

New Year Ministry Announcements

UMKids

Sundays | 4:30–6:30 PM

Starting January 11

A fun and faith-filled time for children with activities, learning, and fellowship.



Youth Ministry

Sundays | 4:30–6:30 PM

Starting January 11

An engaging gathering for youth focused on faith, friendship, and growth.



Fellowship Friends

Tuesdays | 6:00 PM

A welcoming time for connection, conversation, and community.



Flourishing & Fruitful

Wednesdays | 9:00 AM

A midweek gathering focused on spiritual growth and encouragement.



Sunday Evening Study

Sundays | 4:30–6:30 PM

Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being

This practical, faith-based study explores how to handle money with wisdom, peace, and purpose. Together, we'll look at biblical principles, everyday financial skills, and real-life tools for budgeting, debt, saving, and generosity. 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, grow, and connect.



Sunday Morning Study

Sundays | 9:30–10:15 AM

Starting January 11

Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It by Adam Hamilton

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.



CPR & First Aid Training

Saturday, January 17 | 9:00 AM

Location: Building 3

Learn essential life-saving skills including CPR and basic first aid in this hands-on training.



Souper Lego Supper

Sunday, January 25 | 4:30–6:30 PM

Join us for a fun-filled evening of soup, LEGO building, and fellowship for all ages.



Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, February 8 | 2:30–4:30 PM

Come be the hands and feet of Christ as we work together to package meals for those facing hunger around the world.



Valentine's Parents' Night Out

Friday, February 13 | 5:30–8:00 PM

Parents, enjoy a night out while kids have a fun, safe evening at church filled with activities and care.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 17 | 5:30 PM

Join us for a festive pancake dinner as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season.



Ash Wednesday – Drive Thru Ashes

Wednesday, February 18

A meaningful and convenient opportunity to receive ashes as we begin the season of Lent.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 18 | 7:00 PM

Join us for a reflective worship service marking the beginning of Lent with prayer, scripture, and the imposition of ashes.



We look forward to kicking off the new year together—join us this season!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Swansboro UMC and Merry Christmas! Whether this church is your spiritual home or you are worshiping with us for the first time tonight, we are truly glad you are here. On this holy night, we gather to sing familiar songs, to pray, and to remember the story at the heart of our faith.

Christmas is the celebration of a profound and holy mystery: that God chose not to remain distant, but to dwell among us. In Jesus, God entered a specific time and place—born into a particular community, among ordinary people. This is the miracle of the incarnation: God with us, right where we are.

That belief shapes who we are as a church—and it shapes what we are doing with the Christmas Eve offering this year.

In years past, the Christmas Eve offering has been shared with a specific charity or mission. This year, the offering we receive tonight will support the mission and ministry of this church. We do this unapologetically and with deep conviction, trusting that the local church is not separate from God's mission in the world, but one of the primary ways God continues to dwell among God's people.

Because we believe so deeply in that calling, we invest in the shalom of this community. Week by week, we gather for worship, and from that worship we are sent—into classrooms and living rooms, hospital rooms and funeral homes, moments of celebration and seasons of struggle. This church is a place of welcome and hospitality, where neighbors gather, community groups find space, and care is practiced in ways both visible and unseen. We exist to do the slow, faithful work of paying attention to God, delighting in God's life among us, practicing community care, and becoming more fully who God calls us to be.

Thank you for being part of this holy night, and for joining us in the life we share here. May the joy and peace of Christ be with you this Christmas.

Joyfully,

Rev. Laura Thompson