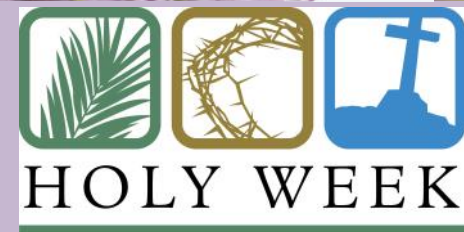




# The Heart Of the Matter

## NEWSLETTER

April 2023



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Maundy Thursday;  
6:30 p.m. Service

*Friday, April 7*  
Good Friday;  
7:00 p.m. Service

*Sunday, April 9*  
Easter Services;  
9:00 a.m. &  
10:30 a.m.



Peggy Boyll handing out Palms.  
Palm Sunday is This Sunday, April 2.

### SPRING

Dear Friends,

I was walking on the Monon Trail the other day, and looked into one of the many backyards that border the trail where we go. I noticed a boy of, I'm guessing, 12 or 13, who possibly as part of his weekly chores, was putting the snow shovels away for the winter in their outdoor storage shed.

It was a beautiful Spring day, probably the nicest we'd had so far, but it was still March. On the local news channel we watch, the forecasters were saying that people had better stay tuned to their station, weather in the Spring in Indiana could be all over the place. You might need your sunscreen one day, but the next it might be snow or ice or hail. Why, just 2 years ago, we had this huge April snowstorm, they said. I hoped that young boy wouldn't have to go out and retrieve his snow shovels.

It is a pretty unpredictable weather time of year. And yet, to me, this is my favorite time. Yes, I know, it can be more rainy than usual, and even snowy, and we have to think about the potential for tornadoes. But the warmer temperatures (although not yet too hot!) and longer days and brighter landscapes of green trees and flowers, makes this an incredible period of regeneration and renewal.

And it's not just out there in nature the promise of regeneration and renewal is within us too—in our minds and hearts. That potential is always there, of course, we can always turn around and give our lives more and more to Christ. But this time of year, with the season of Easter upon us, seems especially to offer us all the irresistible possibilities of new life and greater life.

My prayer for you is that during Holy Week, and Easter, and the weeks after, you will experience regeneration and renewal in all its various guises, and seize hold of the new and greater life Christ offers.

Grace and Hope to You,  
Pastor Duane

## Information/New Members

Interested in knowing more about the church? Maybe you're new here, or have been here for a while, and are ready to become a member. Or maybe you would just like to find out more (no strings attached) about this place you have begun to call your spiritual home.

We are having a brief (probably about 45 minute) informational/new member session after the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 16. A light lunch will be provided, and we'll tell you all we can about this amazing place we call Southport United Methodist Church.

**What: Informational/New Member Meeting**

**When: 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 16**

**Where: Music Room (Next to Gathering Area)**

Sign up on the Connect Card, or by telling Maggie Lucas, Jerrie Snell, Brandon Collins, or Duane Thompson

### UPCOMING *Dates*

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9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*Sunday, April 16*

New Sermon Series

Begins:

"The God of Radical  
Life"

*April 16*

New Member Class

11:30 a.m.

*April 29*

All Church Work Day

8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

*April 30*

New Members Join

Cross Training

11:45 a.m. — 1:45 p.m.



# An *Invite* from the Discipleship Path Coordinators!



## A Special Opportunity for Holy Week

You are invited to join us in extending a warm welcome to all entering our church during Holy Week.

Contact one of our discipleship path coordinators for your preferred spot.

Maundy Thursday: greeters and ushers for 6:30 service.

Good Friday: ushers for 7:00 service.

Easter Sunday: greeters and ushers 9:00 and 10:30 service or coffee fellowship set up or cleanup.

[Jerrie@sumc.org](mailto:Jerrie@sumc.org)  
[Maggie@sumc.org](mailto:Maggie@sumc.org)  
317.513.5492

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

SUMC will have a volunteer day at Second Helpings on April 22 from 8:30 a.m.-Noon! Please save this date for an opportunity to serve.

Contact Jerrie Snell or Maggie Lucas and we will share more information on how to sign up!

# VOLUNTEER



A lot of hard work has been going into creating the peanut butter eggs for the "What If" campaign. Thank you so much for your orders and donations. Pick up will be available Sunday, April 2!

## Easter Transformation

- ☐ I would like to make a donation of \_\_\_\_\_ to Easter Transformation.
- ☐ I would like to recognize the following person (people) with a spring flower picture.

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)



We still have time to take your envelopes for Operation Transformation to get your flower picture posted for Easter Sunday!



## 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

## HELP PACK SEEDS

Support IndyPL's seed library to:

Fight food insecurity  
Meet new people  
Support your neighbors

April 20

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Southport Branch

The  
INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC  
Library  
FOUNDATION



A great local opportunity to help  
pack seeds to fight food insecurity!

## CHILDREN'S Church

Every Sunday at  
10:30 a.m.



Facebook is a great way  
to follow everything

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





# CHURCH WORK DAY

April 29th  
8:00 am to 1:00pm



This is an opportunity to get our building and grounds looking their best. There will be work projects for all skill levels and ages. This is a fun opportunity to serve as a group, family, or individual!



## **WOMEN'S NEWS**

The Rebekah Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at 1p.m. in the gathering area at church. The program will be our Call to Prayer and Self Denial. All women are welcome to attend. Come and enjoy fellowship, fun, and food.

## **FAN (FEED A NEED)**

The FAN group will be bagging the 50 meals for the homeless downtown on April 6th at 1 p.m. in the gathering area at church. This is a 20 minute activity placing all the food items in our white bags. Southport is noted for their white bags. We have been told that the people come running to get meals when the white bags come out. What a blessing to be able to serve the hungry in our city. Thank you for your donations to this ministry.

## **FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS of MONEY TO THE MEIJER CAMPAIGN. The donations were taken to the Southport Meijer store on Saturday, March 25 so that our donations could be matched with double the money. YOU are helping to feed many families on the southside that are in need of food.

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL THE NEED IS FOR:

kinds of beans) regular size cans of beans (chili beans, refried beans, kidney beans, navy beans, all  
toothpaste  
bars of soap  
pasta boxes or packages (potatoes, Knorr pkgs, boxes of noodles, etc)

## **CREATION CARE**

Reused and Recycled items are still being collected here at SUMC located on the East wall of the Gathering Area:

Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House  
Used American Flags  
Recycle bins for plastic.  
Campbell soup labels

Outside: paper bin in the parking lot for the Imagination Station  
recycle bin in the back parking area on south side.

Other sites available for recycling - the city bins are located in the parking lot in front of Bandy's North of the church on Madison Ave. & Edgewood.

Medicines in plastic bags at most CVS stores (no bottles. (INDY.gov info on what you can drop off)

Second Saturday of each month 9AM - 2PM  
Perry Township Government Center 4925 S Shelby St.

Help us to be more green!





# IMAGINATION

Station

## Vacation Bible School Save the date!

### June 4—June 8

#### CROSS TRAINING

Next :

### April 30, 2023

We will be eating, playing games,

doing projects & devotion

This will be open to 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. 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.



Camp registration is now  
open:



**Impact2818.org**  
**IMPACT 2818: Outdoor Ministries**  
of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana





# Finance

Sesame Street ran an episode to help children understand a condition called, “mineitis”. In this episode our most beloved characters were afflicted with this condition that caused them to only worry about themselves. To complicate factors, mine-itis seemed to be very contagious.

Mine-itis is well known by anyone that has watched two kids play. Kids have no problem saying, “That is MINE!” Ever had one of your kids run into the living room and say, “Johnny took MY truck (or Barbie doll or whatever the object might be)!”

The crazy thing is that Mine-itis never goes away; kids are just more honest about it. As adults, we say things like, “That is my money,” or “Like my car?” Scripture teaches that we really don’t own anything. To say “mine” about anything is to not clearly understand the purpose of resources.

There was a cure for mine-itis on Sesame Street. The cure was to share. Share with the person afflicted with the disease. Now, on Sesame Street a Grouch had to share with the afflicted person (but let’s be honest we all have a little bit of Grouch in us).

Giving is the ultimate opportunity to say, “Jesus, this is not mine.” Thank you for being generous.

## Hebrews 2:10 (CEV)

*Everything belongs to God, and all things were created by his power. So God did the right thing when he made Jesus perfect by suffering, as Jesus led many of God's children to be saved and to share in his glory.*

Church	Feb-23	Year To Date	2023 Monthly Budget/Need
<b>Income</b>			
Offerings	\$42,917	\$101,092	\$50,125
Other	\$461	\$792	\$125
Imagination Station "Tithe/offering"	\$5,639	\$9,850	\$5,030
<b>Church Expenses</b>			
Conf. & Dist. Support	(\$6,633)	(\$12,536)	(\$5,750)
Administration	(\$17,444)	(\$34,556)	(\$13,292)
Maintenance & Utilities	(\$21,648)	(\$35,901)	(\$12,242)
Connect, Grow, Serve	(\$17,428)	(\$36,277)	(\$23,095)
Youth & Child Ministry	(\$2,126)	(\$3,734)	(\$1,453)
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$16,262)</b>	<b>(\$11,270)</b>	
<b>Imagination Station</b>			
Income	\$36,797	\$77,079	\$35,929
Expense	(\$26,185)	(\$47,552)	(\$30,365)
"Tithe/offering" to Church	(\$5,639)	(\$9,850)	(\$5,030)
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$4,974</b>	<b>\$19,677</b>	
<b>All Together</b>			
Total Income	\$80,175	\$178,963	\$86,179
Total Expenses	(\$91,463)	(\$170,555)	(\$86,195)
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$11,288)</b>	<b>\$8,408</b>	

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Duane Thompson  
Karen Decatur  
Sherry Davis  
Doug Lewis  
Pat Hulfachor  
Travis Miller  
Margaret Trammell  
Kathy Smith  
Jeff Horne  
Kathy Campbell



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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.*