



SELLERSBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Words to the Wise

October | 2025

Pastor's Pen...

Communication is one of the most important tools of any ministry. In this information age where most people are being constantly bombarded with news, alerts, and updates, it is all the more important to get our message out in ways that reach those we are most intent on reaching. As part of a communications overhaul, we have redesigned our church website. We had tried a few small updates, including some great graphics from Dalton Daily, but ultimately we needed a larger more complete change. You can visit our website at SellersburgUMC.com.

The menu of the old website was filled with links all over the website. The new menu has been organized into 6 main selections



(This is the menu from the new website)

The first selection is labeled "I'm New" This is not only called I'm New, but is completely new to our website. This is a tab designed to get the attention of those who are new to our church and trying to learn more about us. This section includes everything someone new would want to know about our church. There is information about Sunday mornings, Sunday School, and accessibility. There is even a new video tour.

The second selection is labeled "Worship." This page contains information about our in-person and online worship. For those who come to our website weekly to get access to the worship service, it is no longer on the Home page. There are more links to our YouTube channel which provide a better way of getting to the live link.

The third selection is labeled "Connect". In this section are all the ways that someone new can

connect with the ministries and groups of our church. There are pages on fellowship groups, study groups, outreach, and becoming a member.

The fourth selection is labeled "News and Events." In this section, there are pages with the church calendar and links to our weekly and monthly publications such as the Newsletter, GPS, What's Up Wednesday, etc. There are also dedicated pages for our annual events such as the BBQ Pork Dinner, Easter, and Christmas.

The fifth selection is labeled "Prayer." In this section, there is information about our prayer spaces such as the Prayer Room and Prayer Garden. There is also a page for our new Prayer Quilt Ministry and a form for submitting Prayer requests for our prayer chain.

The sixth and final selection is labeled "Resources." This section we hope to expand over time. Now there is information about the Upper Room Devotional resource that the church provides. There is also a page containing UMC provided resources about fighting racism and injustice.

As you can see, there is a lot of great information for newcomers and church members alike. I hope that you will take some time and check out everything that is new. The design and art is completely new as well. Check it out!

Blessings,

Pastor John

john.demaree@inumc.org



*Available on Facebook and through
our website*



Check out What's Up Wednesday...

Meet Pastor John (Again)

When I first arrived, I set up a few weeks worth of appointment times to meet. Now that we are starting our third year together, I would like to set up another round of meetings. If we met last time, I would like to meet with you again and check in. If we were not able to meet last time, this is another chance to finally find a time to get together.

The dates will be during the weeks of October 5th, 19th, and 26th. I will have sign up sheets available in the church with a variety of options each week. There will be morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend times. You will have the opportunity to make it a simple hour or so together, or plan our time around a meal. I am hoping to meet with as many of you as possible. Once the sign up sheets are out in the sanctuary,, you will also be able to contact the church office to sign up. Please consider this opportunity as a gift of my time, and take me up on this offer.



Are you
receiving
Pastor John's
weekly email?

If not, email the
office and let
Tony know!

Friday Morning Bible Study

Acts of the Apostles

Join us Friday mornings. Currently, we are working our way through the Book of Acts. Come and find out what happened after the resurrection. Often, we skip over the stories in this companion volume to the Gospel of Luke.

EVERYONE is welcome to join the Friday Morning group which meets at 10:00 am on Fridays in the church basement, Room 2. The easiest access is from the rear parking lot and through the backdoor of the church.

Charge Conference

Each year, our church is asked to meet and vote on financial matters and the leadership of our church. This annual meeting is called a Charge Conference. Pastor John has several forms which lay out our finances, leadership, membership, and other facts and figures which give a snapshot of our church. The results of this work are voted on at a Charge Conference meeting. The meeting, this year, is being held at Wesley UMC in Jeffersonville on **Sunday, October 19th, at 2:00 pm**. The Governing Board is asked to be there and vote, but any of our members are welcome to come and participate in the conference. It is a chance to celebrate everything we have accomplished over the year, and look forward to the year to come.



Young at Heart

The Young-at-Heart pitch-in luncheon will be on **Wednesday, October 1, at 11:30 a.m.** Thanks to all who helped with or bought tickets to the BBQ Dinner on Sept. 19. The food was delicious and lucky for us there was leftover pork BBQ that we can enjoy at our luncheon. Hope you can join us!

Everyone is invited!

Phyllis Hunefeld (502-693-3696)

Maureen Atkinson (812-786-2119)



United Women in Faith

On **October 4** the United Women in Faith will meet at **10 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall to prepare and bake apple dumplings. They will go on sale Sunday, October 5, before and after church. We need lots of hands to peel apples and put together the pans for baking. This is our annual fundraiser for missions. The cost will be \$6. You can preorder by contacting Phyllis Hunefeld at 502-693-3696 or Phyllis.hunefeld@gmail.com. There will be no other meeting this month.

New Indiana Co-CDRC and UMVIM Coordinator

Jennifer Demaree, Pastor John's wife, has been asked to step into two Indiana Conference roles. She is now one of the co-Conference Disaster Response Coordinators (CDRC) and the conference United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Coordinator. This means she is in direct contact with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) regarding disaster recovery efforts in Indiana and other areas where our Early Response Teams go to work including Wisconsin, where a team went in early September to help with flood damage. She is also in contact with the North Central Jurisdictional's UMVIM Coordinator regarding volunteer opportunities on a bi-monthly basis finding out about areas in need and distributing details through conference communications. Please pray for Jennifer as she takes on these new positions while remotely working full-time for her employer for the past 21 years in California.

Church Recipe Book Update

Thanks to everyone who submitted recipes for the next church recipe book earlier this year. While the plan had been to get the book put together this year and sell them at the end of this year, the book will not be ready in 2025. The hope is to have it for sale late next year. With my new duties at the Conference level, I will need help getting the recipes prepared into the correct format. If you are interested in helping type recipes into digital form (i.e., into a computer) or with formatting the book, please let me know.

Blessings,
Jennifer Demaree



MEN'S WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

It's no secret that a strong men's ministry leads to a strong church. When men are engaged and active in their faith, it positively affects their marriages, families and communities. Imagine the effect on a church's spiritual life when men are deeply committed, not only attending on Sundays but actively leading and participating in ministry. It changes the culture, deepens relationships, and sets a powerful example for younger generations.

If you don't know where to start, don't worry. You can easily find materials, studies, and events designed to help men's ministries flourish. If you haven't yet found a place to serve, don't hesitate to step out in faith. Ministry doesn't require perfection; it requires a willing heart.

*The Role of Men in Church Ministry
by Man in the Mirror | Mar 4, 2025*

Praise be to God, Men's Prayer Group
Always Praying for you

MENS BREAKFAST and PRAYER GROUP

See Rob Lamb for more information.

roblamb2567@gmail.com



Sellersburg Prayer Quilt Ministry News

We are having our next gathering of the Prayer Quilt Ministry team on Monday, October 27th, at 3:30 pm in Room 2 in the church basement (enter through the back door of the church off of the parking lot). Come on by if you want to help with current projects, many of the tasks do not require skills beyond measuring and cutting.

Prayer Quilts can be requested by anyone for anyone, whether they attend our church or not. The quilts are gifts from the church to the recipients—they are all about the prayers that are attached to them. There are forms in the entryway by the Fellowship Hall on the table in the brown folder. Please take a blank form from the Blank Forms folder. *Please complete it after you ensure that the person you would like to receive a prayer quilt is willing to accept it.* Once the form is completed, please put it into the folder for Completed Forms, also on the table.

If you have any questions, please ask Jennifer Demaree or Flora Childers at worship or email the office at SellersburgUMC@gmail.com. If you would like to request a form but cannot make it to church, please email the office as well..

SUMC Prayer Quilt Ministry



We have multiple adult Sunday School classes, classes for children, and nursery care starting at 9am, downstairs and in the Fellowship Hall.

Rev Dr Gary Schaar's class meets in the **Fellowship hall** each Sunday morning. This class is ideal for those with mobility issues, since it is on the same floor as the sanctuary. Bathrooms are located nearby. Rev. Schaar's class dives into books of the Bible to find meaning and understanding their place in the story of God's love.

Janet Werle's class meets in **room 2** in the church basement. They often use video studies which highlight themes throughout the Bible including history, theology, and faith development. The use of video makes this class unique.

Children are encouraged to come to Sunday School as well. Our teachers **Donna Moore**, and **Brenda Croucher** are here each Sunday, to nurture and teach the Good News that God loves each and everyone one of us. They meet in **room 8** in the church basement.

Nursery Care is also available Sunday mornings in the church basement, room 9.



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Visit our church website to view the worship service, set up online giving, or learn more about the church ministries



Project Exit 0 News

SUMC's mission team has decided to provide the fifth Sunday of the month meals to Exit 0 for the remainder of 2025. Our first meal was Sunday, June 29 th at 2:00 pm at West Maple Street Baptist Church in Jeffersonville. Volunteers met on Saturday and prepared the food that we provided. The menu was tacos, corn, and brownies. Then on that Sunday, SUMC provided food for 50 take out meals which were delivered to homeless people in the Jeffersonville area. We also served 30+ people in person at the shelter. Thank you to Connie Ford, Dennis Wood, Allison Sims, and Janet Sims for volunteering to help with this ministry. Thank you also to A Firm Foundations Sunday School class for generously donating money to buy the groceries needed for the meals.

On **Wednesday, July 2nd** the director of Exit 0, Paul Stensrud attended YAH and told us about his project. He told us about their work with the homeless in Clark County and their needs. We were able to ask questions and learn how SUMC might be able to help with this ministry. We also donated a large amount of hygiene items that we had collected for the shelter.

On **Sunday, August 31st**, SUMC provided the second meal that we have committed to bring on the fifth Sunday of the month. We once again provided food for 70+ people.

The Pilgrims Sunday School class donated money to pay for the groceries for this meal. The taco meal that we served in June was such a hit that we served the same menu again. We were able to feed nearly 80 people including those attending at the shelter and those receiving carry out meals. Thank you to Jan Raeinhardt, Connie Ford, Dennis

Wood, Allison Sims, and Janet Sims for helping prepare and serve the food for the meals.

On **Wednesday, September 3rd**, those attending YAH assembled 70+ snack bags to be delivered to Exit 0 shelter. Through SUMC's generosity, we had enough supplies to do the snack bags and donate a large number of snacks and hygiene products to Silver Creek High School Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of these mission projects.

On **Sunday, November 30th**, SUMC will serve their last meal that we have committed to provide for the shelter for 2025. We will need volunteers to cook, assemble, deliver, and serve the meals at the shelter. If you are interested in helping in a hands-on mission project, please let Pastor John or Janet Sims know.

We invite anyone who would like to support this mission project to join us on **Wednesday, October 1st** at the next YAH to help in person. Also, please continue to contribute snack items or hygiene items. There is a table in Fellowship Hall with totes for the collection of any donated items

Since we started this project in March, we have delivered 275 snack bags and a large amount of hygiene products. We have provided 2 in-person meals at the shelter. The church is called to be Christ's hands and feet in the world, SUMC is caring for our neighbors. Thank you for your support.

Community Needs - Silver Creek Food Pantry and Exit 0

First off, thank you so much for your generosity so far this year! The Mission Team still needs your help with donations for Silver Creek Food Pantry and Exit 0.

As the new school year is here, please bring in hygiene products (especially deodorant) for those students who use the Silver Creek Food Pantry.

There is a donation container for this charity in the entry hall between the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary.

For Exit 0, we continue to need supplies for the Snack Bags and toiletries.

Here are the lists as a refresher.

SNACK BAGS

The following items are needed for each snack bag:

A gallon size plastic bag – 1 can of meat (Tuna or chicken salad kits, potted meat, Spam, Vienna Sausage – pop top cans) – 1 granola breakfast bar – 1 bottle of water – 1 flavored drink packet – 1 Pop Tart (Donuts, Little Debbie's, Snack Cakes, etc.) – 1 Slim Jim – 1 Variety Snack Bag (Chips, Gold Fish, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, etc.) – 1 Peanut Butter Cracker or Cheese Cracker packet – 1 Fruit Cup including plastic spoon or fork – 5 pieces of wrapped hard candy – 1 Pair of socks

HYGIENE PRODUCTS

While we are no longer making bags or kits of Hygiene products, we are still collecting the items and delivering them in bulk. Here are some of the products that they need:

Wash Rags – Body Wash (2 in 1) – Bars of soap – Deodorant – Disposable Razors, Q Tips – Tampons/Pads – Toothbrushes – Toothpaste – Combs – Pairs of Socks – Travel size Lotion – Travel size Hand Sanitizer – Travel size First Aid Kits

In the Fellowship Hall, there are totes labeled Snack Bags and Hygiene Bags in which people can drop their donated items or the bags which they have assembled. You can buy one thing or lots of things. Every little bit helps the homeless Exit 0 serves. When we have enough finished bags to fill boxes, they will be delivered to Exit 0 for distribution. This will be an ongoing mission project for 2025, so donations will be needed all year.

SUMC Missions Team



FLOCKNOTE: is our new church communications platform. We discovered that our old system, Remind, has permanently stopped working for many of our users. **Flocknote** is very easy to use and comes with many new features. We will stop using Remind once everyone has switched over

There are two ways to sign up.

1. **BEST OPTION:** Type into your phone or computer sellersburg.flocknote.com Then enter your details, and select all of the groups that you are a part of.
2. **EASY OPTION:** simply text **"SUMCPRAYER"** to 84576

Happy Fall!

Now that the Pork BBQ Dinner is over, it is time to turn our attention to fall festivities. It is time to bring back **SUMC**

Trunk or Treat. In the past this event was a big event for our community. There has been a calling for more community outreach and the fall seems just the time to do it! On **Saturday October 25** SUMC will host a Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival. We are looking for church members and

community members to set up a decorated trunk, man a carnival type game, or donate candy, baked goods, and other prizes. Be on the lookout for more information and sign up sheets. Let's put some UNITY into our community.



Birthday List

See a mistake or omission? Need a mailing address for a card? Contact the church office
sellersburgumc@gmail.com



October

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| • Joe Hart | Oct 6 |
| • Doris Prentice | Oct 8 |
| • Charlotte Hart | Oct 11 |
| • Bob Waterman | Oct 13 |
| • Kendra Reuille | Oct 18 |
| • Calista Werle | Oct 21 |
| • Jared Lickliter | Oct 25 |
| • Peggy Sayre | Oct 28 |
| • Regina Kerber | Oct 28 |
| • David Pickel | Oct 31 |

November

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| • Jerry Landers | Nov 11 |
| • Connie Ford | Nov 12 |
| • Jan Raeinhardt | Nov 14 |
| • Ariana Dessime | Nov 14 |
| • Betty Haas | Nov 14 |
| • Beva Caines | Nov 17 |
| • Jonathan Zentmyer | Nov 19 |
| • Tony Kummer | Nov 20 |
| • Lori Carmichael-Shields | Nov 20 |
| • Lois Cook | Nov 23 |
| • Shelby Riley | Nov 30 |

Prayer List

1. Alice & Denny Jones
2. Janice Jones
3. Ralph Raeinhardt
4. Brenda Croucher
5. Jennifer (Maureen's daughter)
6. Donna West (Tony's friend that has cancer)
7. John Scannapieco
8. Lillian Curtis
9. Peace in Ukraine & the Middle East
10. Sharon (Maureen's sister)
11. Fred & Sue Smith
12. Dottie Scannapieco
13. Joyce Hecker
14. Yvonne Frederick
15. Lucille Wilmoth
16. Hannah (Pastor John's niece)
17. Jodie Goforth
18. Baby Nina Lickliter
19. Denise Beyl
20. Tony Goforth (shoulder replacement)
21. Monica Sorg's brother

