

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

January 15

2022



A Mid-Month Update on the Activities of SWUMC



January

Mid-Month Update

Upcoming Services

Sunday, January 16th

8:15 & 10:30am

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Message:

Varieties of Gifts

Sunday, January 23rd

8:15 & 10:30am

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 12: 12

Message:

You Are the Body

Sunday, January 30th

8:15 & 10:30am

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Message:

The Greatest of These

Sunday, February 6th

8:15 & 10:30am

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Message:

Hold Firmly

“Well, here we are again. Another year has passed, and a new year emerges before us. Same as last year, but this year emerges as we put the challenges of 2021 behind us...” These were the words I wanted to share as we begin this new year, but the challenges of 2021 and 2020 are carrying into 2022.

So, who knew the challenges of this pandemic would continue? Last year at this time I was encouraging everyone to download a Bible app to your phone if you were tech savvy or add a newer translation or study bible to your library. Most of all to take time each day to open, read and reflect. This past year we have seen a resurgence of participation in our Sunday school classes with the addition of our Children’s Worship returning at our 2nd service.

So, how should we look forward to 2022? Is it imprudent to expect better things? Should we buckle down for another rough year? (e.g. masks, social distancing, fellowship activities a no-no, reduced activities and more zoom calls) It’s honestly hard to know what to expect or anticipate. As we hope for a better year, let’s also seek God’s power that is made perfect in weakness. Whether life is easy or hard, whether we feel blessed or burdened, it is always God’s strength that sustains us.

Perseverance comes through the Holy Spirit and may be the most valuable blessing God can provide to get us through daily life in this broken world. We all hope 2022 will be a great year filled with good news and sunshine, but if it’s not, we can still rejoice knowing God’s power never fails.

With this in mind we have so much to celebrate as we

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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.

begin this new year. We have persevered in our lives and in the ministry of our community. Blessings flow in our lives and upon those in need who we have served. Paul wrote in his letter to the communities of faith in Rome (Romans 5:3-5 NLT)

“We can rejoice too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”

The Holy Spirit has filled our hearts with his love. This past year we have celebrated our successes in recycling plastic and being blessed with another bench for our future prayer garden outside our atrium doors. We have provided monies from our tithe for those in need through the nonprofits we support (e.g. UMCOR, GUEST, ECHO, Teens Opposing Poverty). We are supporting missionaries who are sharing God’s love and His message in Spain, Tibet, India and the Philippines. Our Shoebox ministry packed over 100 boxes to be distributed to children around the world. We are doing more and more as a servant community. The brightest light in our ministries is the growth and blessings of our Food Pantry and Fishes and Loaves ministries. Our Food Pantry has grown in size and we are helping more people in need in this difficult time we are all enduring. Fishes and Loaves not only blesses those in need of a hot meal, we also provide a meal for a caretaker or loved one caring for another. Take time as you read this mid-month newsletter to pause and take in the number of people we are helping.

But as you read you will come upon the challenges we are still seeking to overcome. I have been praying since my arrival for God to inspire and guide me with a worthy study to bring our community closer in relationship with God and one another. I announced this past month a book study on *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*. As much as I dislike it, I find I have to delay the start of this class until we are able to meet in person as this study would not work well in a Zoom environment. We need to break out into small groups to discuss our own faith journeys which will be difficult for us on Zoom. The good news is I have another study that will work well on Zoom in the meantime. It’s *the God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus*. If you have purchased *The Heart of Christianity* hold on to it. As soon as we are able, we will schedule this class for both a daytime and evening session.

No matter what, the positives always outweigh the negatives. As we usher in this new year, sing praises for all the good that is taking place. Our new Mission Board/Committee will meet this month for the first time. Great things are coming as we share God’s love with those in need. We have overcome a lot and are growing in numbers one person at a time in this pandemic. We are continuing to take steps to improve our online presence, but also our ability to hold in person and online meetings via Zoom as we upgrade our classrooms. The sign is in for the lobby and as soon as we can do the final touch up on the accent wall, the sign will be installed.

In the midst of the struggles and challenges we are bringing back a sense of normalcy as we return to doing many of the things we did before the pandemic began.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:4-9 NIV

Continue to persevere in the challenges of before us, but more importantly celebrate the blessings of the Holy Spirit and the love of the Father in our daily lives.

Pastor Tom

Message from your Assistant Lay Leader – Marsha Germek

Greetings my Brothers and Sisters in Christ! It is my joy to share a few things with you in the newsletter for upcoming happenings in the church!

First, I want to thank you for your faith in appointing me to Assistant Lay Leader working with Phyllis who has been your Lay Leader for several years. She is a wonderful Christian woman and I look forward to her guidance in the months ahead. I also want to thank Pastor Tom for encouraging me to Pursue my Lay Servant Ministry with all of you at Susanna Wesley UMC. Since joining with Susanna Wesley earlier in 2021, I have been involved with the Altar Guild and the Prayer Team Ministry as well as attending worship, serving as a Liturgist, and attending Sunday School. I have completed two discipleship courses online and have one more to complete to become a Certified Lay Speaker. At Charge Conference in October, my information was submitted to the District as a Certified Lay Servant at Susanna Wesley, and I am deeply humbled and honored to serve with you.



In the new year I look forward to working with Pastor Tom and members of the congregation to strengthen, diversify and encourage participation in our worship services and other missions and events. I envision our youth becoming more involved in our worship service serving as Liturgists (readers) and acolytes and communion assistants. And, I look forward to working with those who have been liturgists, greeters, and ushers in establishing a calendar for participants which will help Pastor Tom greatly in worship service. I believe that I am called to this ministry to serve the Pastor who serves the pulpit and to the congregation who serves our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Peace and Grace to all
Marsha K. Germek
Certified Lay Servant



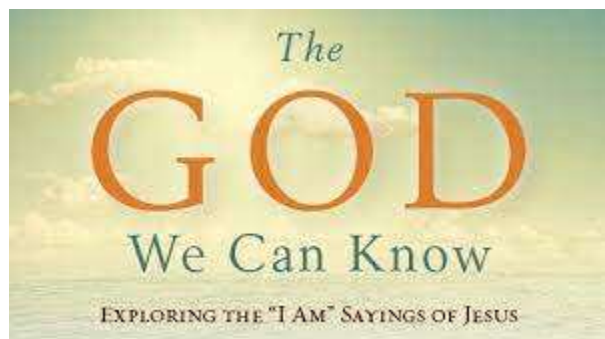
Monday Morning Prayer Ministry

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

Where: Church Library located in our
Worship/Fellowship Center

Upcoming Pastor Book Studies

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



Seven Week Course
Beginning Tuesday, February 1st
10: a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
In-person and via Zoom

The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith



We are on hold until we are able to hold an in-person study without face coverings. This will allow participants to share and explore ones understanding of their faith growing closer together to live out our faith.

Food Pantry & Fishes and Loaves Update 2021 Serving Statistics

Age Range	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Food Pantry (Number of people served by age range)												
55+	21	16	30	26	30	38	25	40	29	25	19	16
19-54	18	4	13	11	14	17	4	18	32	49	67	30
0-18	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>11</u>
Total Served	49	21	64	53	70	83	41	79	73	108	140	57
Fishes & Loaves (Number of people served with a hot meal)												
55+	75	61	58	66	69	55	61	68	60	56	59	No Meal

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boxed Meals • Canned Vegetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Corn ○ Green Beans ○ Peas ○ Beans • Canned Meats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tuna ○ Spam ○ Ham ○ Chicken • Rice (Small bags) • Dried Beans (Small bags) • Breakfast Bars • Granola Bars • Diapers (adult, infant) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta • Dry (Powered) Milk • Boxed (Shelf Stable) Milk • Evaporated Milk • Condensed Milk • Canned Fruit • Snack Pack Fruit • Dried Fruit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raisins ○ Cran-raisins • Soups • Stews • Ramen Noodles • Condiments (Mayo, Ketchup, etc.) • Feminine products | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 are best • Personal Cleaning Wipes • Paper Towels • Toilet paper |
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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!

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

How can I join the prayer chain?

Call the office: 804-642-7551

DAYTIME: 7AM – 5PM

- Janet Cochran (804) 693-2692
- 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.

- Elaine McCoy, Janet Cochran's niece for healing
- Michael and Sondra Colbert as they heal from Covid
- Sebastian Brock for healing
- Randy, Joanne, Emily and Taya as they recover from Covid
- Harry Leonard as he heals from the Flu
- Shirley Fanton's daughter, Michelle Grover.
- The family of Scott Paxton in his passing. Scott has been online each week.
- Linda Triolet and her family in the loss of step-father Alvin Knight
- Charles Rowe continued prayers for healing and strength
- The Leonard family, prayers for healing
- Rev. Gary Livermon for continued 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
- Jan Walsh, living with the lasting effects of COVID
- 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

- **LEADERSHIP BOARD** - Tuesday, January 18th 7pm ZOOM
- **Women's Fellowship** – Tuesday, January 18th 9:30am (church)
- **Fishes & Loaves** – Saturday, January 22nd 3-5pm (church kitchen)
- **Mission Board Meeting** – Monday, January 24th 7:15 p.m. ZOOM

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

December 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.

2021 Pandemic Budget for December - \$18,694.00

Tithes/Offerings Received - \$20,654.79

Above Budget - \$1,960.79

SWUMC Mission Tithe - \$2,065.48

WORSHIP TEAM NEWS



An Altar/Worship Space Flower Calendar for the New Year, beginning February 2022 will be 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 would like to donate the flowers to the church, let Marsha or Ginny know. 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 in honor of our Food Pantry. Our goal is to highlight the tree with decorative items for the monthly events that we Celebrate; e.g. Valentine's Day, Saint Patrick's Day, April Showers/May Flowers, Easter, Flag Day, 4th of July and so on. We invite you to bring in small decorative items to hang on the tree from Dollar Tree, Big Lots, Ollies, etc. along with food items for the Food Pantry. We want to highlight these small things to increase our awareness of the Food Pantry as a year-round giving table for our community. Items can be left in the library for Marsha & Ginny. Thanks!

CHURCH SEARCH

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CHANDELIERS CHAIR STALLS CHURCH DOORS

CHURCHYARD CLOCK HASSOCKS HYMN BOOKS

HYMN NUMBERS LADY CHAPEL LECTERN NAVE

MAGAZINES ORGAN FEW PORCH SNUFFER



PRAYER BOOKS



VESTRY



The Word doxology comes from:

(**Ancient Greek:** δοξολογία doxologia, from δόξα, doxa 'glory' and -λογία, -logia 'saying')

It is a short hymn (prayer) of praise to God. We sing it in service after we share our offerings. In this we acknowledge the source of our blessings. Many sing this at family gatherings as a blessing before the meal.

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

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

Children's Worship

Every Sunday during 2nd service.

Our children depart after the children's message video back to the Children's Classroom

Are you interested in volunteering to help in this ministry?

See Sarah Chowning before service to ask how you can help.

Ushers and Greeters

We are a welcoming community with many who have served as an usher or greeter. As we open our doors wider we need everyone to renew their commitment to serve God and also His community of faith we know as Susanna Wesley. Pray about serving again and tell those that are serving each Sunday to add your name to the list.

Media Ministry

We need help. Do you have a desire to learn about video or audio systems? The system is very easy to operate.

How can you help?

- Can you serve one Sundays 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

Missions Board

Our first meeting will be held Monday, January 24th at 7:15 a.m.

We will be discussing the budget, current allocations.

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