

# the Holy Herald

## SUGAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Greetings Members and Friends of Sugar Grove United Methodist Church,

During November we spend time thinking of those things for which we are grateful. We do this in many ways: gathered around a table, social media posts, conversations with friends and family, sending cards or emails. This year we will have a new opportunity to share with one another.

These words from Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew can help us begin to cultivate a list of things, people, places, and/or circumstances that we are thankful for.

*25 "Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? 27 Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? 28 And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. 29 But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. 30 If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, won't God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? 31 Therefore, don't worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' 32 Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:25-33 CEB)*

On Sunday, November 21st, bring an object that reminds you of God's goodness—a sign of something you give thanks for. It can be a picture, a paper, a tool, a plant, a treasured belonging, anything that captures your gratitude.

In place of the usual sermon, each of us will place our object at the altar. Then name what we are grateful for. In a sentence or two. It's that simple.

**"I'm grateful for \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."**

If you are unable to join us in person, please let me know. You can send me a picture of an item you would like to share, we can make a video of you sharing your item and what you are grateful for! No one will be left out of this opportunity to share!

Don't miss this unique and special opportunity to share your gratitude with God and one another! I look forward to hearing from YOU about what you are grateful for this year in worship on Sunday, November 21st at 9:30am..

Blessings,  
Pastor Tammy Scott

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### **Pastor's Report to Church Conference, Rev. Tammy Scott**

This year continues to be like nothing we have ever experienced before. We began the year worshipping only online and then added in person worship in April while continuing online worship separately. By June, we had increased our bandwidth in the sanctuary to allow for hybrid worship (in person and online simultaneously). We have had a few glitches here and there, but I think we have found a system that works well for our congregation—those in the sanctuary and those at home. June through October we also worshipped outdoors at our Harter Rd. Property on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Amazingly we only had to cancel for weather one time this summer.

We began Confirmation classes in Fall 2020 with a hybrid of in person and online classes. While most of our classes were on Zoom, we managed to have some fun and share some laughs while learning and deepening faith. We confirmed 5 students in worship on Sunday April 11, 2021. Beyond offering confirmation, we have not provided many opportunities for our youth to gather for faith formation or fellowship. This is a goal for the remainder of 2021 and certainly for 2022.

I have continued to meet with our children online twice a month for “Story Time with Pastor Tammy.” This brief Zoom gives me an opportunity to check in with our kids, read a story to them, hear their joys and concerns, and pray with them. In July, we held our Vacation Bible School completely outdoors and had 14 children from our congregation and the community in attendance. This fun-filled week of songs, science, crafts, and games would not have been possible without a wonderful team of volunteers. Thank you Cassie, Bryan, Riley, and Addy Adams and Kim Nelson. In September we began monthly Children & Family Story Time that meets in person. When we can meet outdoors we are able to meet without masks, but when indoors we are wearing masks to keep one another safe. In September we also gave Bibles to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. What a joy it was to give them the gift of God’s word and a jar of honey to remember “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 103:119 NIV)

Since we last met, our church building has undergone some significant changes. We added a new entryway and installed a new lift. Many people played integral roles in this project, but a special thanks to Ron Wheeler for working with the architect, contractor, and lift company to keep this project on track. Additionally, we installed new LED lighting in the offices, kitchen, and fellowship area. Thanks to our electrician, we received a grant from ComEd for a portion of the costs. The entry hall and fellowship area also got a fresh coat of paint and new flooring. Many of our members spent countless hours at the church working to tear out new flooring, painting walls and windows, and installing trim. We are so grateful for the volunteers who have given so much of themselves to create a warm and inviting space. A special thanks to Dawn Eby who helped to coordinate and communicate needs to this long list of volunteers. And a HUGE thanks to Dustin Hawkins for not only guiding the work, but giving so much of himself (and his family) to make this makeover happen.

At the beginning of October, I became the Chair of CCFA (Conference Council on Finance and Administration). I am excited to provide leadership for our conference in the area of finance in ways that are transparent and responsible. I am once again participating in CPRES (Clergy Peer Reflection and Engagement Series), a group of clergy with the purpose of sharing our stories and talking about dismantling racism. We began this year with a retreat in September that both fed me spiritually and challenged me deeply with regards to the work of anti-racism personally and as a community leader. I

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attended Church of the Resurrection's Leadership Institute online this year and found the presenters to be informative, insightful, and inspiring. I particularly enjoyed the breakout session on "Honesty in Worship". Presenter Khalia Williams shared things like, "if worship is honest, it is telling the truth about who God is and how God is active in life." She concluded by saying, "Honesty in worship is inclusive and invitational. It helps worshippers find a way into worship, journeys with them through worship, and guides them back into the world." I was thankful for the way she spoke about worship being interactive and the need to be honest about what is happening in our world even if (especially if) it is uncomfortable.

This summer, Hannah, Haylee, and I embarked on a 13 day 2,878 mile road trip! We visited 12 states plus Washington DC. We visited with friends in Michigan, Delaware, and Maryland. We explored the Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania. And we watched my nephew play lots of baseball in South Carolina. This trip was good for my soul and unforgettable bonding time with my daughters. We are already thinking about and planning a road trip for next summer, but will head west! Though I was not as consistent over the summer as I had been, I am back to averaging 5 workouts per week. I have found that creating time and space for my physical health is essential for my spiritual health and fulfilling my role as mom, pastor, daughter, sister, and friend!



We are continuing our worship schedule of a hybrid of online and in-person – at 9:30 am.

### **To worship from home on Zoom or Facebook Live**

#### **Computer:**

- Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)
- Enter meeting ID: 630 466 4501
- Password 60554

#### **Via Telephone:**

- Call 1-312-626-6799
- Use meeting code: 630 466 4501
- Password 60554

#### **Zoom App (on your smartphone or tablet):**

- Open Zoom App
- Enter meeting ID: 630 466 4501
- Password 60554

#### **Facebook Live on Sugar Grove UMC Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/SGUnitedMethodistChurch>

Recordings of the Sunday services will be shared on our website (<https://www.sugargroveumc.net>) and our Facebook page and group.

## **Masks & Church**

The CDC and State of Illinois currently requires all people wear masks when gathered indoors regardless of vaccination status.

# Church Announcements

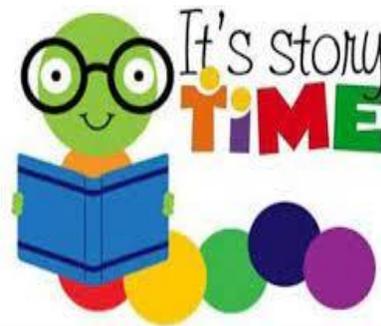
## Children & Families

### Story Time with Pastor Tammy

- Children and their families are invited to join Pastor Tammy on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (**November 10th and 24th**) at 7pm on Zoom. Pastor Tammy will check in with children, read a story, and talk about the lesson we might learn. [Click Here](#) or use information below:

Here is the information you will need to join in on the computer, a tablet, or even by calling from your phone!

- Join by Computer: go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us), enter the Meeting ID: 870 2785 4965 and Password 60554
- Join using the Zoom app on your smartphone or tablet: enter the Meeting ID: 870 2785 4965 and Password 60554
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- **Sunday November 14th** - Children (ages 0-5th grade) and their families are invited to join Pastor Tammy at 10:45am for a special Story Time with Pastor Tammy. Our theme will be thankfulness and we will work on an easy Giving Thanks craft. Weather permitting, we will meet outside on the front lawn of the church so bring your lawn chairs or blankets. If need be, we will move into Fellowship Hall and space families 6 feet apart and masks will be required.

## Called By God October 17-November 7



Photo by Annie Spratt on Unsplash

Date	Scripture	Sermon
Nov 7	1 Kings 19:1-18	God Visits Elijah

**FALL BACK**  
Daylight Savings Time  
Ends November 7, 2021



# Church Announcements

## New Sermon Series



Date	Scripture	Sermon
Nov 14	Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24	Let Justice Roll Down
Nov 21	Isaiah 9:1-7	A Light in the Darkness

THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES

**Advent Sermon Series**  
 November 28 -  
 December 24

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# Church Announcements

## All Saints' Worship Preparation

Sunday, November 7th, we will remember and celebrate the Saints from our church and our families that have died in the past year.

To have your loved one's name read, please send the following information to the church office

- Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_
- Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

## Keeping It Real Movie Discussion Group

**Keeping It Reel!**

Photo by Denise Jans on Unsplash

Join Sugar Grove & Kaneville UMCs for a movie and discussion!  
Each month we will view a different movie and then be led in discussion following the movie.

Kaneville UMC hosts...

**Sun. Nov. 14th**  
3:30-6:30pm

**To Save a Life**  
(Teen Depression & Suicide)

Sugar Grove UMC hosts...

**Sun. Dec. 5th**  
3:30-5:30pm

**The Grinch**  
(Meaning of Christmas)

Kaneville UMC hosts...

**Sun. Jan. 9th 2022 Hidden Figures**  
3:30-6:30pm (Racism in America)

Sugar Grove UMC hosts...

**Sun. Feb. 13th**  
3:30-5:30pm

**TBD**  
(Ecology)

Kaneville UMC hosts...

**Sun. Mar. 13th**  
3:30-6:30pm

**Son of God**  
(Hollywood & the Bible)

## Please Note:

**Pastor Tammy will be on vacation Friday October 29-Friday November 5th.**

If you have pastoral care needs during that time, please contact Richard Mayer.

# Church Announcements

## November Mission



### *Sugar Grove Food Pantry Between Friends*

The mission for November will be the Sugar Grove Food Pantry. We are starting early with this as **some items need to be at the church by November 14th** for pickup at the pantry in time for Thanksgiving. Please consider donating the following food items for Thanksgiving:

Boxed or bagged potatoes  
 Stuffing mix  
 Tubs of frosting  
 Canned asparagus  
 Canned cranberry sauce

The following items will be collected now through the **end of November**:

Pancake syrup  
 Paper towels  
 Sugar (brown and white)  
 Bagged coffee  
 Dish soap  
 Laundry detergent  
 Maxi pads  
 Chunky soups

Jewel or Aldi gift cards are also appreciated

Please drop off all items on the table in the fellowship room or in the kitchen marked "food pantry".

# Church Announcements

## Prayer Meeting – Mondays at 6:30pm

Each week a small group meets with Pastor Tammy via Zoom to share joys & concerns. We pray for our congregation, loved ones, and even strangers. We would love to have you join us! Here is the information you will need to join in on the computer, a tablet, or even by calling from your phone! [Click Here to Join](#)

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## Shut-In Members & Friends of SGUMC

We have all had an introduction of what it feels to be a “shut-in” over the past several months. Would you take some time this month to send a card to our shut-ins letting them know they are being thought of and prayed for by SGUMC?

### Josh Olsen

25436 Medinah Lane  
Shorewood, IL 60404

### Julie Bragg

2328 Stacy Ct  
Montgomery, IL 60538  
630-859-8119

### Betty Enoch

Bickford of Aurora  
7 S. Orchard Road  
Aurora, IL 60506

### Gene & Judy Georgi

c/o Asbury Gardens  
210 Airport Rd, Room D-116  
North Aurora, IL 60542

## Prayers & Celebrations

### Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

If you have someone to place on this list or would like our prayer chain to pray for them, please contact the Church Office at (630) 466-4501. If you would like a card sent, please email the name and address to the Church Office at sugargroveumc@sbcglobal.net.

#### **Military:**

*Evan Carlson* – Army (son of Randy & Joyce Carlson)

*Cody Chrastka*—Air Force (Friend of Jonathon Rogers)

*Drake Dineff* – Marines (cousin of Brian Schiber)

*Andy Fellela* – Army (friend of McCannon family)

*Laura Guzick* – Air Force (lifted by Rogers family)

*Steve Holy* – Army (nephew of Dave Hacker)

*Austin Kintz* - Air Force (lifted by Brian Schiber)



Happy  
Anniversary

11/4 - Bryan and Cassidy Adams  
11/12 - Steve and Bonnie Johnson  
11/13 - Wes and Jill Nuppenau

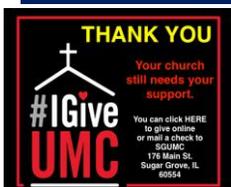
11/3 - Carol Olsen  
11/5 - Mark Wojak  
11/5 - Bea Dunteman  
11/7 - Patrick Teal  
11/10 - Dylan Hawkins  
11/11 - Sandra Flickinger  
11/12 - Brooks Keppy  
11/14 - Brian Claesson  
11/15 - Lavon McCannon  
11/16 - Tracy Feece  
11/16 - Mateo Morales  
11/17 - Wes Nuppenau  
11/17 - Grant Nuppenau  
11/18 - Amy Brouch  
11/21 - Kate St. John  
11/21 - Norma Gowdy  
11/25 - Alexis Escamilla  
11/27 - Meadow Sabelko  
11/28 - Tyler Hosking  
11/28 - Michael Nelson  
11/29 - Cassidy Adams  
11/30 - Katy Frances Gowdy

# November Calendar of Events



If you have any community news you would like to see in our Holy Herald, please forward it by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to the Church Office at [sugargroveumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sugargroveumc@sbcglobal.net) to see it in the current Holy Herald. Thank you.

Monday	Nov-01	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Church Office Open
		6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Thursday	Nov-04	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Church Office Open
Sunday		9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Hybrid Sanctuary Service
Monday	Nov-08	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Church Office Open
		6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wednesday	Nov-10	7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Story Time w/ Pastor Tammy (via zoom)
Thursday	Nov-11	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Church Office Open
Sunday	Nov-14	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Hybrid Sanctuary Service
		10:45 AM	Story Time w/Pastor Tammy
		3:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Keep it Reel @Kaneville UMC
Monday	Nov-15	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Church Office Open
		6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Tuesday	Nov-16	7:00 PM	Governing Board Meeting
Thursday	Nov-18	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Church Office Open
Sunday	Nov-21	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Hybrid Sanctuary Service
Monday	Nov-22	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Church Office Open
		6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wednesday	Nov-24	7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Story Time w/ Pastor Tammy (via zoom)
Thursday	Nov-25	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Church Office Closed
Sunday	Nov-28	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Hybrid Sanctuary Service
Monday	Nov-29	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Church Office Open
		6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting (zoom)



## Online Giving

You can contribute to SGUMC using a credit/debit card or your checking or savings account. Make a one-time gift or set up recurring monthly or weekly gifts. Please go to our website at [www.sugargroveumc.net](http://www.sugargroveumc.net) and click on the tab for GIVE.

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