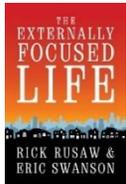


# Announcements



**Today is UMC Human Relations Sunday** - This is a church-wide special Sunday offering that allows us the opportunity to invest in the common good. "Do all the good we can in all the places we can." [A special offering envelope is available.](#)

**Pastor Meet & Greet – Today, Jan. 14,** Join the Pastors for coffee and conversation. following each service, Bldg. 1, Rm 27.



**To coincide with the current sermon series,** we invite you to join one of our two study offerings based on the book, "The Externally Focused Life" by Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson. This six-week study reminds us that we are all wired to serve. It's how we grow. It is how our trust in God deepens. Books are available in the Narthex and the church office for a \$10 donation. Classes will be held on **Mon. at 10:30 am** and **Tues. at 6:30 pm.** Classes begin on Mon. Jan.15 & Tues. Jan. 16



**The Church Office will be closed** on Monday, **January 15,** in observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

**Thank you** to all who participated in the successful Red Cross Blood Drive at SUMC last week. 29 units were collected!

**Praise God** - 'Free in 3' pledges and gifts are now at \$195K.

**Giving Statements** – will be mailed by **January 31**

## *This Week at a Glance*

- Sun. 1/14** - Pastor Meet & Greet, following each service Bldg. 1, Rm 27
- Mon. 1/15** - The Church Office is closed.  
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30-8:00 pm – Choir Room
- Wed. 1/17** - Flourishing & Fruitful life group, 9:00-10:00 am  
- Worship Committee meeting 5-6 pm.
- Fri. 1/19** - Zoe Empowers fundraiser preparations, 1-3 pm, Bldg. 3  
- Sanctuary Worship, 7 pm, Bldg. 1 Fellowship Hall
- Sat. 1/20** - Church council meeting, 9-12 am  
- Zoe Empowers Fundraiser preparations, 8-5, Bldg. 3

# Serve

**Food Pantry Team** - We are low on basic items: canned chicken, canned tuna, peanut butter & jelly, pasta & pasta sauce, canned soup, canned fruit, rice, mac & cheese, boxed potatoes, and cereal.

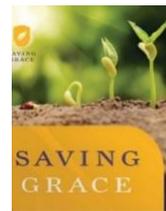
**Manna Mission Volunteer opportunities at the Onslow Community Outreach.** We are looking for volunteers to help pack boxes for North Carolina's Healthy Opportunities Program (HOP) Mon-Fri. email Carolyn at [camdahl@ec.rr.com](mailto:camdahl@ec.rr.com)  
**Calling All Cooks!** Help cook, deliver, and serve a Sun. evening meal at Onslow Community Homeless Shelter. If interested, email Carolyn at [camdahl@ec.rr.com](mailto:camdahl@ec.rr.com).

**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.

**Volunteers needed!** SUMC is supporting the Zoe Empowers ministry by sponsoring a group of orphaned head-of-household children in Tanzania. A Fundraiser will be held on February 4 & 11. In preparation, we need helpers to assemble dry soup ingredients on **Saturday, January 20,** at 9 am, in Bldg. 3. For additional info, please call or text Laurie NardoKunst at (910) 934-5457.

## *Upcoming Events*

**The Emmaus Adult Sunday School Class** invites you to join in a new study. It begins **Today, January 14,** at 9:30 in Bldg. 2, Rm 34. "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith". This is a 6-week study about asking God the hard questions that only He is unafraid to answer! Contact Bren 910-546-9038



**Money...is it good or is it bad?** How do we, as people of faith, create healthy relationships with money and possessions? *Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being* provides the text and tools to address these topics and gives strategies for achieving a sustainable financial life. Based on Wesleyan values, this 7-week study will help you reach personal financial goals. Sign up now for *Saving Grace*, which begins on **Wed, January 31** at 6:30.

**Souper Souper Bowl of Caring** – SUMC Family Ministries team invites you to join us for food & fellowship. Bring a pot of soup to share. Taste new soups, and vote on your favorite. Who will win this year's "prized" soup ladle? **Sun, Feb. 4,** 5-6:30 pm, Bldg. 3.

## 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 Underseth**  
 7:00 pm 2nd Wed

1/7/24 In-Person Attendance - 8:25 - 125      10:30 - 147  
 Online engagement - 8:25 - 82      10:30 - 80

	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>\$</b>	<b>930,893</b>

# WELCOME



Swansboro United Methodist Church – January 14, 2024

## 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.**

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