



SELLERSBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Words to the Wise

November | 2025

Pastor's Pen...

In the two years I have been serving in the Indiana Conference, some things still confuse me. One of those things I recently solved. The conference camping initiative is called "Impact 2818." For the life of me, I had no idea what the "2818" was a reference to. Was it a year? No, surely their planning was not based on 800 years from now. I asked a few people, but while they knew it had a meaning, what exactly they couldn't remember. I didn't try too hard to find out until recently. Finally, I did some research, and found the answer on the conference's camping website: Impact2818.org.

All the way at the bottom of their "About" page is a small section titled "About our Name." 2818 apparently refers to Matthew 28:18, or more accurately Matthew 28:18-20, The Great Commission: **18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

As Jesus is preparing to leave his disciples for the final time after his resurrection, he gives the disciples (and us) this final commission or task. We are to make disciples AND teach them to obey everything that Christ has commanded to us. The Great Commission is the root of

the United Methodist Mission Statement: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Despite such a simple straightforward commission, the Christian church today seems more divided than ever. In my sermon series this month called "Faith Journeys," I am going to try and drill down into what it means to be a Christian in Christ's eyes. Using 5 journeys in the Gospel stories, 2 based on actual journeys and 3 within parables, we are going to look at the central teachings of Jesus, and what it means to be a follower of Christ. If we are going to make disciples and teach others, we should have a clear understanding of what that means. Join me this month as we search for that meaning.



Blessings,
Pastor John
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Pastor John's
weekly email?

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office and let
Tony know!

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Check out What's Up Wednesday...

Friday Morning Bible Study

Acts of the Apostles

Join us Friday mornings. This month, we are finishing up our journey through the Book of Acts. There is still time to join this wonderful study. Too often, we skip over the stories in this companion volume to the Gospel of Luke. Come find out what happened to the Disciples and Paul as they began the movement that would become the Christian church.

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.

Silver Creek School Food Pantry

In December, we will be participating in their Family Christmas Meal drive and information for that drive will be included in next month's newsletter. However, they are always in need of food and personal hygiene items. All items can

be placed in the Shopping Cart located in the entrance way next to Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate items, here are a few suggestions. They are always in need of deodorant, and all types of pasta. In November, specifically they are asking for instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, and cranberry sauce. These items will help families have a more traditional Thanksgiving meal.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE



Christmas is fast approaching, and The Salvation Army is planning for their angels. Sellersburg UMC will be supporting 35 angels this year. The angels should be available by Sunday, November 9th, and will need to be returned by Sunday, November 30th. That will give shoppers 3 weeks to purchase their gifts. Gifts of clothing, shoes, and coats are requested. Here are some points to remember:

- Please DO NOT wrap your gifts. Return your gifts in a bag with the TAG so that we can easily sort them by child.
- You do not need to buy everything on the list.
- It is suggested purchasing only from the clothing requests. Toys are provided by Toys For Tots and the parents are able to choose the appropriate toys for their children.
- When purchasing your gifts, it is also suggested that you try to get at least one complete outfit, but do not exceed the range of \$45 - \$75 per child.
- If you have any questions, please contact me.

Janet Simms
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Hola Amigos,

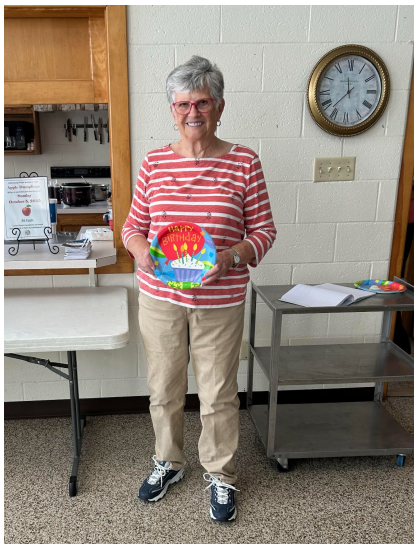
The Young-at-Heart pitch-in luncheon is going Mexican this month! Join us on Wednesday, **November 5, at 11:30 a.m.** for a TACO BAR along with fun, fellowship, and lots of delicious food. Wear a sombrero if you have it. After lunch we will assemble Exit 0 kits. Donated items for the kits are appreciated.

Hope to see you there!!

Everyone is invited!

Phyllis Hunefeld (502-693-3696)

Maureen Atkinson (812-786-2119)



The Sellersburg UWF annual Thank Offering is in November. We will have a brief Thank Offering Program and offering and then we will dine together.

Friday, November 14, 2025 12 Noon

The Chicken House

7180 IN-111 (Corner of Grant Line Rd. and W. St. Joe Rd.)

All ladies of the church are invited.

RSVP BY MON. NOV. 10 to Phyllis (502-693-3696 or phyllis.hunefeld@gmail.com)

It's Time to Hang the Greens



Join us on Saturday, November 29th, at 10am for the annual hanging of the greens in our sanctuary and throughout the church. We will need volunteers of all abilities to carry heavy things, or make minute changes to arrangements so that the church is beautiful and ready to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season. Last year, we finished right at 12 noon. If you can be there for all or part of the morning, please let Pastor John or Tony in the office know.

MEN'S WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP



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.

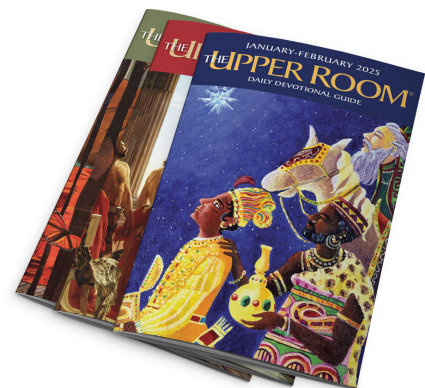
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Project Exit 0 News

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.

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](https://www.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

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.

For more information on the Prayer Quilt Ministry and how to request a quilt, please see our webpage on the church website:

<https://www.sellersburgumc.com/quilts>

The date of our November gathering will be announced in Worship and the weekly GPS calendar section. 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

CDRC National Gathering - Nov. 10th-14th

Please keep Jennifer Demaree, other Conference Disaster Response Coordinators from around the country, and UMCOR staff and consultants who are gathering together in Nashville, TN, the week of November 10th in your prayers. These are the folks (some paid, most volunteer) who coordinate the disaster readiness, relief, and recovery efforts in their conferences (e.g., states or regions). Prayers for travel mercies, productive exchange of experiences and ideas, and spiritual connection are appreciated.



Birthday List

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

**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 |

December

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| • William Nunn | Dec 3 |
| • Angie Hendrix | Dec 6 |
| • Jacob Loppnow | Dec 12 |
| • Lois Pickel | Dec 12 |
| • Sylvia Liburd | Dec 14 |
| • Terry Sims | Dec 15 |
| • Darrell Boman | Dec 15 |
| • Barb Koehler | Dec 18 |
| • Joyce Adams | Dec 19 |
| • Jennifer Potts | Dec 25 |
| • Lillian Curtis | Dec 25 |

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. Hannah (Pastor John's niece)
14. Jodie Goforth
15. Baby Nina Lickliter
16. Denise Beyl
17. Monica Sorg's brother
18. Herb
19. Scott Miller Family
20. JoAnn Bliss





Sellersburg United Women in Faith

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Sunday, December 7, at 2 p.m.

SUMC Fellowship Hall

Bring 3 dozen cookies & the recipes

Bring your own carry home container

**Cookies will be assembled and delivered to our
SUMC friends who are homebound**

ALL SUMC LADIES ARE INVITED!