

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

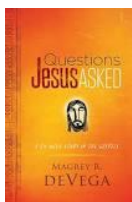
**Searching the Scriptures - Reading Sept. 25 – Oct. 1**  
Exod 17:1-7, Ps 78:1-4, 12-16, Phil 2:1-13, Matt 21:23-32



**World Communion Sunday is Oct. 1.** This special Sunday emphasizes that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is an annual opportunity for United Methodists to call attention to the unity of all Christians at the table of the Lord, and to raise funds to support United Methodist students in the U.S. and worldwide.

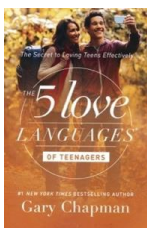


**The Sanctuary** is open to all people who desire rest and renewal. Come join us in worship **every Friday evening at 7 p.m.** in Bldg. 1 Fellowship Hall. Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28



**“Questions Jesus Asked” – Our current six-week Sermon Series**  
We all have questions for God, but growth happens when we turn things around and ask what Jesus wants to know about us. Why are you terrified? What do you live for? Who do you say that I am?

**“Questions Jesus Asked” Book Study** group meets on **Tuesday** evenings through Oct 17, (6:30-7:45 pm in Bldg. 2, Rm 31)



**“Loving Your Teenager Well”** – Socially, mentally, and spiritually, teenagers face a variety of pressures and stresses each day. Despite these pressures, parents still can be the biggest influence in their teen’s life. *The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers* by Gary Chapman helps parents learn how to become equipped to make the most of that opportunity. There is still time to jump into this 8-week small group book study. Meets: **Tuesday 7 pm**, at Nat & Megan Fahy’s home, 236 Bluff Rd, Cedar Point). For more info: call Megan at (703) 593-9149

**The Nativity Festival team is dreaming BIG!**

As we bring the joy of JESUS’s birth to the Swansboro community. *We are dreaming BIG* and praying for a computer helper for 3 months to assist with a flyer, a handout, and a scavenger hunt. For info, call Adele at 716-310 5298



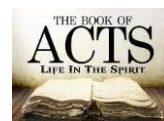
**Old newspapers needed!** The HEM retail store needs old newspapers to wrap fragile items. Please donate your papers to the HEM store on Corbett Ave between 9 am-3:30 pm Tues - Sat.



**Zoe Empowers Interest Group** – We were introduced to this powerful ministry last month when Gaston Warner, Zoe’s CEO, was our guest speaker. All are invited to join us for a brainstorming meeting about how our church family may get involved in Zoe Empowers. This 1-hr. meeting is on **Sept. 28**, 7 p.m., Bldg. 2, Rm 33.



**Choral Evensong Worship** - an ancient Anglican tradition. It is a brief service of about 45 min., predominantly sung by a choir. The service includes sung prayer, scripture reading, sung canticles, & anthems. Please join us next Sun, **Oct. 1**, at 5 p.m. as we welcome Schola Cantorum of the Diocese of East Carolina. You won’t want to miss this beautiful service.



**The Flourishing & Fruitful Life Group** begins a conversational study of Acts, Wed, **Oct. 4**, at 9 a.m. in Bldg. 3 youth rooms. Register on the website or contact Bren Feutz.



**Church-wide Sub & Ice Cream Social!** Wed., **Oct. 4**, at 6:00 pm. SUMC will provide subs and ice cream. Bring any side you’d like. (Sprinkles, flavored syrups, brownies, chips, salad, fruit). This will be a time of fellowship & information. Come, eat, and celebrate the opportunities ahead and the future of our church! Please register on the website.



**Four SUMC Book Studies** facilitated by Jim Brewster, are planned through the fall and winter. The overarching theme is “Destinations.” It’s said, “Life is a Journey.” If so, where, and how are we going? The books’ four authors, spanning 2000 years of experience, wrote fact & fiction, in varied places with differing perspectives... storytelling at its best!

**Current Study:** Elie Wiesel, “Gates of the Forest”  
**When:** Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm. Bldg 2, rm 31. Starts **Oct. 19**  
**Where:** SUMC Bldg. 2, room 31; in-person and via Zoom.  
**For info or to register:** email: Jamesbrew1976@gmail.com



**This week’s food pantry needs:** Jelly, canned ham, chicken, tuna, boxed cereal, and canned fruit.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### (Recurring Events)

#### SUNDAY

Daymark Worship, 8:25 am

Sunday School, 9:40 am

Beacon Worship, 10:30 am

#### MONDAY

Rise & Shine Group, 8:30 am

Scouts, 6:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY

Girl Scouts, 5:30 pm

#### THURSDAY

Sea Scouts, 6:00 pm

## Regular Monthly Events

### United Women in Faith

For info: Melissa Bolling (910) 382-4546

#### Morning circle

- Dixie Moore/Mary Smith  
10:30 am 2nd Wed

#### Afternoon circle

- Creekside (Weeks/Hurst)  
5:30 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 Underseeth  
7:00 pm 2nd Wed

If your group is missing from the list of events, please contact Kathy at [adminassistant@swansboroumc.org](mailto:adminassistant@swansboroumc.org)

9/17/23 In-Person Attendance - 8:25: 126 10:30: 129  
Online engagement - 8:25 75 10:30: 46

	2023 August	2023 Y-T-D
Contributions to Church Operating Budget	\$ 52,301	\$ 586,519
Less Church Operating Expenses	<u>79,008</u>	<u>535,239</u>
<b>Net Church Operating(Deficit) Income</b>	<b>\$ ( 26,707)</b>	<b>\$ 51,279</b>
Building Contributions	\$ 6,436	\$ 84,614
Less Building Debt Payments	<u>(19,326)</u>	<u>(154,604)</u>
<b>Building Deficit absorbed by Church Budget</b>	<b>\$ ( 12,889)</b>	<b>\$ (69,990)</b>
<b>Net Total Deficit</b>	<b>\$ (39,596)</b>	<b>\$ (18,710)</b>
<b>Balance Owed on Building Loan</b>		<b>\$ 1,014,538</b>

# WELCOME



Swansboro United Methodist Church – September 24, 2023

## 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 - 2 pm