



The Heart *Of the* Matter

NEWSLETTER JULY 2024

GREETINGS

*"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."
-Philippians 1:2*

Dear Southport UMC,

Greetings to you in the name of our Risen Lord. I am William Nickrand and I am honored to be your brand-new pastor. You do not know me yet, (no, checking me out online does not count :-)) but I am very excited for the future and the opportunity to serve in ministry together.

As you can imagine, I have spent the last several months saying my goodbyes. As important as it is to say goodbye well, I must admit that I am very excited about the upcoming hellos. If I am being honest, I'm also a little nervous. As your new senior pastor, I want to make a great first impression. I want this new appointment to be a major success. Above all, I want to be a blessing and I believe it starts here, with this greeting.

Paul in his letters, began with a greeting very similar to the one found in Philippians. His greetings (and conclusions) were very kind but above all, they were a blessing to the communities he was writing to. He did not use the traditional greeting of the time but instead acknowledged God's grace (a big one for us Methodists) and included the traditional Jewish greeting of shalom ("peace," in the sense of "wholeness" or "well-being").

Like Paul, I too pray for God's grace and peace upon you. I pray that God will transform our lives in ways that will set our souls on fire for God's love and in turn, we will be empowered to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. One of the ways we do this is through worship. So, I invite you to join me in worship in July as we discover our "Identity" in Christ through a brand-new sermon series.

Lastly, I want to get to know as many people as I can as quickly as I can so please take the time to sign up for one of my "meet and greets." This will help kick-start our ministry together. It is an honor to have this opportunity to serve Southport UMC and together, I know God will do great things with our efforts, dedication, and willing spirits. Grace and peace to you now and forever. Amen.

Blessings,
Rev. William G. Nickrand



We are excited to begin Family Nights on the first Friday of every month. If you are interested in your ministry hosting one, or have any ideas for the future family nights, please contact us with your ideas!

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



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CHILDREN'S
Church

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

YOUTH

Southport United Methodist

SUMY LOCK-IN

ENJOY FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDING

MOVIE NIGHT • GAMES • ... AND MORE

**JULY 26TH @ 6:30 PM THROUGH
JULY 27TH MID AFTER-NOON**

[6TH- 12TH GRADE]

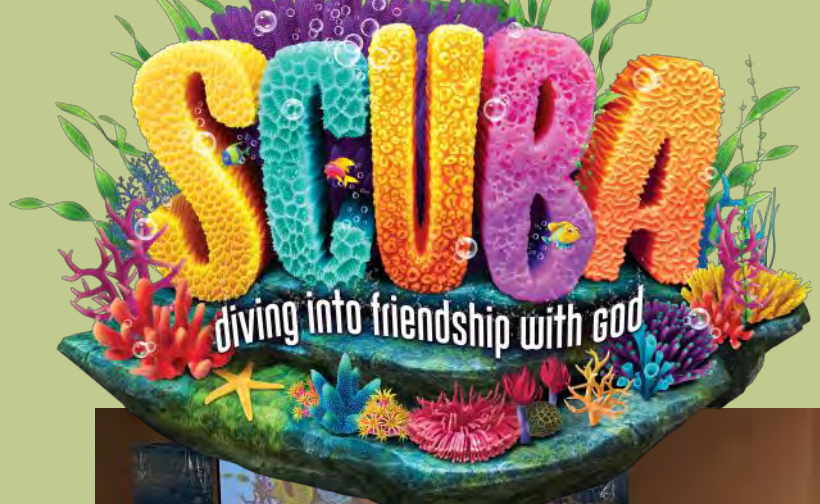
AUGUST 18TH 2024* - FREEDOM SPRINGS - BRING A FRIEND & YOU BOTH GET IN FOR FREE

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.

VBS was such a success due to amazing volunteers that put so much time and energy into all the details, activities, and lessons. The children had such a wonderful week diving into friendship with God!



The HARVEST TABLE

Harvest Table Hours:

Sunday:

10:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday:

6:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday:

6:00pm-7:00pm



TUNES AT THE TABLE

Live Music

Free Food

2nd Wednesday of each month
(while Harvest Table is open)

6pm to 7pm

Save The Dates!

End Of WATCH



Saturday July 27
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SOUTHPORT FALLEN OFFICER BLOOD DRIVE

LOCATION
7/27 @ 137 WORMAN STREET
SOUTHPORT, IN 46227
10:00AM - 4:00 PM

Please join us in honoring Officer Aaron Allan at our Blood Drive

Schedule your donation by scanning the QR Code with



Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



"Be The Change"


Sunday, September 8th

We are collecting spare change this day, so start collecting! All donations will go to the What If Campaign or Faith Promise.




Second Annual Southport UMC Tea
Touching a Woman's Heart


Saturday, September 21



Metro Ministries, Inc.
Connecting Resources to Ministries



Bubba's 33 Pizza Supporting Metro Ministries, Inc.



Per Order \$15

Donated Back 50%

Order by August 25

Order <https://groupmnl.ca/bubbas33428425> GroupRise

Join Us For Jubilee In July

We look forward to seeing you after one of the worship services on Thursday evenings, July 18 and 25 or Sundays, July 21 and 28 as we begin planning and preparing for Jubilee Christmas 2024.

Whether Jubilee Christmas is a new experience for you or you are familiar with the ministry, we want to tell you the scope of our outreach, answer your questions, and share what opportunities are available to participate.

We value your input and thoughts regarding Jubilee shopping and ways you may contribute to the ministry. We have a short survey prepared for you to complete either at church, home or even online. Hearing your responses will help us make improvements to the ministry as well as offer you better options for your involvement.

Since Jubilee in July occurs while there are lots of “Back to School” sales, we will also have a few tags for shopping. Consider taking a tag to help get a head start for this year. Any items bought will be made available to the children as needed and at Jubilee Christmas time.

Your generosity in 2023 allowed us to serve 15 families which included over 60 children and youth. The needs in our community are still overwhelming and we know we can make an even greater difference in lives this year. Thank you and see you at Jubilee in July!

The Jubilee Ministry Team



CROSS TRAINING **JULY 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.**



WOMEN'S NEWS

The Southport Women's Circle, Rebekah, will be on a short vacation for the summer. We will gather again on September 10th at 1 pm in the Gathering Area. Enjoy your summer and join us in the fall.

There is a ***U MISSION activity being held on Saturday, August 3 at University UMC 5959 Grandview Dr. Indianapolis. This session will be held from 10 am -4 pm. Lunch and study materials will be available for \$20. unless you are a first time attendee to this activity and then there are scholarships to cover the cost. If you are interested in attending this, please get in touch with the church information on who to contact.***

For the OUR HANDS ON PROJECT, We will be collecting the following toys for children and youth ages 5-12 for the Family Perservation Center inside the Indiana Women's Prison for the Mission U project. These can be new or gently used items. All are welcome to help Southport's UWF group gather the following: ***books, wooden or hard plastic toys, and puzzles (less than 10 pieces...these can be bought at Dollar Tree) All items are due by July 28th so they can be delivered at the Aug. 3rd program.***

Items may be placed in the bins in the coatroom hallway labeled U MISSION

HUNGER, Inc FOOD PANTRY

Workers are needed to work the parking lot at the food pantry. It usually takes 2 volunteers to help the clients park in the parking lot and overflow moved to the next door neighbors lot. If you are interested in helping please contact;

Phil Christy President Hunger Inc.

1416 E. Epler Ave.

Indianapolis, In. 46227

317-441-4721

email hungerinconnect@gmail.com

The pantry is open

Tuesday 10-1 Thursday 4-7pm Saturday 10-1

**For the month of June we will collect the following:
potato and rice packets (i.e...Knorr store brand packets)
diapers and wipes (sizes ---4, 5, and 6)**

Collection will be from Sunday, June 2- Sunday, June 9
Thank you so much for the 55 lbs of food collected in May



CREATION CARE

Recycle place at Madison Ave. and Edgewood....

It has been taken away due to misuse and much junk being dumped there.

The closest recycle places on the South side are

Southwestway Park, 8400 S. Mann Rd.

Kroger (Franklin and Southport), 8130 E. Southport Rd.

Kroger (Emerson and County Line), 8745 S. Emerson Ave.



FEED A NEED (FAN)

We will be bagging the 50 meals for our team, **Tear Down the Walls Ministry**, to pass out. Anyone wanting to help with this ministry is welcome to come and help out.

Bagging is on **July 11 at 1 pm in the Gathering Area of the church.** A few of us are planning on going out in June to help distribute our bags to the homeless that we have been doing for the last 4 years (depending on the weather). If you are interested in helping let the church know and you will be called for more details.

July Sermons



PART OF A WHOLE

How We Fit Together



Part of a Whole

July 7 (no service July 4)

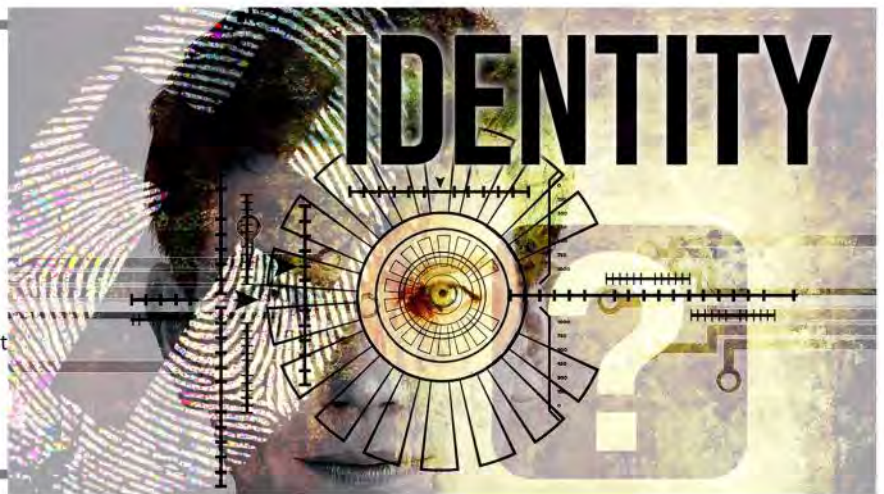
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Paul uses our body to depict how we are to come together to be Christ's body, the church.
What does this mean for us as we welcome a new Pastor into our faith family?

IDENTITY

July 11 & 14	Who am I?	Philippians 4:13
July 18 & 21	Who are you?	Genesis 1:26-28; 2:5-7
July 23 & 28	Who are we?	Psalms 139: 13-16

In a culture of competing voices telling us who we are and who we should be, just exactly who am I? And more specifically, who does God say that I am? This 3-part series, Identity, reveals what it means to live our lives "in Christ" and the joy and victory of the abundant life Jesus offers.



LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Karen Decatur
Sherry Davis
Doug Lewis
Travis Miller
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Jeff Horne
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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.*