** – Join Pastor Kevin and Pastor Regina for a summer listening session. Appetizers & drinks will be provided. Space is limited, so please register on the church website (Events page) to attend one of the in-home sessions:

**Aug 2**, (Fahy home), **Aug 3**, (Mitchell home), **Aug 29**, (McLean home), **Aug 30**, (Folger home), **Sept 1**, (Roberson home).

If you need help with registration, call Alysia at the church office.



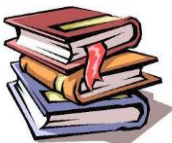
**Do you like videography?** We need a volunteer to assist with videotaping the 8:25 & 11:00 Sunday services. If you are interested, please call the church office, (910) 326-4822. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve the church



**Do you like to sing? Come join our choir!** NO EXPERIENCE is necessary! Our choir practices on Mon. evenings at 6:30 pm. and we share our music each Sun. at the 11:00 am service. Come to the Choir room in Bldg. 1 Sun. at 10:30 am. to find out more!



**Food Pantry Needs** – There's a sharp increase in community needs. Please consider donating to the food pantry! Needs include: cereal, oatmeal, canned fruits, canned potatoes & tomatoes, canned meats & beef stew, canned milk, spaghetti & sauce, and peanut butter & jelly.



**Brewster Fall Book Study** – "Faith & Fiction" Series with Jim Brewster. Meets **Sept. 15, Oct. 13, & Nov. 17** via Zoom. Thurs. 6:30 – 8 pm. Series includes books on being a priest/pastor under extraordinary conditions, e.g. persecution of Christians, abolitionism, conflict/corruption within the Church, and treatment of Native Peoples.



**SUMC Friends & Church Family:** We are using SUMC Planning Center for **online giving**; this integrates seamlessly with our Church Center app. Once downloaded, follow the steps to login. Click profile circle and go to "my giving". **Prefer to give online via laptop?** Follow steps in the video. *Thanks for your commitment and generosity to the mission and ministry of our church!*



**Are you struggling with a crisis in life?** Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. They will listen, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential and free. To learn more, contact Pastor Kevin or Mel Brooks, (336)689-8282



## **Upcoming SwanLife Fellowship Group - Ladies Book Study**

Denise Baker will facilitate this new 7-week study set to begin on **Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**. We'll share snacks & fellowship, watch a video, and discuss the book, "Truthfilled" by Ruth Chou Simons, (from Lifeway). We'll meet from 6:15-8:00 pm, once a week on Tuesday's, at Susan Fulp's home. For more info, email Denise at: denisebaker179@gmail.com



## **Holy Land Christians will be our guests - Sun. August 14**

After each service, in the Bldg. 1 Fellowship Hall, meet George Ghanem, an indigenous Christian from Bethlehem. Help support Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing handmade crafts from the Holy Land. Carvings include olive wood nativity sets, crosses, ornaments, candle holders, etc. which all make nice gifts. All are handmade by Christian families in Bethlehem who rely on sales for their daily bread. You can also visit their website to buy gifts online: [www.holylandesc.com](http://www.holylandesc.com)



**SUMC - The Way Forward** - On July 22, Pastor Kevin sent a church-wide eNote. To help SUMC Church Council discern where we are as a family of faith, we are asking both professing members and regular church attendees to fill out the survey that was linked to that eNote. If you prefer a

printed version, pick one up in the Narthex or church office. The results will be used at the next council meeting in Aug. where potential next steps will be discussed. If you were unable to attend one of our INFO sessions or need more information before filling out the survey, go to:

<https://swansboroumc.org/church-wide-info-sessions-handouts-and-links/>

*As we lean into this season in prayer, faith, hope and love - let us never forget that even in the midst of disagreement and mutual discernment, love must guide every thought, conversation and action.*

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### (Recurring Events)

#### SUNDAY

Daymark Worship, 8:25 am

Sunday School, 9:40 am

Beacon Worship, 10:30 am

Traditional Worship, 11:00 am

#### MONDAY

vonHoorn Group, 8:30 am

Scouts, 6:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY

Girl Scouts, 5:30 pm

#### THURSDAY

Sea Scouts, 6:00 pm

## Monthly Events

United Women in Faith

Call Gwen Macias (910) 546-5812

### Morning circle

- Dixie Moore/Mary Smith  
10:00 am 2nd Wed

### Afternoon circle

- Creekside (Weeks/Hurst)  
12:30 pm 2nd Sunday
- Hazel Midgett/Mattie Tolson  
4:00 pm 2nd Wed

### Evening Circles

- Charlotte Fields/Minnie Jones  
7:00 pm 2nd Wed
- Lula Hatsell/Mary Underseith  
7:00 pm 2nd Wed

If your group is missing from the lists of weekly or monthly events, please contact Kathy at [adminassistant@swansboroumc.org](mailto:adminassistant@swansboroumc.org) or call church office.

### July 24, 2022 Attendance:

In-Person Attendance	8:25	88	10:30	150	11:00	61
Online engagement	8:25	88	10:30	72	11:00	34

### Month End Financial Statement

	June	2022 Year End
Budget Contributions	\$ 67,510.53	\$ 469,278.72
\$20 Fellowship Fund & Building Gifts	\$ 5,713.00	\$ 39,382.69
Total Income	\$ 73,223.53	\$ 508,661.41
Less Budget Expenses	\$ 99,116.33	\$ 614,706.59
Net	\$ (25,892.80)	\$ (106,045.18)

# WELCOME



Swansboro United Methodist Church – July 31, 2022

## ABOUT US

Our community of faith includes people from all ages, backgrounds and walks of life. We come from Swansboro and many of the neighboring towns and coastal areas, with friends traveling from the far northern parts of the Crystal Coast all the way to Jacksonville and beyond. We welcome families with children and invite you to come and discover our outstanding children and youth ministries.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World.**

We are committed to making disciples who make disciples. We believe that every believer is gifted, called, and has a unique purpose in God's kingdom. Our mission is to make disciples by inviting and equipping every believer to embody at least four marks of discipleship: **worship, connect, serve, and give.**

## FIND US

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## CONTACT US

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Church Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
9 am - 4 pm