

# Sewickley United Methodist Church



## April 2023 Newsletter

### *The Pastor's Peace*

After getting back in the car from picking Lincoln up at daycare, Jordyn insisted that I watch the video she recorded on her iPad while she was waiting for us. I assumed it would be of a song she was singing or a story she made up, but it wasn't. Instead, it was of a beautiful gift that nature gives. This gift seems to show up particularly when people are grieving and need to be reminded of their loved ones. She filmed a red cardinal. The vibrant, jewel toned ruby red feathers were a stark contrast to the light brown bareness of the branches with no leaves or buds to call its own. In the bleakness of the cold harsh reality of the impending death of the tree, life graced its limbs. This picture is one that people who find themselves in their own sorrow, needing a message of hope, often paint. I have heard story after story of those who have recently experienced hard loss receive a visit from a red cardinal. It wasn't as if they just saw this beautiful bird flying around, but the stories usually involved how the bird seemed very intentional about its visit to that person. According to many different sources you will find, it is thought that a red cardinal is a spiritual sign and reminder that even after someone you love has passed, they still live on. Therefore, the cardinal has become a sign and reminder of life in the midst of death, of hope in the midst of sorrow.



As we will soon face the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and then the brutal hanging of our Lord on a cross, we will be led through our own celebrations and tears. We will be reminded that some joys have timelines shorter than we would like and some hurts seem to go on forever. This journey, however, does not stop at Jesus' death on the cross; it does not stop at the silence of the days to follow; it does not stop at the empty tomb; it does not stop at the resurrection; it does not stop at the ascension; it does not stop at the gift of the Holy Spirit; it does not stop at the building of the Church; it does not stop at the falling of the church as we know it; it does not stop with our last breath; it does not stop. The journey we are on, walking with Jesus, goes on for all eternity. What we face here and now is temporary, like a tree that once was but is no more. What we will face then is yet to be known but, like the red Cardinal that is a sign and reminder of life in the midst of death and of hope in the midst of sorrow, we know because our Savior lives, we can face tomorrow.

Take a look all around you. Appreciate the signs of life that humble your Spirit and set a heart of worship within you. Then don't hold back or be afraid to shine. People need your bright colors to show through the harsh realities all around us. Better days are yet to come, but the ones we are in can be good too. Amen!

From one light to another,

*Hannah M. Loughman*  
Pastor Hannah Loughman

Pastor Hannah's availability: I am available Monday—Wednesday and Friday, 9am—5pm. After 5pm, by appointment only. On Sundays I am available following the church service till 4pm. 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 Thursdays, which is my day off, I will respond in a timely manner.

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## Holy Week Worship Schedule

### ECUMENICAL SERVICES

During Holy Week we are gathering to worship with our siblings in Christ at St. Matthews AME Zion, St. Paul's Lutheran and Sewickley Presbyterian Churches.



**April 2, 6pm**

Host: Sewickley United Methodist Church  
 Preaching: Pastor Charissa Howe  
 Liturgy of the Passion: Matthew 26:14-27:66  
 Fellowship to follow



**April 6, 6pm**

Host: Sewickley United Methodist Church  
 Preaching: Reverend William Rankin  
 Scripture Lesson: John 13:1-17, 31b-35



**April 7, 6pm**

Cross walk 5:30pm: begin at St. Paul's end at St. Matthews  
 Host: St. Matthews AME Zion Church  
 Preaching: Pastor Emily Miller  
 Scripture Lesson: John 18:1-19:42



**April 9, 6am — Sunrise Service**

Site: Sewickley Cemetery Chapel  
 Preaching: Pastor Ryan Kobert

### CELEBRATING JACK MORROW



A service celebrating the life of Jack Morrow will be held at SUMC on **Friday, April 28th at 11:30am**, followed by a luncheon. His family asked that memorial contributions be designated for the SUMC "Clocktower Fund."

### NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

On this Sunday, we celebrate and honor the unique culture of Native Americans within the United Methodist family.



This United Methodist-wide Special Offering on **April 23** bolsters the work of Native American ministries in annual conferences throughout the United States. These ministries exist in rural and urban settings, including reservation and other community ministries. The Native American Ministries offering also provides scholarships for Native Americans studying at United Methodist schools of theology and empowers congregations to find culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities through Christ's love.

# EASTER EGG HUNT!

The Education team is hosting an Easter egg hunt between worship services on Easter. Children through fifth grade are invited to participate. Friends, family and guests are welcome to join us. We will gather in the Simpson Room after the 9am service and, if the weather cooperates, go outside onto the church lawn to search for eggs. If the weather seems uninviting, we will search for eggs in the church basement and Sunday school classrooms. The activities will conclude before the 11am service begins.

There will be separate search areas for younger and grade school children. We will have adults and youth to supervise.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs.

There will be no Children's Church at either service on Easter, allowing families to worship together.





## Worship Opportunities - April 2023

Contemporary Worship Service: 9am  
 Traditional Worship Service: 11am  
 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 2, 2023**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

**Easter Cantata 11am**

**Liturgist:** Donna Sawhill

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**Message:** "A High Horse or a Donkey?"

Have you ever heard the phrase, "come down off your high horse?" The UrbanDictionary.com tells us this phrase is used when someone is in an argument and refuses to admit they are wrong and keeps acting "holier-than-thou." Before we head into Passion Week, where we read and remember the scriptures that lead to the death and resurrection of Christ, we pause for a celebratory moment that has come to be known as Palm Sunday. What we find in this pause is Jesus, who is "holier-than-thou," doesn't arrive to a throng of cheering crowds on his high horse; he arrives on a donkey. Why a donkey and what can we learn from this act of humility?

**April 9, 2023**

**Easter Sunday**

**Liturgist:** Willie Nicholson

**Scripture Lesson:** Jeremiah 31:1-6

**Message:** "Not Again..."

Have you ever received a phone call that left you saying, "not again?" Maybe you got news the cancer returned; you failed an exam; your child has been arrested. For some, it seems like bad news is always just around the corner. This was the trajectory of the thoughts of those who followed Jesus as well. They thought they (those against Christ) had messed with his body again. Yet waiting around the corner for them was not more bad news, it was the resurrection of Jesus. With the living Christ we, too, don't have to fear what is waiting around the corner for us. Our "not again" doesn't have to be what it was before. Insert the resurrected Jesus and watch the whole process transform.

**April 16, 2023**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

Clocktower Ringers, 11am service

**Liturgist:** Ron Smith

**Scripture Lesson:** Isaiah 25:6-9

**Message:** "Ready to Receive"

Have you ever begun talking and wanted to shove everything that you have just said back into your mouth? Maybe you feel like you were too honest, and you are concerned about what the other is thinking. Maybe it was a secret you weren't meant to share in the first place. Maybe as you said it out loud you realized it didn't actually make sense like you thought it did in your head. Regardless, once it's out, there isn't any taking it back. The beauty of Jesus is he doesn't give it back to us empty, but he gives it better than before. The question is, are you ready to receive it?



April Worship Schedule

**April 23, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Liturgist:** Susie Moffett

**Scripture Lesson:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Message:** "But It's Only One Size Too Big!"

Have you ever bought a pair of shoes because you really, really liked them but they were the wrong size? I mean, after all, all you have to do is wear a pair of thick socks or perhaps make sure you only wear them on days you will be doing the smallest amount of walking. But by the end of the day, regardless of what you did, your feet are blistered, sore and rightfully angry at you. Shoes are not a one size fits all type of thing and neither are you. If we don't stop trying to fit people into molds they weren't meant to fill we will do way more harm than good.

**April 30, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Liturgist:** Kristine Swaney

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 23

**Message:** "In or Out?"

I can remember staying at my grandparents' house by the beach every summer. They hated it when we kids would constantly run in the house and back out of the house, open the door and close the door. After doing that a couple of times in a row, without fail we would receive the question, "are you in or are you out?" And we better have chosen one or the other. One of the greatest downfalls of the Christian message throughout all of history is to reduce the gospel to a simple matter of being in or out of heaven. This message has become central to our existence of "good" God-fearing Christians verses bad. Yet the gospel is so much more than that. It isn't about in or out, it is about with: being with Jesus, walking with Jesus, having a relationship with Jesus. In or out isn't even a question when Jesus is the owner of the house.

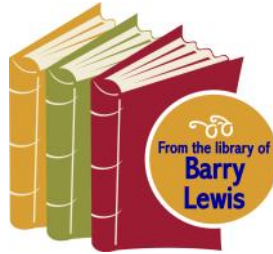




The **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)** will hold its Sale for Missions on Friday, May 12, 1 - 7pm & on Saturday, May 13, 9am - 2pm. We appreciate your donations of gently used household items, toys, games, puzzles, books, clean seasonal clothing, shoes, towels, sheets, blankets, and very small pieces of furniture. We

cannot use any electronic items or exercise equipment. Donated items can be brought to the church and placed in the Potato Room. All monies raised support local, national and international mission projects. If you are willing to help set up for the sale or work during the sale hours, please contact Pat Grossarth at 412-741-6208 or Kristine Swaney 412-716-5772. Thank you.

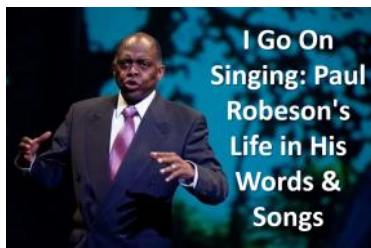
**BARRY'S BOOKS** — I know Barry would like his church family to have a chance to select books from his collection before the remainder go to seminary students. If you would like to see the list of books and DVDs available, click [HERE](#) or check with Pam in the church office. If you see any you like, please email or text me and I will bag them up and put them in the church office for you to pickup.



In memory of Barry,  
Andrea  
412-926-7729 / bamrl@hotmail.com”

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

Contributions of non-perishable food items and paper products are always welcome. Donations may be placed in the grocery carts in the hallway by the library and by the sanctuary entrance in the Narthex. The Pantry (15 Chadwick St.) is open to all in the 15143, 15056 and 15108 zip codes every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 11:30am-1pm.



The story of this American hero, Paul Robeson, who struggled and triumphed comes alive in a rousing 90-minute song-filled presentation performed by Pittsburgh native and gifted American baritone and

international ambassador of peace, Anthony Brown. “I Go On Singing” brings music and history alive with equal parts documentary and live concert experience. Musical numbers range from spirituals to Broadway, and include Robeson’s original arrangements of favorites like “Wade in the Water,” “Ol’ Man River,” “It Ain’t Necessarily So,” “Water Boy,” and many others. Robeson’s musical colleague, the legendary folk singer Pete Seeger, makes three video appearances discussing his friendship with Robeson, the music they shared, and the turbulent times in which they lived. “Once in a lifetime a human being comes along who stands head and shoulders above the rest. Paul Robeson was such a man.” A freewill offering will be accepted. **Sunday, April 23, 3pm, Warren UMC, 2606 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh.**

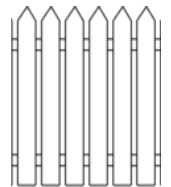


**August 7—10  
6—8:30pm**



**PLAYGROUND FENCE PICKETS AVAILABLE**

We are offering an opportunity to leave a lasting sign of your support toward the preschool/church playground with a personalized fence picket that will be installed this spring. Engraving is limited to 20 characters, including numbers and spaces.



Complete the order form, which can be found in the back of the sanctuary and [online here](#), along with your check for \$50 made out to “Learning Tree Playground Fund.” All contributions are tax deductible as a charitable donation. For more information call Sandra Lane (412) 841-7169. Return form and payment to Sandra Lane or leave in office with Pam, **no later than April 16.**

**NYADIRE GIRL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM** — Have you been



following the 2023 Lenten calendar to learn more about life in Zimbabwe, especially for the girls at the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in northeastern Zimbabwe? Funds collected from the calendar program will be donated to The Nyadire

Connection (TNC) and designated for the Girl Empowerment Program. **Please submit you donations by April 16** with your regular offering or through Vanco. Please mark your donation “Nyadire GEP.” If you’ve been collecting coins, please convert them to paper to make it easier for our Counters. For more information about TNC and the programs it supports in Zimbabwe see [nyadire.org](#).



**EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP -**

Let’s have a great turnout from our SUMC family on Saturday, April 22nd, when the Sewickley Borough is hosting a family-friendly community clean-up event in honor of Earth Day. Tasks include tree planting and rubbish pick-up in parks and public areas. Check-in will start at 8:30am at the Borough Building (601 Thorn St.). Dress appropriately for the weather. Safety vests and gloves will be provided by the Borough. Lunch will be provided at 12:30pm for registered volunteers. Register online [here](#), by email at [clerk@sewickleyborough.org](mailto:clerk@sewickleyborough.org), or call Lisa in the Borough Office at 412-741-4015.



**OCC DRIVE UNDERWAY**

Our 2023 Operation Christmas Child is accelerating into spring.

The Fellowship of the Cross conducted a March inventory that revealed we have more than

enough stuffed animals, sunglasses, scissors and rulers to accommodate 100 boxes. We're grateful to those who have made contributions through the winter.

We will be collecting gift items to fill the Christmas shoeboxes through September. This is the SUMC family's 13th year of contributing to Operation Christmas Child, and we have filled more than 1,300 boxes in the past 12 years.

The FOTC donation box is located outside the church office, on a shelf beneath the bulletin board.

Suggested donations include school supplies (pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks and glue sticks), wearables (T-shirts, socks, caps), personal grooming items (brushes, combs, toothbrushes) and "wow" gifts such as dolls, balls, jewelry, hair accessories, toy cars.

Our 2022 OCC boxes reached children in South Africa, Liberia, Honduras and Ecuador. In previous years, our boxes journeyed to the Dominican Republic, Columbia, the Bahamas, Ukraine, multiple nations in Africa and to a country that could not be revealed for security reasons.



## SECOND BENEFIT CONCERT FOR UKRAINE

THREE RIVERS  
YOUNG PEOPLES  
ORCHESTRAS

MAY 6, 2023 AT 5:30 PM  
SEWICKLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVA  
UKRAINE

Complete this form to reserve your seats and make a donation, or scan the QR code to register online

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

*Family Friendly suggested 10 years old+*

\_\_\_: I will not be able to attend but would like to make a donation to Benefit Ukraine

Donations per person: \_\_ \$50 \_\_ \$100 \_\_ \$150 \_\_ \$500 Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks payable to TRYPO with Ukraine Benefit in the memo and mail to:  
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**Cynthia Koledo DeAlmeida**  
*Principal Oboe, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra*

**Sung-Im Kim**  
*Assistant Teaching Professor of Collaborative Piano, Carnegie Mellon University*

**Rodrigo Ojeda**  
*Assistant Teaching Professor of Collaborative Piano, Carnegie Mellon University*

**Dr. Solomiya Ivakhiv**  
*Violinist from Lviv, Ukraine  
Head of Strings, University of Connecticut*

**Katia Manukyan**  
*Soprano and Teaching Associate Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh*

**William Caballero**  
*Principal Horn, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra*

**Victoria Luperi**  
*Associate Principal Clarinet, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra*

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Sewickley Methodist Episcopal Church,  
Rev. Dr. R. Emory Beetham and the Great War  
by Warren Kinner, SUMC Historian

Our church secretary, Pam Honeychurch, recently received a note with a postcard enclosed from a woman named Diana from Indiana. She thought our church would like to have the postcard for our history files. The postcard was originally mailed to young brothers, Robert and John McCann of Hill Street, Sewickley, in December 1918. The big question was who is Rev. Dr. Robert Emory Beetham? I have done some research on him and his time here in Sewickley. Church records show he was here 1914 to 1919. He and his wife, Harriett, served the Sewickley Methodist Episcopal Church for five years, which back then was a long time for a pastor to stay in one place. The pastoral couple must have been well loved by the church. When Dr. Beetham went off to France as a chaplain during the Great War, the church voted to give Harriett a \$25 monthly allowance to help her though the six months he was gone for the war effort

As the war in Europe heated up, so did the village of Sewickley. At the March 25, 1918 Official (Church) Board meeting, they approved to allow the Liberty-Loan Committees to use the church's auditorium for a public meeting. At the same meeting Dr. Beetham advised the Board that his application for a place in the YMCA organization for duty "Overseas" had been accepted. He therefore asked that the Official Board grant him a furlough of at least six months, provided satisfactory arrangement with the Bishop and the Board, relative to pulpit supply and salary could be made. It was moved by George Mark and duly seconded, that the Board grant Dr. Beetham's request for at least 6 month's leave of absence provided arrangements be made before his departure to protect the interests of the church during his absence. Carried. It was moved and duly seconded that a committee

of five be appointed to cooperate with the Pastor and District Superintendent in obtaining the Bishop's release and in securing pulpit supply. etc. Carried. The pastor appointed Brothers Cunningham, Diehl, Chesborough, Rosensteel and Mark as a committee.

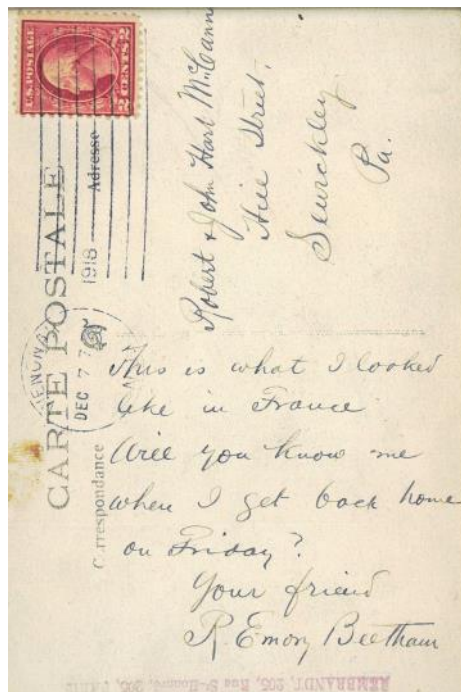
On April 7, 1918, a call of the President of the Board met after services. The above Committee reported that the Bishop had approved the action of the Board in releasing Dr. Beetham and advised the Board that Dr. Flannigan had been engaged to assume the Pastor's duties in his absence at a salary of \$150 per month. Upon motion, duly seconded, the action of the committee was approved.

On May 20, 1918, the monthly meeting of the Board was held with the Dr. David Flannigan, interim pastor, presiding. It was moved and duly seconded that a committee be appointed to canvas the membership to raise funds to cover the cost of a bronze tablet, similar to that advertised by Jos. H. Matthews Co. of Pittsburgh, to carry the Honor Roll of our church, and to purchase the tablet and place it as soon as practicable upon the walls of the church. JC Venning, historian, will furnish a roster of the men who are serving their country. Dr. Flannigan appointed Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Kunkle, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. McDonald to serve on this committee.

It was moved and duly seconded that the sum of \$25 per month the church saves through the procuring of the services of Dr. Flannigan at \$150 per month, should be turned over by the Treasurer to Mrs. Beetham. Carried. The Secretary was requested to advise Dr. Beetham of this action and get his consent to relieve the Treasurer of responsibility in paying Mrs. Beetham.

On June 17, 1918 the Tablet committee reported that an order had been placed with the Jos. H. Matthews Co. for one of their tablets and that plans were being worked out to raise the necessary fund to cover the cost.

In order to have the financing of the Bronze Tablet brought to the attention of the membership, for the raising of the necessary money, action was taken placing Professor Mark and Dr. Flannigan on the committee. It was also directed that the Bulletin of June 23 should carry an announcement that a special collection would be taken on June 30 for the Tablet Fund.



At the July 15, 1918, Official Board meeting the secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Beetham, a letter of fraternal greeting, conveying to him church news, best wishes, and kind regards of the Board members. The secretary read a letter from Dr. Beetham dated July 7, 1918,

It was moved by WW Cunningham, seconded by AH Diehl, that a committee be appointed to prepare a resolution endorsing the pastorate for Dr. Beetham and asking for his reappointment for the ensuing year. The resolution was to be presented to the District Superintendent at the 4th Quarterly Conference to be held on September 26, 1918. Motion carried.

A Special Meeting was held December 8, 1918, immediately after the morning service so the Official Board might arrange to show its appreciation of Dr. Beetham's services abroad upon his return. To accomplish this, it was decided to have a "reception" in which the other churches and the Borough itself

might participate.

On December 18, 1918, the regular monthly meeting of the Official Board met with the pastor, Dr. R Emory Beetham, presiding. It was moved by JC Venning and duly seconded that the Board to assume the cost of the refreshments served at the reception given to Dr. Beetham upon his return from France in amount \$24.79. The bill was therefore ordered paid.

Dr. Beetham was the presiding president of the Official Board January through October. The Beethams were granted a month vacation in July to be used at such a time as best suited.

On October 5, 1919, a Special meeting of the Official Board was held in the auditorium at the close of the morning services to ascertain what action that it desired taken upon learning that Dr. Beetham would not be reappointed to this pastorate. A special committee and as many of them as possible should go to Uniontown to confer with the District Superintendent and others in the interest of this congregation relative to the appointment of a new pastor for the current year, Carried.

*This information about Dr. R. Emory Beetham was mainly taken from the 1918 and 1919 Official Board Meetings Minutes. There is very little written about the personal lives of our ministers and sometimes we must read in-between the lines for insights. The Beethams were in Sewickley during the Spanish Flu outbreak and the Great War in Europe. The brass tablet was purchased and mounted on the wall of the Narthex and has the names of service members from our church who served in the Great War (World War I) in Europe. Dr. Beetham name is listed on the tablet.*

## MET IN AFRICA--WEDDED

Cupid Followed the Trail From Rhodesia to Elmer, New Jersey, Where Miss Johnson Became the Bride of a Clergyman

Special to The Inquirer.

ELMER, N. J., Nov. 16.—A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Sarah Johnson, this afternoon, when her daughter, Miss Harriet Elwell Johnson, was united in marriage to Rev. Robert Emory Beetham, of New Concord, Ohio, by Bishop J. C. Hartzell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The bride was attired in white silk and wore orange blossoms that were worn by her mother when the latter was married to the late Isaac Johnson. A gold chain with a heart pendant about the bride's neck was the gift of the groom. Miss Amelia Jennings, of Haddonfield, N. J., was maid of honor, and Hartley C. Johnson, brother of the bride, was best man. The bride was given away by her grandmother, Mrs. Harriet Elwell.

After receiving the congratulations of their friends the couple left on the 5.20 train for a trip through the Northern States.

Mrs. Beetham is highly accomplished and well educated. She taught for several years in different public schools in the State and three years in the city of Newark. While teaching in Newark she became acquainted with Rev. Dr. J. C. Hartzell, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church to Africa, who was so impressed with her ability as a teacher and musician that he prevailed upon her to go to New Umtali, Rhodesia, British Africa, and teach kindergarten methods and music in the academy there. Accordingly in April, 1901, she left home and friends



**MRS. ROBERT E. BEETHAM**

with the expectation of spending five years there. At the end of two and a half years she was obliged, on account of ill health, having received an injury while horseback riding, to return to America. After reaching home she went to a hospital in New York city for treatment, and was told by the physicians that she could never be well should she return to Africa.

Mr. Beetham, who is a graduate of Drew Theological Seminary, went to Africa about the same time that Miss Johnson did, and was principal of the academy in which she taught. In this way, as co-workers, a mutual attachment was formed, and before she sailed for home their engagement was announced by Bishop Hartzell. When Mr. Beetham learned that his bride-elect could not join him in Africa, he resigned his position in the school and came to America. Their future home will be in New Concord, Ohio, where Mr. Beetham is pastor of the M. E. Church.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Thursday, November 17, 1904

Rev. Dr. Robert Emory Beetham was born 6-13-1874 in Bedford, Ohio. Harriet Elwell Johnson was born about 1875 in New Jersey. The two met in New Umtali, Rhodesia (modern day Mutare, Zimbabwe), where she taught kindergarten and music in a mission school and he was a teacher and school principal. They married on November 16, 1903 in Elmer, N.J. After forty years in Ministry they retired to Daytona Beach, Florida where he died on December 4, 1947. He is buried in Cadiz, Ohio. His wife of forty-three years passed away on January 11, 1954.

Dr. Beetham's ministry:

- Admitted on trial Methodist Episcopal East Ohio Conference 1899
- East Central Africa Mission Conference 1901
- Methodist Episcopal East Ohio Conference 1904
- Methodist Episcopal North-East Ohio Conference 1912
- Methodist Episcopal Pittsburgh Conference 1914 (Sewickley 1914-1919; Pittsburgh: Oakland 1919-1922)
- Methodist Episcopal West Ohio Conference 1922
- Dakota Conference 1925
- New England Conference (Wesley Church, Salem, and Trinity, West Medford)

Our pets are a blessing to us, so let us gather together and bless them! Join us on **May 7**, at 9am or at 11am. 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!



**THE FINAL SOUP & HUMMUS SALE FOR THE BUILDING OF FAITH**

All proceeds from this sale go toward the care of our church building.

To order, [click here for the online order form](#), call 412-741-9430 or email (secretary@sewickleyumc.org), bring your form to the office or place it in the offering plate.

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

Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ or  Check (made to SUMC) # \_\_\_\_\_ or  Vanco Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



Choices	Indicate quantity below	
	\$9 Quart	\$6 Pint
<b>Sausage &amp; Tortellini Soup:</b> Chicken Broth, Sweet Italian Sausage, Spinach, Cheese Tortellini, Onion & Spices		
<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>Bean &amp; Barley Soup:</b> Organic Vegetable Broth, Celery, Onion, Carrots, Kidney Beans, Diced Tomatoes, Barley, Spinach, Olive Oil & Spices		
<b>Sandra's Hummus (Vegetarian/Vegan):</b> Chickpeas, Lemon Juice, Garlic, Tahini, Spices	\$5 for 1/2 pint	

**Orders are due by Sunday, April 23 and will be ready for pickup Friday, May 5 or Sunday, May 7. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. If using eGiving, please include the processing fee.**



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Sandy Kuriger 4/10  
Ed & Heather Cymbalak 4/11

To the Outreach Team:

I would like to thank you for your donation of the Barbara Karnes End of Life books. These books provide so much comfort to our patients and families who are toward the end of life. With the increase in our patient census each month at Wexford Hospital, we find our ICU and Palliative Care areas have so many more terminally ill patients. We are very fortunate to have Pastor Laura (Powell) and other Spiritual Care volunteers on site to comfort everyone.

May God continue to bless you for all that you do for everyone. I hope to meet all of you some day and if you ever want to volunteer a few hours each week I would love to tell you a little bit about our program. Thanks again and take care.

With gratitude,  
Tracy Petras  
Manager, Volunteer Resources, Wexford Hospital

Thanks for the flowers. They are very nice.  
James and Olive Chewning

SUMC Ladies,

Thank you so much for showing up to shower Felicity with love and well wishes as she prepares for her wedding. The nurture team decorated the Simpson Room as a lovely garden tea party and prepared delicious food for all the guests. We so appreciate having a church family that embraces and celebrates our children as they have grown into young women. Thank you!

Susie Moffett

Thank you for helping me celebrate my birthday. I appreciated all the birthday wishes.

Love,  
Meg







**SAVE THE DATE  
CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC —  
SUNDAY, JUNE 11**



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 1pm

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

**CELEBRATING OUR  
GRADUATES**



Our records indicate the following church family members will graduate in May/June. Please forgive us for any errors in miscalculating a graduation date or if we missed your student - we want to celebrate all of our graduates. Reach out to Sandra Lane at slane819@yahoo.com or notify the church office (412)741-9430 with additions or corrections.

- | High School       | College         |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| ◆ Austin Hiles    | ◆ Nina Wiggins  |
| ◆ Sophia Geason   | ◆ Noah Wiggins  |
| ◆ Blair McCombs   | ◆ Lia Warburton |
| ◆ Addison Shaffer |                 |

**2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH FEBRUARY**



	2023 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Paid/Received to Date	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	312,098.44	48,740.04	50,253.81	1,513.77
TOTAL RECEIPTS	312,098.44	45,753.10	36,767.61	(8,985.49)
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	0.00	(2,986.94)	(13,486.20)	

Did you know you can dial 911 for an emergency situation which may arise at the church?

The Safety and Security Ministry at SUMC recommends the following protocol in the event of an emergency on site at the church:

Dial 911 on your mobile phone. **DO NOT HANG UP until the dispatcher tells you to do so.**

Information you will be asked to provide may include:

- **Address of the emergency:** our church address is 337 Broad Street, Sewickley, PA 15143
- **Description of the emergency and required need for help**
- **Explain the current assistance that has been provided to the person(s) in need**
- **Specify the location within the building** (reference the door numbers if possible)

Without putting yourself in harm's way, **in the case of an active shooter**, it will be helpful to provide the 911 dispatcher with this information:

- **The location of shooter within the building** (reference door numbers if possible)
- **The number of shooters**
- **Description of shooter**—physical features, clothing, race, gender
- **Number and type of weapons** held by shooter(s)
- **Location and number of victim(s) or hostage(s) within the building**

**DO NOT HANG UP - EVERYTHING THE DISPATCHER CAN HEAR IN THE BACKGROUND COULD BE HELPFUL.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sandra Lane or Pastor Hannah.



When I heard Pastor Hannah was planning a Lenten series on humility, I shrugged. Honestly, where's the electricity in humility?

I like mission and ministry. I seek love, joy and peace. I am fascinated by prayer and surrender and inclusivity.

But I trust Hannah. I am moved and challenged by Hannah. So I leaned into her series on humility.

Know what I found?

A window to mission and ministry. A light into love, joy and peace. An energy for prayer, surrender and inclusivity.

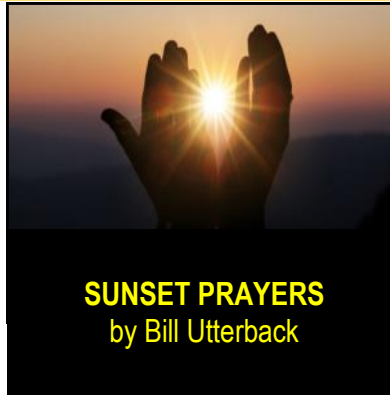
In the first leg of the series, Hannah suggested that "thinking of others more often, lifting others up, fighting for a good that is bigger than yourselves, this is the leadership of humility."

In the second part of the series, she reminded us that "humility has the power to bring together what so many have sought to divide."

In the series, Hannah urged us to "practice wonder" and "be teachable" and to "ask for help."

"We all have something to teach, and we all have more to learn," she said.

Hannah, in the third week, urged believers in liberal news media to switch, on occasion, to conservative news outlets. Search for commonality, she said.



I want more of the humility that Hannah found in Jesus, in scripture.

Let's pray for humility on April 2.

On Palm Sunday, as the sun sets about 7:46pm, from wherever you are, with whomever wants to join you, lets pray for humility. Let's ask God to share His humility with us in ways that will change our perspectives and lift, encourage and invite those arounds us.

On Palm Sunday, we remember that Jesus was welcomed by a crowd, many of them drawn by His humility. He listened. He made others feel valued. He made their needs His priority.

Let's pray for a Jesus-like humility in our family relationships.

Let's pray for a Jesus-like humility in our relationships at school and in our work places.

Let's pray for a Jesus-like humility as we move through our neighborhoods.

Let's pray for a Jesus-like humility in all that we do as a church.

Let's ask our God to provide a light that allows us to listen, to see each other, to lift each other, to learn from each other, to serve each other, to value each other.

Let's pray for a humility that, as Hannah suggested, "can bring together communities and tear down walls."

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

Sylvia Bajsec	Jan Jones
Jim and Olive Chewning	B.J. (Elizabeth) Manzinger
Mignon Emmert	Pat Rudy
Renee Gittins	Shirley Sye
Shirley Graham	Lura Zaremba
Virginia Harriger	

John A.  
 Jonny B.  
 Hurst Bartley  
 Bob Singleton  
 Don Brandt  
 Edmund Brown  
 (Charlie Brown's father)  
 Betty Burrows (Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law)  
 Jack Certain  
 Bruno Crapis  
 Mollie Devine  
 (Renee Gittins' sister)  
 Betty Dornetta



Jason G.  
 Shirley Gerthung  
 (Wilma Hamilton's sister)  
 Dan Gittins  
 Donna Gleason  
 Family of Hank Graham  
 Judith Hall  
 Rev. Jim Hamilton  
 Beate Henkel

Brandy K.  
 Grace King  
 Mike Kolesar  
 Henrietta Kretzler  
 Beatriz L. (Emily Liska's daughter-in-law)  
 Ben McGuigun  
 Tom Moog  
 Family of Jack Morrow

Sandra Obeng  
 Lorraine Offner  
 Dominic Odom  
 Heather Rose  
 (Jennifer Jones' cousin)  
 Jim Rogansky  
 Sayed  
 Richard Shroyer  
 C.R. & Lorraine Simpson  
 Bill Teed  
 Ernest Wallace  
 Ryan Warden  
 Rich Z.  
 Dennis Zeveny



# APRIL 2023

\*Children's Church & Nursery offered during Sunday morning services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30am - 12pm UWF District Spring Day Apart
2 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service 6pm Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service @ SUMC	3 6pm Worship Committee 7pm AA	4 10am Women's Sharing Group 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Deuteronomy 7pm AA	5 6:30pm Leap of Faith	6 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6pm Ecumenical Service @ SUMC	7 <b>Good Friday</b> 6pm Ecumenical Service @ St. Matthews AME Zion 6:30pm AA	8
9 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 6am Ecumenical Sunrise Service @ Sewickley Cemetery Chapel 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service	10 6:30pm Finance Committee 6:30pm Trustees 7pm AA 7:30pm Council Meeting	11 10am Women's Sharing Group 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Deuteronomy 7pm AA	12 10am SUMC Prayer Group 6:30pm Leap of Faith	13 6:15pm Bell Choir	14 6:30pm AA	15
16 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service	17 7pm AA 7pm Marketing Committee	18 10am Women's Sharing Group 6:30pm Growth Group Study 7pm AA	19 8am Life Line Screening 6:30pm Leap of Faith	20 6:15pm Bell Choir	21 6:30pm AA	22 8:30am Earth Day Community Clean Up
23 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service	24 7pm AA	25 10am Women's Sharing Group 6:30pm Growth Group Study 7pm AA	26 6:30pm Leap of Faith	27 6:15pm Bell Choir	28 11:30am Memorial Service for Jack Morrow 6:30pm AA	29 10am Pittsburgh District Conference
30 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service	1 7pm AA	2 10am Women's Sharing Group 6:30pm Growth Group Study 7pm AA	3 6:30pm Leap of Faith	4 6:15pm Bell Choir	5 6:30pm AA	6 5:30pm Ukraine Benefit Concert

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



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lauren Roebuck 4/14  
 Ryan Roebuck 4/19  
 Eric Miller 4/20  
 Tracey Canfield 4/24  
 Paul Clifford 4/28

*If you or a family member is missing from our birthday or anniversary list, please let the office know*

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 **Wednesday, April 19.**



A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

1. **Carotid Artery Screening** (Plaque) — An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.
2. **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening** — An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.
3. **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (AAA) — An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.
4. **Atrial Fibrillation** — A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.

These 4 vital screenings cost \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>.

## Ways to Give



Your generosity and financial partnership are how we are able to impact our community and beyond. Vanco is our eGiving portal and allows for simple, secure giving. It is available through our website, [sewickleyumc.org](http://sewickleyumc.org), and through the Vanco Mobile Faith app.

Vanco provides an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or saving account, or processed using your credit or debit card. This giving option offers convenience for you and, if you setup recurring giving, provides donation consistency for our church family.

To get started, visit [sewickleyumc.org](http://sewickleyumc.org) and the [donate tab](#), or install the Vanco Mobile Faith app on your smartphone. The first time you visit, you will create your secure account. Then you can setup your recurring donation(s). *We encourage you to turn on the option to cover the processing fee which will help offset the processing and transaction fees the church pays.*

If you prefer to give the traditional way — by check or cash — please continue to do so!

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

*9am: Contemporary Worship  
& Children's Church*

*11am: Traditional Worship  
& Children's Church*

*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.*