

Announcements



Join us this Advent! - Advent is a season of endings and beginnings, where the close of the calendar year meets the start of a new church year. Christ's birth invites us into new ways of living and loving, even as the world around us continues its course. Mary's story, filled with personal and political endings, proclaimed hope in a God making all things new. Christ's birth

was a new beginning for many, while King Herod sought to end it. In seasons of change, we need steady reminders, like the words Mary might have shared with her son—lessons we continue to learn as adults. This Advent, we invite you to enter a sacred new chapter, holding onto words of belovedness, hope, and new beginnings, remembering that love is always our starting point.

Christmas Poinsettias – Order a Poinsettia to be placed on the altar Dec.15. (flowers may be picked up after 7 pm Christmas Eve service). Submit your order form and \$25 payment by Sun., **Dec. 8.**

Advent Wreath Dinner – **Dec. 1, 4:30-6:30.** Join us in Bldg.3 and we'll make wreaths together followed by the fellowship of a spaghetti dinner.

This Week at a Glance

Sun. 12/1 – Advent Wreath Dinner, 4:30 pm

Mon. 12/2 – Stephen Minister Training, 5:30 pm
– Child Care Advisory meeting, 6:00 pm
– Adult Choir practice, 6:30 pm

Wed. 12/4 – Advent Service & luncheon, 12:00 pm

Sat. 12/7 – Nativity Festival, 1:00 – 5:30 pm
– Evening of Worship, 6:00 pm

Sun. 12/8 – Nativity Festival, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
– Acolyte Training 3:30 pm
– Poinsettia orders due

Opportunities to Serve

Swansboro United Methodist Men's Peanut Ministry needs help cooking peanuts. No experience is necessary, just a bit of energy and joy of fellowship. To sign up, please call Greg Kizziah at (252) 622-7940.

Food Pantry – **Special Holiday foods needed:** Canned hams, stuffing, canned chicken, cranberry sauce, rice, chicken broth, canned corn, peas, gravy, and yams, mac-n-cheese, & boxed potatoes, cereal, peanut butter & jelly.

Acolytes Needed - For anyone interested in becoming an acolyte, come join us for training on **Sun, Dec. 8, 3:30 pm** in Building 2. Everyone is welcome from 6th grade on up, including adults! If you have any questions, contact Roger Fulp.

Help a local child have a great Christmas! – Choose an "Angel Card" from the tree. Follow info on the card. Purchase items listed. Take gifts to the Hem, (724 W Corbett Ave.) The deadline is **Dec. 3.** Sponsored by the Hem and SUMC Mission Team. Thank you for being a blessing to a child this holiday!

Upcoming Events



Simple night of worship & prayer at SUMC, Dec. 7, 6 pm in Bldg. 3

Nativity Festival – invites you to be part of this special celebration! If you would like to help set up nativity displays on **Dec. 5-6**, the live nativity scene on Dec 6, or help on the days of the Festival **Dec. 7-8**, please. **Use the SUMC Website to sign up.**

Society of St. Andrew – Is a United Methodist nonprofit organization that works to reduce food waste and end hunger. Their Advent devotional booklets are available in the narthex. Take one today.



Attention UMKids - Kindergarten - 5th grade! Join us on Sunday evenings at Leaper's Point with Leaper the tree frog. Our time together will include worship, prayer, and lots of fun from 4:30-6:30. Dinner is provided. **Register using link in the Scoop or the QR code.**

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
 ACA, 5:30 pm

TUESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 pm
 Al-Anon, 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Recovery on the Road,
 4th Wed. of month, 1:00 pm

THURSDAY

Sea Scouts, 6:00 pm

MONDAY – FRIDAY

AA Early Birds, 6:00 pm
 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**
 6:30 pm 2nd Wed

- **Lula Hatsell/Mary Underseith**
 7:00 pm 2nd Wed

WELCOME



Swansboro United Methodist Church – December 1, 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.**

Sun. 11/24/24 In-Person Attendance – 8:25 – 112 10:30 - 124
 Online engagement – 8:25 – 67 10:30 - 39

	2024 October	2024 Year-to-Date
Contributions to Church Operating Budget	\$ 100,036	\$ 784,037
Less Church Operating Expenses	<u>(75,071)</u>	<u>(780,720)</u>
Net Church Operating Income	\$ 24,965	\$ 3,317
Building Contributions	\$ 17,823	\$ 193,236
Less Building Debt Payments	<u>(19,326)</u>	<u>(228,243)</u>
Building (Deficit)	\$ (1,502)	\$ (35,007)
Net Total Income / (Deficit)	\$ 23,463	\$ (31,690)
Balance Owed on Building Loan	\$	706,446

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 Monday - Thursday
 9 am - 2 pm