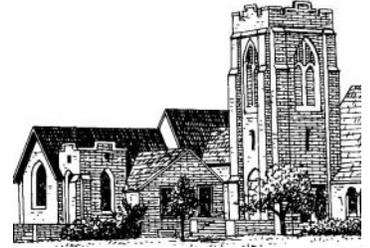


The Caller



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September
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A Faith That Works September Sermon Series

The book of James stands unique in the New Testament for its no non-sense, practical, proverbial wisdom. There is very little cryptic language or mysterious imagery in the way that it calls people to live out their discipleship. For James, faith is neither radically privatized nor solely personal. It is to be expressed outwardly, to improve one's relationships with others and to help those in need. This sermon series challenges both those who believe that faith is something that should be kept to themselves as well as challenging a culture that sees very little value in religion at all.

Just Do it!

Be doers, not just hearers, of God's commands.

James 1:17 - 2
September 2

Body and Soul

The body matters: Using our physical means to meet physical needs.

James 2:1 - 17
September 9

Taming the Tongue

The tongue is a small organ that can do great damage.

James 3:1-12
September 16

The Good Life

Gentleness and wisdom are the keys to contentment

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7 - 8a
September 23

Powerful Prayer

Prayer is a healing balm for physical suffering and broken communities.

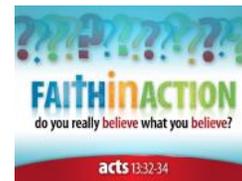
James 5:13-20
September 30

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*He has showed you, O Mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord **require** of you?
Just this: To do Justice; To love Kindness; and to walk, humbly, with your God.*



OUTREACH—Touching Lives for Christ

For as much as you have done unto these, you have done unto me.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome back to a season of new beginnings at SUMC but with some familiar Outreach opportunities. We hope you will make your gift of presence at Sunday morning worship an offering and a way to be in community with fellow sojourners. The congregation has experienced a lot of change in the past two years and that has been challenging. Please join with us in renewing our mission here in Swarthmore and in the greater world.

We will plan to continue with our PBJ nights, usually on the third Wednesday of the month, starting with Wednesday, September 19 at 7:45 p.m. in the Centennial Room. Bring two loaves of sliced bread and we will provide the peanut butter and jelly. The sandwiches will go to support the work of the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County and City Team in Chester.

Our first Grace Café hosting will take place on Sunday, September 30 at the Arch Street United Methodist Church. We anticipate serving dinner to about 200 individuals that evening. Arch Street can only provide this mission with the help of partnering congregations so we hope you will return to serve or try it out for the first time. We will be requesting food donations closer to the date. And cash donations are always welcome. We will plan to carpool into Philadelphia at 4:30 that day, serve dinner at 6:00, and be back in Swarthmore around 8:00 p.m.

The Chester/Delco Chapter of Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence has been busy over the summer and will have two more installations of the Tee-shirt Memorial to the Lost this fall. There will be a major Gun Violence Awareness Event on Sunday, October 21. More information on that event will be forthcoming. Please contact Ralph Ciampa for the most up to date information.

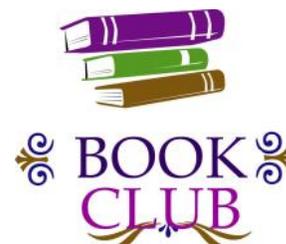
We are also continuing to support City Team Ministries in Chester with weekly food collections and items for mothers and babies. The collection table is in the narthex. You will also notice we are hosting donation space for Cradles to Crayons.

SUMC Book Club Dates

Meetings are the **second Wednesday** of each month at 7:30pm

September Book club meets on September 12th at Carolyn Stephens' home, located at 133 Park Avenue, Swarthmore, PA 19081.

The discussion book is titled, (NF) *The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World* by Andrea Wulf





All the World's a Stage Theater Groups at SUMC



MARPLE-NEWTOWN PLAYERS—SPOTLIGHT THEATER

Performances at Swarthmore UMC

“A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody”

By Ron Bernas

Directed by Joe Cartegena

September 14, 15, 21,22, 23*, 28, 29, 2018

Evenings at 8 PM – Tickets \$15.00

*Matinee at 2 PM – Tickets \$12.00

Tickets: Phone 610-328-1079 or on-line at *Ticketleap* (fees apply)

SUMC 126TH ANNIVERSARY / RALLY DAY September 16, 2018



On Sunday, September 9, 2018 we will be resuming morning worship in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. The choir will begin their musical season and Children’s Sunday School will begin again. But the following Sunday, September 16, we will mark the 126th anniversary of Swarthmore United Methodist Church and Pastor Kevin Babcock will lead us in envisioning our future. There will be a catered brunch following morning worship to celebrate in the United Methodist tradition. Please join us as we come together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Fellowship Meal

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SUMC

Please join us for the following events:

- September 9: Worship in Sanctuary
- September 16: 126th Anniversary / Rally Day with catered brunch
- September 19: PBJ Night, 7:45pm
- September 23: Faith and Life sessions begin today
- September 30: Grace Café—4:30pm (see Outreach article)

Deadline for the October Caller is Tuesday, September 18th

Be sure and let the Church office know about any events you would like published



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**FLOOD RELIEF
CLOSE TO HOME**

In recent weeks heavy rains have caused serious flooding in northeastern Pennsylvania, rivalling the devastation from Hurricane Agnes in 1972. Our Bishop Peggy Johnson has asked the churches of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference to respond with monetary donations and volunteers to assist in disaster recovery efforts. We will be collecting donations for flood relief throughout the month of September. Checks can be made out to Swarthmore United Methodist Church with a notation for Disaster Recovery or Flood Relief and we will see that the money is directed to the EPA Conference fund. Thanks for your generosity.



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