



The Heart Of the Matter



NEWSLETTER
April 2024

OPEN HOUSE

Dear Friends,

Don't you just love going to an open house? Maybe you're looking for a home for your family and you stop by on a Sunday afternoon. Or maybe you're attending the housewarming for a friend who's just moved in. Perhaps it's the Grand Opening or Grand Re-Opening of a business you're interested in. There's always a little thrill that goes through you to see what a place looks like that is new to you or has been renovated and made over.

Well, we are having an Open House here at Southport United Methodist Church! I don't have all the details as I write this, but on Sunday, April 28, after each service, members of the Leadership Team and staff and others will be on hand to show you around some renovations and improvements that are really making a difference in the life of our church and our daycare and preschool, Imagination Station.

From HVAC units that have been installed in the past year, to new bathrooms for our children, to a pretty amazing overhaul of the Underground that houses our youth program and other groups—and more! There have been a lot of improvements around here. They may have gone unnoticed by you in the normal course of worship and other activities, and we want you to be aware.

Even though we have been pretty laser focused on paying off our mortgage debt and have made huge progress in that regard over the last 3 years, we have also been able to take care of and even make enhancements to our beautiful and very functional building.

And we want you to know about it! So remember, Sunday, April 28, after each service, our SUMC Open House.

Grace and Hope,

Pastor Duane

WOMEN'S NEWS

The United Women of Faith Rebekah Circle will hold their meeting on **April 9th at 1 pm. We will meet in the Gathering Area for our annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Program.** All women are welcome to come and participate in the spiritual program, fabulous fun, fantastic food. Come see what UWF is all about.

FEED A NEED

We will be bagging the 50 sacks of food for the "*Tear Down The Walls Ministry*" on **April 11th at 1 pm in the church Gathering Area.** All are welcome to come help.

HUNGER, Inc FOOD PANTRY

YOU did a wonderful job with donations for the month of March. Thank YOU so much. Southport church donated 126 Lbs of diapers and wipes. Many of the young moms were so grateful. 44 LBS of left overs from the Easter Egg making project were donated, and other Southport supporters donated around 54 lbs of produce in March. That is a total of 224 LBS of donations. YOU are doing God's work with your donations.

We will again collect **DIAPERS** sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Small packets are very welcome... that way we can hand them out to many moms for their children. Collection dates are April 4-14.

CREATION CARE

April 22nd is EARTH DAY. This is a reminder that we can refocus on the importance of sustainability and being environmentally conscious.

Three tips for lessening our environmental impact are:

1. Gentle on the pedal-go easy on the gas and break pedals. Ease off to stop and coast to a stop and accelerate gradually when starting up from a stop. This will save gas and reduce wear and tear on tires. It saves money, too!!!
2. Driving at speeds above 60mph costs additional \$.24 per gallon, according to the US Department of Energy.
3. Combine trips to reduce driving several days into one day of driving.

And don't forget to recycle as many items as you can.

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



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!



CHILDREN'S *Church*

**Every Sunday at
10:30 a.m.**



We had a great and busy March here at SUMC!
Enjoy some photos from the last month!



SOUTHPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS

MOVIE

Night

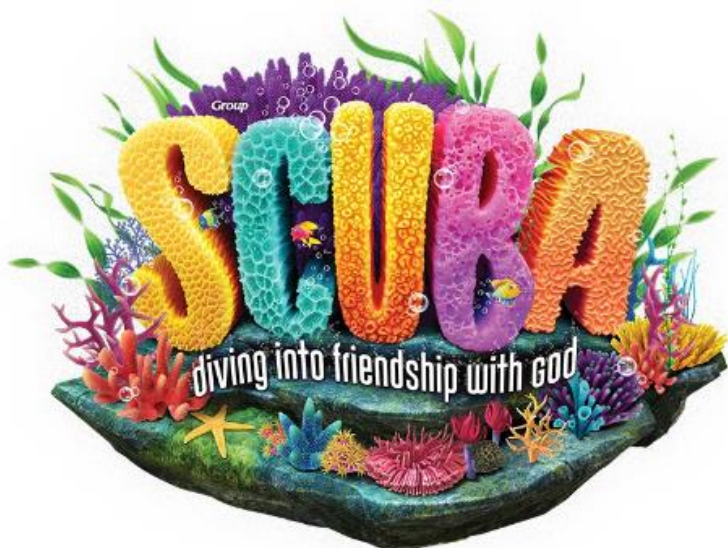


APRIL 5TH, 2024

6:30 PM

SUPER MARIO BROTHERS

You're
Invited
SOUTHPORT
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



VBS!

Save the date for
week of June 9!

Upcoming Dates and Info!

Movie Night – Friday, April 5

Total Eclipse—The office, including Imagination Station, will be CLOSED — Monday, April 8

Cross Training – Sunday, April 14 after 10:30 Service

Discipleship Path

Equipping Ministry and Ministry Discovery forms are still available. For anyone who wants to learn more contact Jerrie Snell #317.869.7676 or Maggie Lucas #317.513.5492.

Grow Corner

New Study in April for Women in Christ. Check with Jerrie Snell #317.869.7676.

Church Camp 2024 (see attached)

Serve Corner

During April we will have opportunities to support Kairos Prison Ministry and Vacation Bible School. Stop by the next steps tables beginning April 7.

Southport UMC Open House —Sunday, April 28, 2024

After 9:00am and 10:30am services

Come and see the changes that have taken place in the last couple of years.

Where is the West Wing?

What is the East Wing?

Why do we have an Underground?

How do we use these spaces?

These questions and more will be answered!





Reach out to Jerrie Snell or Maggie Lucas for more information on Church Camp!



READY TO REGISTER?

Scan this code or visit
impact2818.org/camps to
get your campers signed up today.
Register by April 20 to take advantage
of the early bird discount!



IMPACT 2818: Outdoor Ministries
of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana



Cross Training

APRIL 14, 2024

We will be eating, playing games,
doing projects & devotion.

This will be open to 1st – 6th graders. Parent or Guardian
must attend with them.

Time: 11:45 AM – 1:45 PM

Location: Gathering Area

Food: Yes, provided for all participants and volunteers.

Childcare: YES, for siblings of participants and
children of volunteers.



The HARVEST TABLE
will begin after Mother's
Day! Keep a look out for
details soon!

Harvest Table Hours:

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

YOUTH

Southport United Methodist

UPCOMING HANGOUT DATES FOR SUMY



MARCH 10TH, 2024* - CANVAS PAINTING

APRIL 21ST, 2024* - ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR

MAY 5TH, 2024*- LUNCH AND MINI GOLF AT OTTE'S GOLF & FAMILY FUN CENTER

MAY 19TH, 2024 - RECOGNITION (DURING 10:30 SERVICE) AND RECEPTION FOR CLASS OF 2024. THE RECIPIENT FOR THE MARY LYNCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE ANNOUNCED THIS DAY.

JUNE 2ND, 2024* - SNOW CONES AND YARD GAMES

JULY - MONTH OFF OR POSSIBLE SCHEDULE A LOCK IN

AUGUST 18TH 2024*- FREEDOM SPRINGS - BRING A FRIEND & YOU BOTH GET IN FOR FREE

REST OF THE MONTHS WILL BE DECIDED IN NEAR FUTURE.

*DATES COULD CHANGE IF NEEDED - NOTHING IS SET IN STONE YET.

AS ALWAYS I'M ALWAYS OPEN TO SUGGESTION FOR ACTIVITIES.

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

—Song of Solomon 2:11-12



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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.*