

## Announcements

### Artists Wanted for Our Exodus Worship Series

This fall, we're inviting artists of all ages and experience levels to help bring our Exodus worship series to life. Choose a scripture that inspires you and submit your artwork to Alysia at [abarth@swansboroumc.org](mailto:abarth@swansboroumc.org) or drop it off at the church office (Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.). Please have art in by August 12<sup>th</sup>. Optional artist statements are welcome. We look forward to experiencing the story of Exodus through the creativity of our church family! See more information and sign up with QR code.



### ☀️ BRING CHRIST'S CARE TO HURTING PEOPLE ☀️

Become a Stephen Minister!

Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one Christian care and support to people experiencing difficult times. Training will equip you with the skills and confidence to walk alongside others with Christ's love.

 Training Begins: October 2

 Sundays at 2:00 PM

 Information Sessions: **August 9** following each service in the bldg. 1, Library

Learn more about this life-changing ministry and how you can serve by visiting: [swansboroumc.org/stephen-ministry](http://swansboroumc.org/stephen-ministry) Applications are available online.

### New Book Study: *Toxic Charity*

Wednesdays • September 9, 16, 23 & 30 • 6:00 PM

Join us for a four-week study of *Toxic Charity* by Robert D. Lupton as we explore a biblical approach to serving others with compassion, dignity, and lasting impact. Whether you're active in missions or simply want to deepen your understanding of faithful service, this study is for you.



Use the QR code or contact Alysia in the church office to sign up.

### Blood Drive – Help Save a Life!

Join us for our upcoming Blood Drive on:

 Tuesday, August 25  9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Building 3

Every pint donated can help save multiple lives. Whether you're a first-time donor or a regular giver, your generosity makes an incredible impact.

 Scan the QR code below to reserve your donation time today!

Give blood. Give hope. Give life. ❤️



### Tunnel to Towers 5K Walk & Run

Join on **Saturday, September 19** to honor our nation's heroes by participating in the Tunnel to Towers 5K Walk & Run. Your participation helps support first responders, military families, and veterans. **Scan the QR code to register and learn more.**



### Interested in Traveling to Rwanda?

Join us for an informational meeting on **Sunday, August 2**, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services to learn about an upcoming Zoe Empowers trip to Rwanda (February 17–26, 2027).

Discover how you'll have the opportunity to meet youth whose lives are being transformed through Zoe Empowers, learn about the itinerary, costs, and travel details, and ask any questions. There is no obligation—just come explore this unique opportunity and prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to go.

### Grow in Faith Through Music!

Beginning Sunday, September 13, we're excited to launch two new music opportunities for children and youth! Youth Choir (Grades 3–8) will rehearse in Building 1 (Choir Room), and Youth Worship Band (Grades 9–12) will meet in Building 3. Both groups will meet from 4:00–4:30 PM, followed by UMC Kids and Youth Group from 4:30–6:30 PM. No auditions are required—just bring a willing heart and a desire to worship through music.

For more information, contact email [music@swansboroumc.org](mailto:music@swansboroumc.org) (Youth Choir) or [bhoff@swansboroumc.org](mailto:bhoff@swansboroumc.org) (Youth Worship Band).

### Crystal Coast Choral Society is Back!

Celebrate the Society's 40th season!

 No audition required—new singers are welcome!

Back to Singing Picnic Tuesday, August 25 | 5:00–7:00 PM

Swansboro Parks & Recreation Center

Rehearsals Begin Tuesday, September 8 | 7:00–9:00 PM

Swansboro United Methodist Church

 Scan the QR code or visit [crystalcoastchoralsociety.org](http://crystalcoastchoralsociety.org) for details and to RSVP.



## This Week at a Glance

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| Mon. 8/3  | - Rise & Shine Group, 8:30 am, via Zoom              |
| Wed. 8/5  | - Mid-week Communion, 12 pm, Bldg 1, Fellowship Hall |
| Thur. 8/6 | - Praise Band Practice, 6 pm, Bldg 3                 |
| Fri. 8/7  | - Art in the Heart of Jesus, 10 am                   |

## Opportunities to Serve

### 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 bring only REGULAR-SIZED cans.

Mac & cheese      Rice      Green beans      Pasta sauce

## Recurring Weekly Events

### SUNDAY

Daymark Worship, 8:25 am  
 Sunday School, 9:40 am  
 Beacon Worship, 10:30 am  
 UM Kids, Youth, & Young  
 Adult/Parents Group 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, 6:00 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. 7/26/26

In-Person Attendance – 8:30 - 121 10:30 - 109

### 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

A Cup of Grace – Bldg 2, room 31

### Kids Sunday School

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

3 yr. old – 6<sup>th</sup> gr. - Bldg. 1, Rm 13

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

|                                              | 2026<br>June       | 2026<br>Year-to-Date |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Contributions to Church Operating Budget     | \$ 96,328          | \$ 392,006           |
| Contribution from Childcare                  | \$ 25,000          | \$ 50,000            |
| Less Church Operating Expenses               | (77,317)           | (468,466)            |
| <b>Net Church Operating (Income/Deficit)</b> | <b>\$ 44,011</b>   | <b>\$ (26,460)</b>   |
|                                              |                    |                      |
| Building Contributions                       | \$ 8,251           | \$ 43,229            |
| Less Building Debt Payments                  | (19,326)           | (115,953)            |
| <b>Building (Deficit)</b>                    | <b>\$ (11,075)</b> | <b>\$ (72,724)</b>   |
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| <b>Net Total (Income/Deficit)</b>            | <b>\$ 32,936</b>   | <b>\$ (99,184)</b>   |

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| <b>Balance Owed on Building Loan</b> |  | <b>\$ 347,002</b> |
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# WELCOME



**Swansboro United Methodist Church – August 2, 2026**

## 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.**

## FIND US

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 Swansboro, NC 28584

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## CONTACT US

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Church Office Hours  
 Monday - Thursday  
 9 am - 2 pm