

the Holy Herald

SUGAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Greetings Members and Friends of Sugar Grove United Methodist Church,

It finally happened! I was ordained an elder in The United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 24, 2021. As I knelt before Bishops Sally Dyck and John Hopkins, feeling the weight of their hands on my head, I was overcome with joy knowing that all of you were with me at that moment. I have loved every moment of doing ministry with you and I am so excited for where God will lead us together next.



Last March, just before the pandemic forced us out of our church and into our homes, members from the congregation met for an afternoon to “Find Our Why”. We shared stories that turned into more stories that created space for brainstorming. And from our brainstorming we crafted a statement of purpose, a statement that can guide our ministry together and with those in our community. Here is our “why”...

“To build inclusive fellowship that nurtures loving relationships between community and Christ.”

Here is what I hear when I read that statement of purpose. This faith community enjoys spending time together (fellowship). AND we are always looking to welcome NEW people into our time together (worship, fellowship, serving others, etc.) I also hear that the people of this congregation are committed to loving one another, the people in the community (those we know and those we do not), and Christ (as can be seen in how we care for others and our desire to grow in our faith: worship & study). You might be thinking...that is a lot to read from that one sentence! And it is...so we need to work together to continue building our community into one that does all of the things I mentioned so that when people visit worship or come to our church for a community event, they feel as warmly welcomed as you do every time you are here.

In order to do that, some updates needed to be made to our building. You can read more about what has happened, the volunteers that have been a part of the work, and how you too can get involved in the transformation that is happening (please see page 5 & 6 for more info on building renovations). We need our building to match who we are as we continue to grow in our faith together, enjoy fellowship with one another, and welcome new people who are looking for a church home.



Blessings,
 Pastor Tammy Scott



In-Person Worship

In person worship in the sanctuary at 10:30am. We will practice the 3 W's - wash your hands, wear your mask, and watch your distance (6ft distance from persons outside your household).

Online Worship

Worship @ Home on Zoom and Facebook Live at 9am.

Pastor Tammy is on Zoom 15 minutes early if you want to sign on for a time to greet one another before service. We also remain on Zoom for 10-15 minutes after worship for a time of fellowship.

Recordings of the Sunday services will be shared to our church website (www.sugargroveumc.net) and Facebook page and group.

5th Sunday UVC (United Voices for Children) Offering

Since 1979, Northern Illinois congregations have provided over \$1 million to support United Voices for Children's affiliated agencies — Kids Above All (formerly ChildServ), MYSI and Rosecrance — through the Fifth Sunday Appeal. Congregations participate by inviting their members to give to a special offering on the fifth Sunday of any month (happens four times a year). Through this collaborative giving effort dozens of United Methodist congregation of all sizes can make a real difference in the lives of children, youth, and families in need. You may donate to the 5th Sunday UVC via check, or cash, (with a note indicating 5th Sunday UVC fund) and place it in the offering plate during Worship. Or you may mail the donation to the Church or you can donate online through the Church's website.



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 and click on the tab for GIVE.



Story Time with Pastor Tammy



Please join Pastor Tammy on Wednesday May 12th and May 26th at 7pm for Story Time on Zoom! She will read a story and lead us in a conversation. The story is geared toward children and families, but all are welcome to attend!

5B's Spring BBQ Fundraiser

Our first spring fundraiser was held Thursday, April 22nd. **WHAT A SUCCESS!** We are happy to announce that we served 561 adult meals and 35 kid's meals (in 2.5 hours) and raised almost \$2,000! Thank you to everyone who helped make our spring fundraiser a success.

Ongoing Sermon Series: The Birth of the Church

Although many people think of Pentecost as “the birthday of the church,” the church was born at the empty tomb. There the women decided to quell their terror and take the angel’s words back to the waiting disciples. The women proclaimed the resurrection to the other disciples, and with that proclamation, those assembled started to become the church of the risen Christ. The disciples at Emmaus saw Jesus revealed in the breaking of the bread, just as Jesus is revealed when we break bread together at the altar or a table. The early church encountered differences of opinion and style but, with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, has continued to grow and share the story of the resurrection.



Date

May 2

May 9

May 16

May 23

Scripture

Acts 15:1-18

Galatians 1:13-17 & 2:11-21

Galatians 3:1-9 & 23-29

Acts 2:1-4; & Galatians 5:16-26

Sermon

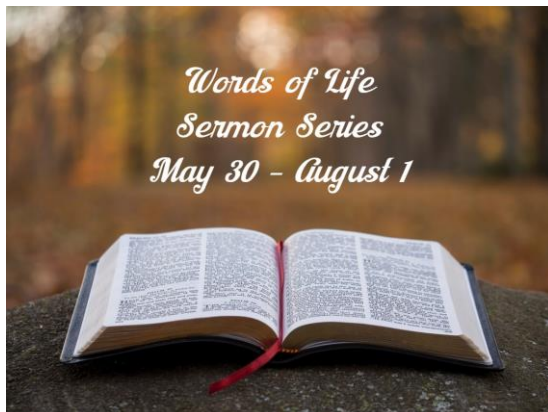
The First Church Council

Saved by Faith

A Church Divided

Pentecost Sunday

God Sends the Holy Spirit



Our Next Sermon Series Starts on May 30:

Words of Life

Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of “thou-shalt-nots” found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guardrails to help us experience a good and beautiful life. Every “thou-shalt-not” points to a life-giving “thou shalt.” These ancient words were given by a loving God who longs to protect us from harm while pointing toward a deeply meaningful and joyful life.

Date

May 30

June 6

Scripture

Exodus 3:13-15, Exodus 20:2-3, John 11:25-26

Exodus 20:4-5, Exodus 32:1, 4-5, 7

Sermon

Yahweh: No Other Gods

Idols, Images, and the Invisible God

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!



Vacation Bible School



North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is.

VBS will be June 27-July 1st (Sunday-Thursday) from 6:00 – 7:15 pm. Knights of North Castle VBS, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Help kids take up the gauntlet this summer and accept the challenge to “armor up” and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love in a world that needs it more than ever. Children ages 3 years old – entering 5th grade are welcome to participate. Youth entering 6th grade and up are needed to help lead and teach!

Stay tuned...more information about registration will be coming out soon!

Graduation Sunday is May 16th

Whether you are graduating from high school, college, technical or grad school, **LET US KNOW!** We want to celebrate YOU and your achievement on Sunday, May 16th! Please inform the church office no later than Sunday, May 9th the following information:

Name: _____

What school are you graduating from? _____

What type of diploma will you be receiving? _____

What are your plans after graduation? _____



Terri Lynn Nut Fundraiser

Are you running low on great snack items? Are you looking for other great snack items or high-quality baking ingredients? Terri Lynn nuts and snacks also make a great gift for the mom, dad, or grad in your life! Visit the store at sgumc.terrilynn.com. Order anytime and shipping is only \$5 per address – any size order! The SGUMC Online Store is open 24x7x365 to help satisfy all your snacking, gifting, and baking needs!

We do have some Cashews (\$12), Deluxe Mixed Nuts (\$12) and Sweet & Salty Trail Mix (\$11) available for sale. They are available Sundays after Worship and in the Church Office.

Parenting Panel with Grace UMC

Sunday May 23rd at 3pm via Zoom

[Register here!](#)



If you have an address or contact information update, please contact the Church Office via email sugargroveumc@sbcglobal.net.

Church Construction Update

Dear Sugar Grove United Methodist Church Congregation,

Many of you who have attended in-person worship over the last several weeks have likely noticed some significant renovations that have taken place to the church building. Our Governing Board, composed of volunteers from our congregation, has spent more than a year working on a long-term visioning plan for our church. The Board decided, after months and months of deliberation, to undertake seriously needed structural and cosmetic projects for the Main Street property. Money for these projects has come from the interest in our building fund (the principle has never been touched) along with many very generous donations from our church family.

We need to say a HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who have come out so far Bryan Adams, Riley Adams, Dave Davis, Bill Eby, Billy Eby, Christopher Eby, Dawn Eby, Dustin Hawkins, Dylan Hawkins, Jacob Hawkins, Kristin Hawkins, Matt Hosking, Scott Ikemire, Phil Lockhart, Brandon Mathews, Linda Naab, Jill Nuppenau, Wes Nuppenau, Bill Ogle, Carri Pozzi, Zach Ramos, Pastor Tammy Scott, Buzz Wheeler, and Ron Wheeler.

There are certainly more projects the Board would like to consider. Air conditioning for example, if the funding becomes available. And re-doing the kitchen is another, if volunteers are available. We welcome everyone's help so please reach out if you would like to join in any way.



Also, please consider becoming a member of the Governing Board if you would like to have input in the visioning process as well as the normal day to day operations of our church. Governing Board members help to determine vision, set goals, care for our building and Harter Rd. property, set and monitor our budget (income and expenses), evaluate Pastor Tammy and so much more! We would welcome you and your new ideas and perspective. Please contact Bryan Adams (Governing Board Chair), Dawn Eby (Finance Chair), or Pastor Tammy to get more information.

There are pictures of the updates on pages 5 and 6.

If you would like to make a gift to the Capital Improvement Fund, to offset the costs of renovation, you can do so by mailing a check to the church office (SGUMC, 176 Main St, Sugar Grove, IL 60554) or by visiting our website (www.sugargroveumc.net) and selecting Capital Improvement Fund.



**Looking
out the
new
parking
lot
entrance**





May Mission of the Month

The mission for May will be a Move Out Kit for Hesed House. Many Hesed House residents have been able to move into apartments! Because of this, the supply of household items needed is depleted. Our **Mission** is to replenish the supply for Hesed House. If you can donate an item or two, [please sign up here](#).

[Click to view the full Hesed House Move Out Kits flyer.](#)

Please note which items Hesed House is requesting to be new/very gently used.

Items needed to replenish the Move Out Kits include:

Kitchen

- Mixing Bowls
- Large Frying Pans
- Knife sets
- Cutting Boards
- Manual can openers
- Silverware (spoons needed most!)
- Dish Detergent
- Sponges/Scouring Pads
- Kitchen Trash Cans
- Kitchen Trash Bags
- Measuring Cups
- Coffee Mugs
- Drinking Glasses
- Tupperware

Bedroom

- Twin Sized Sheets and Blankets
- Queen Sized Sheets
- Pillows (new only)

Bathroom

- Shower Curtains, Rods and Hooks
- Toilet Brush
- Plunger
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Small Appliances and Miscellaneous

- Laundry Soap
- Crock pots (new only)
- Microwaves (new or very, very gently used)
- Vacuum Cleaners (new or gently used)
- Small electric fans
- Televisions (new or gently used, no tube TVs)
- Window Air Conditioner Units (new or barely used)
- Dustpans
- Mop buckets/Cleaning buckets
- Small Alarm Clock/Radio
- Small household tool set
- Inflatable mattress (Full/Queen)

You may drop off your donations in Fellowship Hall beginning on Sunday, May 16th.



Fellowship Hall

Main
Street
Entrance



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)



2	Doug Keppy
5	Ryan Nelson
6	Charlotte St. John
6	Del Kreighbaum
6	Mike Perillo
6	Scott Ikemire
7	Zoe Aviles-Davis
9	Kristi Lockhart
10	Anders Erickson
10	Jill Nuppenau
10	Melissa Kazenko
11	Morgan Keppy
14	Megan Guerrero
15	Claire Erickson
15	Jim Dunteman
15	Mary Rodriguez
17	Ian Stoll
17	Nate Harper
19	Joseph Wolf
20	Joe Wolf, Jr
20	William Ogle
21	Luke Hartzell
22	Howard Beam
25	Kaitlyn Nelson
28	Ryan Nuppenau
29	Kyle Schiber

Happy Anniversary!

1	Joe & Barb Wolf
7	Dustin & Kristin Hawkins
15	Tomas & Diane Morales
17	Richard & Naveena Franklin
24	Scott & Cheryl Ikemire
25	Brian & Erin Schiber
26	Greg & Julie Wilson

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?

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May Calendar of Events



Sunday, May 2	9:00 am 10:30 am	Online Worship via Zoom/Facebook Live In-Person Worship
Monday, May 3	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day	9:00 am 10:30 am	Online Worship via Zoom/Facebook Live In-Person Worship
Monday, May 10	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, May 12	7:00 pm	Storytime with Pastor Tammy via Zoom
Sunday, May 16 Graduation Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am After Worship	Online Worship via Zoom/Facebook Live In-Person Worship May Mission of the Month: Move Out Kit drop-off begins
Monday, May 17	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm	Online Worship via Zoom/Facebook Live In-Person Worship Parenting Panel with Grace UMC Via Zoom
Monday, May 24	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, May 26	7:00 pm	Storytime with Pastor Tammy via Zoom
Sunday, May 30	9:00 am 10:30 am	Online Worship via Zoom/Facebook Live In-Person Worship

If you have any community news you would like to see in our Holy Herald, please forward it by the 25th of the month to the Church Office at sugargroveumc@sbcglobal.net to see it in the current Holy Herald. Thank you.