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The Fifth Sunday Appeal for Children

Happy Birthday!

Jan 22 - Carol Crane

Jan 23 - Carol Thompson

Jan 26 - Jay Fox

Jan 27 - Stephanie Ogle

Jan 28 - Kristin Hawkins

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 or via email at sugargroveumc@sbcglobal.net.

Lisa, a friend of Cassie Adams, who has brain cancer.

Landon Kurtz, Julie Wilson's great nephew, who has muscular dystrophy.

Christine Roberson (Ireland) who is dealing with cancer.

Rich Gabor, Leslie Frieder's brother-in-law, who has pancreatic cancer and is awaiting surgery.

Military

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)

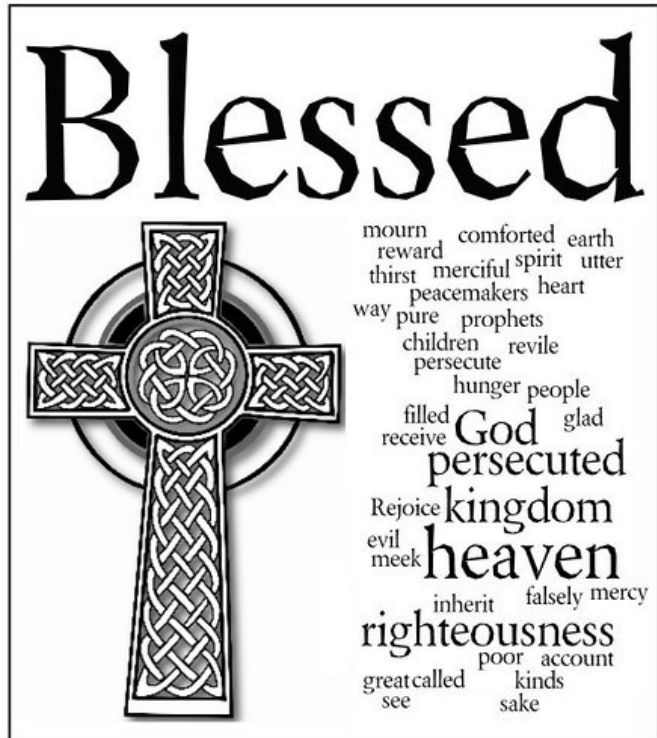
Austin Kintz – Air Force (lifted by Brian Schiber)

Sugar Grove United Methodist Church

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January 22, 2023

10:00 a.m. Hybrid Worship Service

Our Purpose: To build inclusive fellowship that nurtures loving relationships between community and Christ.

Welcome to Sugar Grove United Methodist Church!

We hope that you know that wherever you have been on your spiritual journey and whatever your faith background might be, you are welcome, and we are glad to worship together.

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

Pastor Tammy Scott

Call to Worship*

For just this hour,

Follow me

Listen to my word

Follow me

Think about your life as my disciple every day

Follow me

Pray

Follow me

Sing

Follow me

Come, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer*

You call us, Wanderer of seashores and sidewalks, inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors into the uncharted waters of faith, to wander off from our predictable paths, to follow You into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom, to leave the comfort of our homes, and accompany You into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid. As we wait, in our simple, sometimes crazy, constantly uncertain lives, speak to us, Spirit of Grace: of that hope which is our anchor; of that peace which is our rock; of that grace which is our refuge. Amen.

+Opening Hymn

Blest Are They

FWS #2155

+Passing of the Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*I invite you to pass the peace of Christ with your neighbors,
for each time we connect with one another, peace grows.*

A Time for All God's Children

Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Verse 1, 2 times

FWS #2129

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-20

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Sermon

Sermon on the Mount

Pastor Tammy Scott

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Offering Invitation

Offertory

I Stand In Awe of You

arr. Mark Hayes

+Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication*

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that you help grow the trust in us, that we might follow without looking back and that we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen.

+Closing Hymn

We Are Called

FWS #2172

+Sending Forth

As you go out into the world

Follow me

At home

Follow me

At school and work

Follow me

In everything you do this week

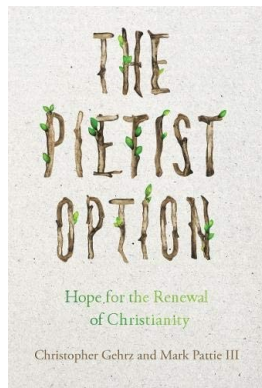
Follow me

And as you do, remember that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

+Postlude

+ Please stand for those who are able

* Liturgies were printed from the Discipleship Ministries of The UMC worship series:
Follow Me!



The adult Sunday school class will begin studying the book *The Pietist Option, Hope for the Renewal of Christianity*. The book is authored by Christopher Gehrz, a university professor and Mark Pattie III, a church pastor.

Pietism was a church renewal movement of the late seventeenth century. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, met some of those in the movement during his voyage to America to do missionary work. While he did not take part in the movement, there were several parts of the movement he found helpful.

John Fea, of Messiah College, has this to say about the book:

In an age in which the church is badly divided by politics and cultural wars, The by loving our neighbors, living in hope, and listening to God.

If you would like to join us, or would like more information you can contact Richard Mayer. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen.



Please sign up if you are willing to bring finger food refreshments for the Fellowship time after Sunday school and worship. Items may be homemade or purchased (for example: breads, muffins, coffecake, cookies, donuts, bagels) and a fruit of your choice.

Upcoming Calendar

Sun Jan 22	9:00 am – 9:45 am 10:00 am – 11:00 am 11:00 am – 11:45 am	Sunday School Hybrid Worship Service Choir Practice
Mon Jan 23	8:30 am – 12:30 pm 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Church Office Open Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Thu Jan 26	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Church Office Open
Sun Jan 29	9:00 am – 9:45 am 10:00 am – 11:00 am 11:00 am – 11:45 am	Sunday School Hybrid Worship Service Choir Practice



January Mission of the Month



We are collecting a mission offering for Mutual Ground to help them continue living into their mission:

To empower individuals, families, and communities to eliminate domestic and sexual violence and the harms of substance use through education, awareness, and life-changing services.

Mutual Ground is located at 418 Oak Avenue in Aurora. The organization serves families and individuals impacted by domestic and sexual violence and substance use disorders. It also provides school-based prevention programs designed to educate and empower students experiencing domestic and sexual abuse.

Numbers from the last fiscal year reflect the impact of Mutual Ground:

- 50,000+ students received prevention education
- 7,643 nights of shelter provided to 206 adults and children
- 1,291 hours of substance use recovery services provided
- 1,279 adults and children received domestic and/or sexual violence services
- 258 orders of protection were filed with the help of legal advocates
- 108 calls from local hospital ERs were responded to by volunteers and staff

100 % of your donation goes directly to support the services of Mutual Ground.