

The



Swansboro  
United  
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Church

# Messenger

FEBRUARY 2012

## March Forth in Faith

Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

One of the most defining moments in the history of your church will take place on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, during all three worship services. Our congregation will have the opportunity to respond to the program ministry, and building ministry of our church, as we *March Forth* in building God's Kingdom at Swansboro United Methodist Church. Each church member will receive two pledge cards, one for the budget, and one for the building campaign. The building campaign is a second-mile giving over and above your pledge to the ministry budget of the church. This moment will define our future, as we *March Forth in Faith* to God's call upon every family to support the world-outreach ministry of this church family.

We ask that each member pick up your devotional guide as we take steps forward in realizing the ten-year dream of the new Family Life and Ministry Center. If we are not participating in this building and budget campaign with prayer, faith, and hope, then we are leaving out the most important elements of what will secure our success towards building the Ministry Center. This is not about money. It is about our faith in God, and faith in our church, as we give to that which will glorify God's name. We want you to be a part of bringing the glory to God's name in this *March Forth* campaign.

For every time you have worshipped in the present sanctuary, most of us have drawn from a well we did not dig ourselves. The congregation before us made the sacrifice so that you and your family had a place to worship. That congregation also faced a time of fear and uncertainty, but proceeded in faith that it could be done, and the debt was paid in record time...paid in full. This generation can now leave their mark upon this house of faith as to our devotion to God, as expressed in our giving. Those who follow us will also draw from a well they did not dig, but will experience a life-changing ministry as we have in the building we use every Sunday built by those before us.

This is the time to be a part of something big, and something truly wonderful that will glorify God, with your name on it. Please come and join us for the Celebration Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> as we *March Forth* with your response to this day we set aside for the God who has blessed our lives.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ed Gunter

# United Methodist Men Peanuts



The Swansboro United Methodist Men (SUMM) world famous, nationally acclaimed, best tasting, oil roasted, lightly salted (or not), gourmet jumbo peanuts make great gifts—by the case or by the jar.

A jar of peanuts with a little ribbon or bow is a perfect way to remember service personnel who assist you throughout the year—mail carriers, newspaper carriers, cleaners, yard helpers, the plumber, electrician, carpenter, HVAC, auto mechanic, etc. Remember, we give away all our profit from peanut sales to over 50 organizations, missions, and needy people—locally and worldwide.

We ship cases all over the world. You can order cases via our website under [Gifts of Grace](#) or send your order to [SUMM](#). Peanuts by the case or jar are also available from the church office during business hours.

[http://GiftsOfGrace.SwansboroUMC.org/  
catalog.html](http://GiftsOfGrace.SwansboroUMC.org/catalog.html)

[Peanuts@SwansboroMethodistMen.org](mailto:Peanuts@SwansboroMethodistMen.org)

## Visit Us At:

[Swansboro United Methodist Church](#)

[www.SwansboroUMC.org/](http://www.SwansboroUMC.org/)



## Altar Flowers

Choose to remember loved ones or to honor a milestone with a gift donation and request for Altar Flowers. The flowers will glorify God and aid in the worship service. A 2012 flower sign-up poster will be located inside the church across from the ladies restroom so you may see which Sundays remain available. The cost is \$40.00 per Sunday with the understanding that many families may choose the same “Open Sunday” to dedicate flowers.

Directions:

- 1) Choose any of the “Open Sundays” left on the calendar.
- 2) Fill in an Altar Flower request form available on the calendar display or from the church office.
- 3) Turn in the form to the church office during business hours or place it in the collection plate.
- 4) Payment may be made with the request or given later to the church office.

## Lenten Devotions

[Lenten Devotions](#) will be available on the church web site again this year. You will find the Lenten Devotions available to read on the main menu (sidebar) beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you would like to write one of these devotions, please contact Bonnie Bihary at 843-687-2211 or [bbihary@yahoo.com](mailto:bbihary@yahoo.com).

<http://www.SwansboroUMC.org/Lent.html>

# New Members & Baptisms



**Blake & Jillian Chambers**  
Daughter: Arangelyne Victoria  
7115 Barrow Street  
Camp LeJeune, NC 28547



**Derek Schneider**  
White Oak Manner Lane # 8  
Swansboro, NC 28584



**Weston & Marie Hurst**  
130 Lisk Drive  
Swansboro, NC 28584



**John & Angie Hall**  
224 Star Hill Drive  
Cape Carteret, NC 28584



**Chris & Nansie Wikel**  
Children: Joie, Jillian, Riley  
112 Nellie Lane  
Swansboro, NC 28584



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## Boy Scouts

Local Boy Scouts participated in a field trip with SUMC members Tom Copeland and Chuck Roberts.

# Swansboro United Methodist Church Childcare Center

## February Happenings

### Holidays

Groundhog Day  
 President's Day  
 Dr. Seuss Day  
 Valentine's Day

### February Themes

Groundhogs & Shadows  
 Dental Month  
 Five Senses

### Shape

Heart



### Bible & Old Testament

Friendship & Love  
 Jesus in the Temple  
 How Much God Loves Us

### Letters & Numbers

V J Z 10 11

### Color

Pink