

August Worship Schedule

8/3 10:00am Communion Service
8/10, 8/17, 8/31

9:00am Outdoor Service
8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31

10:00am Summer Service

Mission Statement
The mission of Sandy Mount UMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. (Matthew 22:37-39; 28:19-20)

August 2025

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THE VINE

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Message from Pastor Bob Wellman

This is the middle of the summer months. The summer months are the ones that seem to last but a few hours each day. And then they are gone. They are months in length, but they seem more like hours in length. Do you ever get that feeling?

One of the greatest tragedies of the 21st Century in America is the realism that millions of people who claim to know Jesus Christ rarely attend a local church or participate in the worship services. In so many of the American churches, a lot of people basically attend three times in their entire life. The first time is when they're baptized. The second time is when they are married. The third time is when they are buried. In other words, when they're hatched, matched, and dispatched!

Yet, in the New Testament, if one consistently and deliberately missed the assembly, the coming together as a church, it was assumed that this person was no longer following Christ. They assumed that this person had gone back into the world and was no longer a part of the local church. In this case, the Christians of that time would eventually conclude that a person was no longer a follower of Jesus simply because they were no longer attending the local assembly. They saw the worship service not only as a privilege and a priority, but they saw worship as a solemn duty.

There are three times in Hebrews 10:19-25, that the Hebrew writer uses the phrase, "let us," to appeal to the local congregation about being steadfast in their attendance to the local assembly or church. When we attend the local church,

We Glorify Our Lord Through Worshipping Together

Jesus is everywhere since He is God. Yet, there is a special sense that Jesus is in the worship service in a way that does not exist out in the world. There is a special sense that Christ is in "the house of the Lord."

So when the writer of Hebrews says: "Let us draw near," that really is worship. Why do we meet on Sunday? We draw near to our Lord Jesus Christ! We do not come to church, primarily, to hear a sermon, to listen to music, to fellowship with others or to give an offering. The overriding purpose of our coming together is to honor and praise our Lord, Jesus Christ, who gives us hope, grace and love. Today, a lot of Christians in America express, "I can worship Christ alone. I don't have to attend church to do this." Yes, Christians ought to worship Christ alone; but corporate worship is life giving, renewing, and strengthening, that isn't found when done alone. It is also taught in the Bible and together, as the body of Christ, we are commanded to draw near to Him.

Let's greet each in worship...I pray you'll be there.

Shalom,
Pastor Bob



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 10:00am— Communion Service 12:00pm- Ad Council Meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church | 7 1:00pm-Craft Country Acres Outreach | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:00am-Outdoor Ser- vice (Doug Brooks) 10:00am- Summer Service | 11 | 12 | 13 7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:00am-Outdoor Ser- vice (Doug Brooks) 10:00am- Summer Service | 18 | 19 | 20 3:00pm- Bingo Country Acres Outreach 7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church | 21 5:00pm-Food Giveaway | 22 Articles due for September VINE | 23 |
| 24 10:00am- Summer Service | 25 Last Day for September Altar Flowers | 26 | 27 12:00pm- Book Club 7:00pm- Wednesday Nights at the Church | 28 | 29 6:00pm- Message & Singing Coun- try Acres Out- reach | 30 7:30am- Yard Sale |
| 31 9:00am-Outdoor Ser- vice (Doug Brooks) 10:00am- Summer Service | | | | | | |

August Bible Verse

Luke 10:27

He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.'

August Birthdays

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|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 3 | 11 | 19 |
| Jim Fisher | Belinda Von Gunten | Jennifer Glass |
| 7 | 12 | 24 |
| Kim Hawkins | Christopher Vollmerhausen | Doug Brooks |
| 8 | 13 | 24 |
| Katheryn DeGroff | Colby Taylor | Lisa Geordt |
| 9 | 15 | 25 |
| Buddy Wheat | Marge Rosso | Michele Sick |
| Kathy Bailey | 16 | 31 |
| | Inez Beckhardt | Rick Barrick |



Indoor Yard Sale

★ **August 30, 7:30-12:30** ★

Please bring your donations to the church before August 30th. Donations can be placed on the stage. Rebecca will be at the church Monday–Friday 9:30 to 1:30 to let you in. You can also drop off on Sunday. Pick-up will not be available. Church member's/Casa de Bendicion will be able to set up at no charge. Space will be available to rent for \$10. To secure your space please call Jennifer Glass (443) 857-4277.

Questions call

Audrey (240) 593-6462

Kara (410) 596-7183



Service Opportunities

Food Pantry



Please know that we are in **NEED** of donation's for our food pantry. It is important that we keep the food pantry stocked to help those in need in our community. We accept non perish-able foods. The drop off area is in the closet across from the church office, or donations can be put directly in the food pantry. You can also make a monetary donation that can be placed in our offering. If you have any ques-tions, please contact the Office Administrator.

Country Acres Outreach

We serve the residents by leading craft activities, organizing bingo games, and offering a monthly worship service with singing and a message. Our ministry dates are noted on the calendar in this newsletter.

If you have any questions, contact Audrey Boyle at 240-593-6462.

Please mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors!

Clothing & Shoes Donations

If you have any shoes or clothing items to donate, please drop them in the large bin located in our church parking lot. The bin is emptied monthly by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Because of our effort to help their program, they do-nate \$50 each month to SMUMC.



Vine Activity

Word Search

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| J | O | X | B | H | K | D | J | V | I |
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| H | F | K | Z | H | Y | H | U | G | E |
| A | U | Y | T | E | G | E | O | Y | R |
| S | B | I | L | O | V | E | S | S | V |
| C | A | B | X | F | L | X | A | J | E |
| F | N | R | D | N | S | R | I | C | J |
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| H | K | K | V | V | O | B | X | S | B |
| P | F | H | E | L | P | R | O | O | K |

Look for these words:

- Faith
- Love
- Help
- Serve
- Soul
- Strength

Thanking SMUMC

Dear Reverend Bob,

Thank you for providing a wonderful memorial service for Sally Durham on Wednesday July 2nd. Your heartfelt words were honest, sincere, and I'm certain Sally was smiling down from Heaven in approval. Our family is grateful for the love and kindness Sandymount provided that day from Connie's organ playing, Tom's help at the cemetery, Janet's exceptional lunch, and Rebecca's help and guidance with the bulletin, service, and pictures.

We wish to extend a heartfelt gratitude also to Reverend Bill Boyer and Marie Davidson for the kind words and experiences they shared with Sally.

- Losing a loved one is truly the hardest thing we have to endure
- but the kindness everyone shared makes it a little more bearable.
- In loving memory of Sally,
The Durham Family

We want to thank the Carroll County Finksburg Library and our community for collecting non-perishables for our food pantry. If you have any non-perishable food to donate you can drop them off in our food pantry in the parking lot or at the Finksburg Library.



FOOD GIVEAWAY



Finksburg

What:

We will be providing meat, dry and canned goods, and more!

When:

3rd Thursday each month from 5-6pm.

Where:

Sandy Mount United Methodist Church:
2101 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg.

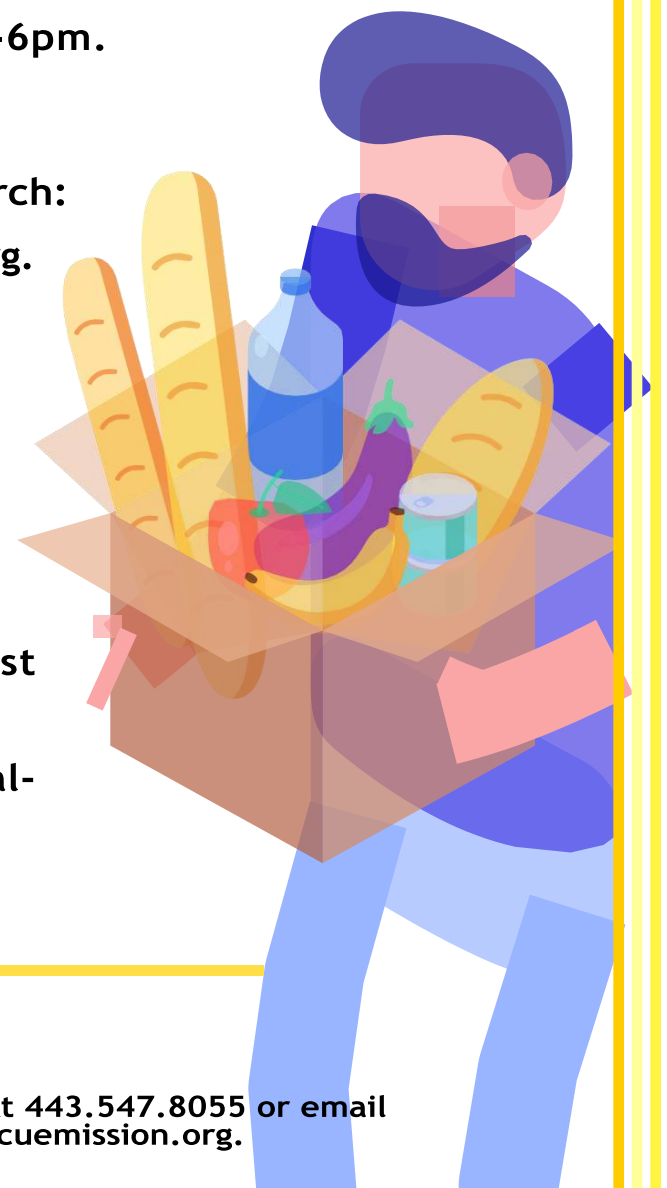
Note:

Distribution is run in a client choice format. Please park in the parking lot, line up for check in. You will then walk through to select foods.

Volunteers will be present to assist loading items into your vehicles. Please bring reusable shopping bags if you have them. Bags will also be provided on site.

In case of inclement weather, we will resume a drive-thru format.

For more information call or text 443.547.8055 or email Mcrull@westminsterrescuemission.org.





Altar Flowers \$50 for 2 vases

Payment Policy: Please put your check along with a note stating the date you are dedicating flowers for the altar. This will clarify where the money is to be credited for the counters.

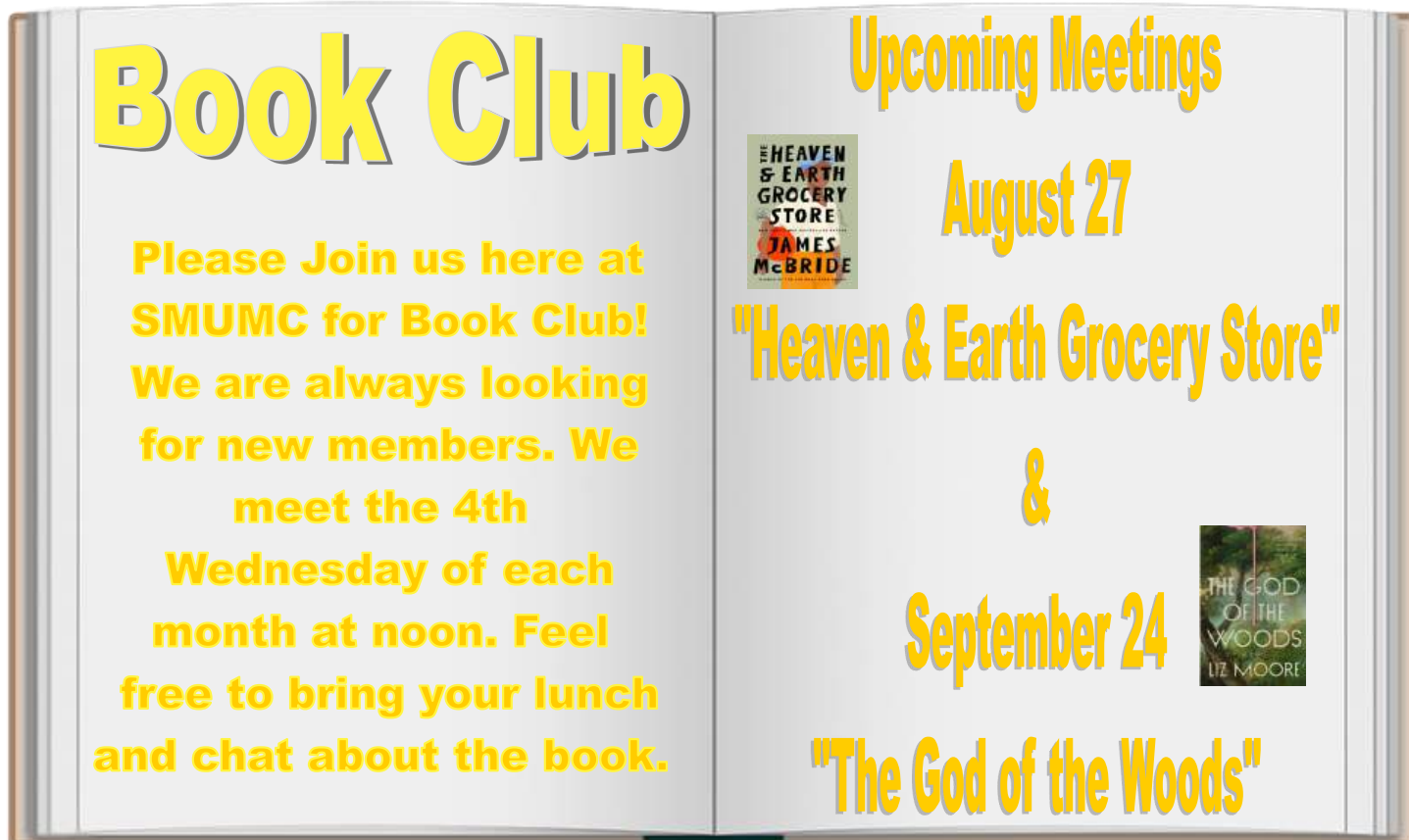
Flower Dedication: Please let Rebecca know the Monday before the flowers are given. Please leave the dedication form in the Secretary mailbox, email or call.

August 24th is the last day to sign up for September Dedication.

| <u>August</u> | <u>September</u> | <u>October</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 3rd-Closed | 7th- Nicole Caple | 5th- Nicole Caple |
| 10th-Boyer Family | 14th- Still Needed | 12th- Still Needed |
| 17th- Kathleen Klinger | 21st- Tina Von Gunten | 19th- Fishers |
| 24th- Nicole Caple | 28th- Pastor Bob | 26th- Kara Urban |
| 31st-Kara Urban | | |



When taking your flowers please leave the sleeves for the next week and use a plastic bag to transfer your flowers home. Care should be taken so that the altar cloths do not get drip marks on them. Please remove the sleeves and carry them to the back of the sanctuary before placing the flowers in your bag. Empty the water in the vases on the parking lot then return the sleeves to the vases on the altar. TIP: Large zip-lock bags work really well. Thank you.



The Chosen Season 5

Episode 4 August 6, 2025 7:00pm

Episode 5 August 13, 2025 7:00pm

Episode 6 August 20, 2025 7:00pm

Episode 7 August 27, 2025 7:00pm

