



The Heart Of the Matter

October Newsletter 2022

UPCOMING Sermons

October 2

*"Where Will You Go From Here...
in the Next Life?"*

Proverbs 15:11-24

October 6, 9

*"Where Will You Go From Here...
in Your Relationships?"*

Proverbs 13: 1-10

October 13, 16

*"Where Will You Go From Here...
with God?"*

Proverbs 16: 1-15

October 20, 23—Homecoming

*"Where Will You Go From Here...
with Your Money?"*

Proverbs 30: 1-16

October 27, 30

*"Where Will You Go From Here...
in Your Work?"*

Proverbs 31: 10-31

Dear Friends,

Just so you know, I am not a big fan of the month of October. Sure, the fall colors on the trees can be beautiful. But that just means that something is dying, and winter is coming, bringing those shorter, gloomier days.

And don't even get me started on worship attendance during October. The fall holds out the promise of people being back in church from a fun summer away, but it never works out like that. Children now have a 2-week fall break from school (I don't remember no 2-week fall break when I was in school), and people of every age are anxious to take that one final vacation for the year.

I know it doesn't seem like it since I'm such a fun guy, but October does leave me feeling a bit grumpy. And did I mention that Halloween is my least favorite Holiday?

And yet, I hate to admit it, there are some good things happening in October. On October 2, we're celebrating the ministry of Glenda Williams with us as our Director of Serve as she leaves that position (although she will still be an integral part of our church). That's also the day we will participate with other Christians all around the globe "World Communion Sunday".

And on October 30, the third-graders in our Children's church will be receiving their Bibles.

And allow me to highlight one other weekend of worship: Homecoming! That's on Thursday, October 20, and Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23. There's a Chili Cook-off on Saturday, which promises to not only be good food, but also another time of fellowship with our friendly and warm church family. John Wesley will be here as well at every worship service, bringing us a living reminder of our Methodist roots.

So maybe October, at Southport UMC anyway, isn't going to be so bad after all. I'll come with an open mind, if you promise to do the same—come and be present, and open to all that God might have in store for us.

Peace and Hope to you,

Pastor Duane

CHILI COOK-OFF

ALL ARE INVITED!

Tickets can be bought to support your favorite chili or team.

Southport United Methodist Church

1947 E Southport Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46227

October 22nd

11am to 2pm

CHILI
TASTING IS
FREE!

ENTRY FORM

Southport United Methodist Church is on a quest to be debt free and they want to help other non profits raise funds too. Sampling chili is free, however tickets can be bought to support your favorite chili or team. All proceeds will be split between SUMC's debt elimination effort and the winning teams charity of choice. Cook off will be located at Southport United Methodist Church, 1947 E Southport Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46227 on October 22nd from 11am to 2pm. Please return or email form to SUMC by October 10th. Email address is office@sumc.org. Feel free to call or email with any questions!

Team Name (can be organization, individual, or something fun): _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact's Phone: _____

Contact's Email: _____

Other Team members if known: _____

Our chili will be (circle one): HOT, medium, mild

If we win please send proceeds to (non-profit or charity): _____



Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

What If...

First time Pledge
\$ _____

Additional Commitment
\$ _____

I hereby, I present this commitment to you, acknowledging that everything I have and everything I am is a gift from you. I pray that you will grant me wisdom and strength and that you will bless and use the gifts that I humbly present to you. Amen

You could make What if become What is?

October



SAVE THE DATES

October 2—Glenda’s Celebration

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

October 30—3rd Grade Presentation

November 6—Clocks fall back, 2:00 a.m.

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

December 10—Jubilee Christmas

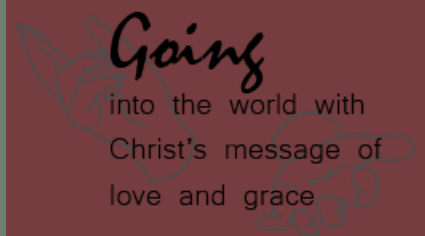
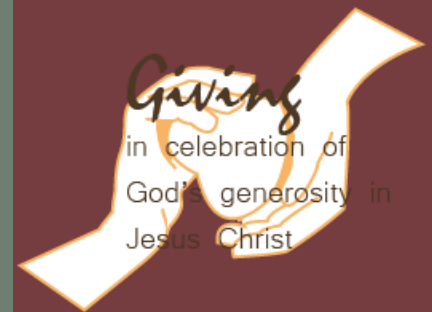
December 18—Live Nativity

December 24—Jesus’ Birthday Party, 3 Christmas Eve Services



CHILDREN'S Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.



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



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



FOOD PANTY NEWS

Thanks for the donations for the Hunger, INC food pantry located at the corner of Madison Ave. and Epler St. Our pantry is located behind Kim's Bakery on Madison Ave. It is a small building, but we have been working very hard to get the pantry open for the clients to come inside and shop for their own food. The target date is for sometime in early October. The clients are looking forward to this ever since we gave them the guidelines for our new "Client Choice" method.

Last month, SUMC donated **62 pounds** of items. All were bagged and out before the next two weeks were over. So, the need is really growing and the families are so thankful for your donations.

Again this month, the following items are needed for the pantry:

Peanut Butter
Mashed Potatoes in small packets
Spaghetti boxes (not large boxes)
Canned meats: i.e. Spam, Chili, Tuna, Salmon

Collection dates are October 2 through October 11. Place your donation on the table by the Coatroom entrance.

SUMC is such a blessing to the Pantry each month.

WOMEN'S NEWS

The United Methodist Women of Faith (UMWF) unit at Southport has a busy October planned. The General Meeting is scheduled for October 11 at 1 p.m. in the Gathering Area.

The following items are on the agenda : Budget, By-Laws and Voting of new officers for 2023.

We will also be celebrating **WORLD THANK OFFERING**. We usually collect a donation based on something we all have in our homes. This year's theme is.."**As darkness comes earlier each evening, we use electricity for lighting our Homes.**" **So count the number of lamps in your home and donate \$.50 for each lamp to help send the light into the world.** **All women are welcome to attend these meetings. They are usually on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Gathering Area. Come join in the fun and fellowship of other SUMC women.**

Also in October, we are asking for donations for **Lucille Raines Residence** in downtown Indy. Lucille Raines is a residence hall for individuals needing a place to live between homeless to home owner. This is a long time Methodist facility supported for 45 year in downtown Indy. They are having a RAINESFEST in October. They have need or items to fill their Country Store. The residents earn play money to shop in the store with. The following items are needed for this store:

Laundry soap, cleaning products, toilet paper, micro dinners, canned meats, soups, canned fruit, and snacks. They could use some decorations for their rooms, children gifts, greeting cards. A tote will be located in the coatroom hall labeled Lucille Raines for any donations you might be able to help with. Please have your donations there by the October 11th Meeting.

FEED A NEED MINISTRY (FAN)

In September, United Methodist Women of Faith (UMWF) had a guest speaker from TEAR DOWN THE WALLS ministry. This ministry is the organization that we donate our 50 (FAN) meals to as a service to the homeless population in downtown Indy. Tiffany gave a very moving talk about the great need for this organization. In late October (October 24th - November 8th), if you have any socks, hats, and gloves that you would like to donate for the winter months for this ministry, please drop them off at the church by the November 8th UMWF meeting and UMWF will get them to the ministry. Place them in the tote in the coatroom area labeled for Tear Down the ed for Tear Down the Walls.

We will be bagging the 50 meals on October 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the gathering area at church. If interested in helping come join the team to help feed the homeless in downtown Indy.

We are looking for a driver to deliver the bags to the Tear Down the Walls ministry in downtown on that Thursday or Friday. Let the church know you are interested in helping and you will be contacted.



The **Revival** was a HUGE success. There were about 115-120 people in attendance. The weather was fabulous. The pitch-in was delicious and many people enjoyed the great food and fellowship. **THANK YOU** to all who helped make this inaugural event a success. We look forward to having it again next year!
-Glenda Williams



JUBILEE CHRISTMAS + 2

JUBILEE DAY IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

The countdown continues with October and November busyness and we don't want to waste a day when we have an opportunity to share Jesus' love with others.

At this time we have 15 Homecroft Elementary Families selected and started in the Jubilee Christmas process. Some are English speaking while others are Hispanic or Burmese. The school has provided Interpreters if there is a language barrier. Hosts from our church will connect with their assigned Jubilee Family soon and discuss what their family needs are and assist with choosing "surprise gifts" for the children.

NEXT STEPS OPPORTUNITIES

Starting Thursday, November 3 and continuing all worship service days through November, Jubilee Team members will be available at the Next Steps area in the Gathering Place. You will find lots of possibilities to support Jubilee Christmas Families. Since we will have many gifts designated for online shopping, if you have questions or if this is a new "shopping experience" for you, we will be delighted to get you started. Watch for more Next Steps information coming in the November newsletter.

BLANKETS - We provide blankets for all the children and youth and we make them by using purchased kits. This requires a little cutting and tying. Kits will be available to pick up and take home in November from the Next Steps area of the Gathering Place.

WRAPPING SUPPLIES - Lots of Christmas wrapping supplies (paper, bags, scotch tape, bows, etc.) and we welcome any extra you may have.

COATS - We purchase many coats so every family member is warm this winter. We gratefully accept no longer needed coat donations, that are in good condition, washable not dry clean, and all sizes, especially adult sizes for the older children and youth. Thank you for coats that are cleaned and ready to give to a family.

PRAYERS - We are so appreciative of your support and encouragement through prayer. Please include the Jubilee Families and their needs and circumstances; Our Hosts who make the connection and share God's love in several ways; The Jubilee Ministry when difficult decisions need to be made while hours and hours of work is ahead.

Call the church office, 317 784-9508, or email office@sumc.org with any questions you may have and a Jubilee Team member will respond.

Thank you for being part of the Jubilee Ministry!

Church Conference for Southport UMC

Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Greenwood United Methodist Church

525 N. Madison Avenue

Greenwood, IN 46142

We will join with our District Super-intendent, Dr. Alize Fulbright, and 10 other United Methodist Churches for a time of worship, sharing and church business. Speak with Pastor Duane if you have any questions.

WE ARE HIRING
Super Hero
CHILDCARE TEACHERS!

OPEN INTERVIEWS:

WHERE: IMAGINATION STATION

1947 E. SOUTHPORT RD.

WHEN: MONDAY-THURSDAY 10-2

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED. CALL 317-784-9508 FOR MORE INFO

NO WEEKENDS

NO HOLIDAYS

BONUS AND PTO OPPORTUNITIES



Southport United Methodist
YOUTH



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

Contact Kelley
with any
questions about
upcoming youth
events!

Kelley@sumc.org

IMAGINATION
Station

It's already October and the kids
are doing great adjusting to new
Schedules in their new Classrooms!
Make sure to share our job opening
listed to the left with friends and
family!

Thursday, October 13, 2022
CITY BARBEQUE GREENWOOD
7863 US 31 South



**EAT AT CITY BARBEQUE ON OUR DESIGNATED FUNDRAISER DAY
AND WE'LL GET 20% OF THE PROCEEDS!**

Ordering in person? Just show this post!

Ordering in the City BBQ app? Use coupon code **FundA** at checkout.

Ordering online at citybbq.com? Use coupon code **FundA** at checkout.

Ordering over the phone? Mention "coupon code **FundA**" at checkout.

CASHIER: FUNDRAISER A

See full terms and conditions at citybbq.com/fundraising



All proceeds will go towards
our Debt Elimination
Campaign.

Present this barcode
in-store on October 13!

Finance

Have you ever thought about what a miraculous invention the pacifier is?

The pacifier simply soothes the baby. It's an amazing device!

Did you know that we have pacifiers as adults? Often times our pacifier is our stuff—new shirt, better car, nicer house, bigger TV, upgraded decorations, etc. When life gets stressful, we lean into this stuff in hopes that it will soothe our soul.

Stuff isn't bad. But it can be harmful if we use it to pacify our discontentment in life. I want to submit a thought. When you're deciding whether or not to purchase more stuff, ask your-self this simple question.

Why do I buy?

Remember this—every spending decision is a spiritual decision. In Matthew, Jesus said that where our treasure is, our hearts will follow.

Now it may seem implied just a little that thought this could impact your giving to the church. And it very well could. Mostly it's just a thought on how to better use what God has given you.

You should also think of your time and talent in this manner too. Why do you do the things you do? How do you spend your time? Is it life giving? Does it feed your soul? Does it honor God? Are you using your time, talent, and financial resources to walk more closely with our Savior, Jesus Christ?

Let's Grow Together,

Brandon

Assistant Pastor

Church	Aug-22	2022 Year To Date
Income		
Offerings	\$49,535	\$398,273
Other	\$596	\$1,771
Imagination Station "Tithe/offering"	\$3,144	\$28,521
Church Expenses		
Conf. & Dist. Support	(\$5,244)	(\$46,457)
Administration	(\$12,168)	(\$119,780)
Maintenance & Utilities	(\$10,569)	(\$105,291)
Connect, Grow, Serve	(\$22,168)	(\$187,805)
Youth & Child Ministry	(\$1,099)	(\$9,069)
Net	\$2,027	(\$39,837)
Imagination Station		
Income	\$39,343	\$298,434
Expense	(\$27,667)	(\$229,490)
"Tithe/offering" to Church	(\$3,144)	(\$28,521)
Net	\$8,532	\$40,423
All Together		
Total Incomes	\$89,474	\$698,478
Total Expenses	(\$78,915)	(\$697,892)
Net	\$10,559	(\$510)

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Duane Thompson

Karen Decatur

Sherry Davis

Suzy Heilman

Pat Hulfachor

John Klipsch

Margaret Trammell

Connie Whisner



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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.*