

# 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

May 15  
2022



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



# May

## Mid-Month Update

### Upcoming Services

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Acts 11: 1-18

**Message:**

What God Called Clean

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Acts 16: 9-15

**Message:**

Opened the Heart

**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Acts 16: 16-34

**Message:**

Disturbing the City

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Acts 2: 1-21

**Message:**

Overcoming Babel-  
Living the Spirit Life

When I departed for vacation who knew? Many of you knew we would have a good time at Disney World with our grandsons. We hoped that we would and were rewarded with an amazing vacation with them. They took turns sleeping in Nana and Papa's room on the fold down youth bed. They talked and played. They were excited to ride the rides and take in the shows at Magic Kingdom and Hollywood Studios. Disney provides an amazing experience. When we were at the Hall of Presidents they would ask if they were real, as the presidents moved back and forth and as President Lincoln spoke. They loved being in the Star Wars portion of Hollywood Studios, even though Nana thought it wasn't finished. "Are they going to paint this place? It looks like a garage."

When we were not in the park with the kids, we were in the pool. We had a wonderful time and are already planning a trip next year with them. But who knew when we headed home we would catch COVID? We couldn't have known, but it's still out there.

We awoke the first day back testing positive. As much as it became a challenge it was also a blessing. We were blessed with having our boosters and experiencing a mild case, though our stamina is just now beginning to return. We were blessed by the kindness, love and prayers of everyone in our community. We were blessed to be stuck at home on some dreary days with rain. But for me, as your pastor it was blessing to realize and witness all those who stepped in to help. So many of you called or texted and provided me care when I needed it most. Others helped out in service and in service to others.

So, in the end, who knew I needed to be reminded that our community is made up of many Disciples. Our community is centered on serving. Not just the pastor, but each one of you.

Just a thought - 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

Support our next Mission Fundraiser



## Fish Fry this Saturday!!!

May 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

We're having our first World-Famous Fish-Fry Fundraiser for the Red Bird Mission Trip. Offering take-out/eat-in (at the church). \$12 adults/\$8 children 11 & under. Fried fish, baked beans, slaw, hush puppies, desserts & (hot dogs for kids who prefer)!

Get involved in a ministry to children

### Vacation Bible School

Do we need it? Why does VBS matter?

Or to put it another way: If VBS was cancelled how would your church miss out?

If your answer is, "Yes, we need it!", then we need to make this happen; we need to organize a VBS Team to select the program, finalize a date and time and organize our community. Over the next few weeks

we are asking everyone to pray about becoming part of this team. For two or more to join together to lead the team for those who have gifts to teach, to help, to lead craft or sport activities and for those who can prepare food are welcome to step up!



Join a Small Group to go grow in your faith

### Adult Small Groups

#### Bible Basics Small Group

Room 4 & on Zoom at 9:25 a.m.

Led by: Karl Miller

Send request for Zoom invitation to [puzzles4you@hotmail.com](mailto:puzzles4you@hotmail.com).

Lively discussion guaranteed, comfortable and prayer driven.

To join via Zoom email: [puzzles4you@hotmail.com](mailto:puzzles4you@hotmail.com)

## **Explorers Small Group**

Room 7 at 9:25 a.m.

Led by: Marsha K. Germek

Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at your Table, based on Psalm 23  
by Louie Giglio

6 week course with DVD lesson and corresponding Chapters  
in the study guide.

## **Young Adult Small Groups**

**"The Decision Room"**

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

Room 3

Guided by: Pastor Tom and Led by: TBD

Exploring Our Faith

(Couches are in place and the TV and technology is in the room awaiting installation)

## **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.

## **Join the Prayer Ministry**

## **Monday Morning Prayer Ministry**

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

Where: Classroom 7, Explorers Adult Small Group Room

## **Prayer Chain**

Praying for our brothers and sisters is one of the greatest blessing we can bestow

Become a member of the Prayer Chain by

Calling the office and speaking to Emily

Calling Phyllis Russell or Marsha Germek our Lay Servants

Calling a member of the Prayer Chain as listed later in the Newsletter and talk with them

## **Join in the Pastor's Book Study**

## **Pastor's Book Study**

***The Heart of Christianity*** (books are \$4, available in the church office)

Begins Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

(Study was delayed due to pastor having COVID)

## Go on a Mission Trip

# Red Bird Mission Workcamp

July 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

We will depart early Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, arriving between 3 and 5 p.m. for check in at the Work Camp to begin our week. *(it will be a 9 ½ hour drive with a stop for lunch, etc.)*

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

- 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 Queensdale 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. Cost & construction experience is not an issue.

**How much will it cost?**

Total price per person is:

Adults (ages 10-100) \$425.00 (\$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

## Stay after service – get to know your neighbor

**Fifth Sunday Fellowship Lunch**  
**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at noon**

It's time we bring back a community event where we can sit down with one another to break bread - a fellowship luncheon. So, mark your calendars and share the news as we continue the journey of opening up our church. Welcoming, loving and caring for those seeking a community that makes a difference. Start planning what you will bring!



Bring a side dish or a dessert as we rekindle our connections with one another. The church will provide fried chicken, baked beans, and salad.

# Support your community through financial gifts

## 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

### April 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 April - \$19,264.00  
Tithes/Offerings Received - \$14,371/37  
Below Budget - \$4,892.63  
SWUMC Mission Outreach Tithe - \$1,427.14

## Go above and beyond with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile gift(s)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Get involved in your community

### Take the first step and get back to church

We've all grown comfortable being away from our community. 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.

## Discover new ways to serve!

# We are all priests and given gifts to serve and lead

# Use your gift of hospitality

**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.

## Share the word of God to your community

**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.

## Get involved with the technology that allows us to share the message worldwide

**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!

**There are so many other ways we can share our gifts and transform the world!**

**Where is God calling you?**

**What are you most afraid of?**

**Remember with God all things are possible!**

**Share your voice in service**

**Do you play an instrument? - offer to play**

**Do you have the gift of hospitality – offer to welcome**

**Offer to cook, clean, organize, decorate, set-up, repair, plant, paint, pray, serve and lead**

# Bring in food, paper bags for the Food Pantry

Or

## Help cook, clean and deliver meals for Fishes and Loaves

### 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

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| • <b>Boxed Meals</b>   | • Pasta  | • Pasta Sauce   |
| • Canned Vegetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Corn</li><li>○ Green Beans</li><li>○ Peas</li><li>○ Beans</li></ul>    | • Dry (Powered) Milk   | • Jelly/Preserves - When you visit the food pantry you will see an abundance of peanut butter and jelly |
| • Canned Meats <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Tuna</li><li>○ Spam</li><li>○ <b>Ham</b></li><li>○ <b>Chicken</b></li></ul> | • <b>Boxed (Shelf Stable) Milk</b>   | • Macaroni & Cheese   |
| • Rice (Small bags)  | • Evaporated Milk  | • Corn Bread (Jiffy)  |
| • Dried Beans (Small bags)   | • Condensed Milk   | • Stuffing Mix  |
| • <b>Breakfast Bars</b>  | • <b>Canned Fruit</b>  | • Cake Mix  |
| • <b>Granola Bars</b>  | • <b>Snack Pack Fruit</b>  | • <b>Cereal - Cheerios, Honey Nut, Wheaties, Corn Flakes, Chex</b>                                      |
| • Diapers (adult, infant)  | • Dried Fruit <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Raisins</li><li>○ Craisins</li></ul> | • Personal Cleaning Wipes   |
|  | • Soups  | • Paper Towels  |
|  | • Stews  | • Toilet paper  |
|  | • Ramen Noodles  |   |
|  | • Condiments (Mayo, Ketchup, etc.)   |   |
|  | • Feminine products  |   |

**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!**

# Pray, pray and pray again. Talk to God and share your concerns and the concerns of others. Most of all thank God for His presence in your life.

## *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.**

- Louise Quinn as she settles into her new home
- Gary Crayton for healing from his fall
- Keith Hoban for healing and strength from his accident
- Shirley Fanton's daughter, Michelle Grover, for continued healing from her surgery
- Virginia Meyer for continued healing and blessings in her new home
- Sebastian Brock as begins his ministry with our youth and as he opens his new store in the Williamsburg Outlet Mall.
- 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
- 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

# Mark your calendar with the upcoming events so you will not forget

## *Upcoming Events*

- *Our World-Famous Fish-Fry Fundraiser – Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. (eat-in or take-out)*
- *Fishes & Loaves – Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 3-5 p.m. (church kitchen)*
- *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon – Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> noon (SWUMC) fried chicken, fixins, (bring a side dish or desserts, please)*
- *Mission Outreach Committee – Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 7:15 p.m. (Zoom & in-person)*
- *Leadership Board – Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. (Zoom & in-person)*
- *Women's Fellowship – Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 a.m. (meet @ Brent & Becky's Bulbs for tour then out to lunch)*

**As you read your newsletter ask yourself,**

**Where am I?**

**Am I His Disciple?**

## **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! 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.

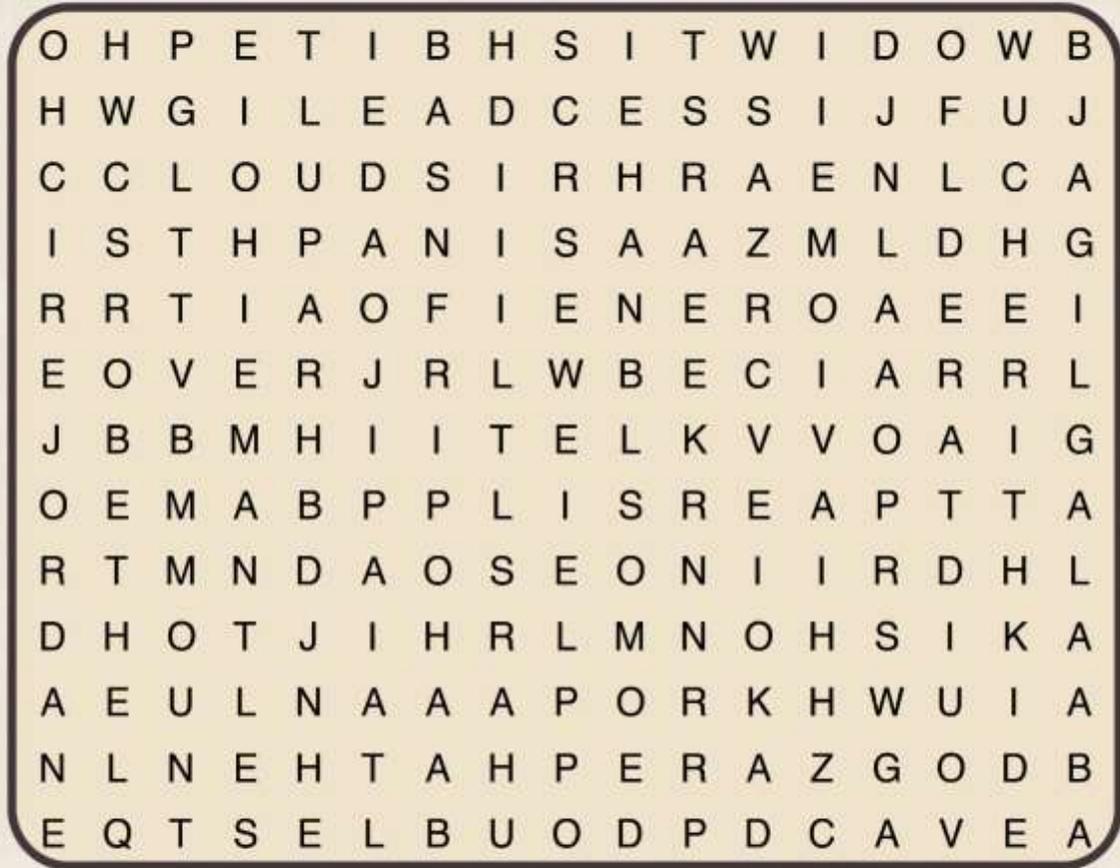
**MAY** - small stuffed animals, plastic animals such as horses, cows, dogs, small hand games, & other toys. (NO toy soldiers or toys that represent violence)

**JUNE** – sunglasses, hats, flip-flops, bandanas

**Most of all, know you are loved!**



# Elijah



AHAB  
BAAL  
BETHEL  
BULLOCKS  
CARMEL  
CAVE  
CHARIOT  
CHERITH  
CLOUDS

DOUBLE  
ELIJAH  
ELISHA  
FIRE  
GILEAD  
GILGAL  
GOD  
HEAVEN  
ISRAEL

JERICO  
JEZEBEL  
JORDAN  
KISHON  
LORD  
MANTLE  
MOUNT  
OBADIAH  
PORTION

PROPHETS  
RAVENS  
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