

# Susanna Wesley UMC

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## Sunday Services

Traditional at 8:15 a.m.  
Contemporary at 10:30 a.m.  
In-Service, Facebook Live  
Drive-In Worship 101.7 FM

April 15  
2022



## A Mid-Month Update on the Activities of SWUMC



# April

## Mid-Month Update

### Upcoming Services

**Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunrise Service**  
6:15 a.m. arrival  
Gloucester Pt Beach  
(breakfast to follow)

**Easter**  
**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
**Scripture:**  
John 20:1-18  
**Message:**  
God Raised Him

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
**Scripture:**  
Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)  
**Message:**  
Who are you Lord?

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
**Mother's Day**  
  
**Guest Preacher**  
**Rev. Carol Bookwalter**

This month's newsletter is coming to you on Good Friday. A day we remember and reflect on the suffering and death on the cross of Jesus Christ. Many will fast, pray, repent, and meditate on the agony and suffering of Christ. Many will go about the day with little thought about the meaning of this day or the coming Easter morning.

But it's Easter morning that changes everything for us. It's in Christ's resurrection that we have a new life. One in which "whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." But how many of us go about our lives thinking nothing about our future? We go about our lives as if we are stuck in the Louis Armstrong song *We Have All the Time in the World*.

*We have all the time in the world  
Time enough for life to unfold  
All the precious things love has in store  
We have all the time in the world*

But do you know how many weeks are in an average human lifespan?

4,000 weeks.

That's it. Maybe a few more or a lot less. That's all the time most of us (if we're lucky) have in this world. Time enough for life. A life that unfolds all the precious things an earthly life can provide. One in which we can build up treasures in heaven. For the love He has in store for us. Just a thought as Easter Sunday approaches.

Pastor Tom

**Church Office Hours: Monday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

# Find Community Here

## Adult Small Groups

### **Bible Basics Small Group**

Room 4 & on Zoom at 9:25am

Led by: Karl Miller

Send request for Zoom invitation to puzzles4you@hotmail.com.

Lively discussion guaranteed, comfortable and prayer driven.

To join via Zoom email: puzzles4you@hotmail.com

### **Explorers Small Group**

Room 7

Led by: Kim Tipton

Learning and growing on "The Wired Word".

## Young Adult Small Groups

### **"The Decision Room"**

### **Young Adult Small Group (COMING SOON!)**

Room 3

Led By: Pastor Tom and TBD

Exploring our faith

(We are setting up the room with new couches, etc. in preparation for our first session)

## Youth

### **Youth Small Group (6th-12th Grade)**

Room 5

Led By: Joanne Fary & Sebastian Brock

## Children

### **(Prayers for those who used to help and those who can)**

As our families are starting to return we need help to restart and reestablish our nursery and Children's small group ministry Pray about helping.

## Monday Morning Prayer Ministry

When: 10:00 a.m. every Monday (except holidays)

Where: Classroom 7, Explorers Adult Small Group Room

## Pastor's Book Study

*The Heart of Christianity*

Begins May 17th



# REDBIRD

a United Methodist Mission in Beverly, KY



Mark Your Calendars

## Mission Trip



Our Mission Outreach Committee has submitted our application. We have requested

### **The week of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

We will await approval of this preferred week with the following back-up weeks  
2<sup>nd</sup> choice: week of July 16<sup>th</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> choice: week of June 25<sup>th</sup>; 4<sup>th</sup> choice: week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>

**We will depart early Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>  
arriving between 3 and 5 p.m. for check in at Work Camp to begin our week.**  
*(it will be a 9 1/2 hour drive with a stop for lunch)*

### **Check out the Red Bird Mission Table in the Atrium**

There you will find:

- Red Bird Mission Work Camp Brochures
- Sample Schedule
- Work Camp Map
- Work Camp Leader Guide
- Questions and Answers
- Applications – Medical and Emergency Information Forms

### **Where are we going?**

Red Bird Mission Work Camp  
70 Queendale Center, Beverly, KY 40913

This is a year-round work opportunity for volunteers in mission and service-minded groups. Work Camp strives to provide home repair for low-income community residents and maintenance for Mission buildings and grounds. Some examples of work projects are roof replacement, small room additions, painting, building porches or ramps, and grounds keeping. Other light duty work is available such as cutting soup upc's, office work, craft and community store helpers, and recycling. A single fee covers the cost of each person's lodging, meals, and materials used.

## How much will it cost?

Total price per person is

Adults (ages 10-100) \$425 (\$50 deposit plus two payments of \$187.50)

Youth (ages 6-9) \$212.50 (\$50 deposit plus two payments of \$81.25)

Children (ages 0-5) FREE

Pray about going – cost and construction experience should not be an issue

## Will we have fund raisers?

**Yes!!**

Our first fundraiser will be a Fish Fry held **May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Applications available in the Atrium

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## Extraordinary Giving

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Tithes/Offerings Received - \$17,588.67

Below Budget - \$1,675.33

SWUMC Mission Tithe - \$1,759.00

## 2nd Mile Giving Opportunity and Update

### HVAC Replacement

This past January we announced a 2<sup>nd</sup> mile giving opportunity for our community. Our HVAC system, to large extent, is 34 years old. One unit was replaced in 2020 which feeds our Worship/Fellowship Center. We have raised the funds to replace the two remaining units that support our Worship/Fellowship Center and Atrium. They are on order pending their install in the near future. We sing praises for the blessings so many of us have shared in giving beyond our normal tithe to provide for the new units.

But we are not finished. Our Education Wing has two units in need of replacement; the smaller has undergone repairs in the past and has a newer condensing unit which can be seen just outside the community room window. The larger 15-ton unit is all original and we have been blessed that it is still working. Check out its condensing unit, we all need to be singing praises. We continue to budget \$700 a month towards the replacement of these units. The \$700 represents a monthly payment if we had to finance their replacement. Pray about giving a second mile gift towards the replacement of these last two units. This past year several members committed to give one month's payment over a period of time. Others gave partial payments. These are just a few of the ways 2<sup>nd</sup> mile gifts were made. We will keep you updated in May with a giving thermometer so everyone can see our progress towards raising the additional \$26,206.00 needed.

## ***Ministry Opportunities as we grow our in-service worship...***

We've all grown comfortable being away from our community of faith. It's easier to watch online, with a cup of coffee or in your PJ's. Whether you watch on Sunday or during the week, we want to invite you back to in-service worship. We know getting back into the routine of going to church on Sunday will take time. No matter what; whether online, or your periodic attendance, you are part of our community. We miss you. Our online ministry will always be there for you. As you contemplate returning to in-worship service we invite you to be in prayer about becoming involved in your community once again.

### ***Greeters, Liturgists, Video Booth, and Sound Booth***

#### **Greeters**

Our Greeters welcome you, whether a first-time attendee or a founding member of our community, they are the most important people in our community. A Greeter not only welcomes, but is there to assist and answer questions. We need those with the gifts of hospitality to step forward to welcome us and remain in the Atrium during service. There they will watch the service live on the large TV in the Atrium and monitor the radio (which is live). In the near future we will be providing a tablet to monitor the Facebook feed. By doing this we will insure our services are online and in the parking lot for those who attend. In the near future, they will share the Lord's Supper with those who are listening on their radios in the parking lot. Pray about serving once again as you return to in-service worship.

#### **Liturgists**

Would you like to read the scripture, lead your community in prayer, etc.? Everyone is welcome to participate in worship. We provide the scripture in advance and in the near future will be inviting lay members to assist in other ways in service. Tell a Greeter that you are interested and they will forward your name to the Worship Committee to coordinate with you.

#### **Video Booth and Audio Booth Operators/Helpers**

We have been on a journey of technology. Two years ago, we would never have imagined we would need the cameras, sound, lights, and TV's we now have. We need helpers to check the microphones before each service and assist those in the sound booth and video booths where needed.

A degree in technology is not required!





# Food Pantry

## How you can help?

### Food Pantry

- Bring in or drop off your food donations at the door
  - We encourage you to bring items highlighted below
  - All donations help those in need
- Volunteer to help with the Food Pantry

### Fishes and Loaves

- Volunteer to help once a month with Fishes and Loaves
  - Help with preparing the meal
  - Package the meal for delivery
  - Deliver the hot meals to those who need them most – a kind word and smile when delivering can change the day and week for the person who receiving the meal

- **Boxed Meals**
- Canned Vegetables
  - Corn
  - Green Beans
  - Peas
  - Beans
- Canned Meats
  - Tuna
  - Spam
  - **Ham**
  - **Chicken**
- Rice (Small bags)
- Dried Beans (Small bags)
- **Breakfast Bars**
- **Granola Bars**
- Diapers (adult, infant)
- Pasta
- Dry (Powered) Milk
- **Boxed (Shelf Stable) Milk**
- Evaporated Milk
- Condensed Milk
- **Canned Fruit**
- **Snack Pack Fruit**
- Dried Fruit
  - Raisins
  - Craisins
- Soups
- Stews
- Ramen Noodles
- Condiments (Mayo, Ketchup, etc.)
- Feminine products
- Pasta Sauce
- Jelly/Preserves - When you visit the food pantry you will see an abundance of peanut butter and jelly
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Corn Bread (Jiffy)
- Stuffing Mix
- Cake Mix
- **Cereal - Cheerios, Honey Nut, Wheaties, Corn Flakes, Chex**
- Personal Cleaning Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Toilet paper

**NOTE:** The food pantry is open to all who are need. If you or someone you know needs food, please call 804-642-7551 on Monday to be put on the list for food pickup at SWUMC on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-noon. Tell them our volunteers will bring their bag(s) (grocery, fresh vegetables) to their vehicle.

**We are always in need of brown paper grocery bags!**



## Fish Fry Fundraiser

**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> (time TBA)**

We're having our first Fish Fry fundraiser for the Red Bird Mission Trip. Let your friends and neighbors know we will offer pick-up and eat-in at the church. Come one, come all to partake of what we believe is our World-Famous Fish Fry Dinner.

## To Activate the Prayer Chain:

*Step 1: Call any of the individuals listed during the time indicated.*

*Step 2: Please leave a message if your call is not answered before calling another member of the prayer chain.*

*Step 3: Pray as the prayer chain prays for your need*

*You may also place your written requests in the drop box at the front door or email you prayer request to:*

[Prayers@susannawesleyumc.org](mailto:Prayers@susannawesleyumc.org)

*How can I join the prayer chain?*

*Call the office: 804-642-7551*

### DAYTIME: 7AM – 5PM

- Phyllis Russell (804) 684-5143
- Joyce Neville (804) 815-2089
- Louise Quinn (804) 693-2192
- Julia Scarborough (804) 642-4525
- Deborah Wilson (757) 784-2451

### EVENINGS: 5PM – 11PM

- Vicki Barnes (757) 592-4489
- Barbara McGlohn (804) 384-1693
- Goldie Rowe (804) 824-7377

### NIGHTTIME: 11PM – 7AM

- Phyllis Russell (804) 684-5143
- Sonnie Leonard (804) 815-2864

**Church Office: (804) 642-7551**  
**Pastor Tom Tipton: (703) 307-6892**

**Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers:**

**Contact Pastor Tom or the church office - 804-642-7551 to add people to or remove people from the prayer list.**

- Gary Crayton for healing from his fall
- Keith Hoban for healing and strength from his accident
- Shirley Fanton's daughter, Michelle Grover, for healing and strength as she undergoes treatment
- Virginia Meyer for continued healing and blessings in her new home
- Sebastian Brock as begins his ministry with our youth and as his store recovers from the losses from the fire
- Harry Leonard for healing of his knee
- Linda Triolet and her family as they care for her mom
- Charles Rowe continued prayers for healing and strength
- The Leonard family, prayers for healing
- Rev. Gary Livermon for continued healing and strength as he takes medical leave before retiring
- Seema Tipton as she continues treatment for breast cancer
- Betty Brown, prayers for healing from fall and COVID
- Don Wilson & Deborah Wilson
- Robbie Hansford, prayers for healing
- Sondra Colbert's mother
- Goldie Rowe, prayers for peace and strength
- Vicki Barnes, prayers for healing as she continues treatment
- For those who have personal prayer needs

**PRAISE:** Joyce Neville's daughter's father-in-law, Roy Frazier, is doing much better – thank you for your prayers.



# Upcoming Events

- *Women's Fellowship – Tues, April 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. (Woodville Park, bring a lunch)*
- *Leadership Board – Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. (Zoom & in-person)*
- *Fishes & Loaves – Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 3-5 p.m. (church kitchen)*
- *Mission Outreach Committee – Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:15 p.m. (Zoom & in-person)*

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Below Budget - \$602.33  
SWUMC Mission Tithe - \$1,866.16

## WORSHIP TEAM NEWS



An Altar/Worship Space Flower Calendar for the New Year, is posted on the Library Door in our Worship Space.

When signing up please include your phone number and email. Members are asked to sign up for a Sunday to bring flowers for the Altar and/or the Worship Space. We have two (2) stands that are available for the flowers. Flowers may be either live, (keep in mind some may have sensitivities to Easter Lilies and other highly fragrant types of flower) or dried, an artificial arrangement or even a plant type arrangement. Members are asked to remove their flowers after the second service (flowers are nice to take to our shut-in's or others not able to be with us in worship If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Germek (804-815-3639) or Ginny Miller 804-642-9651

### *Celebration Tree*

As you enter the double doors into our Worship Space you will notice a new addition - it is the Celebration Tree! This month we are focusing on both the food pantry along with the Shoebox Ministry. Pick up a Shoebox ministry shopping list. There is a collection box below the table to drop off your monthly donation suggestions.

**APRIL** - tennis balls, small footballs, hacky sacks, deflated soccer balls with pumps

**MAY** - small stuffed animals, plastic animals such as horses, cows, dogs, small hand games, & other toys. (NO toy soldiers or toys that represent violence)



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**I AM NO LONGER MY OWN, BUT THINE**  
PUT ME TO WHAT THOU WILT, RANK ME WITH WHOM THOU WILT.  
**PUT ME TO DOING, PUT ME TO SUFFERING.**  
LET ME BE EMPLOYED FOR THEE OR LAID ASIDE FOR THEE.  
LET ME HAVE ALL THINGS, LET ME HAVE NOTHING.  
**I FREELY AND HEARTILY YIELD ALL THINGS**  
**TO THY PLEASURE AND DISPOSAL.**  
AND NOW, O GLORIOUS AND BLESSED GOD,  
**FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT,**  
**THOU ART MINE AND I AM THINE.**

**SO BE IT.**

AND THE COVENANT WHICH I HAVE MADE ON EARTH,  
**LET IT BE RATIFIED IN HEAVEN.**

**AMEN.**

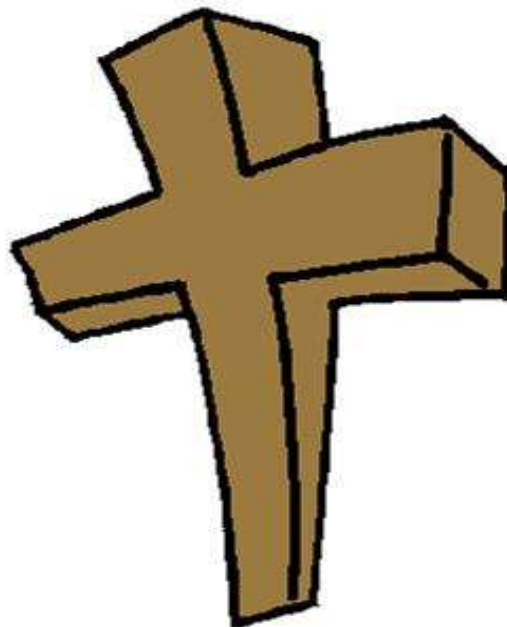
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**-JOHN WESLEY**

# Easter Word Search

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RISEN  
ROMANS  
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SALVATION  
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THORNS

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