

# 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

February 15  
2022



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



# February

## Mid-Month Update

### Upcoming Services

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:**

1 Corinthians 15: 35, 42-50

**Message:** Love Never Ends:  
Being the Body of Christ

**Raised to Glory**

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:** Luke 9: 28

**Message:** Love Never Ends:  
Being the Body of Christ

**Raised to Glory**

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ash Wednesday**

6:30 p.m.

**Message:**

Gathered Up in Jesus  
**An Act of Piety**

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Luke 4:1-13

**Message**

Gathered Up in Jesus  
**An Opportune Time**

### Challenge

Throughout this season of ordinary time (period between the Epiphany and Ash Wednesday/Lent) we have been reading and talking about Paul's letter to the church in Corinth. Paul formed this community of faith two years earlier when he first traveled to this prosperous city of commerce located about 50 miles (80 km) west of city of Athens in Greece today, at the eastern end of the Gulf of Corinth.

When Paul arrived at Corinth it had the largest population in Greece with Greeks, Jews and Romans. While the majority of Corinth was Greek, the Latin names mentioned in Paul's letter attest to its Roman influence. Corinth was not only prosperous it was the center of a plethora of pagan temples which included the temple of Aphrodite. Aphrodite is the goddess of sexual love and beauty and a culture of promiscuity was prevalent in the city. We could call it the sin city of its time.

Paul was saddened by reports of dissension among his fellow converts. Paul begins his letter with a reminder that all are to be regarded as servants of Christ.

*"This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed."* (1 Corinthians 4:1).

Then, while answering questions sent to him from members of the community, he addresses matters of immorality, marriage and celibacy, the conduct of women, the propriety of eating meat

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**Church Office Hours: Monday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

offered to idols, and the worthy reception of the Lord's Supper (Eucharist). Too many times we focus on this portion of his letter, choosing to hang onto their challenges. We tend to apply what is taking place in a culture we are unfamiliar with. We don't pay attention to our own challenges today and choose not to listen to his message of correction to the community, which applies to us today regardless of the cultural problems of the past.

The community is quarreling about the nature and distribution of spiritual gifts. Paul replies that jealousy among those working in the Spirit of God is as irrational as jealousy between the eye and the ear ("because I am not an eye" read 1 Corinthians 12:15-20): both are essential to the well-being of the body as a whole.

Today we are so challenged by the busyness of our lives that we no longer argue about who has the superior gift. Instead we argue about the lack of time to share the spiritual gifts God has given us. At this time your community needs the sharing of your spiritual gifts so that we all can begin to grow and spread the word of God's love.

Why love? Because this is the month in which we celebrate our love for one another on Valentine's day. In 1 Corinthians, the most noteworthy of all Pauline texts (chapter 13), Paul explains to his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ (and us) that no gift of God—whether it be the gift of tongues, faith that moves mountains, or knowledge of mysteries—has meaning unless it is accompanied by love. He also reaffirms the reality of Christ's Resurrection—doubted or denied by some—as the very foundation of Christian faith. So, in the remaining days of this month and the days and years to come think about applying what Paul tells us. No matter what we do if we "do not have love, we gain nothing."

*"<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*<sup>8</sup> Love never ends."* (1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NRSV)

My challenge for you is to share this love every day.

*Pastor Tom*

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*John Wesley observed,*

*"Love is the fulfilling of the law, the end of the commandment." It is not only "the first and great" command, but all the commandments in one.*

*"Whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise," they are all comprised in this one word, love."*



## **Monday Morning Prayer Ministry**

When: 10:00 a.m. every Monday except Holidays

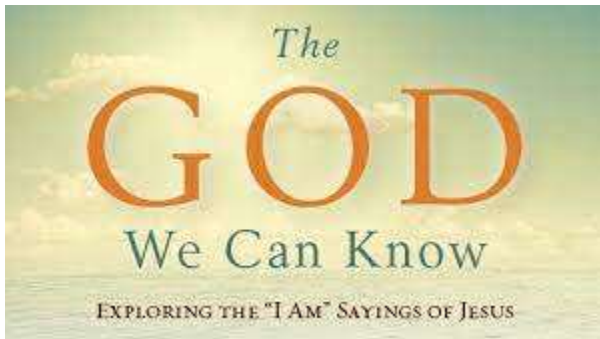
Where: Church Library located in our  
Worship/Fellowship Center

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### **Pastor Book Studies**

#### **There's Still Time to Join in**

#### **The God We Can Know Exploring the "I am" Sayings of Jesus**



Seven Week Course

Began Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

We will begin Week 3 this Wednesday

12:00 Noon

In-person and via Zoom

Book cost \$8.00  
Available in the Church Office

#### **Upcoming Book Study**

#### **The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith**



This course was put on hold until we are able to hold an in-person study without face coverings. If all goes well we are beginning to see CDC guidance that will allow us to meet with this environment.

Why the need to see each? This book study is one in which you will be challenged to see beyond just the words we read but to listen to and open your heart to the message that is shared which is the Heart of Christianity. You will be asked to talk and share you own faith stories and listen to your fellow brothers and sisters' stories as we delve deeply in our understanding of the word of God.

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“Do not waste time bothering whether you “love” your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone you will presently come to love him.”

C.S. Lewis



# REDBIRD

a United Methodist Mission in Beverly, KY

Mark Your Calendars

## Mission Trip

Our Mission Outreach Committee is in process of planning a mission trip for June/July 2023.

### Why 2023?

To plan a fruitful and effective trip we are following the guidance of the Red Bird Mission Work Camp where we will serve for a week. Red Bird Mission is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year in mission this year.

### Where?

Red Bird Mission Work Camp  
Beverly, KY

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 up'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.

### What are the proposed dates?

We have tentatively selected the following weeks.

June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023; June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023; July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023; July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

We will prioritize the weeks from 1 to 4 and based upon the size of our group and needs of Red Bird we will be assigned a week to come.

### How much will it cost?

Total price per person is \$425 (\$50 deposit plus two payments of \$187.50)

### Will we have fund raisers?

Yes!!

Our first fundraiser will be a Fish Fry held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May

### For more Information

We have placed brochures about Red Bird Mission in our lobby. We will be sharing more information during our worship services and in a future meeting where we will share a video about Red Bird along with more detailed information about the trip.

# 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!**

## Message from Bobby Scarborough Food Pantry & Fishes and Loaves Helper



### “Helpers”

I and others have been helpers for the “Food Pantry” and “Fishes and Loaves” ministries for years. I said years because it has been going on for 21 to 22 years. There have been many “Jesus Moments.” Here are a few: 1. A mother and her child come in for food. The child said “Mama does this mean we get breakfast today?” They lived in their car. 2. A man out of work, a carpenter, riding a bicycle. He came in for food and kerosene. He and his wife, she was in a wheelchair, lived in the woods in a tent. They needed kerosene to help keep warm. These stories and many more are the importance of supporting a “Food Pantry.” You never know when you could need help.

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### **“Fishes and Loaves”**

We give 50 to 60 hot meals once a month to “Meals on Wheels” which is sponsored by “Bay Aging” located up the county. We give each person a hot meal, plus we give their caregiver and whoever is with them that day a meal. Who likes to eat alone? We have a pool of helpers that are drivers of the meals. If you are a driver, some month you might not be able to drive. We have a pool of drivers we pull from. We use 10 to 12 drivers a month. The cooking is done in the church Kitchen. If you are a “good” cook and would like to cook some month call (804)832-9114 for details.

“Bay Aging” used to call the “Meals on Wheels” persons to see if they needed a meal, but they are short on volunteers, so we have been calling these folks for the last three years. It’s a joy and a blessing getting to know those folks. There are a lot of “Jesus Moments” such as: 1. “My daughter has had a stroke. She is a single mother with 5 children. I am her father on disability. I am the caregiver, can you “please” give us 7 meals.” 2. This one happens a lot, “I just need one meal, my wife died last week.” That stops you cold. 3. One person asked if she could have 2 meals so she would have something to eat on Sunday. 4. This one was hard on the driver. This guy lived in a shack, not much more than a tent. He could hardly move, had no running water meaning not many baths. He only had a cooler to keep food in. The only thing he had to his name was a cell phone. He has since died. Very sad.

The hardest commandment that covers all commandments is the hardest to live by: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” I have had people say, “They are wearing better clothes than I have” or “Look at that high-dollar car they don’t need no food.” This one really got to me. “I bet they go to all the food pantries.” I moved here 44 years ago with a wife and 3 children a duck and a dog. I was out of work for 10 months. I worked in construction. No matter how good you were at your trade, it did not matter. Back then you couldn’t buy a job, times were bad all over. I did not sell my 1-year old car or throw away my old clothes. I needed them to help me to find a job. If there had been any food pantries and I needed food I would have used them. As many of them as it took to feed my family. You’re not stealing, you’re begging, asking sounds better. Close your eyes and think for a moment, what would I do if I didn’t have money to buy food for my family? We know some people will take advantage. We are not about judging, that’s “God’s “work. Our job is to love one another. Here’s something to think about: When Jesus fed the 4000 he didn’t ever ask how many goats, sheep, or camels they owned. He fed them out of love, “fishes and loaves.”

Our food program is a quiet mission. We don’t talk about what we do. We are just helpers working together trying that best we can to love our neighbor. It’s not easy but it’s a start. If you would like to be a “helper” call (804)832-9114 and leave a message so someone will contact you.

Our food program is based on:

#### **Matthew 6:1-4 (NIV)**

Giving to the Needy

*6 “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.*

*2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

#### **James 2:14-17 (NIV)**

Faith and Deeds

*14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

“Helper,”

Bobby Scarborough

## 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) 642-4961
- Julia Scarborough (804) 642-4525
- Deborah Wilson (757) 784-2451

### **EVENINGS: 5PM – 11PM**

- Vicki Barnes (757) 542-4489
- 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 at 804-642-7551 to add people to or remove people from the prayer list.**

- The family of Anne Combs in her passing (Pastor Tom's Aunt)
- 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 cancer treatment for breast cancer
- Joyce Neville daughters' father in law for healing and strength
- 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 undergoes treatment
- For those who have personal prayer needs
- For those who cannot receive the vaccine due to health conditions. For all of us to seek to protect them from COVID 19
- Family members who struggle with addiction & mental health issues



# Upcoming Events

- *Women's Fellowship – Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30am (church)*
- *President's Day – Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> (office closed, no prayer ministry)*
- *Leadership Board – Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm (Zoom and in-person)*
- *Fishes & Loaves – Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm (church kitchen)*

## Extraordinary Giving

“and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to anyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.” Matthew 5:41-42

### January Giving Report>>>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We are blessed as we tithe as a community supporting the missions of Susanna Wesley. Serving our community locally, nationally and internationally.

2022 Budget for January - \$19,264.00

Tithes/Offerings Received - \$14,611.13

Below Budget - \$4,652.87

SWUMC Mission Tithe - \$1,461.11

## 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 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.

**FEBRUARY** - Hair bows & hair clips, hair scrunchies, hair brushes, hair pics, hair combs (sturdy, not pocketsize)

**MARCH** - soap, washcloths (not micro-fiber), toothbrushes (individually wrapped)





# All About Love Bible Verse Race

Fill in the blanks of each Bible verse using the words provided.



## Celebrate Love!

his	fails	meal	joined	quench	rivers
tongue	wife	himself	love	better	calf
rejoice	envy	boast	hope	favor	fountain
binds	actions	strands	separate	first	greatest
return	virtues	mine	noble	rubies	good

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not \_\_\_\_\_, it does not \_\_\_\_\_, it is not proud.

May your \_\_\_\_\_ be blessed, and may you \_\_\_\_\_ in the wife of your youth.

And now these three remain: faith, \_\_\_\_\_ and love. But the \_\_\_\_\_ of these is love.

He who finds a wife finds what is \_\_\_\_\_ and receives \_\_\_\_\_ from the LORD.

Better a \_\_\_\_\_ of vegetables where there is love than a fattened \_\_\_\_\_ with hatred.

A wife of \_\_\_\_\_ character who can find? She is worth far more than \_\_\_\_\_.

And over all these \_\_\_\_\_ put on love, which \_\_\_\_\_ them all together in perfect unity.

Therefore what God has \_\_\_\_\_ together, let man not \_\_\_\_\_.

Many waters cannot \_\_\_\_\_ love; \_\_\_\_\_ cannot wash it away.

Dear children, let us not love with words or \_\_\_\_\_ but with \_\_\_\_\_ and in truth.

Two are \_\_\_\_\_ than one, because they have a good \_\_\_\_\_ for their work.

He who loves his \_\_\_\_\_ loves \_\_\_\_\_.

We \_\_\_\_\_ because he \_\_\_\_\_ loved us.

Love never \_\_\_\_\_.

My lover is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am \_\_\_\_\_.

A cord of three \_\_\_\_\_ is not quickly broken.



## Kingdom by Kristian Stanfill

This song is both an anthem and a rallying cry. On one hand it's a unifying proclamation of the church's call to be people of God, and on the other hand it's a reminder to the church of the mission to pour ourselves out for the world's sake.

*Stand up and heed heaven's call  
Coming to us one and all  
To live love and give love  
To those who don't know of  
The lavish and true love of God  
We are the kingdom of God  
We are an army of love  
We carry truth to the world  
We are the kingdom of God*



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

### **Greeters, Liturgists (reading scripture) Video Booth Operators, Sound booth helpers)**

When you come to service you will notice we have a bulletin. Oh, happy days and we take another step towards normalcy. You also notice we have the beginnings of a serving list with a lot of blank spaces. Greeters are the most important people in our community. They welcome those who are part of our community, those who are visiting and assist in insuring our services are being shared both via the radio for those in the parking lot, but also online. 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. We will be proving 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 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.

### **Media Ministry HELP – WE NEED HELP**

#### **How can you help?**

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. If you can press a button and speak into a microphone that is all that is required. We may have you adjust the microphone stand or turn on a light etc. But nothing complicated. By helping, we will insure our services are heard by all.

We also need those who would like to help in other ways. By learning how to adjust the sound board or operate the video computer.

- Can you serve one Sunday a month?
- Do you have any talents, skills, or training that you'd like to share with our ministry?
- What's the best way to communicate with you: email, text, or phone call?

Contact

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

*Articles and Ministry updates for submission in the Monthly newsletter are due by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Mid-Month submissions are by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the current month.*