

# the Holy Herald

## SUGAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Greetings Members and Friends of Sugar Grove United Methodist Church,

As I write this letter, it is the start of Holy Week. A week filled with a roller coaster of emotions as we journey with Jesus and his followers with joy and excitement as he enters Jerusalem to shouts of “Hosanna!” Then our hearts are filled with sadness and despair when Jesus shares his last meal with his disciples, is arrested, beaten, and hung on a cross to die. And then we experience a joy like none other we have ever known when the stone is rolled away and the tomb is empty on Easter morning. The emotions we feel in this week are intense and changing rapidly.

### Our Church Staff

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When I look back over the past year, I realize that it has been a rollercoaster of emotions from the time we entered lockdown at the beginning of the pandemic til now. There have been moments of fear like I have not known before, sadness and grief over the loss of lives like I have never known before, feelings of joy and gladness as I have not known before when I was able to see and hug my sisters, nephews, and nieces, hope as members of my family and I were able to receive the vaccine, and peace as worship has resumed in our sanctuary. And yet, the concerns and fears linger as positive case numbers climb once again and vaccine availability is limited. It has been a year of Holy Week emotions.

Like many of you, I have had moments of pure exhaustion from learning how to do things in new and different ways. Like many of you, I have found myself in moments of darkness, as I watch friends suffer from being ill and forced into separation from the ones we love. Like many of you, I see the grass turning green, I hear the birds singing, I participate in the work that we do as a church to provide for Hesus House, the Tooth Fairy Mission, making our church building warm, inviting, and safe for all to feel welcome and the exhaustion and the despair become signs for me of the work that God is doing in us and through us. Like many of you, I have had moments of deep gratitude as I have been reminded of the blessings I have been given and for those moments I give God thanks.

One of the things I am deeply grateful for is the opportunity to be your pastor! Thank you for enduring the challenges with me. Thank you for supporting me! Thank you for loving me and my family! I cannot wait to see what God does in us and through us in the coming months!

Blessings,  
 Pastor Tammy Scott

# Church Announcements



Join us for Worship Sunday mornings at  
9:00am on Facebook Live and Zoom.  
10:30am In-Person Worship

## **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).

## **Worship @ Home**

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

- Join by Computer: go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us), enter the Meeting ID: 630 466 4501 and Password 60554
- Join using the Zoom app on your smartphone or tablet: enter the Meeting ID: 630 466 4501 and Password 60554
- Join by Phone: dial 1(312) 626-6799, and use meeting code 630 466 4501 and password 60554
- Join us on Facebook Live on the Sugar Grove UMC Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/SGUnitedMethodistChurch/>

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](http://www.sugargroveumc.net)) and Facebook page and group.

## **Thank You Cindy Ferchen and Welcome Sue Hacker**

We extend our gratitude and thanks to Cindy Ferchen who has been our Church Administrator for 4 ½ years and wish her well in her next endeavor. And we welcome Sue Hacker to the position of Church Administrator beginning on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. As we make the transition, the Church hours will be changing. The Church Office will be open Mondays from 8:30 am to 12 Noon and Thursdays 1:30-4 pm beginning April 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Tammy has flexible availability by appointment and can be reached on her cell phone (630-254-4127).

# Church Announcements



Maundy Thursday, April 1  
Noon Zoom/Facebook Live  
7:00 pm In-Person Worship

Good Friday, April 2  
Noon Zoom/Facebook Live  
7:00 pm In-Person Worship

Easter Sunday, April 4  
7:30 am Son Rise In-Person Worship  
9:00 am Zoom/Facebook Live  
10:30 am In-Person Worship

Artwork by Russell Chris

## Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, April 11th, our 2021 Confirmation Class will close one chapter of their faith journey and open a new one. Please join us in celebration online at 9am or in person at 10:30am as we welcome them as our newest church members:

Riley Adams  
Anders Erickson  
Natalie Naab  
Daniel Ogle  
Joey Pozzi



## Pastor Tammy's Ordination

Pastor Tammy will be ordained on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm. You can watch the ordination Live on Facebook. Watch your weekly e-blast for more details as they become available.

# Church Announcements



## New 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.

11-Apr	Birth of the Church	Luke 24:13-35	Jesus Revealed <b>Confirmation Sunday</b>
18-Apr	Birth of the Church	Acts 6:1–7:2a & 44-60	Community and Condemnation
25-Apr	Birth of the Church	Acts 8:26-39	Phillip Baptizes the Ethiopian
2-May	Birth of the Church	Acts 15:1-18	The First Church Council
9-May	Birth of the Church	Galatians 1:13-17 & 2:11-21	Saved by Faith
16-May	Birth of the Church	Galatians 3:1-9 & 23-29	A Church Divided
23-May	Birth of the Church	Acts 2:1-4; & Galatians 5:16-26	God Sends the Holy Spirit <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>

## 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.



# Church Announcements

## Story Time with Pastor Tammy

Please join Pastor Tammy on Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 630 466 4501

Passcode: 60554

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 630 466 4501

Passcode: 60554



[Click Here to Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

## Monday Prayer Meeting at 6:30pm

Zoom meeting information  
ID: 870 2785 4965  
passcode: 60554



## 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!

- 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
- Join by Phone: dial 1(312) 626-6799, and use meeting code 870 2785 4965 and password 60554

## Hesed House 4th Sunday Mission



The following food items are needed to meet our 4th Sunday PADS meal mission. We are not able to volunteer to go onsite currently. If you can donate any of these food items, please click the link below to sign up. Or if you need help signing up for an item, please email the Church Office at [sugargroveumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sugargroveumc@sbcglobal.net). The church will be open to drop-off food items on Sunday, April 25th from noon - 4:00 pm. Or contact Pastor Tammy if you need another time to drop-off food. Thank you!

[Please click here for signup Link](#)

# Church Announcements

## Terri Lynn Fundraiser

Are you stuck in the snack doldrums? Are you a baking aficionado looking for high-quality ingredients? What if you could purchase these items and help the church at the same time and **have no shipping charges\*?** How, you ask? Just place an order via this Order Form. A portion of every sale goes to support Sugar Grove United Methodist Church and you receive delicious nuts, snacks, and confections. There are 12 different products to choose from!

Go to [Terri Lynn Spring Order Form](#) to place your order **no later than Monday, April 5, 2021, at 12 Noon.**



\*Orders will be available for pickup at the Church on:

- Thursday, April 22, from 4-6pm (during the 5B's BBQ)  
**OR**
- Sunday, April 25, before/after the 10:30am In-Person Worship Service



## 5B's Spring BBQ Fundraiser

Our Spring 5B's BBQ Fundraiser is just around the corner! Below are the details, along with links for you to sign-up to volunteer your time during the fundraiser. New this spring, you can order and pay for your meals online by using the links below.

Thursday April 22, 2021  
4 pm - 6:30 pm  
Sugar Grove UMC  
176 Main Street  
Sugar Grove IL

\$13.00 per Meal

Menu – each meal includes applesauce, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll & butter\*:

- 2 pork chops **OR**
- 1/2 Chicken **OR**
- Combination Meal **OR**
- Children's Hot Dog Meal (\$5)  
(\*Children's meal includes baked beans & coleslaw)

Pre-Order Instructions: [Order Meals Here](#)

Please fill out the online form and select how many meals you are ordering for each menu option. After you submit your order, you will see a link for the prepayment option.

To help make our spring fundraiser a success, we need your help! Last October, the team served just over 600 meals. Your help is imperative to ensuring the success of our BBQ Fundraisers. Even if your schedule only allows you to assist for an hour, we would greatly appreciate your assistance.

Click on the link to sign-up for volunteering [Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet](#).



# Church Announcements

## Church Construction Update...the doors are in!!

Work continues on the new entryway. The new entryway is open on Sunday mornings for people to enter the church. We are hopeful that all work will be completed by the end of April. We had many volunteers spend a couple of weekends working to give the fellowship hall and kitchen a fresh paint job with all new trim. New flooring and lighting for those spaces have been ordered. In doing that work, we discovered that there were additional leaks from our roof. The trustees have been talking for a few years now that the roof would need to be replaced soon. Well, the time has come. The church roof will be replaced the first week of April. We are so thankful to the work of our Governing Board and many volunteers for all the time and work they continue to put in at the church to make our space even more welcoming to our church family and visitors!

Additional pictures of the progress that has been made on the building updates are included in this issue of the Holy Herald.

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](http://www.sugargroveumc.net)) and selecting Capital Improvement Fund.



↑ Updated Back Entrance  
New Doors are In!!  
(view from the parking lot)

→ Looking out the Updated Rear 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](mailto: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)

If you have an address or contact information update, please contact the Church Office at email [sugargroveumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sugargroveumc@sbcglobal.net).



- 1 Jim Baker  
Betty Enoch
- 2 Art Stoll  
Brady Feece
- 4 Ava Carlson  
Brock Feece
- 6 Brodey Harper
- 8 Amanda Hartzell
- 11 Helen Jorgensen  
Willie King, Jr.
- 12 Angie Kovalick  
Jennifer Stoll  
Christopher Eby  
Joyce Carlson
- 16 Rebecca Wilson  
Christine Harper
- 18 Reagan Pozzi
- 20 Anne Dittler
- 22 Stephen Ogle
- 23 Paige Guerrero  
Lee Thompson
- 28 Mary Unterberg  
Buzz Wheeler

### **New Chair Lift is Installed**



### **Happy Anniversary!**

25 Paul & Stephanie Heckert

# 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

**Betty Enoch**  
Bickford of Aurora  
7 S. Orchard Road  
Aurora, IL 60506

**Anne Didtler**  
1 Normandie, #101  
Sugar Grove, IL 60554

**Julie Bragg**  
2328 Stacy Ct  
Montgomery, IL 60538  
630-859-8119

**Gene & Judy Georgi**  
c/o Asbury Gardens  
210 Airport Rd, Room D-116  
North Aurora, IL 60542

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.



**Updates Made to Fellowship Hall**

**New Roof Installation started on 3/30/2021**



## April Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 1	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Online Worship via Zoom/Facebook Live In-Person Worship
Friday, April 2	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Online Worship via Zoom/Facebook Live In-Person Worship
Sunday, April 4	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Son Rise In-Person Worship Online Worship via Zoom/Facebook Live In-Person Worship
Monday, April 5	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, April 6	7:00 pm	Lenten Book Study via Zoom
Sunday, April 11	9:00 am 10:30 am	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b> Online Worship via Zoom/Facebook Live In-Person Worship
Monday, April 12	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, April 13	7:00 pm	Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 14	7:00 pm	Storytime with Pastor Tammy via Zoom
Sunday, April 18	9:00 am 10:30 am	Online Worship via Zoom/Facebook Live In-Person Worship
Monday, April 19	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Thursday, April 22	4:00 pm	5B's Drive Thru BBQ Fundraiser
Sunday, April 25	9:00 am 10:30 am	Online Worship via Zoom/Facebook Live In-Person Worship
Monday, April 26	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, April 28	7:00 pm	Storytime with Pastor Tammy via Zoom