

# Announcements

**Year-end Giving** – Contributions received in the church office, (or mailbox outside the office), by Dec. 31, 2023, will be reflected on the 2023 contribution statements. (Your 2023 statement will be mailed by Jan. 31.)

**Message from the Nativity Team** – Thank you to all who loaned nativity sets for our Nativity Festival. As you pack away your nativity this year, think about labeling your box contents with (size and # of pieces) so it is easy to find next year. Also, if you have extra wreaths, ribbons, or garlands, consider donating them to SUMC for next year. Place in the bin outside the office. Thank you, SUMC family, for all you do.

## This Week at a Glance

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| <b>Mon.</b>   | <b>1/1</b> | - <b>New Year's Day</b> – SUMC office is closed<br>- <b>Adult Choir practice</b> , 6:30-8:00 pm – Choir Room |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | <b>1/2</b> | - <b>SUMC office resumes regular hours</b> , 9 am-2 pm, M-TH   |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | <b>1/3</b> | - <b>Flourishing &amp; Fruitful</b> life group, 9:00-10:00 am  |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | <b>1/4</b> | - <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> , 10 am -3 pm.  |
| <b>Fri.</b>   | <b>1/5</b> | - <b>Sanctuary Worship</b> – 7 pm, Bldg. 1 Fellowship Hall   |
| <b>Sun.</b>   | <b>1/7</b> | - <b>Epiphany Sunday</b>   |

## Serve

**Food Pantry Team** – In 2023 our Food Pantry distributed 459 bags of food to our community. This could not have happened without your giving and serving hearts. We would also like to give gratitude to the Crystal Coast Hospice House of Newport, NC for doing a food drive and donating nonperishable food to our pantry for distribution.

**Moving into 2024, we are still low on basic items:** canned meat, chicken broth, peanut butter & jelly, pasta & pasta sauce, canned fruit, cereal, rice, mac & cheese, boxed potatoes, and cereal.

**Youth Meals** – Help prepare and serve dinner to our youth on a Sunday evening. They meet for class at 4:30 pm and then share a meal from 6-6:30. We need volunteers for February, March, and April. Call or email Pastor Regina for more info.

## Upcoming Events

**Flourishing & Fruitful** – New 12-session study begins **Wed, Jan. 3**, “Twelve Women of the Bible”. We’ll explore teachings from Lysa Terkeurst and 5 other women. Discover new insights that will leave you challenged, encouraged, and deeply valued. Meets 9 -10 am in Bldg. 3 youth classrooms. A few books are still available. Text or call Bren Feutz at 910-546-9038.

**Red Cross Blood Drive – Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, 10 am – 3 pm.** Register at RedCrossBlood.org; enter: SUMC03 to schedule an appointment.

**Epiphany Sunday – Jan. 7, 2024, 8:25 am & 10:30 am**

**“Destinations” Book Study** – The next class meets on **Jan. 11, 6:30-8:00 pm.**  
**Book:** “Life of Pi” by Yann Martel **Where** - Bldg. 2, Room 31; in-person & via Zoom.  
**Facilitator** - Jim Brewster, Email: Jamesbrew1976@gmail.com

**New Sermon Series** – “Faith Finding Traction: Where Rubber Meets Road”, begins Sunday, Jan. 14. This series will remind us that we are all wired to serve. It is how our trust in God deepens. The accompanying book, “The Externally Focused Life”, by Rick Rusaw & Eric Swanson, is available in the Narthex, and the Church office.

**Youth Ski Trip – January 18-21, 2024**

## Recurring Weekly Meetings

### SUNDAY

Daymark Worship, 8:25 am  
 Sunday School, 9:40 am  
 Beacon Worship, 10:30 am  
 UM Kids, youth, 4:30 pm

### MONDAY

Rise & Shine Group, 8:30 am  
 Cub Scouts, 5:00 & 6:00 pm  
 Boy Scouts, 6:30 pm

### TUESDAY

AA Early Birds, 6:00 pm  
 Al-Anon, 8:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

Girl Scouts, 5:30 & 6:00 pm

### THURSDAY

Sea Scouts, 6:00 pm

### MONDAY – FRIDAY

AA groups, 8:00 pm

## Monthly Meetings - United Women in Faith

For info: Melissa Bolling (910) 382-4546

### Morning circle

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

### Afternoon circles

- **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 Underseith**  
 7:00 pm 2nd Wed

12/17/23 – The Internet was down on 12/17, but links are available on the website for the service with the Cantata.

12/24/23 In-Person Attendance - 10:30 - 191  
 Christmas Eve Services - 3:00 - 51      5:00 - 258      7:00 - 220  
 Online engagement - 10:30 - 67      5:00 - 26      7:00 - 36

	2023 November	2023 Y-T-D
Contributions to Church Operating Budget	\$ 91,868	\$ 827,529
Less Church Operating Expenses	(81,045)	(751,521)
<b>Net Church Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,823</b>	<b>\$ 76,008</b>
Building Contributions	\$ 18,248	\$ 166,887
Less Building Debt Payments	(22,890)	(241,145)
<b>Building Deficit absorbed by Church Budget</b>	<b>\$ ( 4,641)</b>	<b>\$ (74,258)</b>
<b>Net Total income</b>	<b>\$ 6,181</b>	<b>\$ 1,750</b>
<b>Balance Owed on Building Loan</b>		<b>\$ 930,893</b>

# WELCOME



Swansboro United Methodist Church – December 31, 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 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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 Monday - Thursday  
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