

## Serving — Church Announcements – April 21, 2024

- **MOTHER'S DAY** - Our children and youth will be leading worship on Mother's Day (May 12) and students are invited to share their musical gifts in the worship services. Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument on Mother's Day should contact Grace Rogansky, Pamela Mayo or Bill Utterback. The Junior Clocktower Ringers and Rainbow Bells will be participating and Children's church kids from 9 am & 11 am. will be leading prayer, sharing scripture and taking on multiple roles during the worship service
- **SOLO RECITALS**—Violin, Viola, and piano students from the studios of Leah Givelber, Rochelle Agnew, and Christopher Sforza will present two Spring Solo Recitals on April 27th at SUMC. We welcome and invite the community to attend either performance at 2pm (violin/ piano) or 4pm (violin/ viola)
- **The United Women in Faith (UWF)** will host a Rummage Sale for Missions on Friday, May 10 from 3pm to 7pm and on Saturday, May 11 from 9am to 1pm. Previously owned treasures, including household items, seasonal clothing, shoes, books, puzzles, and much more will be available. All proceeds from the Sale are used to fund local, national and international UWF mission projects.  
We appreciate your donations to our Sale, but we are not able to accept electronics and exercise equipment of any kind as well as large pieces of furniture or rugs. Small tables, chairs, nightstands, plant stands and area rugs are acceptable.  
If you would like to help us with this Sale, please contact Pat Grossarth at 412-741-6208 or Kristine Swaney at 412-741-2092.

- **FOUNDATIONS IN ANTI-RACISM CLASSES**—Jesus teaches us to love our neighbors equally, but society has built a powerful system of inequity that impacts every aspect of our daily lives. Join members of the Pittsburgh Dist. Anti-Racism team to expand your understanding of what it means to be an anti-racist and learn how you can work towards a more just and loving church and community. Classes will meet weekly from 7pm-8:30pm.



### Online:

Mondays, April 22—May 13

Wednesdays, April 24—May 15

### In Person:

Mondays, April 22-May 13,

at Garden City UMC in Monroeville

Tuesdays, April 23—May 14

at Mt Lebanon UMC in Pittsburgh

Register at [forms.gle/dpNtavFuQPwGQGQTA](https://forms.gle/dpNtavFuQPwGQGQTA) or email Susie Moffett at [Susie.fhnc@gmail.com](mailto:Susie.fhnc@gmail.com) with any questions.

- **USHERS NEEDED** — Please sign up in back of the sanctuary to serve as an usher during upcoming 11am services. What do ushers do? Come about 30 minutes early to welcome folks while handing out bulletins, count attendance, collect the offering and generally be available to help if someone needs assistance with things like finding the nursery, water dispenser, or restrooms. New volunteers are always welcome! Questions, see Debbie or Joe Consoli.

- **URGENT CALL FOR CLEANING BUCKETS**—In light of the widespread flooding and extreme weather in our region and beyond, UMCOR cleaning kits are desperately needed to restock the Mission Barn. The current stock of buckets is very low. The cost of each bucket is approximately \$75. Donations of cash and cleaning products are welcome. Please provide only products that are included on the approved kit list at: <https://umcmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/> There are items posted on the bulletin board by the office that you can grab and purchase to donate towards a bucket.
- **SUMMER CAMP 2024**—Registration is OPEN! The United Methodist Church has three great camps in Western PA. SUMC has campership funds available to help your child attend one of these camps this summer. For more info, please contact Sandy Kuriger or Pastor Hannah.
- **BOOSTING THE CAPITAL FUND**—Thank you for supporting the ministries of SUMC with your giving. In addition to your regular giving, please consider giving to the “Capital Fund” to help provide for the long-term maintenance of our beautiful and prominent building.
- **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED** — Occasionally we get requests from members of our church family who need a ride to a medical appointment. If you’d be willing to be on a list of people willing to drive, please let Pastor Hannah or the office know.
- **SAVE THE DATE**—Please come to our annual church picnic where we will break bread with our family at St Matthews AME Zion Church on June 23. We will provide the beef and veggie burgers and hotdogs There will be one service that day. More to follow.
- **NURTURE COMMITTEE**—It’s Walking Taco Time at the Sewickley May Mart on Saturday, May, 11th. Come enjoy our traditional treats with all the tasty toppings! Our booth is on the corner just across from the church. Free lemonade with taco purchase!
- **WOMEN’S GROUP**—The Tuesday Women’s Group has collected over \$150 in their birthday bank for the Nyadire. Please help them double this amount with a gift of any amount. The group is studying important women every Tuesday morning in April. The May study will concentrate on “The Chosen.”
- **MEAL MINISTRY** — When someone in our church family is facing a difficult or challenging time (sickness, death, new baby, etc.), our Meal Ministry volunteers provide meals. If you would like to be added to our list of volunteers willing to help with the meals please let our Nurture Chair, Sandy Kuriger, or the office know.
- **WOMEN TOGETHER LUNCHEON**—All women are invited to lunch on Friday, May 31st, at the Christy House in Sewickley. Meet in our church parking lot and walk to the restaurant. The meal costs \$18 cash or check. Please let Debbie Chesney know if you would like to attend by May 10th at 412-580-4012.

<b>PRAYER LIST</b>			
Peace in the Holy Land Hurst Bartley Betty Burrows (Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law) Sydni Canney Anne Clifford (Jenine Furry's sister-in-law) Bruno Crapis Mollie Devine (Renee Gittins' sister) Nick Devine (Renee Gittins' great nephew) Family of Kayla Green Clyde Grossarth (Steve's	brother) Steve Grossarth Candy Grudovich (Joe Boward's sister) Rev. Jim Hamilton Beate Henkel Rosemary Herring Lucas James (Sel Dean's brother) Matthew Kania Grace & Murch King Margaret Mayo Marley McAilley Nikki and John Sandra Obeng	Lorraine Offner Keith Pelphrey Jean Reed Jim Rogansky Jasmine Ross Megan Shong (Renee Gittins' great-niece) Nancy Shuluga C.R. & Lorraine Simpson (Edie Erkert's parents) Jacqueline Stancil Bill T Lauren Tillman Morgan W. and Family Jack Wilfong	Family of Winnie Wright Karen Yant Rich Zahrobsky Dennis Zeveny  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>And our shut-ins:</b></p> Sylvia Bajsec Olive & Jim Chewning Renee Gittins Shirley Graham Pat Rudy Lura Zaremba



- VBS TEAM MEETING APRIL 21** -The SUMC Vacation Bible School (VBS) team will hold a planning meeting April 21 in the Simpson Room immediately following the 11 am traditional service. Adults and youth interested in leadership/volunteer positions are urged to attend. Our “Seekers in Sneakers” VBS will take place August 5 through August 8 on the SUMC campus. This is a collaborative effort with St. Matthew’s AME Zion and St. Paul’s Lutheran churches and is free and open to all children from pre-school through middle school. Registration details will be shared soon. To register as a volunteer, [please click here](#)

The April 21 planning meeting is where we begin building teams and sharing ideas. Topics on the table will include decorating, marketing, mission, storytelling, music, games, science, crafts, and games/recreation, as well as pre-school and middle school possibilities.
- VBS PRAYER**—The VBS team, recognizing our church family’s extraordinary capacity for prayer, is also launching a new prayer initiative this year. Everyone’s invited! We will provide a prayer focus each month from April through August, and we’re asking you to consider fitting a VBS prayer into your daily or weekly prayer plans. Our prayer focus for April will involve our volunteers, those who have come forward, and those who are wondering if there might be a place where they could help.

In June, we’re hoping to assemble a prayer team that will lift specific prayer requests as we move closer to Seekers in Sneakers. For more information, contact Grace Rogansky, Felicity Moffett, Pam Mayo or Bill Utterback.

## Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>21</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am FOTC 11am Traditional Service 12:30pm VBS Planning Meeting 1pm Youth Group Meeting	<b>22</b> 7pm AA	<b>23</b> 10am Women's Growth Group 6pm Growth Group Study 7pm AA	<b>24</b> 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>25</b> 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm SUMC Singers	<b>26</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>27</b> 1:30pm –5:30pm Music Recital
<b>28</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am FOTC 11am Traditional Service	<b>29</b> 7pm AA 7pm Marketing Committee	<b>30</b> 10am Women's Growth Group 6pm Growth Group Study 7pm AA 7pm Library Committee	<b>1</b> 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>2</b> 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm SUMC Singers	<b>3</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>4</b>

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- **WALKING WITH JESUS** — Come join the Walking with Jesus group for adults on Sunday mornings at 10am in the parlor. Bring your coffee, your ideas, and your faith. See Willie Nicholson or Sandy Kuriger with questions.
  - **THE WOMEN'S GROWTH GROUP**—All women are invited to the Growth Group that meets at 10am on Tuesdays in the Church Library. Activities include Bible study, prayers and praise, fellowship, and service to others. Come add your ideas to this lively and inspiring group.
  - **FELLOWSHIP OF THE CROSS (FOTC)** - meets at 11am on Sundays in the Simpson Room to work on service projects. All school age children and youth are welcome to be part of FOTC. Contact Grace Rogansky for more info: [vgrogansky@gmail.com](mailto:vgrogansky@gmail.com).
  - **CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU** — Join our diverse adult group Sunday mornings at 10am. in the Library to discuss societal issues and Jesus-based ways we can make a difference
  - **A CROCHET AND KNITTING CIRCLE** has been formed by Amanda Pelphrey and Patti Ellis. They will meet at 10am in the Simpson Room in between Sunday services. Be sure to bring your hooks and needles and join in!
  - **CHURCH NURSERY** — The nursery, located in the basement, is open Sundays, 8:45am - 12:15pm (or when church lets out) for newborns through 4 (and older at the discretion of the nursery worker & parents). If you need assistance, an usher can help you locate it
  - **ELECTRONIC GIVING** — Electronic giving is available to everyone. Vanco allows you to give via your credit card, debit card, or bank account. You also have the option of setting up recurring giving, and of giving to help cover the transaction and processing fees. You can use it 2 ways: 1) Via the Vanco Mobile Faith app (download to your phone) 2) Via the link on our website ([sewickleyumc.org](http://sewickleyumc.org)).