

Announcements

📖 Coming in January — Two New Small Group Study Opportunities!

As we move into the new year, we invite you to grow in faith, community, and discipleship through two new small group offerings beginning Sunday, January 11th:

✨ New Sunday Morning Study

Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It by Adam Hamilton

🕒 Sundays, 9:30–10:15 AM

Join us for a new Sunday School class exploring the life, faith, and spiritual practices of John Wesley. This 6-week study invites us to rediscover the roots of our Wesleyan heritage and consider how it shapes our faith today.



💰 Sunday Evening Study

Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being

🕒 Sundays, Evening (4:30-6:00 - will meet simultaneously with Children, Youth, and Confirmation)

This practical, faith-based study will help you explore how to handle money with wisdom, peace, and purpose. Together we will look at biblical principles, everyday financial skills, and real-life tools for budgeting, debt, saving, and generosity. This group is designed for everyday people—no financial expertise required. Whether you feel stressed about money or simply want to be more intentional, Saving Grace offers a safe, grace-filled space to learn and grow. You're seeking deeper spiritual grounding, practical learning, or simply a place to connect—there's a place for you. All are welcome. Invite a friend and start the new year with purpose!



🌿 Have You Seen Our Jesse Tree? 🌿

The Jesse Tree is an ancient symbol tracing Jesus' family line, beginning with Jesse, the father of King David. Each week of Advent, new "growth" will appear on our Jesse Tree posters in **Buildings 2 and 3**. 🌸 **Will the tree bear fruit?**

We'll have to wait and see... the surprise is revealed at **Christmas!** 🎄

Celebrate Christmas Eve With Us!

Join us on Wednesday, December 24, as we gather to celebrate the birth of Christ with candlelight, communion, and joyful worship. All are welcome to attend one or both of our Christmas Eve services:

5:00 pm – Contemporary Candlelight & Communion

7:00 pm – Traditional Candlelight & Communion

Come as you are and experience the hope, peace, and light of Christmas as we worship together.

Reminder: There will be no Sunday Afternoon Activities on December 21 or December 28. We hope you enjoy this time of rest and the Christmas season with family and loved ones. Activities will resume in the new year.

SwanKids Update:

Please note that SwanKids will not meet during worship on Sunday, December 28. Nursery care will be available, and children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their families. We look forward to resuming SwanKids after the new year!

This Week at a Glance

Sun. 12/21 - The Longest Night Service, 5 pm, Bldg 1, Fellowship Hall

Wed. 12/24 - Church Office Closed
- Contemporary Christmas Eve Service, 5 pm, Bldg 3
- Traditional Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm, Bldg 2

Thurs. 12/25 - Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas!

Sat. 12/28 - 10:30 Combined Service, Bldg 3

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

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**
6:00 pm 2nd Wed
- **Lula Hatsell/Mary Underseeth**
7:00 pm 2nd Wed

Sun. 11/30/25

In-Person Attendance – 8:30 – 142 10:30 – 139

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

Kids Sunday School

Nursery 0-2 yr. - Bldg. 3, Rm 140

3 yr. old – 4th gr. - Bldg. 1, Rm 13

5th-12th gr. – Bldg. 3, Youth Room

	2025	2025
	November	Year-to-Date
Contributions to Church Operating Budget	\$ 94,769	\$ 821,803
Contribution from Childcare	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Less Church Operating Expenses	(66,667)	(848,072)
Net Church Operating (Income)	\$ 28,102	\$ 48,731
Building Contributions	\$ 5,855	\$ 76,928
Less Building Debt Payments	(19,326)	(212,581)
Building (Deficit)	\$ (13,471)	\$ (135,653)
Net Total (Income/Deficit)	\$ 14,631	\$ (86,922)
Balance Owed on Building Loan		\$ 474,912

WELCOME



Swansboro United Methodist Church – December 21, 2025

ABOUT US

Our community of faith includes people of 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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Church Office Hours
 Monday - Thursday
 9 am - 2 pm