

# Sewickley United Methodist Church

## April 2022 Newsletter

*From The Pastor's Heart*

With the warming up of the weather and the lengthening of the days, more and more people can be seen going for a walk. The task of walking is so simple yet so therapeutic. Most people will head outdoors to enjoy this activity in the spring and fall more than summer or winter. Spring is actually the most popular season for walkers to be out and about. Why? Besides the milder temperatures and longer days, there is a newness to the season that instills hope to our winter souls. It is interesting that spring and fall are seen as seasons in transition. The spring leads us into summer. The fall leads us into winter. Both summer and winter are often seen as seasons in which we have arrived (though not in a positive way) and longingly await the next season to come. Of course, beach bums and snow bunnies won't agree with this, but for the majority of people this is true.

It is then, in turn, interesting that while we love the transitional seasons that creation offers us, we do not so much enjoy the transitional seasons of life. We actually try to rush through them. We look and long to "arrive" at whatever we are hoping for. Maybe we want to arrive at a new job. Maybe we want to arrive at a new house, a new relationship, a restored sense of purpose, or a hard worked for health goal. Yet it is in the in between times that we learn so much and grow so much. It is the journey that we tend to spend more time talking about and telling stories of than the destination itself.

Our church right now is on a journey. I pray that while we are in times of transition you may be patient and settle into this season of change and the process of discernment that goes along with it. At our March administrative board meeting we voted on exploring a model known as the Simplified Accountable Structure. This model looks at the potential to revamp our administrative life together. We are made up of many committees. Those committees vary in responsibility. Four of the committees — the Administrative Council, the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee, the Finance Committee and the Trustees Committee — make up our administrative life. The SAS model would focus on simplifying our administrative life and combining down to one board. The two key factors into this "One Board" being effective is accountability and communication.

I want to be clear, we have not voted to make the change to the Simplified Accountable Structure; you all will be a part of that vote when and if it comes. We have simply voted to explore the SAS model. This leads us to a lengthy season of discernment. We have started with discerning that it is time to intentionally make some changes for our growing and shifting life together. As our leaders and volunteers continue to be faithfully committed to the life of God's kingdom in this place, a restructuring can simply build on the great community we already have and prolong our missional life together. Like spring, we can be a breath of new life for so many and a continued place of hope and joy for all of the seasons in which we are in.

Don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of council with any questions you may have and know you will be hearing more about this and will be given opportunities to be a part of this important transitional time! And as always, be in prayer for us.

From one light to another,

*Hannah M Loughman*  
Pastor Hannah Loughman



# LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Ecumenical Lenten Service**  
**April 3, 6 pm** at Sewickley UMC

Preaching: Pastor Ryan  
 The Sixth Saying: "It is finished." John 19:30

**Palm Sunday: April 10**  
**Triumphant Entry**

**9 am** Contemporary Service  
 with Palm Branches and Coats; Kids procession

**11 am** Traditional Service  
 with Palm Branches and Coats; Kids procession

**Ecumenical Lenten Service**

**April 10, 6 pm** – St. Matthews AME Zion  
 Preaching: Pastor Charisa — The Seventh Saying  
 "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit" Luke 23:46

**Ecumenical Maundy Thursday: April 14, 6 pm**

Service at St. Paul's Lutheran  
 Last Supper and Hand Washing  
 Preaching: Reverend Rankin

**Good Friday: April 15**

The church sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection between 9 am and 4 pm. Please let Pastor Hannah know if you wish to have her pray with you.

**Ecumenical Good Friday Events**

**Cross Walk, 5:30 pm**

St. Paul's Lutheran to Sewickley UMC

**Tenebrae Service, 6 pm, Sewickley UMC**

**Easter Sunday: April 17**

**Ecumenical Sunrise Service, 6:30 am,**

Sewickley Cemetery Chapel  
 Preaching: Pastor Ryan

**9 am** Contemporary Service

**11 am** Traditional Service



Nursery

**CHURCH NURSERY REOPENING**

We are so thankful to Laura Honeychurch for taking on the nursery position at our church!

Beginning April 3rd, the nursery will be open from 8:45 am - 12:15 pm (or as soon as church lets out) on Sundays, and the ages received will be birth through 4 and older, at the discretion of the nursery worker and parents. But we need YOUR help. We

take serious our responsibility to our Safe Sanctuary practices that keep our kids and adults safe. Would you be willing to volunteer to help in the nursery? It would be fantastic to have a solid rotation of dependable volunteers for our babies. Please contact Pastor Hannah if you are willing to serve in this way.

**EASTER EGG HUNT — EASTER SUNDAY**

Children of all ages are invited to join the children's ministry team for an Easter Egg Hunt between worship services on Easter morning (April 17). We will not be offering Children's church gatherings on Easter so families can worship our Risen Lord together. Shortly after the 9 am contemporary service ends, we will gather the children in the Simpson Room. The egg hunt will be held outdoors on church campus, weather permitting. We will hold it in the church basement if the weather does not cooperate. The event will conclude in time for children to attend the traditional service at 11. All children - extended family, friends, neighbors, classmates - are invited. Children are encouraged to bring baskets or bags to collect their eggs.



Anyone in the church family wishing to donate candy (individually wrapped) or small gifts (small enough to fit inside plastic eggs) can leave contributions in the Fellowship of the Cross/Operation Christmas Child collection box outside the church office by April 11. For more information, contact Bill Utterback ([utterbac@earthlink.net](mailto:utterbac@earthlink.net)).

**2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH FEBRUARY**

	2022 Budget	Budgeted to Date	February	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	279,196.04	47,726.54	23,730.51	(2,991.40)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	279,216.00	42,768.45	18,830.54	(1,708.73)
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	19.96	(4,958.09)	(4,899.97)	



## Worship Opportunities - April 2022



Contemporary Worship Service: 9 am  
 Traditional Worship Service: 11 am  
 Our Worship Services are live streamed on  
[sewickleyumc.org](http://sewickleyumc.org) and [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

The recorded services are also available later on Sunday afternoon.

**April 3, 2022**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
 Communion**

**Liturgist:** Donna Sawhill

**Scripture Lesson:** Ruth 1:1-18

**Message:** "Unexpected Setbacks: I Might Not Have a Choice"

Unexpected setbacks are simply a part of life. We might try everything in our power to stop them from happening. We might plan our days in such a way that there is no space for the unexpected. Yet still they find a way to sneak in. The question is, "how do you respond to the unexpected setbacks in your life?" Ruth teaches a way to gracefully overcome the unexpected and turn them into blessings.

**April 10, 2022**

**Palm Sunday**

**Handbell Choir, 11 am Service**

**Liturgist:** Susie Moffett

**Scripture Lessons:** Zechariah 9:9-12a and John 12:12-19

**Message:** "Being One With the Crowd:  
 You're Not Welcome Here"

The crowd doesn't always have it wrong, but often the crowd doesn't even know exactly what is going on. It is easy to get caught up in the hype and energy that follows a crowd around. This energy can lead us to do things we never would do if we stop and think about it. We find this crowd mentality over and over again in scripture. As Jesus enters into Jerusalem to prepare for the cross a crowd of people praise him. As he gets closer to the cross that same crowd of people is found cursing him. How can we separate from the crowd to be sure we are in the right place?

**April 17, 2022**

**Easter Sunday**

**Liturgist:** Mitch Hortert

**Scripture Lessons:** Isaiah 65:17-25 and John 20:1-18

**Message:** "The Stones in the Story"

As Jesus made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, he told the pharisees that even if the people did not cry out the stones would. Now as Jesus makes his triumphant entry back into the world there is another stone that is witnessing to his power. Many of us have stones in our lives that we see as stumbling blocks or heavy burdens which we carry. As we hear about the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we understand no stone is too big or too small for Jesus to use to proclaim his glory. What do we learn from the stones in the story?

**April 24, 2022**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Liturgist:** Ron Smith

**Scripture Lessons:** Acts 5:27-32 and John 20:19-31

**Message:** "Can I Get a Witness?"

Following the resurrection of Christ there were many who doubted and many who saw. Those who saw continued on to witness to the truth of who Jesus was and that his promises came true. Out of the result of the witness more believed and more doubted. Thousands of years later we are still called to witness today. However, we didn't see the resurrection, so what do we witness to? We witness to the way the resurrection of Jesus has come to life in our lives. Some will believe and some will doubt. Those results are not up to us. We simply are to be the voice of truth in a world that is in need of light and the results are up to the Holy Spirit of God who is alive, active and at work as we witness to the world.



Blessing  
 of the  
 Animals

Our pets are a blessing to us, so let us gather together and bless them! Join us on **May 1**, at 9 am or at 11 am. All pets are invited to come. Please keep them on a leash or in their crate or cage as necessary. During our Sunday worship services your pet will be welcomed to come forward (and bring you with them) in order to receive a special blessing.

Genesis 1:25 says "God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good."

Bring your fur (or not so furry) babies to Sewickley United Methodist Church to celebrate that goodness!

**LENTEN FINES FOR THE NYADIRE CONNECTION**

(TNC) – By following the Lenten Calendar found in the back of the sanctuary and [online here](#) you can help the Nyadire United Methodist Mission refurbish its Chindenga rural health clinic in northeastern Zimbabwe, Africa. When the project is completed, the clinic will provide much-needed water, electricity and healthcare for thousands of rural patients. In addition to the Chindenga clinic, the Nyadire Mission offers a hospital, five other clinics, primary and secondary schools, an orphanage and many other services to the community. Please submit your donations marked "Lenten Fines" via the offering plate or EasyTithe by April 24th. Even if you aren't following the calendar, your donations to help with the clinic renovation are welcome. For more information about The Nyadire Connection visit [nyadire.org](http://nyadire.org).



**SAVING LIVES, KEEPING THE PEACE: A FORUM ON POLICING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**April 10, 1 to 3 pm**, First UMC, 5401 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA. This event will be an opportunity for participants to explore how communities of faith can be supportive of the on-going, long-term efforts of organizations that have been working with law enforcement and local government to bring about changes for the common good. This gathering will be a space to listen, learn, ask questions, and identify how we can best do our part in this important work. Masks Required. RSVP: [savinglives-keepingpeace.eventbrite.com](https://savinglives-keepingpeace.eventbrite.com).



We continue as a **WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP** on Tuesdays at 10 am in the church library. Our meetings will combine 3 parts: Qi gong soothing physical activity; faith study; and warm conversations with prayer and care. EVERY WOMAN IS WELCOME!!

**CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES** — We are looking for those who will be graduating from high school and college. We would like to honor them during a worship service in June. So far we know **Spencer Clifford** and **Rose Fishter** will be graduating from high school, **Allison Lenhardt** will be graduating from college, and **Bo Lenhardt** will be graduating from grad school. If we are missing your graduate or a name is misspelled please let the church office or Sandra Lane know so we can make the correction.



**VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE – Sunday, April 24th, 8 am—1 pm**, in the Simpson Room -

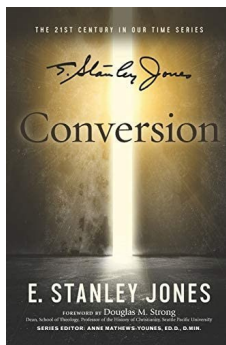
The drive is open to the public, so share the date with others. Blood is always needed in the Pittsburgh area. If you are able to give, please consider doing so. General qualifications to donate are: must be at least 16, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good general health. For more info (and further qualifications), call 877.258.4825 or visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org). Make an appointment any of these ways:

- ⇒ Visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org), click on the Donate button; search group G0330008 or the date
- ⇒ Download the Vitalant-Pittsburgh Mobile App for your smartphone
- ⇒ Call 877.25.VITAL or the church office at 412.741.9430



**RUMMAGE SALE FOR MISSIONS** — The United Methodist Women (UMW) appreciate all of your donations to our next Rummage Sale for Missions which will be held on Friday, May 6th from 3 to 7 pm (inside only) and on Saturday, May 7th from 9 am to 1 pm (inside and outside on the church front lawn, weather permitting). We accept donations of seasonal clothing, jewelry, gently used household goods,

small appliances that are in working order, gardening supplies, plants, area rugs, curtains, drapes, sheets, sofa pillows, books, puzzles, games and small pieces of furniture such as end tables and chairs. Please do not donate exercise equipment, electronics of any kind, or large pieces of furniture like sofas. Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the "Potato Room." If you need assistance, Rachel, our custodian, is available Monday through Friday, 8 am—12:30 pm to help unload donations. All of the proceeds from our Rummage Sales for Missions are used for local, national or international mission projects, selected by and supported by the UMW.



**CONVERSION CONFERENCE: GOD'S ANSWER TO HUMANITY'S GREATEST NEED**

**Saturday, April 30, 9 am to 4 pm** at Dutilh UMC, 1270 Dutilh Rd, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066.

Clergy and Laity are invited to attend this Conference on Saturday, April 30, 9 am - 4 pm, at Dutilh UMC. **Come (re)discover and understand the necessity of "conversion;" what we are converted from and to and the church's role in conversion.** \$49/person which includes a continental breakfast, snacks,

lunch and a copy of E. Stanley Jones' book, Conversion: God's Answer to Humanity's Greatest Need. The Conversion Conference is co-sponsored and underwritten by the E. Stanley Jones Foundation and the WPAUMC Work Area on Evangelism. "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing: but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25. For complete information visit [wpaumc.org/conversion](http://wpaumc.org/conversion) for a brochure, speaker's bios, and registration information. E. Stanley Jones' book, Conversion: God's Answer to Humanity's Greatest Need, serves as the basis for the Conversion Conference. Jones clearly understood what the ministry of the laity was and needs to be again, at the center of the Church and its ministry, not in the margin.

**VBS DECORATING** — We are looking for extra large pieces of cardboard for VBS this year (think 4 ft. by 6 ft. and larger!). So if you make an extra large purchase between now and July, and it comes in a cardboard box, please save the cardboard for us. Cardboard can be placed in the teen room downstairs. If you need help transporting to church, contact Pamela Mayo: [pemayo@verizon.net](mailto:pemayo@verizon.net). Thanks!



UMCOR's work in Ukraine is being funded with gifts to Advance #982450, International Disaster Response and Recovery. Grants for immediate relief have been given to United Methodist partners in Ukraine as well as neighboring nations—Poland, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia—to support those who remain in Ukraine as well as those who have fled the violence. In addition, grants are being awarded to partners like ACT Alliance, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and Human Rights League. These grants are providing transportation assistance, humanitarian supplies such as food, water, clothing, shelter and medication, as well as legal services and safe spaces for women, children and those with disabilities. UMCOR is in continuous dialogue with UMC entities and other partners throughout Europe to identify additional ways to assist. The situation in Eastern and Central Europe is evolving and Global Ministries and UMCOR will continue to respond in the months and years ahead. You can submit donations to UMCOR through your regular offering or by EasyTithe (please mark your donation "UMCOR-Ukraine") or at the UMCOR website: [umcmision.org/advance-project/982450](http://umcmision.org/advance-project/982450).

**HELP FOR UKRAINE** — Sewickley UMC is partnering with DTCare to provide the Ukrainian Refugees in Poland with some basic necessities. Donations are being collected for the following items which may be placed in the boxes outside the office:



- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash
- First aid supplies (no medications)
- Soap, shampoo, baby wipes, deodorant
- Hand sanitizer, masks
- Hairbrushes, ties
- Washcloths, socks, small sewing kits

Winston Clifford	4/3
Nancy Shuluga	4/3
David McCombs	4/7
Ed Cymbalak	4/9
Greg Lane	4/14
Jack Moffett	4/14



Lauren Roebuck	4/14
Eric Miller	4/20
Quinn Boyle	4/24
Tracey Canfield	4/24
Paul Clifford	4/28
Jeff Moore	4/28



**Rainbow Handbells**  
Pre-K to 3rd Grade

Rehearsals: Sundays, after the Contemporary Service (Around 10) to 10:20

This group will focus on the basics of making music. We will learn things like how to hold and treat our instruments, playing only when we're supposed to, the difference between loud and soft and much more. In rehearsals we will learn how to play songs, play games, and watch videos related to what we're learning.



**Chimes**  
3rd Grade & Up

Rehearsals: Sundays, 10:40 to the Start of the Traditional Service (Around 10:55)

This group will focus on the basics of reading music. We will learn things like treble clef vs bass clef, note names and rhythms, dynamic markings, and much more. In rehearsals we will learn how to play songs, do worksheets on basic music theory, and watch videos related to what we're learning.



Rehearsals are in the classroom between the nursery and Mr. Bill's Sunday School room.

Contact Grace Rogansky for more information  
[vgrogansky@gmail.com](mailto:vgrogansky@gmail.com)

We planted a sign in the church lawn, urging prayer for Ukraine.

We gathered live on Facebook, lifting prayer for Ukraine.

We wore blue and gold ribbons, created by women in the church family, urging prayer for Ukraine.

We stood in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings as Pastor Hannah lifted prayer for Ukraine.

“Lord, we ask for your mighty works to be done in Ukraine,” Hannah requested through our corporate prayer. “We will come to you again, we will return week after week, asking for your miracles to show up, Lord, for you to turn those hearts of stone and set them with compassion.”

We filled March with prayer for Ukraine and all of those in Europe and around the world impacted by Russia’s aggression. We prayed for those living with the realities of war; death and injury and destruction and fear and hunger and separation.

We step into April lifting and urging and persisting in prayer for Ukraine.

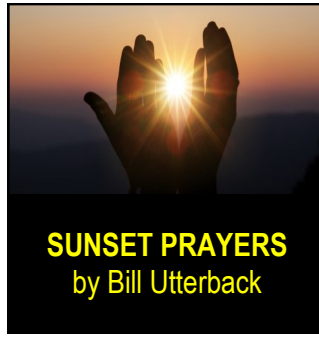
We persist in prayer, perhaps, because of Easter. We persist because Jesus, on the eve of his crucifixion, knelt and prayed in the garden, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done.”

Do you remember the next line in Chapter 22 of Luke’s Gospel? I didn’t, until I began writing this prayer prompt. The sequence is extraordinary.

“An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.”

God was listening. He responded immediately. He doesn’t appear to take the cup, but it was clear that God was engaged, He was aware and alive and moving, fortifying the suffering. He sent an angel to gift Jesus with new strength.

How did Jesus use this new strength? Did he rise to meet the conflict? Did he stride confidently toward confrontation?



No. The renewed Jesus persisted in prayer. He continued the conversation. He patiently extended his exploration of God’s will.

Luke writes, “And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.”

Wouldn’t we love to know something about the prayers that followed the angel’s visit? I feel like he probably continued the conversation with much thanksgiving and praise and trust.

The content of the prayer is lost, but the model Jesus set in persisting in prayer remains with us, always. Pray, and then pray again. The world changed for all of us in the hours and days that followed the extended prayer of Jesus.

Let’s persist in prayer for the conflict in Ukraine and all who are shaken by it. Let’s continue the conversation. Let’s extend in faith and trust and thanksgiving.

On **April 3, as the sun sets around 7:47 pm**, from wherever you are, with whomever will join you, let’s pray again for peace in Ukraine, peace in Russia, peace in Europe, peace in the refugee settlements ... we don’t have to be limited. Let’s pray into famine and war in East Africa, to conflict, oppression and fear in places such as Afghanistan, Yemen, Haiti, Central America and Myanmar. Let’s pray into racism and exclusion, violence and oppression, hunger and addiction.

Your prayer doesn’t have to be at sunset. Persist at any hour and know that God is listening. He is aware and alive and moving in a world that persists in prayer, who have faith in His will.

“We want to affirm again that you are good, that you are holy and that you are alive and at work” Hannah said in a Sunday morning prayer. “And that we may not always see how, or feel it, or know it, we believe it. We will continue to profess that faith even when it his hard, even when we are tired, even when it sometimes feels so out of control. And we also claim that we are never without hope.”

In our prayer, we can repeat the words of Jesus.

“... not my will but yours be done.”

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  
 Jim and Olive Chewning  
 Mignon Emmert  
 Renee Gittins  
 Atleah Grubb  
 Virginia Harriger  
 Jan Jones  
 B.J. (Elizabeth) Manzinger  
 Pat Rudy  
 Patricia Smith  
 Shirley Sye  
 Lura Zaremba



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

## CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC — SUNDAY, JUNE 5

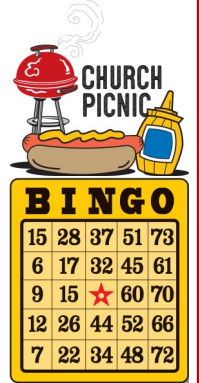
Please come to our annual church picnic where we break bread with our family at St. Matthews AME Zion Church. We will provide the beef and veggie burgers and hotdogs.

**Time:** Gather at 12:30; prayer and the feast begin at 1 pm

**Where:** **War Memorial Park**, Shelter #1 (Blackburn Road, pass YMCA, make left into lot after paddle courts)

**Bring:** Lawn chairs (available seating is limited) and a side dish or dessert to share. If you have kids, there is playground & creek access so you may want to bring water shoes and towels as well

**Expect:** FUN!!! FOOD!!! and Bingo, of course



### SAME MISSION, NEW HOPE:

*Thoughts From Your Bishops*

Clergy and laity of the Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Susquehanna Conferences are invited to attend one of the “**Same Mission, New Hope: Thoughts from Your Bishops**” gatherings with Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball and Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi. The date/locations closest to SUMC are:

- **Saturday, April 23 @ 10 am** - Life UMC (3000 Technology Dr., Fairmont, WV)
- **Saturday, April 23 @ 3 pm** - Grace UMC, Grove City (210 South Broad St., Grove City, PA)

During the gatherings, Bishop Sandra and Bishop Cynthia will:

- Lead us in worship
- Share their portfolios and how the work of both Bishops will lead us in ministry and mission
- Share their vision for the United Methodist Church in the West Virginia, Western PA and Susquehanna Conferences and how our Wesleyan distinctives will guide us to lead Christ's mission in The United Methodist Church and
- Give us an update on the latest announcements regarding General Conference.

As United Methodists in the Western Pennsylvania Conference, we are part of a church that was founded on:

- **Disciple-making** - We are committed to making disciples who are grounded in the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. Disciples of Jesus live a life of personal piety and social holiness, which is what makes us distinctively Wesleyan.
- **Belonging** - We embrace a Church that has uplifted our own lives and the lives of our friends, family, and those we cherish. We celebrate that God's grace is not static but meets us where we are as we grow in love of God and neighbor. We give thanks for The United Methodist Church where, when communion is celebrated, everyone is welcome at Christ' table.
- **Connection & Impact** - Through the power of the Holy Spirit, living and sharing the grace of Jesus Christ, we are committed to work for better health, education, child welfare, disaster recovery, and countless other efforts. Our connectional nature means we can accomplish much more together than alone to transform our communities and the world.
- **Experiencing God** – We experience God through the outpouring of God's mercy and grace. Whether our hands are raised in worship or at work alongside others, this experience of God transforms our own lives as well as the lives of others.

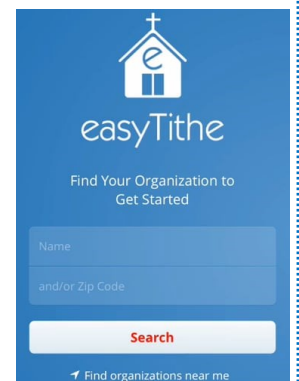
The gatherings with our bishops will be in-person only. Doors will open 30 minutes before start time. Notecards will be provided for a Q&A time. Reservations are not required.



with selected funds, frequency, and amount. easyTithe allows you to securely give via your bank account or credit/debit card. You can give online by visiting the giving page on our [website](#). SUMC pays a monthly service fee to easyTithe, plus easyTithe charges us 3% for each donation made. **When giving via easyTithe, please considering covering the 3% transaction fee.**

You can also give via the easyTithe Mobile App. It is a 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.

We are using “easyTithe” to offer online giving to our church family. Those who choose to give in this way can create a secure account from via easyTithe and set up recurring giving



Dear Church Family,

Michael, Rebecca, and I want to thank you all for ALL of the many things that you did for us during this extremely difficult time.

I hope I can remember all of the things that each of you did to make Barry's transition easier on us: innumerable beautiful sentiments on cards, financial help, grocery store gift cards, bringing loads of firewood so we could stay warm, wonderful presentations of all kinds of food when we were too stressed to cook, planning or cooking to create an entire luncheon after Barry's service, a promise of help to build my stone wall, gorgeous flowers, plants and wind chimes, performing a beautiful piece of music at the service, singing and ringing bells, speaking at the service, incredible and ongoing accounting help, planning and providing for "Coffee Break with Barry" at Fern Hollow Nature Center, and offers to help in all kinds of ways yet to come.



So THIS is what a church family is and does... What a testament to all of you.

With so much love and deep appreciation,  
Andrea, Michael, and Rebecca

<p>Pastor Hannah's availability: I am available Tuesday through 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.</p>	<p>Church Office: (412) 741-9430                  Pastor's Office: (412) 741-9433                  Cell Phone: (412) 294-7587                  E Mail: <a href="mailto:pastor@sewickleyumc.org">pastor@sewickleyumc.org</a>                  Website: <a href="http://www.sewickleyumc.org">www.sewickleyumc.org</a></p>
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**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](mailto: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
<b>Stuffed Pepper Soup:</b> Ground beef, onions, red & yellow bell peppers, garlic, basil, brown sugar, tomatoes, beef & chicken broths, Worchester sauce & white rice		
<b>Vegetarian Vegetable:</b> Vegetable Broth, Vegetable Juice, Northern Beans, Onions, Diced Tomatoes, Celery, Carrots, Cabbage, Green Beans, Corn & Spices		
<b>Wedding Soup:</b> Chicken Broth, Chicken Meat, Ground Beef/Pork, Onions, Pastini and Spinach		
<b>Sandra's Hummus</b> (vegetarian/vegan) Chickpeas, Lemon Juice, Garlic, Tahini & Spices	\$5 for ½ pint	

**Orders are due by Sunday, April 24 and will be ready for pickup Friday, May 6, 9 am - 4 pm or Sunday, May 8, before or after the worship services. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. *If using EasyTithe, please include the 3% transaction fee.***





(this article was originally published in the church newsletter after the restoration of the clock tower was completed in 1996 and highlights the event of the day the clock tower was rededicated and a new time capsule was laid)

### EVENTS OF CLOCK TOWER SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 1996

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The day dawned cloudy and cool, and the doubts began to build in the minds of the committee, as we began to set up chairs and tables on the lawn. The Choir Institute arrived to set up their speakers system. The day of Dedication had come.

Sunday School students of all ages arrived and gathered in the sanctuary, because the Simpson Room was set up for lunch. At the conclusion of the opening the Nursery Class went outside to view the contents of the time capsule, spread out on two tables on the lawn. The Confirmation Class assisted in explaining and reading to the children. Each class, through the teens, came in turn to view history in the making.

Worship began at 11, a service of praise of God which featured Rev. Paul Schradling, assistant to Bishop George Bashore and former District Superintendent of the Pittsburgh District, who preached on the topic: "It's High Time!" Dr. Schradling reminded us that there two words in Greek that are translated "Time". One is Chronos, time as marked by a clock, the passage of minutes and hours; the other is Kyros, which is God's time, time with meaning. In the rededication of the Tower the two comes together – reminding us of God's place in all what we do, in mission as the Church.

Our worship closed with the congregations singing "Lord, Speak to Me" and processing outside. (The rain that fell during the service had stopped!) Jack Morrow reviewed the story of the removal of the original time capsule and our disappointment that almost everything turned to dust, then reminded us of the opportunity to leave a legacy for the future. Bill Scott and Alexis Kunsak placed the time capsule into the opening, and Rev. Schradling and Rev. Bradley inserted the stone, and shared prayers for the Re-laying of the Cornerstone. Just as the stone was pushed in place the clock struck noon, its twelve rings seeming to affirm all that was happening. (God's Holy Spirit was surely shining on us, as we completed that worship a full five minutes ahead of schedule!)

After saying grace, the congregation moved to the Simpson Room to share a delicious croissant sandwich box lunch and Christian fellowship until 12:30 p.m.

Throughout the luncheon people came and filled the lawn, visiting until the arrival of the Sewickley Choir Institute, the Full-Gospel Mini Band (4 trumpets) and our Cancel Choir who filled the air with beautiful praise until 12:59. Confirmation class students distributed programs and greeted those who came.

Conservatively, 300 people, both citizens of the community and church members, stood and sat in the silence following the music ... silence that was broken by the single chime of the Church Bell, followed by the chimes playing "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come". As the last notes echoed away the pastor began the Invocation (only to be interrupted by the daily test of the Fire Horn from the Borough Building down Thorn Street.) Amid the laughter, prayer continued.

Jim Theys greeted those present, and introduced the special guests who were gathered to share in our celebration and receive our thanks. He indicated that one of the empty chairs in the front row of the platform was reserved for Pete Wagner, who had been our construction supervisor until his death, last year.

Paul Collier shared a capsule review of the history of the church and the clock tower. He shared some basic facts and some humorous incidents from the past.

Mayor Ken Johns, who proudly claimed to be a descendent of the builder of the church and tower, read his declaration of Sunday, September 15 as Clock Tower Day in Sewickley.

Malachi Whalen spoke for the Borough Council, Elisa Cavalier for Pittsburgh History and Landmarks, Paul Schradling for the Bishop, each expressing the support of the Tower Project.

The Saints Plaque, listing those who contributed more than \$1,000 was unveiled by Paul Collier, following words of appreciation from Bob Fulton, Chairperson of the Church's Administrative Board.

Rev. Bradley shared a word to the future, reminding everyone that we need to continue our spirit of cooperation, not just for the good of the clock but for all that we share as residents of this community.

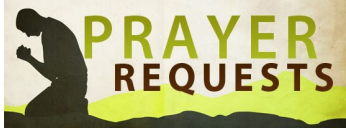
The Combined Choirs sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," ending with the glorious sound of trumpets. In the silence that echoed following the applause of all present, the choirs began to move as the clock struck twice, its own applause for the glorious praise which had just been experienced.

A prayer of dedication was prayed by Rev. Bradley for the Church, Rev. Thomas Moog, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, representing the religious community of Sewickley and Rev. Schradling representing the Bishop and the United Methodist Church. As a final act, a litany of unity was led by Tom Wright, with all present responding "TOGETHER WE STAND AND EXPERIENCE THE FLOW OF GOD'S GIFT OF TIME."

The afternoon ended with a reception, a beautiful cake baked and decorated by Judy Hetzell along with cookies and punch allowed people to linger and share their own memories of the church and the clock.

As the crew removed the chairs and took down the tents, the rain began again. A crisp autumnish day ended with rain falling around the tower, as it has for more than a century. The clock continued to strike the hours, Sewickley was comfortable once again. Thanks to all who have worked and supported the Village Clock Tower Project.

This day was a very exciting day with the completion of the reconstruction of the clock tower and restoring the clock. We inserted a new time capsule into the cornerstone to be opened in one hundred years (2096).

 <p>John A. Hurst Bartley Eddie Brezny Betty Burrows (Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law) Cathy Lauren McAliley Cephus - Praise &amp; Thanksgiving! (Otis McAliley's daughter) Jack Certain Irene Chenot (Beth Zeanchock's mom)</p>	<p>Bruno Crapis John Cummins Family of Craig Daly (father of Heather Cymbalak and grandfather of Patrick &amp; Hannah Gold) Family of Mary Jane Dooley (Rosemary Herring's cousin) Betty Dornetta Nancy Erdmann Family of Rev. Marilyn Evans (Mary Jablonski's wife) Sarah Fiore (CJ Jones' daughter) Liz Fischer</p>	<p>Pat Fulton (Scott Matthew's mom) Shirley Gerthung (Wilma Hamilton's sister) Jessica H. Willa Herman Mary Huber Ceel Janosik Alfred Johnson Jr. (Otis McAliley's nephew) Brandy K. Lisa L. Family of Rev. Barry Lewis (Andrea Lewis' husband) Craig McClean Mary Maminski</p>	<p>Tom Moog Lorraine Offner Dominic Odom Steve Powell Amy Richart Jim Rogansky Mario Russo Karen Shong C.R. &amp; Lorraine Simpson Bill Teed Joseph Umer Ryan Warden Rich Z. Dennis Zeveny</p>
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**Easter Outreach**

**EASTER FOOD BAGS FOR SEWICKLEY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

Sewickley UMC is collecting Easter Bags for the food pantry. You are asked to take a bag with the grocery list attached, purchase the non-perishable items, and return the filled bag with the list attached. **Completed Easter Bags and cash donations are needed by Sunday, April 10.** Grocery bags with lists are available in the back of the sanctuary and outside the office or use one of the lists below on your own bag or box. **In addition, SUMC is accepting cash donations in order to provide each family with a Giant Eagle gift card, with which the family may purchase perishable items such as ham and eggs.** You may include your cash donation with your regular offering or via EasyTithe – please indicate “Easter Bags.”

**FOOD PANTRY EASTER BAGS GROCERY LISTS**

Print out at home and attach to your own bag

**EASTER BAG – SMALL FAMILY**

Serves 2-4 people

All items must be non-perishable

- 2 cans of vegetables
- 1 muffin or roll mix
- 1 large or 2 small boxes of Jello
- 1 can of fruit
- 1 cake mix
- 1 can of Icing
- 1 boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin, etc.)
- 1 egg dye kit
- 1 small bottle of vinegar (for dyeing eggs)
- 2 bags of Easter candy
- 1 dozen plastic Easter eggs

**EASTER BAG – LARGE FAMILY**

Serves 5-8 people

All items must be non-perishable

- 4 cans of vegetables
- 2 muffin or roll mix
- 2 large or 4 small boxes of Jello
- 2 cans of fruit
- 1 cake mix
- 1 can of Icing
- 2 boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin, etc.)
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30 PM AA	2 11 AM Funeral Service for Rev. Marilyn Evans
3 9 AM Contemporary Service 10 AM Adult Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service 12 PM Liturgist & A/V Training 12 PM UMW Luncheon Meeting 1 PM Growth Group: Everything is Spiritual 6 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service @ Sewickley UMC	4 8 AM Life Line Screening 7 PM AA	5 10 AM Women's Sharing Group 6:30 PM Growth Group: Immersion Bible Study: John 8 PM AA	6 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	7 6:15 PM Bell Choir	8 6:30 PM AA	9
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## SAVE THE DATES — ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROJECT

### Project Scope

Trustees have scheduled the removal and replacement of carpet and tile in the basement Sunday School rooms, hallway and nursery. Unfortunately, the tile under the carpet and tile in the nursery has tested for asbestos. Rest assured, the status of our current flooring is safe. There are no broken tiles or dust particles in the air. However, in order to replace the carpet and tiles in those areas we have engaged the services of a contractor to perform the abatement which will then be followed by the installation of new carpet and tiles.

### Here are the dates you need to be aware of:

- June 4 -12 - Our church family helps to remove and relocate the contents of all classrooms and nursery
- June 13 - 27- Abatement work begins - areas are sealed off and there will be no access to the area during this work
- June 28 - July 8 - Carpet and tile installation
- July 8 - 15 - Our church family helps return the contents back to appropriate rooms

**Project Assistance:** Can you help be a part of the clean out process? With a dumpster on site we plan to use this opportunity to clean out all of areas of the church as well. Please mark your calendars. Any questions, please reach out to Sandra Lane (412)841-7169.

## Easter Flowers Order Form



To sponsor flowers to adorn the chancel on Easter, you may [order online here](#) or complete this form and bring/mail it to the church office on or before Wednesday, April 6.

PLEASE DON'T INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR OFFERING. WRITE A SEPARATE CHECK OR  
PUT YOUR CASH PAYMENT IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE MARKED "EASTER FLOWERS."  
IF USING EASYTITHE, PLEASE INCLUDE THE 3% SERVICE FEE.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:  easyTithe  Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate below what type of plant(s) you will order:

<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Mum @ \$ 10.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Colors: <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Purple	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Easter Lilies @ \$11.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Color: White—1 stem, 3 blooms & up
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Hyacinths @ \$10.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Colors: <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Pink <input type="checkbox"/> Blue	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Tulips @ \$10.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Colors: Assorted Colors

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Do you wish to keep plant (s)?    Yes    No                      Plants not taken will continue to be used on the chancel

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*Sunday School: 10 am  
(September—May)*

*Contemporary Worship: 9 am*

*Traditional Worship: 11 am*

*Sewickley United Methodist Church is a faith community that meets in the building with the clock tower, which stands at the entrance to the village.*

*Our motto is: "The Church with Time for You."*

*In a world that knows hostility, we give time for hospitality, community, and fellowship.*

*In a world that knows aimless searching, we give time for spiritual development.*

*In a world that knows idols, we give time to creatively worship the God of love.*

*In a world that knows ignorance, we give time to hear and learn the biblical story.*

*In this world God loves, we seek to be followers of Jesus, the one who gave His life to demonstrate trust, hope, and love.*

*As we use the gift of time to meet on Sundays for education and worship, we invite you to meet with a community that gathers under the clock to pay attention to the One whose love is ever timeless.*