

Sewickley United Methodist Church

April 2021 Minutes

From The Pastor's Heart

I hope you have your umbrellas ready! There is a popular saying, "April showers bring May flowers." This really is a beautiful thought. It is similar to "after the rain comes the rainbow." Some of the most interesting weather I find is when it is raining and sunny out AND there is a rainbow. It doesn't seem like all of those things should be happening at the same time. That's life though, isn't it? We wish things would happen in nice clean cut seasons. But it is very rarely that everything is all bad or everything is all good. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." It then goes on to list things that there is a time for. I don't know about you, but I have laughed and cried at the same time. I have mourned and danced at the same time. I have gathered and scattered stones at the same time. Ecclesiastes never says these things happen independently of each other. In fact they often times happen in conjunction with one another. However, we sometimes have difficulty finding a reason to dance when we are overcome with sorrow, or finding a reason for hope when we are full of fear. There is a time for everything and as a follower of Jesus Christ there is always a time for hope.

Get your umbrellas out! We are going to dance in the rain. If it makes you more comfortable, get out your raincoat, your rain boots, and your rain hat too. Don't forget your mask as well! As we enter into this season following Lent, we will be returning to hosting two in-person worship services each week. The Contemporary service will meet at 9 a.m. and the Traditional service will meet at 11 a.m. We will continue to follow the current Covid-19 protocols we have in place until further notice and registration will still be required. There will not be Sunday school in between the services and the nursery will still not be staffed at this current time. I ask that you please do not come to the service any earlier than a half an hour before your service begins so we can cut down on the amount of contact during the transition time. Both services will be live streamed and available for viewing at your convenience so we can continue to provide a worship experience that is within each person's comfort zone. I do need your help! If you are willing to volunteer on a Sunday, please let me know as there will be more positions that will now need to be filled.

Remember, we can be excited, yet still be cautious. We can be hopeful, yet still be prayerful. We can be ready for the flowers, yet still be stomping in the puddles. We can all be in different places, yet still be together. This is not a time for either/or but it is a now a time for both/and. We are, after all, a people of death and of resurrection! Amen!

From one light to another,


Pastor Hannah Loughman

Pastor Hannah's availability: I am available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:45 am to 4:45 pm. On Sundays I am available following the church service till 4 p.m. If I am not in the office, I can be reached via my cell phone. I am available after-hours on my cell phone for emergencies. My email address is open 24 hours a day and, with the exceptions of Mondays, which is my day off, I will respond in a timely manner.

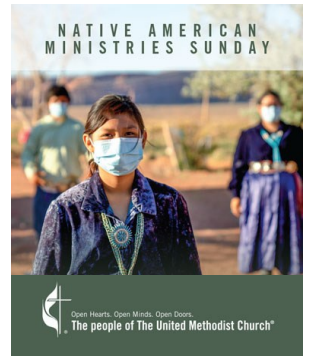
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NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY APRIL 18TH

Native American Ministries Sunday was created in 1988 to develop and strengthen Native American ministries. United Methodism boasts 157 Native American congregations and 53 of the 56 annual conferences have a Committee on Native American Ministries which provides resources, educates constituents about Native ministries, and distributes the annual conference Native American Ministries Sunday offering to Native ministries. Gifts to the Native American Ministries Sunday offering also provide scholarships for Native American seminarians who will pastor and lead the church. To give to this offering, include with your regular giving, use the special envelope on April 18th, or donate through EasyTithe.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Almost 5 years ago the Soup & Hummus Sale was started by Donna Sawhill, Sandy Kuriger, Sandra Lane and Pam Honeychurch to help raise funds to pay down the debt on the sanctuary loan. 100% of the proceeds are applied to the principal on the sanctuary loan. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who have made soup through the years (Donna, Sandy, Pam, Rhonda Coles, Jenine Furry, Pat Grossarth, Bill Kuriger, Jr., Jeff Moore, Susie Moffett, Belinda Resler and Nancy Shuluga) and hummus (Sandra), and to the many wonderful supporters of this sale, in February 2021 we quietly passed the \$20,000 milestone. Indeed, we've reduced the loan by \$20,000!!!

I'm going to celebrate with a bowl of soup and some hummus!
Will you join me?

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

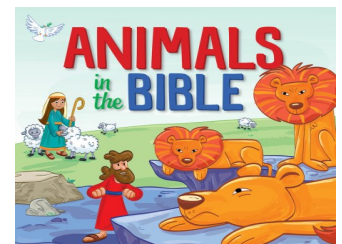


THANK YOU!

The bible tell us that God created animals. From huge fish to deadly lions, the Bible is brimming with creatures great and small. Sometimes those animals are lambs, metaphors for the followers of Jesus, the shepherd who devotes his life to leading his "flock" to eternal salvation. Do you remember other animals that Jesus and his disciples encountered during their adventures? In Revelations, there are animals – and even monsters – of terrifying proportions. They are symbols of evil. Starting the week after Easter and continuing for 6 weeks (end of Children's Church is May 16), we will be focusing on Animals of the Bible during Children's Church.

Here are some questions about animals in the Bible to get you thinking about ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE: (answers are on page 6)

1. What animal was the first to be let out of Noah's ark?
2. Samson used the jawbone of which animal to slay a thousand men?
3. Which animal tricked Eve into eating the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden?
4. Daniel was thrown into which animals' den because he prayed?





Worship Opportunities - April 2021

Our in-person services return in April. Reservations are required.
 Contemporary Worship Service: 9 am
 Traditional Worship Service: 11 am
 Our Worship Services are live streamed on
sewickleyumc.org and [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).
 The recorded service will be available later on Sunday afternoon.

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

Liturgist: Martha Boward

Message: "From Scars to Eternity"

Lectionary:

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18 Mark 16:1-8

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

Guest Pastor: Barry Lewis

Liturgist: Mitch Hortert

Message: "Believing is Seeing"

Lectionary:

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 (UMH 850)
 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Native American Ministries Sunday

Liturgist: Barry Lewis

Message: "It doesn't have to be one way or the other unless..."

Lectionary:

Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 (UMH 741)
 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Mike Pedee

Message: "Stand our ground"

Lectionary:

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)
 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18



- **Maundy Thursday, April 1, Holy Communion:** At Noon and 7 pm we will celebrate Holy Communion in small groups. Register in advance for the time that is most convenient for you. Join us for an Upper Room experience as we break bread together in the sanctuary. [Register here](#) or call the office.
- **Good Friday, April 2**
 - **Ecumenical Good Friday Cross Walk** — We will meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (616 Washington St, Sewickley) at 11:15 am and begin the Cross Walk throughout our community at 11:30 am. The Cross will come to rest at Sewickley United Methodist Church where we will host a service focused on Jesus' time on the cross. The service will be outside on the lawn at Noon. It will be a short service. You are invited to bring a chair if you need one, otherwise we will be standing. If you don't wish to participate in the Cross Walk, you may come to the church lawn at 11:50 am. No registration is required. ALL are invited!
 - **Friday Evening:** Join us on Zoom at 7 p.m. for an Ecumenical Tenebrae service. This service will take us through the seven last sayings of Jesus Christ on the cross. We will extinguish candles as we go through the sayings and end the service in silence. No registration is required. Here is the Zoom information.
 Topic: Good Friday Tenebrae Service; Time: Apr 2, 2021 7 PM Eastern Time
 Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97855106846?pwd=S3QwMjBhZXNXZjZjNmpxQUlM3N2NUdz09>
 Meeting ID: 978 5510 6846 Passcode: 145308
 One tap mobile: +16465588656,,97855106846#,,,,*145308# US (New York)
- **Easter Sunday, April 4**
 - **6:30 am Sunrise Service** outside the Sewickley Cemetery Chapel. Bring a chair if you need one, otherwise we will be standing. This service will be hosted in partnership with other area churches. No registration is required, ALL are invited.
 - **9 am Contemporary Easter Service** will be hosted at Sewickley UMC — [Register here](#) or call the office
 - **11 am Traditional Easter Service** will be hosted at Sewickley UMC — [Register here](#) or call the office

All Covid protocols will be followed for all services

NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

LENTEN FINES 2020 - The Western PA Annual Conference has a strong connection with the Nyadire Connection (TNC) in Zimbabwe. This year, the Lenten Fines Weekly Calendar has been covering various ministries of TNC. If you are following the calendars or simply want to donate to this worthwhile initiative, be sure to submit your fines with your regular giving (noting "Lenten Fines") or through EasyTithe. You may learn more about this Pittsburgh-based ministry at nyadire.org



COLLECTION FOR WOMEN'S CENTER & SHELTER - We are collecting individual servings of snacks for the Women's Center and Shelter (crackers, cookies, nuts, breakfast bars, fruit snacks, individual cereals, granola bars, etc.). Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh is more than an emergency shelter for adults experiencing domestic violence and their children. It is a safe harbor that provides specialized care and support for survivors who have experienced all types of intimate partner violence from physical to emotional through Emergency Shelter, Legal Advocacy, a 24-Hour Hotline, Support Groups, and more. If you or someone you know is experiencing physical, emotional or psychological abuse from a spouse or partner, call the 24-Hour Emergency Hotline for help and support (412-687-8005).



Women's Center & Shelter
of Greater Pittsburgh



UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR) CURRENT DISASTER RESPONSE -

UMCOR and its partners are responding to disasters in the United States and around the world. Please join us in prayer for the affected areas and consider giving to UMCOR Disaster

Response to support these efforts. Work teams have been deployed to Texas; work continues with long term recovery around the USA, as well as around the world. UMCOR Sunday, celebrated in March, covers the operating funds for UMCOR, allowing every dollar donated for a specific cause to be directed to that. To give to assist with current disaster response and recovery efforts, please indicate UMCOR (if you want your gift directed specifically to Domestic (USA) or International relief, please mark; accordingly, otherwise, the Outreach Committee will decide on designation). You may include with your regular offering or give via EasyTithe.

FAMILY PROMISE TO RE-OPEN –

This Crafton based interfaith ministry assisting homeless families with

children hopes to resume regular operation in June. The model used is for families to receive day services in Crafton, while spending dinner through morning at a host church, rotating churches weekly. St. John's Church in Carnegie will be welcoming families once the program restarts; due to several host churches opting out at this time, each participating church will be used more frequently. SUMC has been supporting St. John's by providing dinner and occasionally overnight support. To be part of this support, please contact Martha Boward. Online training is required of all volunteers.



COVID VACCINE LOCATOR HELP

Even as more doses are available, some might still need help to find an appointment. Through various means, as shown on the flyer, the group is sharing tips for making appointments, upcoming clinics, last minute appointments, and even chances to get a dose that would otherwise be wasted*. Congregants may also contact Martha Boward, who will try to find an appointment for those who are unable to do so on their own.

All vaccines are administered at NO COST; if you have insurance or Medicare, the vaccine provider may bill health insurance or Medicare for administering the vaccine, but may not ask you for payment.

**"Wasted" refers to vials that are open and must be used by a certain time or the remaining doses have to be thrown out. While Pennsylvania is working through its phases, the phases are not meant to stop a vaccine provider from going outside the current phase in order to not waste vaccines. Checking toward the end of a know vaccine distribution may get you a last minute dose.

MONTHLY TAKE OUT MEALS — The luncheon Committee is looking for help with the take out meals we serve the first Thursday of each month. This is a reinvention of the Salad Luncheon, which can't be held during the pandemic. Help is needed in any of the following ways:

- food prep
- packing the meals
- food donations
- monetary donations

If you are willing to help in any way or have any questions, please contact:

Donna Sawhill: 412-264-6652

Sandra Kuriger: 412-741-9473



COVID-19 VACCINE

*Looking for an appointment
in Pittsburgh or Western PA?*

JOIN FACEBOOK GROUP

GETTING PITTSBURGH VACCINATED



Who are we? We are a group of volunteers dedicated to getting the word out about appointment openings and clinics in the Pittsburgh area. We have connected thousands of people in Western PA with COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

<<< Open your phone camera and hold it over this square to get a link to our group.

JOIN GROUP: facebook.com/groups/gettingpittsburghvaccinated

SEE PUBLIC UPDATES: facebook.com/gettingpittsburghvaccinated

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER: @getpghvaxxed

EMAIL US: pittsburghvaccine@gmail.com

NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS, CONTINUED

Sewickley United Methodist Church—Financial Summary through February 2021



	2021 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Through February	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	268,982.53	45,244.64	41,808.74	(3,435.90)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	244,090.00	37,210.00	33,165.25	(4,044.75)
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	(24,892.53)	(8,034.64)	(8,643.49)	

Many of us spent the Lenten season drawing closer to Jesus as he moved through the Gospel of John. Pastor Hannah’s messages were rooted in John’s words. We had several growth groups exploring the Gospel of John. Our children’s messages and weekly letters to our youth were centered on the Gospel of John.

Much of our exploration was based on Adam Hamilton’s book, “John, The Gospel of Light and Love.”

Hamilton, in his conclusion, puts great emphasis on John’s description of Jesus, resurrected, appearing to Mary Magdalene in a garden near the empty tomb. She believes Jesus is a gardener. Hamilton links the moment on Easter morning to the garden God created and shared with Adam and Eve in Genesis.

“... perhaps God the gardener, who took on flesh in Jesus’ birth, death and resurrection, has gone about setting the world right. He has come to repair the garden.”

“But God’s work was only begun in Jesus’ resurrection. We live in a world afflicted with violence, materialism, deception and worse. There’s work yet to be done. This is why, on the night the risen Christ finally appeared to his disciples, he breathed on them and said, ‘As the father sent me, I am sending you.’ (John 20:21).”

“What Jesus began, we’re meant to complete.”

As we gather to raise a sunset prayer for April, on Easter Sunday, the very evening Christ appeared to his disciples, we can lift a prayer volunteering for more work in His garden. Lord, show us, as individuals and as a church, how we can continue your mission. Breathe on us.

On Easter Sunday, as the sun sets at around 7:48 p.m., from wherever you are, with whomever wants to join you, join us in lifting a prayer as a church family and community. Perhaps you pray from a garden, or with a favorite garden in mind.

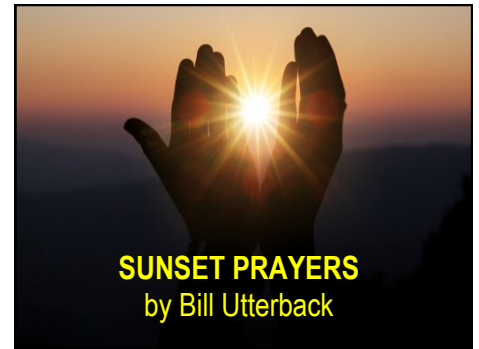
Hamilton, in his conclusion, writes that “Jesus spent very little time teaching people about heaven. Most of what he taught was about how we should live to create a bit of heaven here on earth.”

“Our work is to follow Jesus in restoring the garden. That means every day we are on a mission. Every morning we wake and say, “Here I am, Lord. Send me!” Every conversation we have, every decision we make, every action we take is an opportunity for God’s kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.”

I love Hamilton’s “on earth ...” reference to The Lord’s Prayer. Perhaps, as we conclude our sunset prayer on Easter evening, we can each lift the Lord’s Prayer.

This is the prayer Hamilton wrote to finish his book: “May I, like Mary Magdalene and those first witnesses to the resurrection, be filled with your light and life. Amen.”

Allow me to suggest using “May we” if you lift Hamilton’s prayer. Let’s pray for each other to be filled with His light and life.





Remember our Shut-ins

Please write to our shut-ins and keep them in your prayers. The church office can provide you with contact information.

Sylvia Bajsec
Mignon Emmert
Renee Gittins
Atleah Grubb
Virginia Harriger
Brad and Jan Jones
B.J. (Elizabeth) Manzinger
Pat Rudy
Patricia Smith
Shirley Sye



- Jessica & Jeff Moore 4/8
- Bill & Sandy Kuriger 4/10
- Ed & Heather Cymbalak 4/11
- Shirley & Hank Graham 4/13



CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

The Sewickley United Methodist Church would like to recognize the Class of 2021. This has been a very tough year for all our students not knowing if they are in class or online. God is so GOOD that educators are finding ways to teach and reach out to our young people. Best wishes to the Class of 2021.

Our high school graduates are **Beccah Bischak, Hadley Boyle, Alexander Clifford, Paige Geason, Cameron Hortert, Genevieve Moffett, and Allison Zeanchock.**

Grace Rogansky (May 2021), and **Felicity Moffett** and **Grant Lane** (December 2021) are graduating from college.

If a name is misspelled or we missed listing your graduate, please let the church office or Sandra Lane know so we can make the correction.

Answers to Animals of the Bible questions on page 2:
 1. Dove 2. Donkey 3. Snake 4. Lions



SUMC Historian, Warren Kinneer, has been reviewing and organizing the church's historic material to help ensure the history is preserved. He shared this article from 1980 when the Learning Tree Pre-School began operating in the church basement 40 years ago.

LEARNING TREE PRE-SCHOOL

Beginning in September 1980, our Church will sponsor a Pre-School Learning Program for 3 – 4 year olds. Mrs. Ida Wylie, who operated a nursery for many years out of her home in Osborne had to relocate and asked if the church would take on the mission, so she could retire from the school this summer. A continuation of a nursery school program seemed a natural thing for our Church to undertake at this time, since there is a definite need in the community for a 3 – 4 year old pre-school program.

Although it will be Church sponsored, the school will not be religiously oriented. Instead, it will strive to help the children grow in love and understanding for each other.

The name "The Learning Tree" has been selected for the pre-school. It will be operated on a 3-mornings-a-week schedule, following the Quaker Valley School calendar, and it will be held in the Church's basement.

Kathie Davison and Jean Sebolt have been hired as teachers for the program. Both have a wealth of training and experience in pre-school education.

Applications are now being accepted for students. Call Ann Phipps for further information, or an application form.

The Learning Tree's first board of directors include:

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| Co-Chairmen | Kathy Caldwell, Pam Wright |
| Secretary | Sandy Kuriger |
| Treasurer | Ann Phipps |
| Enrollment | Ida Wylie |
| Ways & Means | Mary Martha Emmert, Aldene Gabany, Mary Lytle, Pat Wilkinson |
| Properties | Barbara McCullough |
| Publicity | Theresa Schroth |

Ex-officio Members include Rev. Jackson Gabany and the Christian Education Chairman (presently Aldene Gabany).

We welcome this opportunity to expand our Church name and share our Christian love and concern with the Sewickley community.

Theresa Schroth, Publicity



Since the beginning of January, I decided to read the Bible chronologically for the year 2021 and earlier this month, I finished up the book of Numbers. As many of you know, following Genesis, the

next five books of the Bible, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua, teach us about the Israelites' journey as they leave Egypt, wander through the desert, and arrive at the Promised Land. We read about a people who were reckless, fearful, and faithless. We hear about statements they made such as, "Back in Egypt..." and "God has brought us out here to die!" What we have learned is that these behaviors – the fits and tantrums – are indicative of something greater, deeper and go beyond their physical needs – it is a lack of deep faith, spirituality, and trust of God.

Presently, we see a lot of the same feelings the Israelites expressed in the Old Testament in our world today. We have heard of states opening up quickly because folks want to get back to "the way we were," only to close again because it was not time. On several occasions, the Israelites were really close to the Promised Land, but were not permitted to enter because they did not believe in God's faithfulness and, therefore, had to wait even longer. We know that the Israelites state of frustration does not stay that way and nor will ours. We read at the beginning of Joshua that the Israelites finally make it to the promised land. Why did that happen? One reason is because those who would not listen to God and would not believe in His faithfulness, no matter how much He proved himself, finally died off. Joshua and Caleb were the only two that were permitted to enter the promised land who were also in Egypt. The second reason is because they finally listened to God and followed the instructions that God set out for them. We know that God's timing is perfect. We know that we will get through this pandemic together when we start to listen to God and do what we are being instructed to do. We are slowly moving forward. Why? Because we are listening and doing our part – as small as it may seem – so that we can safely return to in-person worship, events, and activities.

So, what have we learned since March 2020? One thing is we must be adaptable and willing to change. Sometimes we get caught up in the tasks of doing rather than listening. For example, we often hear the phrase, "it has always been done this way" when we are faced with changes someone is trying to make. As humans, we do not like change very much, do we? But we must move forward and trust God. Another thing we have learned is that we must be patient. Before, during and after the pandemic, we have focused more on instant gratification rather than on long term spiritual maturing. We must trust that God's timing is perfect, regardless of the plans and timeframes we have created.

Now, what do we do with these lessons learned as we begin to emerge from COVID-19 like the Israelites did from Egypt? We work to grow and deepen our true sense of the Spirit working in our lives, in our church, and in our communities. How do we do that? We participate in growth groups, connect with each other, become more connected with, not only those we know at church, but also with folks who are newcomers or faces we've seen but never talked to in the past.

Also, we must work together to understand beyond what we can see or comprehend in a way that actually requires faith without sight. If only we would listen, we can be a part of something new and beautiful that is happening. Rather than asking ourselves what has been taken away from us as a result of COVID-19, maybe we should be asking ourselves what has God given us? If we take the time to listen to God and each other, we will learn that God is doing something. Something is happening, but we must have faith in God and recognize that He knows what He is doing.

It is also important to remember during these challenging times in our lives that when we trust God, darkness will become light. We must remember, the resurrection happened during the night and there was joy in the morning!

As we near Easter, we are reminded that our sorrow on Good Friday is made joy by Christ's resurrection on Sunday! We need to be reminded of the words an angel of the Lord said to Mary Magdalene as seen in Matthew 28, "But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.'" When we trust God and His plan, we do not need to be afraid because Christ IS risen and is already ahead of us in the future – making all things new.

As we approach Holy Week, may we allow the liturgy and Words of Scripture to wash over us anew with a renewed mind and heart.

This month, may we listen to the whispers of God and feel the love of Christ as we survey the wondrous cross. May we reflect on what it means to us when we hear the words from the Angel of the Lord when they said to Mary Magdalene, "Do not be afraid... He is not here." May we faithfully listen to what God is telling us, trusting in Him and His plans, knowing that we are not alone. May we remember, the resurrection happened during the night and there was joy in the morning.

Blessings dear friends!

Mitch Hortert

SUMC Administrative Council Chair

TAKEOUT MEAL—MAY 6

Since we can't host our Monthly Salad Luncheon due to the coronavirus, the Luncheon Committee is offering takeout meals the first Thursday of the month when the salad luncheon would have been. Each meal is \$10 and makes a perfect lunch or dinner. All proceeds benefit the church's General Fund. You may pay for your order, with cash or check, when you pick it up **May 6th between 11 am and 12:30 pm.** Orders are due by **April 25.** To order or for questions, call Sandy at 412-559-9652 or the church at 412-741-9430. Or complete this form and mail/bring to the church. The church office is open on **Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 am—4 pm.** [Or complete the online order form by clicking here.](#)



MENU!

MEXICAN FIESTA

Soft Taco Shell
Beef or Chicken Filling
Toppings and Sides included (shredded lettuce, sour cream & salsa, rice & beans)
Guacamole, on request
Brownie

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

of meals:

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Beef	Guacamole	Chicken	Guacamole

SOUP & HUMMUS SALE FOR THE BUILDING OF FAITH

All proceeds from this sale go toward the principal on the building loan. To order, [click here for the online order form](#), call 412-741-9430 or email (secretary@sewickleyumc.org) or mail/bring your form to the office.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Cash Amount: _____ or Check (made to SUMC) # _____ or EasyTithe Total Amount Enclosed: _____



Choices	Indicate quantity below	
	\$9 Quart	\$6 Pint
Stuffed Pepper Soup: Ground Beef, Onions, Red & Yellow Bell Peppers, Garlic, Basil, Brown Sugar, Tomatoes, Beef & Chicken Broths, Worchester Sauce & White Rice		
Wedding Soup: Chicken Broth, Chicken Meat, Ground Beef/ Pork, Onions, Pastini and Spinach		
Lentil Soup (Vegetarian): Lentils, Spinach, Vegetable Broth, Tomatoes, Onion, Garlic, Carrots, Celery, Balsamic Vinegar, Olive Oil & Spices		
Sandra's Hummus (vegetarian/vegan) Chickpeas, Lemon Juice, Garlic, Tahini & Spices	\$5 for ½ pint	

Orders are due by Sunday, April 25 and will be ready for pickup May 6 & 7. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. If using EasyTithe, please include the 3% transaction fee.



Love in Action

Practical Ways to be Affirming and Inclusive

How can I be more inclusive?

Where do I start?



Western PA's Reconciling Network invites you to a three hour online training event with worship, teaching and conversation

Saturday, May 1, 9 am - Noon

REGISTER TODAY! <https://forms.gle/z8HTe1R4DLYqPASf9>

Winston Clifford	4/3		Lauren Roebuck	4/14
Nancy Shuluga	4/3		Eric Miller	4/20
David McCombs	4/7		Quinn Boyle	4/24
Ed Cymbalak	4/9		Tracey Canfield	4/24
Lisa Jankowski	4/10		Paul Clifford	4/28
Greg Lane	4/14		Jeff Moore	4/28
Jack Moffett	4/14			

If you or a family member is missing from our birthday or anniversary list, please let the office know. We don't want to leave anyone out of special wishes.



Prayer Requests

John A.
Megan B.
Family of Wayne Barrack
(Belinda Resler's dad)
Hurst Bartley
Cathy
Jack Certain
Irene Chenot
(Beth Zeanchock's mom)
Chris Christy

Family of Nancy Conti
(sister of Kandace
Kramer and Kristine
Swaney)
John Cummins
Nancy Erdmann
Pat Fulton
(Scott Matthew's mom)
Dan Gittins
June Graham (Carole
Ford's sister-in-law)
Dave H.
Bob and Sal H.
Doris Harris
Angela Helms
Ceel Janosik
Wayne Johnson
Brenda Kinney
Joe L.

Family of Rob Lane
Laura, Leah & Frankie
(Jenine Furry's sister &
nieces)
Daniel Lewis
(Susie Moffett's dad)
Vic M.
Michelle Malito
Mary Maminski
Tony Morgan
(Dominic Odom's cousin)
Natalie and baby (Carole
Ford's great niece &
nephew)
Bola Nicholson
Karen Nickell
Rich Ochman
Paula Odom
(Dominic Odom's sister)
Lorraine Offner

Rosemary Robinson
Jim Rogansky
Linda Rummens
Blake S.
Karen S.
Karen Shong
C.R. & Lorraine Simpson
Brenda Smith
Ron Smith
Ronli Smith
(Ron Smith's son)
Linda Sollinger
(Travis Sollinger's mom)
Pam Squires
Barry Yant
James Yant
Rich Z.
Dennis Zeveny



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Sewickley United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 15. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease

and other chronic conditions will be offered:

1. Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
2. Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
3. An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
4. Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
5. Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.



I just want to say thank you for the birthday wishes and cards.

Thanks,
Meg Mayo

Dear Friends in Mission,

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - Thank you!

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms - sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

Dear Sewickley United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your contribution to the people of San Jose del Negrito! Your gift will ensure that our Honduran neighbors continue to grow in health and well-being. Your gifts help to support our 3 staff members (physician, dentist, nurse), as well as to provide medicines and other supplies that enable the clinic to function effectively.

Covid arrived in San Jose, and our staff ably met the challenge. The entire region also was lashed by hurricanes Eta and Iota in the Fall of 2020, causing widespread flooding and mudslides. Through your contributions, the staff provided care and meds not only for their usual patients, but they also traveled outside of the community to provide care where desperately needed. Covid precautions made it necessary to cancel our Fall 2020 medical brigade, but a pared-down group of 6 medical providers did travel to Honduras in February 2021. Board members Dr. Randy Kolb and Dr. Mark Meyer traveled with this team, assisting and encouraging our incredible clinic staff in their excellent work. We also delivered medications to allow for the seamless ongoing work of these talented providers. Dr. Castillo voiced great thanks for the support, PPE, medications, and also for the ability to travel to outlying flood-devastated areas to provide relief (4 different trips). Dr. Osorio's work continues in the dental suite, and she is using this COVID time to provide preventive dental care and education to the children and mothers in the asthma program and the First 1000 Days Nutrition program.

We offer you the sincere gratitude of the San Jose clinic staff, the Health Committee there that guides their work, and the Shoulder to Shoulder Pittsburgh partners and Board of Directors.

Sincerely,
Mark W. Meyer, MD, President, Shoulder to Shoulder Pittsburgh

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday 10 AM Lenten Study Group 11 AM - 1 PM Takeout Meals 12 PM Holy Communion Service 7 PM Holy Communion Service	2 Good Friday 11:15 AM Crosswalk and Good Friday Service 2 PM Funeral Luncheon 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Tenebrae Service (zoom) 8 PM AA	3 2 PM Easter Egg Hunt
4 Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 9 AM Contemporary Service 11 AM Traditional Service 11:30 AM Zoom Middle School SS Class	5 7 PM AA	6 8 PM AA	7 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	8	9 6:30 PM AA 8 PM AA	10
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You can also give via the easyTithe Mobile App. It is as simple as downloading the app to your smartphone and setting up your profile information in just a couple of steps. Once setup, you can choose to make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving.

