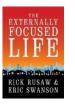
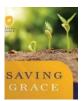
# Announcements



<u>To coincide with the current sermon series</u>, we invite you to join our deeper study offering 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 **Tues. 6:30 - 8:00 pm**, Bldg. 2, Rm 33



"<u>A Shepherd's Journey</u>", A Parable for All Ages, is a new book written by our own, Joanne Scholl and illustrated by well-known local artist Debbie Pagliughi. Copies are available in the SUMC church office for \$12, (or 2/\$20), and 10% of all proceeds will go back to the church.



<u>Money...is it good or is it bad?</u> 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.

## This Week at a Glance

- Mon. 1/22 Stephen Ministry Meeting, 5:30 7:00 pm, Rm 33 - Education Committee Meeting, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Library - Adult Choir practice, 6:30-8:00 pm – Choir Room
- Tues. 1/23 Externally Focused Life, 6:30 8:00 pm, Bldg. 2, Rm 33
- Wed. 1/24 Flourishing & Fruitful life group, 9:00-10:00 am
- Thurs. 1/25 SPRC, 6 pm, Bldg. 2, Rm 33
- Fri. 1/26 Sanctuary Worship, 7 pm, Bldg. 1 Fellowship Hall

## Serve

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.

<u>Food Pantry Team</u> - This week's pantry needs: peanut butter & jelly, pasta & sauce, canned fruit, 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 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.

<u>Youth Meals</u> – 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

<u>Souper Supper Bowl of Caring</u> – 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.

## Methodist Home for Children Sunday is Feb. 11.

<u>Destinations Book Study Group</u> will meet Feb. 15 (*instead of Feb.* 8) to discuss their final book selection, Saint Luke, Acts of the Apostles.

Hope Mission's 21st Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser will be held on Feb. 22 at the Crystal Coast Civic Center, Morehead City. The purchase of a ticket allows for a choice of a handmade bowl donated by an area potter and art students, and a choice of 2 soups provided by Carteret Community College Culinary School. The empty bowl taken home is a reminder of those worldwide whose bowls are empty. There are also silent auctions and raffles! Tickets available at HOPE MISSION (hopemissionnc.org).

# 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

1/14/24	In-Person Attendance -	8:25 - 131
	Online engagement -	<b>8:25 -</b> 59

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		2023 December		2023 Y-T-D	
Contributions to Church Operating Budget	\$	103,140	\$	930,669	
Less Church Operating Expenses		<u>(73,446)</u>		<u>(824,968)</u>	
Net Church Operating Income	\$	29,693	\$	105,701	
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Building Contributions	\$	64,328	\$	231,215	
Less Building Debt Payments		(19,326)		<u>(260,470)</u>	
Building Deficit Surplus/(Absorbed by) Church Budget	\$	45,002	\$	(29,256)	
Net Total income	\$	74,696	\$	76,446	
Balance Owed on Building Loan			\$	913,889	

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 <u> - Creekside (Weeks/</u>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

# WELCOME



Swansboro United Methodist Church – January 21, 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.** 



## CONTACT US

910-326-4822 Church Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm