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Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church

“Growing Disciples, Living and Sharing God’s love”



Coffee Chat



The itinerate nature of pastoral leaders who are ordained as Elders in the United Methodist Church (UMC) is nothing new. Yet I have to admit that Pastor Marty's appointment to Murphysboro UMC in Murphysboro, Illinois, came as quite a surprise and shock. I feel as if our work together here at Sulphur Grove was not yet complete. At the same time I also knew that a pastor as gifted and talented as Marty would not long be an associate pastor.

I have to admit I initially had great concerns about how Marty's departure would have the possibility of negatively affecting what is happening regarding our Missional Church Consultation Initiative and other plans for the church. Marty was a key leader in moving the Sulphur Grove into God's preferred future. Yet that concern was short lived as I remembered that God is "...working in all things for the good of those who love God, who have been called according to God's purpose." (Romans 8:28 paraphrased) I was reminded that while we have lost a key leader in our church, God is and was *already at work to bring us the right person to fulfill the role of Y and Brandt pastor.*

I write to assure you that the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and I have already been in discussion with the District Superintendent regarding the gifts and talents needed in a pastor to serve at the Y and Brandt locations. I am also personally committed to doing everything within my ability as senior pastor to get the best pastor we can get, not only for the future of the Y campus and Brandt, but for Sulphur Grove. Until the time we have another Y and Brandt pastor, I ask for your patience. I have been working to provide preaching coverage for the Y and Brandt. I intend to rotate preaching at all locations until Marty's replacement is appointed. It is hoped an appointment will be made quickly. Yet it may take time to find the right person to assume this role.

As you are likely aware, the SPRC put the Congregational Care Pastor position on hold when Pastor Latoya was reappointed due to COVID-19 prohibitions around hospital and long term care facilities visits. With Marty's departure, and the lifting of the COVID-19 visitation restrictions, I have suggested to the SPRC that now is the time to fill that position.

Please be in prayer for our church, our Bishop, his cabinet, and our District Superintendent as they prayerfully discern God's will for a new pastoral leader for the Y and Brandt. Let us rejoice in this new and wonderful opportunity for our beloved brother Marty and look forward to what good thing God is already working in this period of transition!

Blessings & Peace,



WATCH OR LISTEN LIVE!



Traveling this summer? Visiting parents, grandparents or grandkids? You can still worship with your friends and neighbors at Sulphur Grove. The Taylorsville campus broadcasts the 10:45 am service live on the internet. To view simply go to the SGUMC website at sulphurgrove.org and click on the colorful Sulphur Grove icon to watch the video feed. If you have a slow internet connection you can access the audio only feed at <https://mixlr.com/sulphur-grove> to listen to the service. You can hear all the music, all the prayers, and even the jokes! Livestreaming of the Y services is coming soon!



PASTORAL STAFF UPDATES

The Sulphur Grove Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) met on July 14th to discuss two things regarding pastoral staffing at the church.

The first topic addressed was to fill the vacant congregational care pastor position. Hospitals and long term care facilities in the Dayton region have dropped the COVID-19 restrictions. As a result, pastoral visitation of those in such facilities has resumed. The SPRC voted to fill the vacant position as soon as possible at 16 ½ hours per week. The departure of Pastor Marty also was a factor in the SPRC's decision to fill this position.

The second item addressed was pastoral staffing at the YMCA (Y) campus. Due primarily to financial constraints the SPRC voted to make the Y pastor a part-time, 20 hour per week (1/2 time) position. The decision was based on the number of people currently attending the Y and the financial giving of the Y campus. It is hoped that making this a part-time position will be temporary. It is hoped that the attendance and giving at the Y will increase to a point when we can again restore the position to full-time status.

The other factor you may not be aware of is that we did not have to provide Pastor Marty with insurance. He had insurance through Veronica's employer. For a family plan, that was a savings of \$28,800.00 per year to the church. This contributed heavily in the decision to move to a part-time position. In the meantime please understand we can no longer financially sustain a full-time pastor at the Y.

JUST FOR FUN



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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HOMEFULL

We were informed a week ago that the rules for providing lunch at St Vincent's have changed. On Saturday, July 3rd, the team served 26 women, 29 family members and 8 late walk-ins. We served our chicken & noodles, green beans, four large chocolate & vanilla cakes, rolls, assorted fruits, gum and Welch's fruit drinks. We are now required to serve both the women and then stay and serve all the families. The team has decided to include the families and continue this ministry because we all believe in it.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH HELP!

The Huber Heights English Language Program will be starting its 22nd year at Sulphur Grove on Monday, September 13th. Last year was a challenge as it was for all schools. We are hoping to start this new year strong with your help. We are in need of additional child care volunteers. We especially need a volunteer to help on Monday mornings. You will work with another volunteer with children from our adult students. You will help our students from around the world to learn English and become contributing members of society. Our classes are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am to 12pm. For more information about volunteering for child care, please contact one of our veteran child care volunteers – Jean Mahan: jamdayton@zoomtown.com, Evvie Moore: evvie.moore@earthlink.net, Shari Coover: Skcoover@gmail.com or Sue Wilson: swilsonsw@woh.rr.com. They would be glad to have you join our team. To volunteer or for additional information, contact Jacqueline Bunke at 937-760-7652 or jacquelinegae@gmail.com.

Another way that you can use your skills and talents to help others is to join our volunteer teaching team! If you have teaching experience, that's great but it is not required. Only one of our current volunteers is a former teacher. Training and materials are provided. Our classes are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am to 12pm. Volunteer teachers teach one morning a week. For more information about teaching English language students, contact a past teacher, Sue Breisch: jsbreisch@sbcglobal.net who taught with us for many years. To volunteer or for additional information, contact Jacqueline Bunke at 937-760-7652 or email at jacquelinegae@gmail.com.

Thanks so much to Sulphur Grove whose prayers and support have made this program possible. Please continue those prayers!!

SUMMERTIME COLLECTION FOR EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP BUCKETS

Summer is quickly passing but there is still time to donate monies for a flood bucket. We will continue to collect through the month of August and into early September. Tropical storms and the hurricane season are underway and many may experience flooding again this summer so the need is still great. The cost of a bucket is \$75 with a \$3 processing fee, so \$78 will cover the cost of a bucket. If you'd like to donate a bucket, please write your check for the \$78 to SGUMC and write flood bucket on the memo line so the church treasurer knows which account to put it in until we send off the money to the Festival of Sharing at Otterbein College in the Fall. Thank you so much for showing and sharing God's love.

In His Service,
Jean Mahan
Mission committee

GRUB-on-the-RUN SETS NEW RECORD!

The June Grub on the Run, led on Tuesday, June 22, set a new record for number of meals served. Your Grub servants served and handed out 284 dinners. Even though we set a new record, there is always a need for meals in Huber Heights and we always have room for more people. Invite your friends to join us for the next Grub on the Run.

DID YOU MISS YOUR SUMMER PICNIC WITH THE JULY GRUB-ON-THE-RUN?

Those of you who joined us for Grub-on-the-Run in July had a chance to dine on their deck, on your patio, or on your lawn, and were served a delicious picnic meal. If you missed your July picnic, then you can plan your picnic for August 24th. We will be serving a Sloppy Joe sandwich fixin's, bun, chips, undressed tossed salad and dessert provided by your Grub-on-the-Run servants. Mark your calendar for August 24th at 5:00pm to drive through Grub-on-the-Run, pick up your meals, take them home, and enjoy your picnic dinner.

Plan your picnic, **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 24th**, pray that God's face will shine upon you and that you can enjoy your picnic meal.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- That so far this year your Grub Team has served more than 1250 meals. This puts Sulphur Grove on pace to serve more than 2500 meals this year alone!
- That our neighbors at Hardee's on the corner of Taylorsville and Brandt Pike have been permitting Sulphur Grove to put a sign on their lawn advertising a "FREE MEAL" at Grub-on-the-Run each time we host Grub. Hardee's does this even though Grub is in direct competition with them in serving the people of Huber Heights. Next time you patronize this gracious neighbor's restaurant be sure to say Thank You.
- That we are beginning to make plans to re-open Grub-at-the-Grove sometime later this year. It takes 30-40 servants doing everything from shopping for supplies, baking desserts, making the meal, greeting and seating the guests, serving the meal, clearing the tables, to carrying out the trash and washing the dishes to make Grub-at-the-Grove go. There is plenty of room on the Grub servant team for any person interested in being a volunteer. Please call or email Vicki Minning at 937-236-0048 or vickiminning@gmail.com.

THERE IS A JOB WAITING SULPHUR GROVE WANTS YOU!

UMW NEWS ...

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND UMW MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- ♦ **CARITAS** will meet for lunch and fellowship Wednesday, August 4th, 11:30am at Archers restaurant, 2030 East Dorothy Lane in Kettering. For more information contact Marge Graves (937)441-7667 or margsocks@aol.com
- ♦ **NEW DIMENSIONS** will meet for their annual picnic, Tuesday, August 10th, 6:30pm at the home of Sharon Pack, 6110 Taylorsville Rd. Bring a covered dish to share and your completed school kits.
- ♦ **BOARD MEETING** Monday, August 16th, 1:00pm.

ALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

"A closer walk with Jesus-How to be a Fierce Woman for God"

There are now 2 openings for the All Women's Retreat at Maria Stein Spiritual Center, September 10-12. We would love you to join us for a weekend of fellowship, worship, music, and relaxation. The cost is \$175 and includes lodging for 2 nights, private room with bath and all meals. If you choose to stay 1 night (either Friday or Saturday) the cost is \$100. If you wish to join us for Saturday only (no overnight) you would pay only for meal/s (\$10-20). Carpooling will be available. If you are interested contact Marianne Shoemaker (937)543-2635 or marianneshoemaker3@gmail.com.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SCHOOL KITS

United Methodist Women is collecting school supplies to prepare children's disaster relief kits for Church World Service. Please donate ONLY the items listed below. UMW will assemble the kits with these items adding items we have on hand. Our collection bin will be in the Taylorsville Gathering Area from August 1 through August 29. Note: school supplies may be purchased tax-free between August 6 and 8. Monetary donations will also be accepted to cover shipping costs. Thank you for your support and generosity! For further information contact Sue Wilson at (937) 623-9251 or swilsonsw@woh.rr.com

- Blunt Scissors (rounded tip)
- Sturdy, 30 centimeter/12 inch rulers
- Box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- 70 count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages
- Hand-Held Pencil Sharpeners
- 6 unsharpened pencils with eraser

LOVE PACKAGES

Our Business is to Fill Eager Hands With the Word of God!

All churches and individuals have extra Christian literature they don't use anymore:

- Bibles
- Sunday School curriculum
- Christian books and paperbacks
 - Daily devotionals
 - Magazines
 - CD's
 - DVD's

The Love Package ministry collects and sends these materials to missionaries and ministries around the world to use in their work furthering the gospel of Christ.

New Freedom Church is the Regional Collection Center in Southwest and Central Ohio for Love Packages. There will be bins in the Gathering Area for your donations, where they will be picked up and then distributed.

Our Vision is to See All of America's Excess Christian Materials Placed On the Mission Fields of the World!

Visit www.lovepackages.org
For more information
about this international
ministry based in Butler, Illinois

Donate Empty Pill Bottles to Support Matthew 25 Ministries

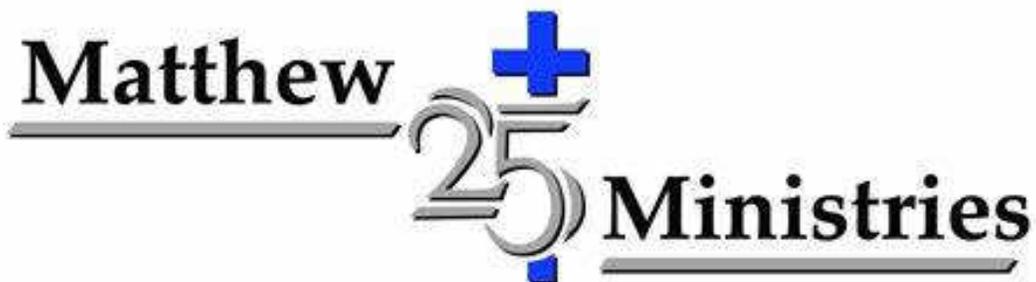
Matthew 25 Ministries is an international relief ministry based in Cincinnati. Their mission is to fulfill Matthew 25: 34-40 by providing food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, affordable shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill, and humanitarian supplies to those in need.

*"As you did it to the least of them, my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40*

New Freedom Church is collecting empty pill bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries, who then recycle the bottles to provide financial support for their work.

Could you personally, and perhaps your church, collect and donate all of your empty prescription, vitamin, supplement, and over-the-counter medicine bottles? Any color of plastic pill bottles is accepted.

There will be bins in the Gathering Area for your donations, where they will be picked up and then taken for recycling.



August

Worship

SCHEDULE

TAYLORSVILLE

Worship 8:30am & 10:45 am

YMCA

Worship 10:30 am

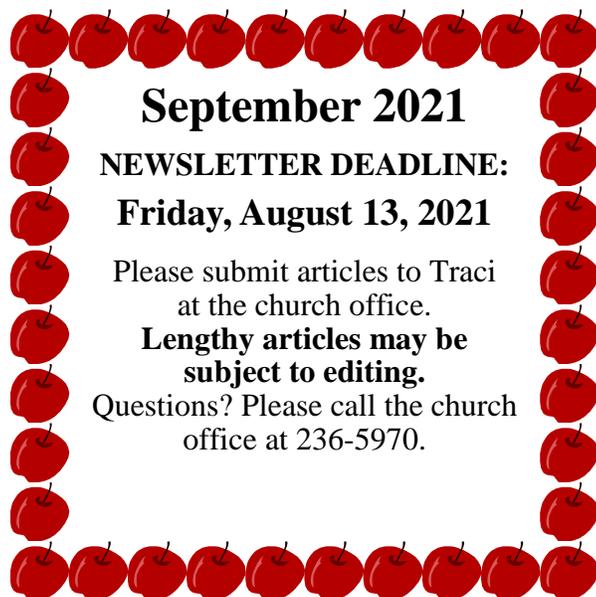
<p>August 1 <i>"The Power of Storytelling: The Wise and Foolish Servants"</i> Luke 12: 48</p>	<p>August 1 <i>"The Power of Storytelling: The Wise and Foolish Servants"</i> Luke 12: 48</p>
<p>August 8 <i>"The Power of Storytelling: You Don't Always Reap a Harvest"</i> Mark 4: 3-8; 14-20</p>	<p>August 8 <i>"The Power of Storytelling: You Don't Always Reap a Harvest"</i> Mark 4: 3-8; 14-20</p>
<p>August 15 <i>"The Power of Storytelling: Thorns Among Roses"</i> Matthew 13: 24-30; 36-43</p>	<p>August 15 <i>"The Power of Storytelling: Thorns Among Roses"</i> Matthew 13: 24-30; 36-43</p>
<p>August 22 <i>"The Power of Storytelling: Fruitfulness Expected"</i> Luke 13: 6-9</p>	<p>August 22 <i>"The Power of Storytelling: Fruitfulness Expected"</i> Luke 13: 6-9</p>
<p>August 29 <i>The Power of Storytelling: What is Church Really About?"</i> Matthew 18: 12-14</p>	<p>August 29 <i>The Power of Storytelling: What is Church Really About?"</i> Matthew 18: 12-14</p>

Please keep in mind, if you do not feel comfortable returning to church just yet, online streaming will continue to be available.

SULPHUR GROVE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS—YEAR TO DATE AS OF JUNE 30, 2021
On-line giving available on our website at www.sulphurgrove.org.

Total General Fund Giving	\$302,219.92
Transfers to Budget	\$900.76
Total General Fund Income	\$303,120.68
Total General Fund Expenses	\$315,530.64
Loan Balance	\$524,100.62
Payment to Loan Principal	\$1,134,424.76

Monthly detailed finance reports are available through the church office. Please contact Ray Fosnot at treasurer@sulphurgrove.org or 236-5970 if you would like to receive a report or have questions.



September 2021

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Friday, August 13, 2021**

Please submit articles to Traci at the church office.

Lengthy articles may be subject to editing.

Questions? Please call the church office at 236-5970.

Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church Ministers

The People of Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church including:

Barry Baughman.....Lead Pastor
TBDPastor Y Location & Brandt UMC

Eric MunsonDirector of Youth Ministries
Candy Buffenbarger ... Director of Children’s Ministries
Samantha Seeberg..... Taylorsville Choir Director
Norman Moxley Y Worship Leader
Jessica Voline Y Production Worship Specialist
Lea Warren Technical Multi-Media Specialist
Gary Carmack..... Brandt Worship Leader

Ray Fosnot Treasurer
Jenny Vossler Financial Secretary
Traci Schaaf Administrative Assistant

TAYLORSVILLE

7505 Taylorsville Road
Huber Heights OH 45424
(937) 236-5970
Worship ~ 8:30am & 10:45am
Kiawanda Language Worship
3:00pm -5:00pm in Holden Chapel

YMCA

7251 Shull Road
Huber Heights OH 45424
(937) 236-9622
Worship ~ 10:30am

BRANDT

6805 East US 40
Tipp City, OH 45371
(937) 845-8025
Worship ~ 12:00pm

Taylorsville Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs: 9:00am - 1:30pm
Closed on Fridays until further notice
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