

## Announcements

🎵 **Crystal Coast Choral Society Presents...**

***Rhapsody in Bluegrass: A Christmas Jubilee!*** 🎄

Featuring special guests **Hank, Pattie & The Current!**

Enjoy an unforgettable evening of Christmas joy with contemporary and traditional selections by **Handel, Hagenburg, Cohen**, and more.

📅 **Saturday, December 13, 2025**

🕒 **7:00 PM**

📍 **Swansboro United Methodist Church**

This special performance marks our Music Director's **33rd season and final concert**—join us as we celebrate the music, the season, and his remarkable legacy.

**Free Admission** (*Suggested Donation: \$10*)

All are welcome! Come share in the Christmas spirit! 🎵🌟

🌿 **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!** 🎄

**Flourishing and Fruitful Study – Genesis 12–33: *The Father of Israel***

Join us **Wednesdays at 9 AM** in the Youth Room, starting **Dec. 10**.

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.

🎄 **Parents' Night Out: Christmas PJ Party!** 🎄

🌟 **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:

📖 *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* 🍫 Hot 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. 12/7 - UMKids, Confirmation, Youth, & Young Adults/Parents Group, 4:30 pm

Tues. 12/9 - Fellowship Friends, 6:00 pm, Bldg 2, Rm 38

Wed. 12/10 - Flourishing and Fruitful, 9:00 am, Bldg 3, Youth Room  
- Advent Lunch & Learn, 12 pm, Bldg 1, Fellowship Hall

Sat. 12/13 - Crystal Coast Choral Society Christmas Concert, 7 pm, 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,  
 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month, 1:00 pm

### THURSDAY

Sea Scouts, 6:00 pm

### MONDAY – FRIDAY

AA Early Birds, 6:30 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**  
6:30 pm 2nd Wed
- **Lula Hatsell/Mary Underseeth**  
7:00 pm 2nd Wed

Sun. 11/30/25

In-Person Attendance – 8:30 – 131 10:30 – 129

### 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> gr. - Bldg. 1, Rm 13

5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr. – Bldg. 3, Youth Room

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

# WELCOME



Swansboro United Methodist Church – December 7, 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.**

## FIND US

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## CONTACT US

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Church Office Hours  
 Monday - Thursday  
 9 am - 2 pm