

Announcements

New Sermon Series – “Faith Finding Traction: Where Rubber Meets Road” begins **Sunday, January 14**.

To coincide with the upcoming sermon series, we invite you to join one of our two study offerings based on the accompanying 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.

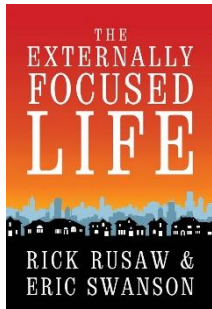
Books are available in the Narthex and the church office for a \$10 donation. Classes will be held on **Monday mornings at 10:30** and **Tuesday evenings at 6:30**. Classes begin on Mon. Jan.15 & Tues. Jan. 16; they will end on Mon. Feb.19 & Tues. Feb.20. If you need help signing up on the SUMC website, please call the church office or contact Pastor Regina.

Giving Statements – will be mailed by January 31

Volunteers needed! SUMC is supporting the Zoe Empowers ministry by sponsoring a group of orphaned head-of-household children in Tanzania. Our first fundraiser will be held on February 4 and 11. 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.

This Week at a Glance

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| Mon. | 1/8 | - Adult Choir practice, 6:30-8:00 pm – Choir Room |
| Wed. | 1/10 | - Flourishing & Fruitful life group, 9:00-10:00 am |
| Thurs. | 1/11 | - “Destinations” Book Study, 6:30-8 pm |
| Fri. | 1/12 | - Sanctuary Worship, 7 pm, Bldg. 1 Fellowship Hall |
| Sat. | 1/13 | - Church council meeting, 9-12 am |
| Sun. | 1/14 | - New Sermon Series begins. - Pastor Meet & Greet, following each service Bldg. 1 |
| Mon. | 1/15 | - “Externally Focused Life” Class, 10:30 am, Bldg. 2, Rm 33 |



Serve

Food Pantry Team - Moving into 2024, we are low on basic items: canned chicken, canned tuna, peanut butter & jelly, pasta & pasta sauce, canned soup, 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

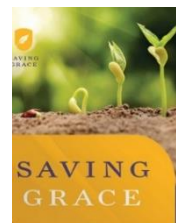
Flourishing & Fruitful – Still time to join in the “Twelve Women of the Bible” study. We’ll explore teachings from Lysa Terkeurst and 5 other women. Discover new insights that will leave you challenged, encouraged, and deeply valued. Meets Wed. mornings, 9 -10 am in Bldg. 3 youth classrooms. Text or call Bren at 910-546-9038.

“Destinations” Book Study – The next class meets on **January 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

Pastor Meet & Greet – **Sunday, January 14**, following each service, Bldg. 1, Rm 27.

The Emmaus Adult Sunday School Class invites you to join in a new study. It begins **Sunday, 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

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



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 **Wednesday, January 31** at 6:30.

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 Underseeth**
 7:00 pm 2nd Wed

WELCOME



Swansboro United Methodist Church – January 7, 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.**

12/31/23 In-Person Attendance - 8:25 - 175 10:30 - 116
 Online engagement - 8:25 - 74 10:30 - 41

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

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 9 am - 2 pm