

The Heart Of the Matter

Monthly Newsletter of Southport United Methodist Church:
July 2021

Opportunities

Dear Friends,

As we move each week toward being more and more open to what was once familiar, opportunities to be more and more engaged in the ministries and activities around here are gradually becoming available.

For example, our mission trip to Upper Sand Mountain Parish in northern Alabama will resume this summer, after being cancelled last year. We have been going here for a number of years, and each year do something a little different, everything from working in their resale store to helping with demolition and remodeling. The dates for this year's trip are August 8-14, with an informational meeting for those who might like to find out a little more on Sunday, July 11, after the 10:30 service.

There are any number of mission and outreach programs of the church that are coming back online in the coming months, including Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), God's Will Breakfast, Hunger, Inc., Jubilee Christmas, Ronald McDonald House, the list goes on and on.

I also know that Glenda Williams, our Director of Serve, is looking for volunteers as we head toward this fall season when we plan to have our fellowship time in full swing.

And then there is something new happening – a Yard Sale as part of the "What If" campaign to help us reduce and even eliminate our mortgage debt by our 175th Anniversary in October, 2024. Mark your calendars now for what is sure to be an important church event on many levels – Saturday, August 14, for our first ever Yard Sale!

Opportunities are once again beginning to abound at Southport United Methodist Church, and I hope you'll help to enrich our life together by being involved.

Grace and Hope to you,

Pastor Duane

UPCOMING Sermons

July 1, 4

"The Book of
Revelation: In the Eye
of the Perfect Storm"
Revelation 6: 1-8; 7:9-17

July 8, 11

"The Book of
Revelation: Why We
Need Heaven"
Revelation 21:1-7;
Ecclesiastes 3:9-14

July 15, 18

"The Happiness Project:
Psalm 1:1-3;
Matthew 5:1-12

July 22, 25

"Happiness: Beyond the
Pursuit of Happiness"
Psalm 30: 1-5, 11-12
Matthew 5:38-48



**The Happiness
Project**

New Attenders

In the past several weeks, *Southport United Methodist Church* has seen familiar and new faces. We are all very happy to see **ALL** faces worshipping with us. **SUMC** would like to take the opportunity to reach out and expand its **family**.

If anyone would like to make **SUMC** their **church home**, reach out to Glenda Williams, Director of Serve. She would be happy to spend some time with you exploring if making **SUMC** your **church home** is right for you.

Please contact Glenda through the office at **(317) 784-9508** or email **glenda@sumc.org**. She looks forward to talking to you.

Blood Drive

Southport United Methodist Church you have made a difference in **60 Indiana lives** so far this year! Your next opportunity is **July 31, 2021 from 10:00 am -1:30 pm in the church parking lot**. The blood mobile will be back to help us serve our state. Be someone who can make a difference just by rolling up your sleeve and giving the gift of life to someone in need. You can register by using this link **https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/137312**

Save the Date: All Church Picnic!

September 25, 2021

11:30 am-2:30 pm

(Rain Date-September 26, 2021 immediately after 10:30 am service)

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!!!!

Southport United Methodist Church Yard Sale

SUMC yard sale will take place on Saturday, August 14, from 8 AM to 1 PM, in the back parking lot on Van Dyke Street. Families, small groups and ministry groups are welcome to participate. Proceeds from the sale can be given to the "What If" campaign and help eliminate the mortgage debt.

Each family, small group, or ministry group will be responsible for their booth and selling their items, as well as tear down and removal of all items not sold. The fundraising team will be responsible for all advertising.

Set-up and Booth Information:

- Set-up is 6-8 AM day of yard sale
- Bring your own tent, table, chairs, etc. - tents will need weights/tie downs
- All items need to be priced
- Tear down and removal of all unsold items is the responsibility of the group/family
- A limited number of church tables will be available and must be reserved
 - Saw horses and plywood can be used in place of tables

Cash/Donations

- Each booth will be responsible for its money
 - Cash (preferred) or PayPal, Venmo, Zelle, ApplePay, etc.
 - Post a payment method sign within booth
 - A minimum of \$50 petty cash is suggested to start the day
- SUMC is a nonprofit organization and can only accept donations
- Donations can be made to church after the sale is over
- Donations will go to the "What If" campaign with the first 10% to Faith Promise, our ministry outreach fund
- If multiple people are selling from one booth, they are responsible to let Brandon Collins, our church financial officer, to clearly know which individual has made the donation
 - Envelopes/ Banker bags can be made available

How to Get Involved:

- Start cleaning out your closets/house of unused items
- Add price tags to all items
- DO NOT bring items to church until the day of the sale
- Baked goods/craft items are also good to sell

Please DO NOT Include:

- Weapons/Knives
- Animals
- Violent Videos/Video Games
- Any toys that are "gun/weapon like"

Sign-Up to Participate:

- Sign up at SUMC Next Step Table starting Thursdays, July 15 to August 5 and Sundays, July 18 to August 8



**Southport United
Methodist Church**

**YARD
SALE**

.....ONE DAY ONLY

1947 E.
Southport
Road
Indianapolis,
IN 46237
(located in
back parking
lot on Van
Dyke Street)

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8:00 AM - 1:00PM

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING!



The Imagination Station Children having fun helping in the garden while learning Bible Stories!



Harvest Table

HARVEST TABLE HOURS

Sundays: 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 10:00 am-12:30 p.m.

Women's News

MISSION U 2021 is July 10, 17, 24, 31. This is a virtual workshop done by United Methodist Women. The workshops will cover anxiety, the culture of violence that impacts girls in public schools and how we as God's people can deepen our moral witness and respond faithfully (this one taught by Rev. Dr. Derek Weber in the morning sessions). The cost is \$50 for the 4 sessions. Our UMW unit has more information, or contact barb.mccoy@frontier.com.

Southport UMW circles are collecting diapers to deliver to the Indiana Women's Prison baby unit up until July 17. A list of other items needed can be obtained at church. All collections may be dropped off at church in the white bins in the coatroom area.

United Methodist Circles are meeting in person at church. So, if you are interested in joining a circle contact the church for more information.

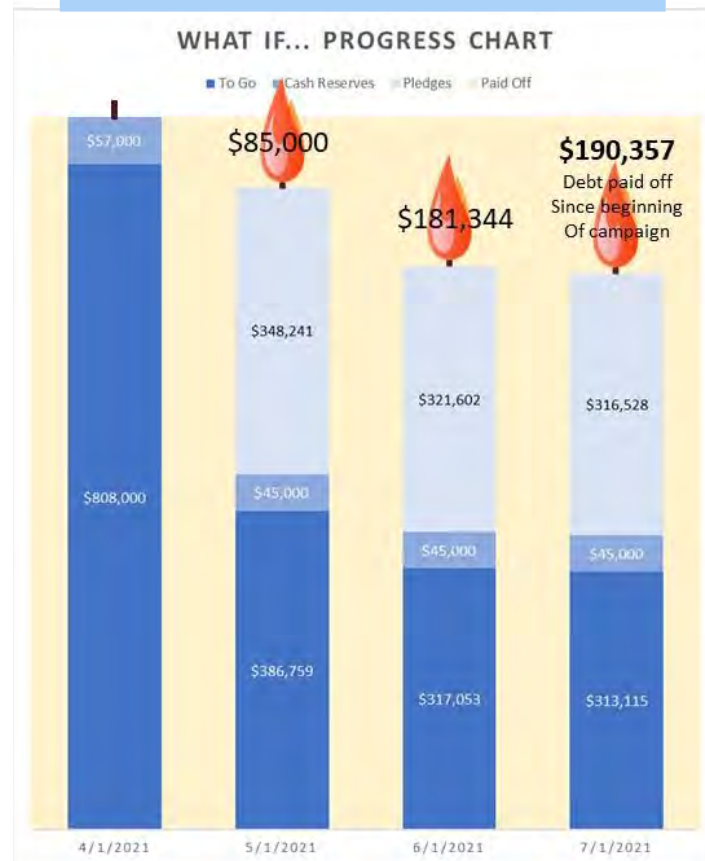
Food Pantry News

The **Simply Give donation** period with our friends at the Southport Meijer store is coming up. The window of time to benefit our Hunger Inc. Food Pantry will be from **July 4 - October 2**, and those all important **double match days are August 14 and August 28**. Donation cards will be made available at the store and also at the church. Please consider helping feed our neighbors in Perry Township through this campaign.



Upper Sand Mountain Parish Mission Trip Informational Meeting

The Upper Sand Mountain Parish Mission Trip (USMP) is happening **August 8 -14 2021**. If you are interested in learning more about this mission trip please plan on attending the informational meeting on **July 11, 2021**, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service. The meeting will be in the Gathering Place.



Upcoming Sermon Series:
 July 18th to August 22nd
 Thursday Teaching Service @ 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 or online at www.sumc.org

The Happiness Project

IMAGINATION Station

The Imagination Station children are having a fun-filled summer!



CHILDREN'S Church &

We LOVE having your children in Children's Church, and don't forget: We are still showing weekly episodes online every Sunday if you can't make it in!



SUMY will be having an event at Freedom Springs water park. It will be held Sunday, July 25 from 3 p.m.—6 p.m.

Back to Normal?

I was in the building around 6 o'clock last Wednesday and it felt like, well, like "normal". The church building was a hive of activity. The Harvest Table was being set up outside. I got a high five from one of the last of the children being picked up from Imagination Station. There were multiple groups planning multiple events and ministries in multiple parts of the building. And then, I began to hear music. Dayspring, one of our amazing praise bands, was practicing. The church was active, the parking lot was full, on a random Wednesday night.

Things sure were different for a while. The band, instead of performing live, recorded music so we could raise praise to our Lord online. The groups didn't meet in this building, but they continued to stay connected and even met with ZOOM occasionally. And the kid that gave me a high five as his dad picked him up has been giving me high fives all year because Imagination Station has constantly cared for him and many other children. As for the Harvest Table, that group learned that simply moving the table outside drastically improved how many people from our community can partake in the harvest.

Back to normal? I hope not. We have learned and grown so much recently. We have found new ways to reach people online. We have found new ways to reach people in our community. We have expanded how we can be the body of Christ to bring grace and hope. It is great that some of the things that used to happen in our building can start again. Our building is a great resource for us to use for Christ's purpose. But I hope we don't forget what we've learned and continue to grow and adapt and reach out in new ways!

Thank you for your gifts,

Brandon

Finance

Church	May-21	2021 Year to Date
Income		
Offerings	\$51,686	\$268,877
Other	\$56	\$603
Imagination Station "Tithe/offering"	\$2,983	\$13,919
Church Expenses		
Conf. & Dist. Support	(\$6,455)	(\$30,631)
Administration	(\$15,514)	(\$74,702)
Maintenance & Utilities	(\$7,340)	(\$50,809)
Connect, Grow, Serve	(\$21,447)	(\$108,215)
Youth & Child Ministry	(\$1,046)	(\$5,392)
Net	\$2,923	\$13,650
Imagination Station		
Income	\$25,583	\$140,316
Expense	(\$23,822)	(\$115,290)
"Tithe/offering" to Church	(\$2,983)	(\$13,919)
Net	(\$1,222)	\$11,107
All Together		
Total Incomes	\$77,325	\$409,796
Total Expenses	(\$75,624)	(\$385,039)
Net	\$1,701	\$24,757

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Duane Thompson

Connie Whisner

Jim Cooney

Sherry Davis

Karen Decatur

Joy Eder

Suzu Heilman

John Klipsch

Phil Sell

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SERVICE TIMES

Online

Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Traditional

10:30 a.m.- Contemporary

Thursday

6:30 p.m.- Teaching Service

Everyone is sharing God's love and grace through Jesus Christ in their everyday, 24 x 7 lives.

So that... we are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and the world.