# **Announcements**

# 🦙 Advent Wreath Dinner & Celebration 🦙

Sunday, November 30th, 4:30-6:30 PM, Building 3

Kick off the Advent season together! Join us for a warm church-family dinner and a meaningful time creating your own Advent wreath to use at home. Before we depart, we'll learn about the tradition of Advent and light our wreaths from the church's sanctuary Advent wreath. We'll bless the wreaths and send families home with wonderful Advent resources to enjoy throughout the season.

Bring: Greenery from your yard to share

Provided: Foam rings, candles, and candle holders

Scan the QR code or call Alysia in the office to get signed up!

Let's begin this sacred journey to Christmas—together.



Join us Wednesdays at 9 AM in the Youth Room, starting Dec. 3.

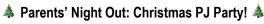
Explore Abraham's journey—from God's call to the stories of Jacob and Esau—and discover how his family shaped God's plan for all people. Dive into the lives of Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael, and Isaac, and explore themes like Covenant, Obedience, and Wrestling with God.

# **Church Directory Photo Makeup Day**

If you missed the original photo sessions, we've added a make-up day so you can still be part of our updated church directory! **Date: Sunday, December 7** 

Time: 8 am - 1 pm Location: Building 1, Fellowship Hall

Sign up for your preferred session time. We look forward to including you in our directory!



→ December 19<sup>th,</sup> 5:30–8:00 PM

Hey, parents! Need time for some last-minute Christmas shopping (or a quiet moment to breathe)? We've got you covered!

Send the kids in their coziest PJs for a fun night of:

W How the Grinch Stole Christmas That chocolate Dinner Christmas fun!

🦖 Ages: 0–12 years 🛮 ്≉ Take a break—you deserve it!

# **SUMC College Students – We Want to Connect!**

The SUMC College Ministry is planning a casual get-together over Christmas break—possibly dinner, snacks, or even bowling—and we'd love to see you!

Scan the QR code to complete a brief interest form by December 5 so we

can plan accordingly. As you wrap up the fall semester, know that your church family is praying for you. Even when you're away, your presence is still felt here at SUMC. We hope to see you over the holiday break!



# → Holy Land Christians Visit – December 14 →

Looking for meaningful last-minute Christmas gifts?

Stop by Building 1 Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 14, to browse beautiful, handcrafted items made by Holy Land Christian artisans.

Your purchase helps support Christian families in the Holy Land and sustain their livelihoods.

Come shop with purpose and blessing!

# This Week at a Glance

Sun. 11/30 - Advent Dinner & Wreath Making, 4:30 pm, Bldg 3

Tues. 12/2 - Fellowship Friends, 6:00 pm, Bldg 2, Rm 38

Wed. 12/3 - Flourishing and Fruitful, 9:00 am, Bldg 3, Youth Room

- Advent Lunch & Learn, 12 pm, Bldg 1, Fellowship Hall

Sat. 12/6 - Wonder Widows, 12 pm, Bldg 1, Fellowship Hall

# **Opportunities to Serve**

# 🦙 SUMC Nativity Festival Update! 🦙

After three wonderful years of growth, our Nativity Festival is entering an exciting new chapter!

This season, we're shifting our focus to SUMC families with special at-home activities, youth gatherings, and church events designed just for you.

But here's the BIG NEWS...

Community members have already reached out wanting to help us dream, plan, and build an even bigger, family-friendly Community Nativity Festival for 2026!

We'll be forming a February Planning & Brainstorming Team to imagine creative ways to shine the light of Jesus' birth throughout Swansboro.

Got ideas? Hold onto them—we can't wait to hear them in February! (Exact date TBA.) We'll reach out again in early January.

Let's make 2026 unforgettable! 💢

# **Food Pantry Needs**

Thank you for your generosity! Please bring only the items listed so we can best meet current needs and use our space wisely. The pantry is in dire need of all the items listed below. Please only bring REGULAR SIZED cans.

Jelly Peanut butter Pasta
Pasta sauce Boxed milk Cereal

# **Recurring Weekly Events**

#### SUNDAY

Daymark Worship, 8:25 am Sunday School, 9:40 am Beacon Worship, 10:30 am UM Kids, 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 the month, 1:00 pm

# THURSDAY

Sea Scouts, 6:00 pm

# MONDAY – FRIDAY AA Early Birds, 6:00 pm

AA groups, 8:00 pm

Kids Sunday School
Nursery 0-2 yr. - Bldg. 3, Rm 140
3 yr. old – 4<sup>th</sup> gr. - Bldg. 1, Rm 13
5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr. – Bldg. 3, Youth Room

# **Monthly Events**

Wonder Widows

- 12:00 pm 1st Saturday

# United Women in Faith

For info: Melissa Bolling (910) 382-4546 Morning circle

- Dixie Moore/Mary Smith 10:30 am 2nd Wed
- Creekside (Weeks/Hurst) 11:30 am 2nd Sunday

### Afternoon circles

- Hazel Midgett/Mattie Tolson 4:00 pm 2nd Wed

# **Evening Circles**

- Charlotte Fields/Minnie Jones 6:30 pm 2nd Wed
- Lula Hatsell/Mary Underseth 7:00 pm 2nd Wed

Sun. 11/23/25 In-Person Attendance – 8:30 – 132 10:30 – 143

# Adult Sunday school

Emmaus class – Bldg. 2, room 34 Joy class – Bldg. 2, room 37 Logos class – Bldg. 2, room 33 Yellow tangs class – Bldg. 2, room 38

	2025		2025		
		October		Year-to-Date	
Contributions to Church Operating Budget	\$	56,026	\$	652,235	
Contribution from Childcare	\$	-	\$	75,000	
Less Church Operating Expenses		(74,845 <sub>)</sub>	_	(781,401)	
Net Church Operating (Deficit)	\$	(18,819)	\$	(54,166)	
Building Contributions	\$	5,446	\$	71,073	
Less Building Debt Payments		(19,326)		(193,255)	
Building (Deficit)	\$	(13,880)	\$	(122,183)	
Net Total ( <i>Deficit</i> )	\$	(32,698)	\$	(176,348)	
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Balance Owed on Building Loan			\$	492,969	

# WELCOME



# Swansboro United Methodist Church – November 30, 2025

# **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 explore our outstanding children's and youth ministries.

# **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World.

We are committed to making disciples who, in turn, 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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# **CONTACT US**

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Church Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm