



November 22, 2020

Good Morning!

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Please silence electronics

**Worship Services:**

Sulphur Grove UMC — 7505 Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights, 45424 — 10:30AM  
The Y Campus — 7251 Shull Rd., Huber Heights, 45424 — 10:30AM  
Brandt UMC — 6805 E. US 40, Tipp City, 45371 — 11:00AM  
Kiawanda Language Worship—7505 Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights, 45424 — 2:30PM

We are committed to growing disciples of Jesus Christ, living and sharing God's love.

**ONLINE SERVICE ONLY UNTIL DECEMBER 6TH; CHURCH CLOSED**

Out of an abundance of caution and care for your safety the church council voted last evening (the 10th) to stop our live worship services and conduct online only services for the next 4 Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Online only services began Sunday (11/15). This applies to both the Taylorsville and Y campuses. The church is closed to ALL activities. The Council will re-evaluate the COVID-19 situation for our area after December 6th and make a decision as to whether or not to return to live worship and reopen the church to other activities. This decision was not taken lightly. With the positive test of a choir member, the exposure of an office staff member, and the number of COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County increasing by 33% in one week we believe there is sufficient reason to take this action for the safety of all. Most of the church staff will be working from home until at least December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you call the church office, please leave a message. Messages will be checked several times per day and your call will be returned.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION IS TOMORROW**

Thank You Sulphur Grove!

70 bags of food was taken to St. Peter Food Pantry on Monday. 4 bags will go to Huber Heights FISH on Friday at their request. Many folks will have something to eat because of you. You are all a blessing. Thanks so Much! We will be collecting food again next week for Wesley Community Center. **Our crew will be on the Taylorsville Circle on Monday November 23 from 9:00 till 11:00 to transfer food from you vehicle to the delivery vehicle.**

These are just donation suggestions. Feel free to give whatever you can.

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| 2 cans of meat           | 2 cans of vegetables   |
| 2 cans of fruit          | 6 cans of soup         |
| 2 cans of pork and beans | 1 box of cold cereal   |
| 1 jar of jelly           | 1 jar of peanut butter |
| 1 jar of spaghetti sauce | 1 box of spaghetti     |
| 1 box of crackers        | 1 bag of noodles       |

**OFFICE CLOSINGS**

The office will be closed on Thursday 11/26 & Friday 11/27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**ESTIMATED GIVING CARDS DUE DECEMBER 1ST**

Please turn in your 2021 estimated giving card by December 1 if possible. Electronic giving cards are available – see the church-wide e-mail previously sent or request one by e-mailing [barryb@sulphurgrove.org](mailto:barryb@sulphurgrove.org) Pledge cards will be mailed to all church members this week. If you have already turned in a pledge card, please disregard the mailing.

**ALMOND SALE**

It's that time of year again - Cinnamon Sugar Almond (and peanut) sales have begun! Grove Youth students will be selling, making, and delivering these bags by Sunday, December 20. Look out for any student to order yours at \$6 a bag! Due to Covid-19, we are also offering online sales. Please go to [www.tinyurl.com/almondsale](http://www.tinyurl.com/almondsale) to place your order today! Don't worry - you can still attribute your sale to a specific student if you wish.

**NEW DEADLINES ...** For Sunday, December 6th, the deadline for submission for announcements will be end of day (4 pm) Friday, November 27th. Anything received after this time will appear in the next weeks announcements. Submit items for announcements to [Jacquem@sulphurgrove.org](mailto:Jacquem@sulphurgrove.org).

**ADVENT BOOK STUDY**

The MCCI congregational book study for Advent is based on the book *Making Room-Sharing the Love of Christmas* by Ed Robb. We currently have 50 copies if you would like to pick one up at the church. Books will be placed between the gathering area doors (door #2). If you would like to order a copy yourself the ISBN-13 number is 978-1-7910-0637-2. Cokesbury.com has the best price I have found. An e-book version is available. This study and sermon series begins November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

We plan to hold our regular Christmas Eve services live COVID permitting. The only difference this year is there will be no Communion service in the Chapel due to COVID. At least one of the services will be livestreamed.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

An electronic version is being developed.

**BAGS OF LOVE**

We have enough food to last us for November and December but we need a few more of the below items: Deodorant (trial size is ok); Shampoo (trial size is ok); 16oz jars of Peanut Butter.

**CWS BLANKET SUNDAY**

Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Sunday is December 6th. Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 37 Christian organizations. It provides self-help, development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance around the world. Sulphur Grove has participated in this ministry for many years. In the United States, CWS has been active in disaster relief, particularly in the aftermath of major storms including the 2019 Memorial Day tornados in Dayton. Please consider donating to this worthy cause by sending your donation to the church. Checks should be made out to Sulphur Grove UMC with "Blankets" marked on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.