

# The Heart Of the Matter



## UPCOMING Sermons

*August 4, 7*

**"Signs for the Journey: Under Construction"**

Hebrews 11:1,32;

Judges 16:4-14

*August 11, 14*

**Signs for the Journey: No Noise"**

Hebrews 11:1,32;

I Kings 19:9-21

*August 18, 21*

**"Signs for the Journey:**

**Warning: Flammable Material"**

Hebrews 11:1, 32; Daniel 3

*August 25, 28*

**"Signs for the Journey: Slow, Rough Road Ahead"**

Hebrews 11:1, 32-40

## Back to School

Dear Friends,

I still can't get my mind around children and youth going back to school during the first week of August – and even the last week of July! When I was in school (granted, this was a while ago), we always started on the day after Labor Day, a whole month later. But whether my mind is around it or not, it is back to school, and in many ways, back to a lot of things.

We see this around the church. Expectations continue to rise as things open up more and more, ideas are tossed around, and plans are beginning to be made.

In August, our youth have reserved a time for the whole church family at Freedom Springs. And in September, there's talk of a Cornhole Tournament, and there are high hopes of drawing us closer together and drawing new people in at our Tent Revival on September 24.

In October, big plans are shaping up for our Homecoming weekend – a Chili Cook-Off is in the works, and there's even discussion of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, being here with us in person. As part of the Southport Community, we want to participate with the local Trunk-or-Treat at Halloween, too.

Kairos is gearing up and training to take its ministry back into the local prisons this fall and our support of mission and service projects like Hunger, Inc., Feed-a-Need, Family Promise, God's Will Breakfast, Ronald McDonald House, and blood drives, continues. We are even looking into helping on a build for Habitat for Humanity, based on the interest of many in the church. I'm sure I've missed something, but you get the idea.

And, of course, so much of the life of the church revolves around worship, connecting to God and to each other during these invaluable, weekly times. Whether you join us on Thursday evening, Sunday morning, or online, we're glad you're a part of what makes Southport United Methodist Church such a memorable and significant place. See you soon!

Grace and Hope to You,  
Pastor Duane

## August Newsletter 2022

## Feed A Need

The Feed a Need next bag packing will be done on August 11th at 12:30 to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in the kitchen. Then at 1:00 we will be packing the 50 bags for the homeless in downtown INDY.

The comment from the Tear Down the Walls leader this month was, "When they see the white bags come out, they come running to get the food". Thanks for supporting this ministry with your donations.

If you are interested in helping we are looking for a delivery person. The 50 bags need to be delivered downtown after each packing day. Let the church know if you could help with this. The time table is around 2:00pm for delivery.

## Garden Ministries

### Harvest Table



#### Harvest Table Hours:

Sunday:  
10:00am-12:00pm  
Wednesday:  
6:00pm-7:00pm  
Thursday:  
6:00pm-7:00pm

We have had a very successful summer with our Garden Ministries as the Harvest Table has been drawing crowds! We sometimes have a very long line. So far it's estimated that we have given away over 1,500 pounds of produce to the community! Thank you to all of our donations and volunteers.



Band of Brothers  
helps pick  
produce for the  
Harvest Table!

## Women's News

The United Women of Faith is still on a summer rest. Our next meeting will be Sept. 13, 2022. The meeting is held at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Area at church. Come join us and get the new year started. We have all been reading our recommended books that are located in the office. If you are interested in know about these books let the church know and a UWF woman will get in contact with you. All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you then.

## Creation Care

I bet you would never think we could recycle/reuse duffel bags and suitcases!!! We have a church member needing these items to help Foster children move from one location to another. Presently many of them have to move using trash bags. These items will offer the children a more comforting experience as they go through changes in their lives. You may place the bags and suitcases in the large white cart in the Coat Room hallway. Thanks for being a blessing to these children.







Facebook is a great way to follow everything happening at SUMC! Make sure to Like and Follow!



Subscribe to SUMC on YouTube to keep up with all of our online services and special videos!

### Free Recycle Opportunity



**When:**  
Saturday, August 20, 2022  
9a.m.—12p.m.

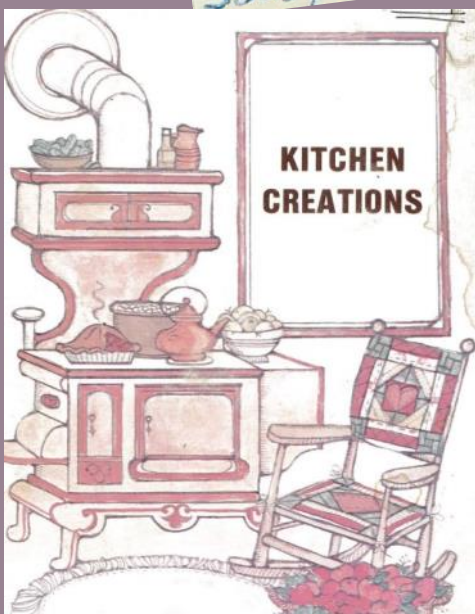
**Where:**  
Beech Grove  
802 Main St.

**What:**  
Paper Shredding, Appliance Recycling, and  
Medicine Disposal



*Southport Methodist Chapel 1960*

## History



### ZUCCHINI COOKIES

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 c. butter            | 2 tsp. baking powder         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 1/2 c. sugar           | 1 tsp. cinnamon              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 egg                    | 1/2 tsp. salt                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 tsp. vanilla           | 1 c. chopped nuts (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 1/2 c. grated zucchini | 12 oz. chocolate chips       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 1/2 c. flour           |                              |
- ☐ Cream together butter and sugar. Beat in egg and vanilla. Mix in zucchini; then sift in dry ingredients and stir. Last, add nuts and chocolate chips. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes, or until lightly browned, at 350°. Makes approximately 6 dozen small cookies.

Linda Hamrick

Enjoy this great zucchini recipe for your extra garden picks!



## *All Hands on Deck*



**September 24, 2022**

**3:00 pm**

**Church Parking Lot**

We will need a lot of worker bees to help and make this event a success!

We need people to help with:

- Setting up chairs in the tent starting at noon on September 24
- Setting up tables and chairs in the gathering place starting at noon on September 24
- Bringing chairs back into the church after the event
- Cleaning up the Gathering Place after the event
- People to help with “crowd control” during the event. This may include but is not limited to directing people to bathrooms, adding more chairs as needed, and generally answering questions from people who are attending. T-shirts will be provided so that you can easily be located.

If you are interested in any or all of these positions, contact the church office by calling (317) 784-9508 or emailing [kathy@sumc.org](mailto:kathy@sumc.org) or [glenda@sumc.org](mailto:glenda@sumc.org). Please let us know early if you are planning on helping with “crowd control” as we will need to order t-shirts (please supply your t-shirt size).

We are hoping everyone who is present will enjoy spiritual music, the message of hope and fellowship over fried chicken, supplied by SUMC. Tags will be placed in the Gathering Place later this month for you choose what food and/or drink item you would like to bring to share as well as a commitment to bring a friend or two. Yes, folks! You read this correctly. We are



## JUBILEE MINISTRY NEWS

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY FAMILIES

August and Back to School – ALREADY? Not everyone is ready for this time of year and yet for the Jubilee Ministry it means we will very soon be inviting families from Homecroft Elementary to partner with us to make a difference with their Christmas celebration and family needs. Each of us can be part of sharing Jesus' love with others.

**DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?** We provide blankets for all the children and youth and we normally make them using purchased kits. However we often have families with babies and would like to have handmade blankets for the littlest family members.

**HAVE YOU RECENTLY CLEANED CLOSETS** or decided to "right-size" your home? We are in need of Christmas wrapping paper supplies (paper, bags, scotch tape, bows, etc.).

**DO YOU HAVE COATS THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED?** Our best options will be ones that are in good condition, washable not dry cleaned, and all sizes, especially adult sizes for the older children and youth. We appreciate if your donation is already cleaned and ready to give to a family.

**ONE OF THE MOST JOYFUL EXPERIENCES OF JUBILEE IS HOSTING A FAMILY.** Your personal contact with a family makes all we do have a caring and personal touch. It involves phone conversations and sometimes texting. Planning together what their family needs are and choosing "surprise gifts" for the children. On Jubilee Day hosts and families meet to wrap and prepare the gifts to take home. The Jubilee Team will schedule an orientation session and provide further information and address questions. Any questions you have prior to this, we welcome an opportunity to talk with you.

**JUBILEE DAY IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022**

Please call the church office, 317 784-9508, or email [office@sumc.org](mailto:office@sumc.org) to share your interest and a Jubilee Team member will contact you to address questions and provide additional information. We look forward to hearing how you would like to serve through Jubilee.

**Our music each week is outstanding! Here are some recent photos.**





# YOUTH

*Southport United Methodist*



## CHILDREN'S Church

The Children brought up their What If Campaign collection last month. What an amazing job they did!

## Youth Sponsored Family Day at Freedom Springs

Open to All Families and Friends

Shelter #4

August 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm

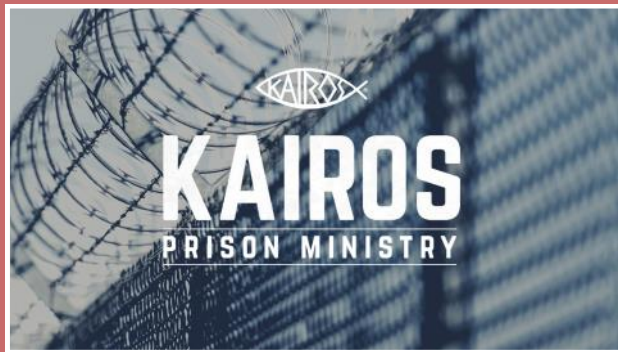
Day Pass Admission Rates

Greenwood Resident - \$4 Adult - \$3 Child

Non-Resident Adult - \$5 Adult - \$4 Child

Children under 2 are Free

For more information or concerned about admission prices please reach out to Kelley Lego. [Kelley@sumc.org](mailto:Kelley@sumc.org) or 304-634-5480



It is an exciting time to be a part of. I was privileged recently to go to Indiana Women's Prison as a facilitator for prayer and group time. Sitting back and watching the women share with one another and, encouraging, and praying for each other filled my heart with joy. Seeing the women nurture each other in their faith walk and providing accountability is to see God's amazing work.

Maggie Lucas

Many opportunities are available to serve through Kairos Prison Ministry, both inside and outside of the prison. If you'd like to know more contact the church office at [office@sumc.org](mailto:office@sumc.org) and we'll help you get involved.





Back to School!

# IMAGINATION Station

Our children have been having a blast this summer, from Mellow Monday to Bike Day they have been having so much fun. Tidal Wave Tuesday (Water Day) and Worship Wednesday (Planting in the Garden) have also been big hits as well. Now that August is here, we are prepping for Preschool!

A big Shout-Out to Miss Lauren, Miss Sydney and Miss Allie they are our 3 college students who will be finishing up mid August and heading back to school. All 3 are majoring in Education and they will be wonderful! We look forward to having them back on their school breaks.

August 3rd: Back to School Meet Teacher 4:30-6:30,  
August 8th Pre-K first Day, August 9th 3 year old's first day of preschool!



A big Thank-you to Sydney, Lauren, and Allie who are all heading back to college for the fall. The children loved having the three of you as their teachers!





# Finance

## WARNING!!! (But Don't Panic)

The numbers you see to the right are our finances as of halfway through the year. That means, I've got to go numbers geek on you for this article. I'm going to give you a little bit of where we are at financially as an organization. So, here it goes.

### Church

We are 6% behind budget for church income. What that means is you have given 6% less (just non designates, so not What If, Faith Promises, etc.) than what we projected you would give so far this year. We are 3% over budget for church expenses. That means we have spent 3% more so far this year than we planned. That doesn't sound too bad, 6% and 3% aren't off by that much, right?

Well, here comes the **WARNING** part: that means we are \$32,000 in the hole for the church side of things halfway through the year.

Now here comes one of the **Don't Panic** parts:

If everyone that came to worship would have given \$6.15 more each week our church budget would be in balance. Here is the part where I must do the obligatory Starbucks comparison. \$6.15 is just one Frappuccino and a scone each week.

### Imagination Station

Here's another **Don't Panic**. Imagination Station our preschool and daycare is currently performing better than expected by, oh, roughly the same amount as the church's deficit. So, be sure to thank those that teach and care for our children. They provide a valuable service for our community and kids while helping us financially.

One more **Don't Panic**. We are one organization. So, overall, we are right where we need to be.

### One more WARNING:

Now this is a very early warning (that's when I prefer to give them). If we keep trending this direction with the church's finances, eventually, we will have to cut expenses. So, we do need to balance this out. Because cutting expenses means less ministry, less fellowship, or less something that is valuable for the mission and vision of SUMC. And I don't know about you, but I want to do more of those things. More opportunities to minister in our community. More times and spaces for us to engage in fellowship. And certainly, more grace & hope shared with everyone.

All that is needed is that you pray about it. Consider where your heart is, and your gifts will follow. So, thank you for freely giving, without reluctance or compulsion, to support our works in Christ.

Brandon

Assistant Pastor

Church	Jun-22	2022 Year To Date
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings	\$41,652	\$303,138
Other	\$170	\$1,096
Imagination Station "Tithe/offering"	\$2,359	\$22,374
<b>Church Expenses</b>		
Conf. & Dist. Support	(\$7,836)	(\$36,515)
Administration	(\$15,537)	(\$95,350)
Maintenance & Utilities	(\$11,439)	(\$77,439)
Connect, Grow, Serve	(\$28,266)	(\$142,609)
Youth & Child Ministry	(\$1,410)	(\$6,940)
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$20,307)</b>	<b>(\$32,245)</b>
<b>Imagination Station</b>		
Income	\$30,028	\$227,649
Expense	(\$24,522)	(\$171,214)
"Tithe/offering" to Church	(\$2,359)	(\$22,374)
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$3,148</b>	<b>\$34,061</b>
<b>All Together</b>		
<b>Total Incomes</b>	<b>\$71,850</b>	<b>\$531,883</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$89,010)</b>	<b>(\$530,067)</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$17,159)</b>	<b>\$1,816</b>

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Duane Thompson  
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## SERVICE TIMES

Online

Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Traditional

10:30 a.m.- Contemporary

*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.*