



November 28, 2021

Good Morning!

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Please silence electronics

Worship Services:

Sulphur Grove UMC — 7505 Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights, 45424 — 8:30am & 10:45am

The Y Campus — 7251 Shull Rd., Huber Heights, 45424 — 10:30am

Brandt UMC — 6805 E. US 40, Tipp City, 45371 — 12:00pm

Kiawanda Language Worship—7505 Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights, 45424 — 2:30pm

We are committed to growing disciples of Jesus Christ, living and sharing God's love.

ATTENTION

Due to plumbing and construction for the Gathering Area, the Preschool-1st grade room (102) is closed for a while. Thank you for understanding.

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

The deadline for final submissions for announcements for Sunday, **DECEMBER 12**, will be end of day (4pm) **Friday, DECEMBER 3**. Anything received after this time will appear in the following week's announcements, if applicable. Submit items to: office@sulphurgrove.org.

GET THE WORD OUT—JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Want to get the word out for your ministry? The January Newsletter deadline is **Friday, DECEMBER 3RD**. This is a week earlier than usual, due to the Christmas holiday. Anything received after the deadline will go in the next issue, if applicable. Send articles to Traci: tracis@sulphurgrove.org. *Articles subject to editing.

BIBLE STUDY

New study: *The Advent of the Savior* is a six-week Bible study that will begin on November 28. This study will give us different perspectives on Jesus' birth - the perspective of the prophets who preceded Him by centuries, his parents, his aunt and uncle, the shepherds doing a day's work, and the far-off Magi. We meet every Sunday morning in room 302/303 from 9:30-10:30. Everyone is welcome. For more information and to get a study guide contact Bill Baker, 937-236-3715, bbaker@donet.com. This study will also be held on Tuesday evenings, same room, from 6:00-7:30pm, beginning November 30.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Hey guys, need a little help getting ready for Christmas this year? Our Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study for the season of Advent begins on November 30th, 7am, in room 101. Coffee's on. All are welcome. Each week will be a discussion of the combined readings from this year's Common Revised Lectionary for the four Sundays of Advent aimed at helping us prepare for the arrival of God's greatest gift! Hope to see you there!

ADVENT STUDY

The Advent study this year will be *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes* by Matt Rawle. We will have physical copies, and it is also available as an e-book on Cokesbury.com, or Amazon Kindle. Due to the 150th celebration, the Advent study will begin on December 5th.

DINNER CHURCH

A new midweek "Dinner Church" worship service is planned to begin in February of 2022. Servants are needed to help with the following: Table leaders, meal prep, set up and tear down, song leaders and/or musicians, people to attend and partake of the meal and service. Please pray about being a part of this new outreach ministry. If you would like more information, please contact pastor Barry.

ALMOND SALE

GroveYouth's annual Almond Sale is back! Bags of Cinnamon Sugar Almonds and Peanuts are available for order at \$6 a bag, to be delivered at each church campus on Sunday, December 19th. Proceeds go toward the summer mission trip. Find a teen to place an order, or do so online at www.sulphurgrove.org/groveyouth.

CHRISTMAS CITY

Christmas is celebrated in many different ways around the world, but there is one theme that remains the same no matter your location; it's a time of joy spent with the ones you love! At Christmas City, you and your family will "travel the globe" to experience unique holiday traditions. With passports in hand, you'll visit each station to engage your senses in a global celebration of food, song, crafts, games, and more! Join us on Saturday, December 18th from 4-6pm in the Activity Center - all ages welcome!

AID TO THOSE IN NEED TEAM

We are again putting together a team to handle requests of the church to help those in need. If you are willing to serve on this team, please contact Barry or Candy.

MESSIAH FYI

This year's Messiah concert has been cancelled. They are hoping to return next year.

SENIORS LUNCHEON

Seniors December Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. We will have soup, sandwiches, and dessert at a nominal cost per person payable at the door. Bring your voice as we will sing songs of the Christmas season accompanied by Sonnie Clifton. Gathering with friends; eating, singing and socializing is a great way to share this wonderful season. You are invited to join us. Make your reservation with your monthly caller. See you there!

ADOPT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS

This year we will have 6 families with 18 children from Wesley Community Center to bless this Christmas! We are continuing our new tradition of giving the families gift cards for Christmas.

There are several ways to donate.

1. Buy a \$25 or \$50 gift card from Walmart
 - a. In person and drop them off in the Adopt a Family Christmas box in the Gathering Area at Taylorsville
 - b. Online (<https://giftcards.walmart.com/>) and have it sent to:
Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church,
Attn: Adopt-a-Family
7505 Taylorsville Rd.,
Huber Heights, OH 45424
2. Donate any amount to SGUMC –
 - a. Mail a check and write on memo line - Adopt a Family.
 - b. Go to www.sulphurgrove.org and use the Give menu.
 1. If you are on a computer, scroll down to Adopt a Family.
 2. If you are on the phone, click See All and scroll down to Adopt a Family.

Whether or not you are able to donate financially, please pray and share God's love with the families by signing Christmas cards for them and drop the cards off in the Adopt a Family Christmas box in the Gathering Area at Taylorsville. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 12, 2021.**

Sulphur Grove, working with Wesley Center, has reached out to the families who seek help for many years now. You have blessed their lives. Please prayerfully consider donating this year as the need continues to be great.

Bring joy to those in need and bring joy to yourself in helping others!

Merry Christmas!

Mission Committee.

SULPHUR GROVE CHURCH = FOOD

Whether it has been food sold at the auctions held at Sulphur Grove Evangelical United Brethren Church, or the Choir Turkey Supper beginning in the 1950's at Sulphur Grove EUB, or bean dinners, spaghetti dinners, or turkey suppers at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church, or monthly bags of groceries delivered to help restock the food pantries at Huber Heights FISH, St. Peters Catholic Church, and the Wesley Community Center, throughout the second half of the 20th Century Sulphur Grove has always been known for food in Wayne Township, Huber Heights, and the Dayton area. This reputation has been faithfully carried forward into the first twenty years of the 21st Century, by the choirs' continuation of the Turkey Suppers until 2010, by the continuation of delivery of the monthly bags of groceries to the various food pantries, by the beginning of "Bags of Love" in 2010, and by joining of efforts with other churches for Project One Hope in 2009 which we called Grub-at-the-Grove.

For more than 10 years, the Sulphur Grove UMC "Bags of Love" ministry has been providing bags of food each week when school is in session for hungry children at one of the Elementary schools in Huber Heights. These bags are provided so that these children will have something to eat for lunch on weekend, non-school days. At the present time, SGUMC is averaging 15 bags of lunch-type food for the hungry children.

In 2009, Sulphur Grove joined arms with a number of other churches in Huber Heights under the banner of "Project One Hope" to provide a nutritious, healthy meal at least once per month to hungry folks in the community. The Sulphur Grove contribution began as Grub-at-the-Grove, a sit-down, home-cooked dinner delivered by a wait staff member, individually on china plates at lovingly decorated tables with individual place settings; all without charge. Each and every guest coming to Grub-at-the-Grove was made to feel special as they dined and communed with their tablemates. Over the years, the number of churches in Project One Hope has ebbed and flowed until today where there are three remaining churches hosting these community meals.

Over the years, it also became apparent that some of the regular guests were not always able to attend Grub-at-the-Grove for various reasons and in the desire to make sure these regulars and others received their community meal, Grub-on-the-Go was born. This is home delivery of the meal by the "Grub Wheels" directly to guests' doors when they become shut-ins through illness or infirmity. The "Grub Wheels" are teams of 2-3 servants who pick up the food at SGUMC and deliver them to the guests at their homes. On Tuesday, November 16, four separate "Grub Wheels" teams delivered 60 meals to Grub guests.

With the onset of COVID-19, Grub-at-the-Grove became Grub-on-the-Run, a drive-thru version of Grub-at-the-Grove. The fourth Tuesday of most months, guests line up in the East parking lot beginning at about 4:30 for the 5:00 start of Grub-on-the-Run which continues until 6:30 or until the food runs out. In the first 10 months of 2021 SGUMC has been averaging 232 meals served each month, including the Grub-on-the-Go meals. In the months of November and December, the date of Grub is adjusted to accommodate the Holiday Seasons. On Tuesday, November 16, SGUMC Kitchen servants prepared 34 purchased turkey breasts and sliced and bagged 20 home-baked and donated Bundt cakes. Their efforts served 255 meals through Grub-on-the-Run and the 60 meals through Grub-on-the-Go when all the turkey ran out after setting **a new record of 315 meals.**

All the Grub-on-the-Run meals continue to be the same home-cooked dinner, served individually to be taken home and enjoyed. The drive-thru guests are encouraged to take one or more extra meals to share with their neighbors. All meals are provided without charge to the guests. There are no "financial need" criteria to become a guest of Grub-at-the-Grove, Grub-on-the-Go, or Grub-on-the-Run. All that is required is that you would like to eat a nutritious, healthy meal prepared and served with love.

Each and every one of you is encouraged to join us and become a guest of Grub-on-the-Run or suggest a guest for Grub-on-the-Go. Whether you become a guest or a servant or both, become a part of SGUMC's "Grub."

Please continue to pray our Breakthrough Prayer

Dear Lord, you have challenged us to be Your Church of Change in Huber Heights. We ask you to change each of our hearts to be so full of Your love that all we meet are drawn closer to You.

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