

Aurora church to host Sugar Grove author, immigrant who fled communist Hungary

Sugar Grove resident and author Bill Suhayda will read from and sign his book, "From Tyranny to Liberty," at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at Fourth Street United Methodist Church, 551 S. Fourth St. in Aurora.

The public is invited to meet Suhayda, a Fourth Street UMC member, at a potluck luncheon following a 9:45 a.m. worship service.

A former Auran, Suhayda, 67, is a retired East Aurora High School biology teacher who started the Tomcats boys and girls soccer program and Fox Valley Kickers youth soccer.

"From Tyranny to Liberty," released in July 2016, tells a compelling family history of the Suhayda family's escape from a post-World War II Hungary controlled by communist Russia. Those caught attempting to flee the Hungarian borders during this time period were often shot for their betrayal to country.

The story follows the family's suspenseful exit, and chronicles their journey, eventually planting roots in Aurora. Biographies included show glimpses into the lives of the family and their closest friends in a war torn region.

Freelance writer Matthew Brennan said, "From Tyranny to Liberty tells a compelling family history, but also serves as an excellent reference for anyone looking to discern the differences between living in a free society, and living under strict communist control.

"It provides a glimpse into what really happened in Russian controlled territories following the end of World War II. This is a book those interested in both the past and the future of our great country will want to read."

