

SOUTHPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revival

MUSIC **HOPE** FOOD

September Newsletter 2022

REVIVAL

Dear Friends,

We have had a great summer so far. We recognized lead guitarist Jeff Horne for his long-term service in the contemporary band Dayspring. We celebrated the faithful ministry of Pastor Doug Shinkle upon his retirement and welcomed new Assistant Pastor Brandon Collins. Both Doug and Brandon grew out of the ministry of Southport United Methodist Church.

We celebrated the 100th birthday of Ann Howell, a member here for 88 years. We participated in the statewide Day of Prayer for Kairos Prison Ministry, and another ministry that grew out of our church, Book Pillows of Hope, was recognized by Scott Swan on Channel 13 News through his "Send the Love" segment.

We've given away over 3,000 pounds of produce so far (as I write this in the middle of August) from our Harvest Table. We are well past the halfway point of our "What If?" campaign to pay off our mortgage debt with two full years to go.

Our youth and others from the church had a fun Sunday afternoon at Freedom Springs Aquatic Center. We had one beautiful bride (Ngiika Vandi), and received one new member (Jessica Karnoff), and baptized a very mature 7-year-old (Lilly Ann Vickrey).

And, oh yes, we've had passionate and moving worship all summer long, too. Doesn't really sound like a church that needs a revival, does it?

And yet, a revival is exactly what we are anticipating as we enter this month of September, a tent revival on September 24, at 3:00 in the afternoon.

A revival to refresh and renew our spirits within the church as we try to be even more open to where God is leading us in the fall and in the future.

And a revival to refresh and renew the spirits of people within our community, people who need the grace of God, and people who need hope. I think God is using this church in a great way and we have an abundance of grace and hope to share.

So let's get out there and share and welcome and invite, as we prepare our hearts, and prepare the hearts of others, to be revived!

Grace and Hope,
Pastor Duane

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September 24, 2022

3:00 pm

Church Parking Lot

Be sure to browse the Serve wall and pick up a hang tag or two. These will help us anticipate what food items are coming. SUMC will be providing fried chicken. The sides and beverages are listed on the wall. You can always bring your families favorite but if you are looking for a new recipe, we have a few recipes from some of the churches previous cookbooks on the wall as well. We are asking for donations of water and capri suns (for our we ones).

We continue need 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 or glenda@sumc.org.



How Can I Help You?

Upcoming

mark your calendars



SAVE THE DATES

More info to come, please look out for the weekly updates, service announcements, Facebook posts, and weekly emails! If you have questions, please email us at office@sumc.org or call 317-784-9508

September 10—Cornhole Tournament; 6pm.

September 18—All Church Work Day; 9am

September 24—



October 13—City Barbeque Fundraiser, Benefiting the “What If” Campaign (All Day)

October 22—Chili Cook-Off

October 23—SUMC Homecoming

October 29—Southport Trunk or Treat; 4pm

November 4—Hayride/Bonfire; 5-9:30;m (Youth Event: Please contact Kelley at kelley@sumc.org to sign up)

December 10—Jubilee Christmas

Connecting
others to Christ
through relationships

Growing
faith in Christ by
connecting God's story
to your story

Serving
Christ by
blessing others

Giving
in celebration of
God's generosity in
Jesus Christ

Going
into the world with
Christ's message of
love and grace

2023

We are getting busier! It's a great feeling, but we are needing your help! Please fill out a calendar request form if you have dates for 2023. You may also email the office with confirmed dates. We would like to ensure that every group and event has space!



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!

Welcome



Welcome Jessica! We are very happy to announce Jessica Karnof has joined the Southport family. Jessica has attended regularly for several weeks. She was brought to us by Mark Jenkins.

Jessica is married and mother of three (two boys and one girl) Jessica recently joined the staff of Imagination Station. Jessica enjoys reading, writing, hiking, and cooking when she isn't busy with her family.

Please be sure to say hi to Jessica as we watch her grow in her faith at Southport United Methodist Church.

Special moments captured:
Lily Vickrey and Tianna Collins' Baptism



Kairos First Steps table and August meeting!



SUMC Choir during service.



JUBILEE CHRISTMAS + 3

JUBILEE DAY IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

So much to be done and time passes so quickly. Yes, we have all of September, October and November, yet we don't want to waste a day when we have an opportunity to share Jesus' love with others.

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. There are 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.

Last year we served over 20 families because of the generous donations from the church family and the personal connections of 20 Jubilee Hosts, each working with one family. Due to life changes and other commitments, we find that we have the chance to invite and include new people to hosting. As we contacted Homecroft Elementary to begin selecting families, we were only able to invite 13 to participate.... so far. Our goal is to serve at least 20, if not more. There are so many daily essentials we can assist in providing.

PLEASE CONSIDER HOSTING A FAMILY THIS YEAR. With 7 to 10 additional hosts, we will offer not only gifts and needs being met, but a loving connection with families who are facing difficult times.

We welcome an opportunity to talk with you if you have questions.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

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.

ARE YOU CLEANING 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.

Please call the church office, 317 784-9508, or email office@sumc.org to share your interest and a Jubilee Team member will contact you.

Thank you for being part of the Jubilee Ministry!



What If Fundraiser Update

It's been almost 18 months since we started the "What If" Campaign and had a few fundraisers to help eliminate our debt. We are so close to meeting our goal to having our debt eliminated by our 175th anniversary in October 2024.

We have done the yard sale, t-shirts, donation of shoes, chocolate peanut butter Easter eggs, and the donation of loose change (youth) for fundraisers so far. These fundraisers have brought in over \$7000 to the "What If" Campaign!

We have some more chances to participate in fundraising over the next 12 months. On October 13, we will have a Sponsor a Night at City Barbeque. The Band of Brothers Ministry Group will be planning a Chili Cook-off on October 22. We will again make the chocolate peanut butter Easter eggs at Easter, and another yard sale in June 2023. If your ministry is interested in sponsoring a fundraiser, please let us know and we will be glad to work with you.

Thank you so much for your support.

Sandy Lewis, Kelley Lego, Zach Lego, Pam Clough, Brandon Collins and Rita Manley



What If...

Food Pantry

The Hunger, INC food pantry at 1416 Epler Ave. (just east of Madison Ave.) is preparing to open up in October our new "Client Choice" model. This is where the clients get to come inside the pantry and shop for their own food.

The pantry has been guided by INDY Hunger Network. They have sent a guiding group that has helped to restructure the pantry and provided the funding to buy what was needed to put this "Client Choice" model in place. The pantry is still in the development mode, but things are coming together. The pantry is still in need of food items. So the **September donation list is:**

16 oz. peanut butter jars, regular size cereal boxes, small packets of mashed potatoes, and regular size boxes of mac and cheese.

Our collection dates are **September 1-September 11**. Please bring your donations to the table in the Gathering Area near the Women's restroom door.

Women's News

Finally September is here!! After taking the summer off...The Women in Faith Rebekah Circle will be meeting on **September 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Area**.

We will be having a book talk and a speaker from "Tear Down the Walls" ministry. This ministry is the one the church has supported for the last 2 years with donations of 50 sack meals each month for the homeless downtown.

Rebekah Circle meets every month on the second Tuesday at church. The meeting is held at 1 pm. in the Gathering Area. Each month we collect Cereal to donate to Fletcher Place Community Center in Downtown INDY.

All women are welcome to attend and join in the ministry of helping women and children.

Thanks to all who helped collect suitcases and duffle bags for the Foster Care Program in the city.

Feed A Need (F.A.N)

We will be packing sack meals for the homeless on **September 8th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Place. This only takes 30 minutes of your time to help with the packing. But it is 30 minutes of fun and fellowship.

We are looking for strong arms to help with the delivery of the meals to the downtown address. If you are interested in serving with this ministry please let the church know and you will be welcomed into the group.

Creation Care

Get ready to help the environment by recycling and sorting out recycle items as we go through this year.

Look for the triangle on the bottom of all your items like food containers, glass jars, metal cans, and health and beauty supplies. They can all be recycled in the city bins located in the parking lot in front of Bandy's Car repair at Madison Ave and Edgewood Ave.



Back to School

We had 6 students graduate from IS to Kindergarten this year. We are so happy for them as they start their next adventure. Most of these children have been at IS since their beginning. We are so happy to have been able to teach, love and get to know them as well as their families. They will be missed, however we will see some of them again when they return for school breaks.

Preschool is off to a good start! This month's theme is "All About Me". The children have drawn pictures of their families and talked about their 5 senses. The color for the month is "Yellow". The children have experienced writing their name, painting, coloring and learning a couple letters of the alphabet so far. The children are making lots of new friends.

IMAGINATION Station



In August the youth had two meet-up events and had a great time. We are preparing for a busy fall and winter. If you are interested in more information on the events below, please contact Kelley at Kelley@sumc.org

September 10—Cornhole Tournament; 6pm.

September 18—Parent Meeting in the underground; After 10:30 Service

October 29—Southport Trunk or Treat; 4pm

November 4—Hayride/Bonfire; 5-9:30pm; Please contact Kelley to sign up.

November 18—SUMY Thanksgiving

December 18—Live Nativity



Finance

Church	Jul-22	2022 Year To Date
Income		
Offerings	\$45,601	\$348,738
Other	\$79	\$1,175
Imagination Station "Tithe/offering"	\$3,003	\$25,377
Church Expenses		
Conf. & Dist. Support	(\$4,698)	(\$41,213)
Administration	(\$12,263)	(\$107,611)
Maintenance & Utilities	(\$17,286)	(\$94,723)
Connect, Grow, Serve	(\$23,026)	(\$165,636)
Youth & Child Ministry	(\$1,030)	(\$7,970)
Net	(\$9,620)	(\$41,863)
Imagination Station		
Income	\$31,442	\$259,091
Expense	(\$30,609)	(\$201,823)
"Tithe/offering" to Church	(\$3,003)	(\$25,377)
Net	(\$2,169)	\$31,891
All Together		
Total Incomes	\$77,122	\$609,004
Total Expenses	(\$88,912)	(\$618,976)
Net	(\$11,790)	(\$9,972)

I am currently preparing a sermon titled "Toy Box Gospel". Depending on when you are reading this you may or may not have already heard it. Anyway, I have toys on the brain, so right now our finances are kind of making me think of a yo-yo. Our bottom line keeps going up and down, and that's not always a bad thing.

Our giving remained consistent. But we had a couple of expenses that, while planned, we just don't have every month. Those expenses were a new HVAC unit and new computer/software for the Worship Center.

You may also notice that Imagination Station is showing a rare red for its monthly bottom line. That's due to a spike in payroll that we see a couple of times a year due to how the payroll calendar falls. So, again, expected.

So, yes, like a yo-yo our bottom line is going up and down, but that's not really the comparison I'm trying to make. Like our Church two things make a yo-yo work.

The first yo-yo to church comparison is the body. For a yo-yo to do what it is supposed to do some "body" must consistently perform the same motion to make it keep moving. For the church "the body" (that's me and you) must provide consistent support with their time, talent, and financial resources.

The second yo-yo to church comparison is momentum. There must be consistent momentum for the yo-yo to keep going. If the person yo-yoing stops the yo-yo will go up and down a few more times and then rest at the bottom of the string. Of course, our Church works in the same way. If we do not have support coming in, then there is no momentum to keep our facilities and ministries going.

Unlike, the yo-yo, we don't rely only on one individual. We have a strong body made up of many individuals and families that support the church in amazing ways. However, each of us should regularly prayerfully consider how else we might be able to support the church be it giving financially or through serving with your time and talent.

Thanks for all you do and all you give. Let's keep the momentum going so we can keep reaching out into this world with Christ's grace and hope. And if we do that, we will keep growing in ways that bring honor and glory to our Lord and Father.

Let's grow together,

Brandon

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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.- Casual 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.*