



Sugar Grove United Methodist Church
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Happy Birthday!

Jan 29 - Ariane Moses

Feb 2 - Mick Schiber

Feb 4 - Greg Wilson

Happy Anniversary!

Feb 3 - Don and Cindy Cubberley

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) was hospitalized this week.

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

Gene Georgi who has entered hospice care.

Military

Cody Chrastka – Air Force (Friend of Jonathon Rogers)

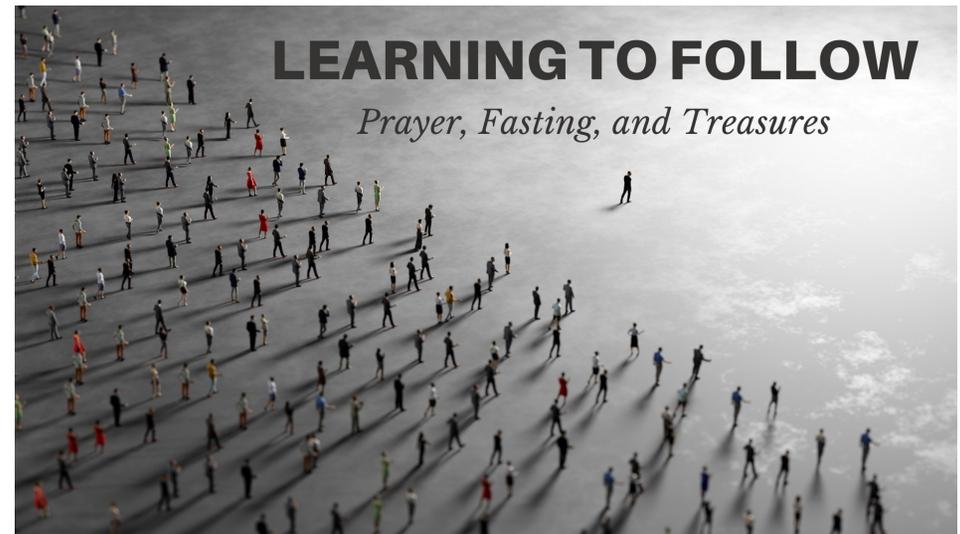
Drake Dineff – Marines (cousin of Brian Schiber)

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)



January 29, 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 Holy, Holy, Holy arr. Mark Hayes

Greeting & Announcements Pastor Tammy Scott

Call to Worship* Cindy Cubberley

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 Seek Ye First UMH #405

+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 FWS #2129
Verse 1, 2 times

Scripture Matthew 6:7-21 NT Page 5

Sermon Prayer, Fasting, and Treasures 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 arr. Carol Tornquist

Here I Am to Worship/O Worship the King

+Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication*

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that you help grow trust in us so 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 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace FWS #2171

+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

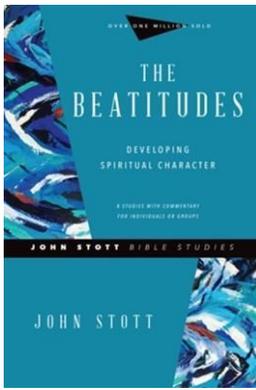
Follow me

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!



Beginning Sunday, February 5, 2023, the adult Sunday school class will start an eight-week study of the book The Beatitudes by John Stott.

This study has been in the works for a while. Pastor Tammy's sermon on January 22 nd served as a great introduction to the importance of the beatitudes for Christian life and service and should prepare us for a great study of God's words of challenge and comfort.

The following is a helpful introduction to the study:

The beatitudes reveal to us eight qualities that bring God's blessing: meekness and mercy, poorness in spirit and purity of heart, mourning and hunger, peacemaking and persecution. Jesus highlighted these to both offer encouragement and instruction on living distinctly as his followers in a world with values much different from God's.

All are welcome to join us (high school to old people like Richard Mayer) in this study. If you would like to join us or would like more information, you can contact Rick Wojak or Richard Mayer. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. Books will be provided.



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 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
Mon Jan 30	8:30 am – 12:30 pm 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Church Office Open Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Thu Feb 2	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Church Office Open
Sun Feb 5	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



Join us for our next Sermon Series

LEARNING TO FOLLOW

January 8 -
February 19, 2023

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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.