

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Searching the Scriptures – Dec. 19 – Dec. 25:

Isa. 52:7-10, Ps. 98, Heb. 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

**Selected Reflection Question:** Read Luke 2:1-20. Advent reminds us of Jesus' bridging the gap between God and humanity. How does this reality change the way you experience the world?



**The Chosen – Big Christmas Special - Sun., Dec. 18,** 5:30 pm. All are invited to this special Christmas story episode about the birth of Christ through the eyes of Mary and Joseph featuring a lineup of musicians performing new and classic Christmas songs. Food for this special episode is potluck dinner; please bring a favorite dish to share.



**Mid-Week Advent Service** – The Rev. Susan Pate Greenwood will give the message at the service **Wed., Dec. 21.** Join us for a light lunch after the service in Bldg. 3 Assembly Hall.



**Help save a life – give the gift of blood** – Thurs. **Jan. 5, 2023,** 10am-3pm SUMC Assembly Hall in Bldg. 3. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SUMC03 to schedule an appointment.



**SUMC Family Movie Night - “The Chosen,” Season 2!** All are invited to join us for food, film, & fellowship. We'll take turns bringing food to share as we watch each new episode of this acclaimed show. A short interactive discussion will follow the video.



**What:** Episode 4:

**When:** Jan 18, 6-7:30pm

**Where:** Building 1, Fellowship Hall

**All Contributions** received in the church office, (or in the mailbox outside the church office), by **Dec. 31** will be reflected on **2022 contribution statements.** Because they take several days to process, online contributions must be submitted no later than **Dec. 29,** 2022. Any contributions received after the deadline will be reflected on the 2023 contribution statements. Your 2022 contribution statements will be mailed by Jan. 31, 2023.



**Food Pantry** - Thank you for the generous donations throughout the year. This week we need: canned chicken & ham, boxed potatoes, boxed mac n' cheese, powdered milk, & chicken broth.



**Blue Christmas Service-** Wed. **Dec. 21,** 6 pm in Bldg. 1 Fellowship Hall. This is a special service for those struggling with loss, feelings of grief, family crisis, depression, or loneliness. If you feel blue this time of year, know that we care. You are invited to a Blue Christmas service, a special service designed for those whom the holiday season might be difficult. Come, seeking God's comfort, hope, and love.



## **Christmas Eve – Sat. Dec. 24**

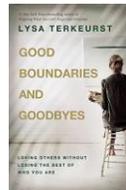
3 pm Children's Spontaneous Christmas Pageant, Bldg. 2  
5 pm Beacon Christmas Eve Service, Bldg 3, Assembly Hall  
7 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service, Bldg. 2, Sanctuary

**Christmas Day - Sun. Dec. 25** - One service only at 10 am, Bldg. 2.

**New Year's Day - Sun. Jan. 1** - One service only at 10 am, Bldg. 3. (Breakfast will be served 8:45-9:45 before the service in Bldg. 3.)



**Happy Holidays!** The SUMC church office will be closed the week after Christmas, starting Monday, **Dec. 26.** We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, **Jan. 3.**



**New Life Group for Women** – Begins **Jan. 10,** at 6:30 pm. in the Swan Bluff neighborhood in Swansboro. It is a time of fellowship, food, and discussion. We'll start a six-week study by Lysa Terkeurst, “Good Boundaries and Goodbyes: Loving Others Without Losing the Best of Who You Are”. To register, please visit the SUMC Website. Check The Scoop for more info & link to order the book. Questions, contact Denise Baker at: denisebaker179@gmail.com



**Swansboro Methodist Men's Peanut Ministry** – needs a few more volunteers to help cook peanuts. No experience is necessary, just a bit of energy and joy of fellowship. If you are interested, please Contact Greg Kizziah (252) 622-7940. Oil roasted & lightly salted; these peanuts are delicious and make great stocking stuffers. They are available at the church office.

## 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.

### Dec 11, 2022 Attendance:

In-Person Attendance	8:25	98	10:30	119	11:00	74
Online engagement	8:25	31	10:30	31	11:00	9

### Dec. 11, 2022 Offering: \$ 18,989

#### Month End Financial Statement

	October	2022 Year to Date
Budget Contributions	\$ 82,375	\$ 727,488
\$20 Fellowship Fund & Building Gifts	\$ 6,974	\$ 59,295
Total Income	\$ 89,709	\$ 786,784
Less Budget Expenses	\$ 102,055	\$ 1,020,859
Net	\$ (-12,346)	\$ (- 159,075)

# WELCOME



Swansboro United Methodist Church – December 18, 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