



# SELLERSBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *Words to the Wise*

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**September | 2025**

### *Pastor's Pen...*

I am very excited about my September sermon series. This past July, I got to spend a week traveling around England visiting locations central to the life of Methodism's founder, John Wesley. Wesley was born in 1703 in a small English village called Epworth. He studied in Oxford and became a professor there. He spent years preaching all across England. I had the privilege to visit Epworth, Oxford, Bristol, and London standing where Wesley once stood in several churches and other spaces.

My travels took me from small villages to enormous cathedrals, to lonely crossroads in the middle of nowhere. Wesley was said to travel thousands of miles each year, all on horseback. He was a prolific preacher. Even in the small village of Epworth, there are multiple locations around the town where he is said to have preached. Plaques on houses all over Oxford and London attest to the same. I was lucky enough to stand in several of the spots where he delivered his sermons.

I am looking forward to sharing with you pictures and videos of my travels. I am especially looking forward to sharing with you the deeper understanding of this thing we call Methodism. I got to walk in his footsteps and learn more about the man himself. John Wesley was not just the founder of a new movement. He, and those who served with him, transformed the soul of the English people. His biblical concern for the poor was a cultural shift from the aristocracy-controlled Church of England. The

Methodist movement in England led to a cultural and religious revolution.

His concern for the poor and outcast caused Wesley to become a bit of an outcast himself. Eventually, he was not welcomed in any Anglican Churches including his home church. One time returning to Epworth to preach, he stood outside the church on top of his father's grave, because it was technically the property of the family and the pastor couldn't kick him out. Whether it was on a grave, in St Paul's Cathedral, or under a large tree in the countryside, Wesley preached and shared the Good News of a loving caring God, who cares about each of us, and calls us to share that love with those in need and indeed with all God's children.

Each Sunday in September, I will focus on a different location that I visited, and share with you a little of John Wesley's own words, and hopefully inspire you in the same way that Wesley inspired a generation. Together, we will discover what it means to be Methodist. I look forward to seeing you there. Remember, if you can't make one of the Sundays that they are all recorded and available on YouTube.

Blessings,

**Pastor John**

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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.

Starting in September, I will have sign up sheets available in the church. 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, 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*

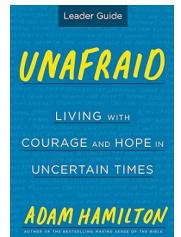
Join us Friday mornings. Currently, we are working our way through the Book of Acts. Come and find out what happened after the resurrection. Often, we skip over the stories in this companion volume to the Gospel of Luke.

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.

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study will be meeting for the 4 Wednesdays of September. We are completing a series called Unafraid - Living With Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times. Do you live with fear and anxiety? Nearly 80% of

people report living with medium or high anxiety. The Bible tells us dozens of times to "Be not afraid". Come learn how to face your fears with God's help.



EVERYONE is welcome to join the Wednesday Evening group which meets at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays in the church basement, Room 2. The easiest access is from the rear parking lot and through the backdoor of the church.



*Young at Heart*

**Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 11:30 am Fellowship Hall**

Provided: JayC Fried Chicken & Ham Activity:

Transport the flowers in Fellowship Hall to downstairs classroom to get ready for the Sept. 19 BBQ Dinner.



**Everyone is invited!**

**Phyllis Hunefeld (502-693-3696)**

**Maureen Atkinson (812-786-2119)**



*United Women in Faith*

**Friday, Sept. 12, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall**

Speaker: Jamie Fried, Wellness Projects

Coordinator, Life Span Resources, Inc.

Business meeting and a light lunch

**Thursday, Sept. 18, at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Fill Potato and slaw containers & package cookies for BBQ Dinner

**Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity UMC, New Albany**

UWF Fall District Meeting "Christmas in September" to celebrate the wrap up of the South District into the new Southern Rivers District.



**United Methodist Churches of Indiana**

**Rally Day (Southern Rivers District)**

**September 14th at 3:00 pm (ET)/2:00 pm (CT)**

In September, there will be a Rally Day in each of the five newly formed Indiana districts. This will be the first gathering of our new districts and will be a time of celebration to engage our shared mission and vision, to meet the District Superintendent and the district leadership, to connect with pastors and laity within the district, and to meet Conference support staff. Bishop Malone will be present at the Rally Day and will share a message during this worshipful experience.

Our district, the Southern Rivers District, will be having their Rally Day in Evansville on September 14th. Everyone is invited to attend. If you are interested in going, please let Janet Werle know. We may be able to do some ride sharing. The church is about 2 hours away. See information below.

**Venue:**

Evansville Aldersgate UMC

5130 Lincoln Ave

Evansville, IN 47715



## MEN'S WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

Joining or leading in a church ministry can feel intimidating. But remember, we aren't meant to carry this weight alone. God calls us to be part of a community that holds others up and challenges them. We are called to sharpen each other like iron and encourage one another daily in relationships that go beyond normal friendships to brotherhood in Christ.

If you feel that tug to get more involved or to find a way to connect with other men on a deeper level, I encourage you to talk to your Christian brothers and find a way forward for the men in our congregation. Just take the first step in faith and let the Lord lead you to other men who are seeking to grow in Christ while living out biblical manhood at home, at work, and in ministry.

In this journey of faith, we all need each other, let's answer the call to build one another up in love, strength, and accountability. Together, we can become the men God designed us to be, impacting our families, the church, and our communities in powerful ways for the Kingdom of God.

"The Role of Men in Church Ministry" published by Man in the Mirror

Praise be to God, Men's Prayer Group

Always Praying for you

**MENS BREAKFAST and PRAYER GROUP**

**See Rob Lamb for more information.**

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## Sellersburg Prayer Quilt Ministry News

We are having our next gathering of the Prayer Quilt Ministry team on Monday, September 8th, at 6:00 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](mailto: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



**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](https://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



## [SellersburgUMC.com](https://SellersburgUMC.com)



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



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**

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.

## **Birthday List**

See a mistake or omission? Need a mailing address for a card? Contact the church office  
[sellersburgumc@gmail.com](mailto:sellersburgumc@gmail.com)



### **September**

- Abigail Hart Sep 6
- Meredith Sims Sep 9
- Dwight Elrod Sep 16
- Joanna Demaree Sep 17
- Dorothy Scannapieco Sep 18
- Marc Lomax Sep 19
- Paulette Davison Sep 22
- Collin Daily Sep 24
- Phyllis Hunefeld Sep 24
- Derek Reuille Sep 25
- John Koerner Sep 27
- Scott Goodwin Sep 28
- Jim McMillin Sep 29
- Sue Smith Sep 29

### **October**

- 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

## **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. Sonny Dulaney Family
13. Dottie Scannapieco
14. Joyce Hecker
15. Jodie Goforth's father Ivan
16. Yvonne Frederick
17. Aiden (Moore's grandson)
18. Lucille Wilmoth
19. Hannah (Pastor John's niece)





## ***It is Time!***

### ***It is time for SUMC's Annual Barbecue Dinner.***

On **Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:00pm** SUMC will host its annual barbecue dinner for our congregation and community. The adult meal will consist of pork barbecue sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans/ coleslaw, homemade chocolate chip cookies, and a drink. There will be kids' meals consisting of a hot dog, chips, cookie, and a drink. The costs are **\$12** for adult meals and **\$5** for kids' meals which is the same as last year. Dine in, carry out, and drive thru services will be available during these times. There will also be a large bake sale with homemade sweets and treats available for purchase located inside Fellowship Hall.

This annual fundraiser is a churchwide event held to not only raise needed money for our church expenses and ministries but a time of fellowship and community involvement. It is a great way for our congregation to work together and get to know one another better. We can interact with one another and people in our community as we support our church. If you have been looking for an opportunity to get involved in church activities this may be it. This could be your time!

We need many people to do all the work that is necessary to host this event. Before the event we need people to help advertise the dinner and help put up the signs around town. We need people who can set up tables and decorate the Fellowship Hall on Thursday evening before the event. We need many people to prep, to cook, and to serve the food. We need people to help with the dine in, carry out, and drive thru services as well as a clean up crew. If you work and can't be there at 4:30pm then you could come later and help with cleaning up. Maybe you have never volunteered to help before as you have

felt that you weren't needed but you are needed. Just let Pastor John or Janet Sims know that you are willing to help. This may be your time!

We need people to buy tickets and to tell their families, friends, and neighbors to come to our dinner. You may not be a fan of barbecue, but you are a fan of SUMC and your community. If you don't like the menu, you can buy tickets and give them away or just donate to the fundraiser. There is always a way to help and be a part of the event. This is the time!

Let us join together and make this barbecue dinner the best one ever! Let us work with one another, grow in fellowship and service, meet the people in our community, and help our church finances. Let us all be heroes for now is the time!

