

Sewickley United Methodist Church

August 2021 Newsletter

From The Pastor's Heart

Later in this newsletter you will be reading the Sunset Prayer column. This page is not it. However, I am calling you to prayer. Starting now, I am asking you to pray every day for Vacation Bible School. Pray for the kids who are coming, the parents who will organize to get them here, the teachers and leaders who are already hard at work putting it all together. Pray that the Holy Spirit moves in our midst and reveals truths to our young as the Holy Spirit does to us. May they know how deeply they are loved by God and how to share that love with others.

At the end of every day during the four days of VBS (which is August 9th – 12th) there is a recommended responsive closing prayer. One of the recommended responsive prayers goes like this:

God is caring, God is kind.
God is caring, God is kind.

Giving love and peace of mind.
Giving love and peace of mind.

We can follow God's own way.
We can follow God's own way.

By sharing, caring every day.
By sharing, caring every day.

Sound off.
Amen.

Sound off.
Amen.

Bring it on down.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen!

Now I want you to reread that prayer with a bit of a cadence that is familiar to an army march. It really is a lot of fun! Why is it that we only reserve the fun side of Christianity for the kids? When is the last time you played a fun game testing your bible knowledge, or you sang your prayer to the tune of an army march? Maybe that is what is missing! A wise man (cough, cough, Barry Lewis) said to me the other day that Christians laugh. We laugh. When life is tough, we laugh. When we are full of sorrow, we laugh. Don't get me wrong, we cry too, and we anger too, but we laugh because we know our lives are in the care of God Almighty. There we find comfort and peace and joy and laughter. As the summer months come to an end, as the vacations slow down and your own life begins to take on the cadence that those school months bring, don't forget to include a little laughter in your day. Life has serious moments, but in the arms of Christ there is joy forever more. Though you are an adult, may you always have the heart of a child.

Pastor Hannah Vacation: I will be on vacation August 14-27. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time please contact Pastor Barry Lewis at 412-926-7650. Thank you Barry for continuing to serve our community pastorally as you have done for so many years! Also, thank you to Mitch Hortert and Kim Benjamin who will be bringing the message during my vacation.

From one light to another,
Hannah M. Loughman
Pastor Hannah Loughman, laughing

Porch Parties with the Pastor and Family



Todd and I want to get to know you better and for you to get to know us better. In order to do that, this summer we will be hosting you at our house on our porch. We have a lovely, large front porch that can safely accommodate a family or two. [Please sign up here](#) or contact the office to join us on a Friday evening from 7—9 pm for light refreshments and good conversation! You can sign up with another family if that would make you more comfortable. I will guide our time together so as to avoid any of those potentially awkward silent moments that most of us fear (though I can't promise they won't happen). If you have allergies or mobility concerns please let me know when you sign up. We are excited to share our beautiful porch with you, show off our energetic family and get to know your hearts!



Sewickley Community VBS
Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor
invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power by exploring how we put on the armor of God

Children going into kindergarten through 6th grade, please join us
 Monday - Thursday, August 9-12, 5:30 to 7:30 pm
 Sewickley United Methodist Church, 337 Broad Street, Sewickley

[Click here to register](#) or call 412-741-9430

FOR THOSE OVER 70½ — MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR IRA

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. As any member over the age of 70½ knows, you are required to take an annual distribution from your IRA or face a stiff penalty. Since you have to take a distribution anyway, you can do it in the most tax advantaged way possible. For those who are not using their required IRA distributions for living expenses, you might consider making a QCD directly to the church.

In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

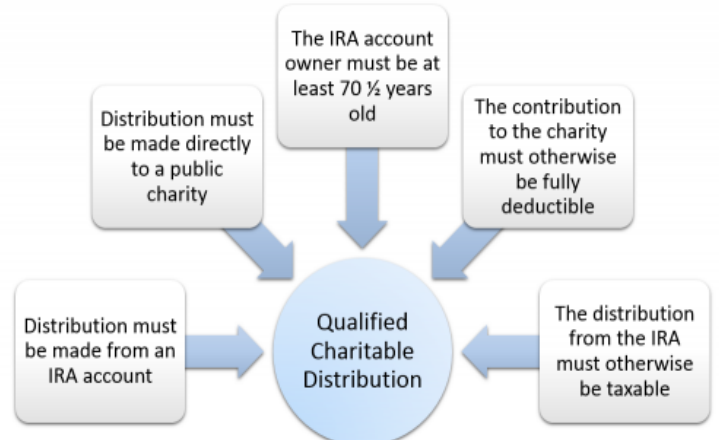
To make a contribution, instruct your IRA trustee or custodian to make a transfer from the IRA directly to Sewickley United Methodist Church. Many trustees and custodians already have forms and procedures in place to make this transfer.

If you have any questions about this legislation and how it can benefit both you and SUMC, please reach out to your financial planner, your IRA trustee/custodian, or me.

Blessings,
 Pam Honeychurch
 SUMC Treasurer

Basics on IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions

- » Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) are allowed to be taken out of your traditional IRA without owing any federal income tax. In contrast, other traditional IRA distributions are taxable (wholly or partially depending on whether you've made any nondeductible contributions over the years).
- » Unlike garden-variety charitable donations, you can't claim itemized deductions for QCDs. That is okay, because the tax-free treatment of QCDs equates to a 100 percent deduction -- because you'll never be taxed on those amounts, and you don't have to worry about any of the tax-law restrictions that apply to itemized charitable write-offs.



Worship Opportunities - August 2021



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 services are also available later on Sunday afternoon.

August 1, 2021

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Liturgist: Donna Sawhill

Message: "Meet Jesus, the Verb"

Scripture Lessons: John 14:1-14 Acts 3

Upon arriving at Temple to pray one evening, Peter and John came across a man begging for money. Instead of money, Peter gave the man what he had, what the man actually needed.

He took him by the hand and led him to Jesus. Then their ministry continued as they continued to introduce others to Jesus. But Jesus had ascended at this point, so how did the followers of Jesus introduce others to him? They mirrored the Jesus way. Jesus is not just a name or a story, but an action, a verb, a vibe...an entire way of life. Let me introduce you to Jesus.

August 8, 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Carole Ford

Message: "Jesus was a Human and a Kid Too!"

Scripture Lesson: John 14:1-14 John 1

It is hard for us to understand the exact nature of the relationship between God and Jesus. In our search to understand, we easily lose sight of the fact that Jesus is fully human. He is not partially human, but fully human! He is fully God too, but maybe even more human than you and me.

August 15, 2021

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Message: Mitch Hortert

Liturgist: Ron Smith

Message: "Who Sits at Your Lunch Table?"

Scripture Lesson: John 14:1-14 John 15:12-15

I'm sure we've all experienced it - whether at school, work, church, etc. You walk into the cafeteria, lunchroom, etc. and you freeze. You begin to scan the faces... looking. Who do I sit with? Where are my friends? Friendship - we've certainly had good ones, bad ones, and everything in between, and we definitely can't go through life without them. In scripture, we read about a lengthy list of different friendships, including Jesus. Specifically, Jesus calls us His friends, but what does that mean? In what ways is Jesus my friend? Am I a good friend to Jesus?

August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Message: Kim Benjamin

Liturgist: Barry Lewis

Scripture Lesson: John 14:1-14

August 29, 2021

9 am—Combined Service followed by a reception

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reception of New Members

Confirmation

Liturgist: Warren Kinneer

Message: "The Heritage of Jesus"

Scripture Lessons: John 14:1-14 Matthew 1

Jesus seems so untouchable sometimes. In our effort to understand more about who he is, we are going to start by looking at who makes up his ancestry and the heritage he claims. As we look at the long line of people he comes from (42 generations long), we see a forgotten lineage that once was great but because of one bad choice after another, put a whole nation of people in silence. Good thing our family does not have to define our future. Let's meet Jesus' family.

AUGUST 29 SPECIAL WORSHIP TIME & SERVICE

On August 29th we will be holding one blended service at 9 am. Our Chancel Choir and Leap of Faith will join together to lead us in worship. During the service we will be receiving new members and confirming 3 youth. Following, at 10 am, there will be a reception in order to greet our brothers and sisters in Christ and welcome them to our portion of the Kingdom of God at Sewickley United Methodist Church. The reception will have light refreshments and will be hosted by the Nurture team.



PICNIC AND GAMES BY THE PLAYGROUND

Everyone is invited to celebrate summer at the church picnic on

Saturday, August 7th at Sewickley UMC. Our St. Matthews AME Zion friends are invited too. We'll gather at 4:30 pm and dinner is served at 5:30.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and Lew's great wings will be provided. **Bring your favorite dish to share.** The playground will be open and, of course, there will be our famous BINGO for everyone! If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move inside. Thank you to the Library Committee for setting up this fun time for everyone!



UMCOR CLEANING KIT COMPONENTS NEEDED – SUMC

will not be assembling full cleaning kits, but the Eastbrook Mission Barn Supply Depot needs the following **NEW** items that are frequently missing from the kits. With recent storms throughout the USA, cleaning kits are in great need. Through the end of August SUMC will accept donations of:

- ◆ Pump-style (not aerosol) insect repellent (you may find this in seasonal items, as well as hunting, camping or disinfecting/cleaning supply areas of stores such as Walmart)
- ◆ Clothesline – must say clothesline, not just rope – 50 ft to 100 ft (Dollar Tree may have 70 foot clothesline)
- ◆ Latex Reusable Gloves (you may find these at Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Big Lots, etc.)

You may place your donations in the basket outside of the church office. If you are unable to shop but wish to donate funds for the purchase of these items, mark your gift "UMCOR Kit."



VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE – September 26th from 8 am to 1 pm in the church's Simpson Room - The drive is open to the public, so share the date with others. There is a critical shortage of blood in the Pittsburgh area, so if you are able to give, please consider doing so. General qualifications to donate blood are: must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good general health. If your last donation prior to September 26th was on or before July 31st, you are eligible to donate again at this drive. For more information (including further qualifications), call 877.258.4825 or visit vitalant.org.

You may make an appointment any of these ways:

- ♥ Visit vitalant.org, login or create an account and login, on the Make an Appointment Page, scroll to the bottom of the page to "Search by Group Code," change the date range to 09/26/2021, enter the group code G0330008, and click the search button. Click on Sewickley United Methodist Church and the select button and continue making your appointment.
- ♥ Download the Vitalant-Pittsburgh Mobile App for your smartphone
- ♥ Call 877.25.VITAL or contact church office at 412.741.9430



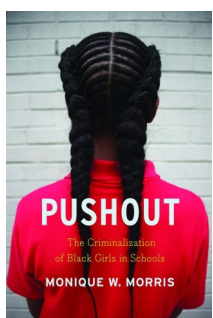
Teachers' Meeting Children's Sunday School starts on September 5th.

Teachers and helpers (and those considering helping), will meet **August 1 at 12:30 pm** in the Simpson Room to help organize our fall program.

Sunday School will be using curriculum from Cokesbury. We are also looking for volunteers to lead Children's Church for K—5th grade during the worship services. Please contact the office or Laura Powell (724-316-7895 / lpspapep@hotmail.com) to get involved.

WPA MISSION U BOOK STUDY: "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools"

This event runs 4 Wednesdays, Aug. 25 to Sep. 15, 7-9 pm via ZOOM (\$10 Non-Refundable fee, plus purchase the book through vendors such as [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), [Barnes & Noble](https://www.barnesandnoble.com) & [Walmart](https://www.walmart.com)). Despite increased attention on the mass and over-incarceration of black men, the plight of criminalized black women and girls is overlooked, underreported and under analyzed. Monique W. Morris' "Pushout" shows how even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes & despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same. Registration is limited to 40 and closes August 18th. Visit WPAUMC.org to register via the Calendar.



RURAL LIFE SUNDAY – AUGUST 8

This special offering will be received for the purpose of strengthening nurture, witness and outreach in town and rural areas. If you wish to support Rural Life initiatives, mark your gift

"Rural Life" or select that option on EasyTithe. In 2020, Rural Life Offerings were used to bolster COVID-19 food outreach Poverty Team grants issued to Scottsdale Trinity UMC, Grace New Castle UMC, Immanuel UMC in Northeast, PA and Waynesburg First UMC, all churches serving rural areas.





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

AUGUST



ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Nancy Young	8/5
Ashleah & Nick Martinez	8/7
Frank & Dawn Cannister	8/10
Bola & Willie Nicholson	8/13
Tom & Fay Wright	8/22



Congratulations to Charles "CJ" and Jennifer (Taylor) Jones who were married on July 23rd

The United Methodist Women will host a two-day, indoor/outdoor Rummage Sale for Missions on two Saturdays in September from 9 am to 1 pm. The Sales will be held on September 11th and 18th. Some items will be on the front lawn and some will be in the large basement room. **We appreciate getting your donations of new or gently used household items, games, puzzles, books, plants, seasonal clothing items, jewelry, linens, pillows and very small pieces of furniture.** The furniture items must be small enough for one woman to lift and carry. We also appreciate your patronage. All monies raised support local, national and international mission projects.



HELP GET FREE BOOKS FOR THE READING MENTORING PROGRAM

Your purchase of a wide range of Kellogg's brand products equals opportunity to receive a free book - **You can earn up to 6 free books through the national program & up to 12 MORE free books with Sam's Club program!**

It would be wonderful to have dozens of books to donate to Church Union's Reading Mentoring Program, a 1-on-1 reading and mentoring program for students in grades K-4 who attend certain elementary schools in Allegheny and Beaver counties. The books we donate are given to the children so they have more books of their own. The Feeding Reading promotion has already started, so let's get shopping to earn free books.

To participate, please see the details under each offer at www.kelloggsfamilyrewards.com/en_US/promotions.html#all. Print copies of the product lists are available outside the church office. Kellogg's Brands include Kellogg's cereals, Pop-Tarts, Pringles, Eggo, Nutri-grain, Rice Krispie Treats, Cheez-its and Keebler Crackers (see the website for types and sizes). **You do Receipt images must be uploaded within 14 days of purchase (through 9/30/21); redeem earned book credits by 10/14/21.**

Kellogg's Feeding Reading program is all about fueling minds and bodies for school success. We're teaming up with Penguin Random House to build kids' reading confidence and empower young imaginations.

1 BOX =
1 FREE BOOK

National Program



1 BOX =
2 FREE BOOKS

Thru Sam's Club



Don't eat any of those products? Donate snacks and cereal through the church for various ministries - the Outreach Committee will take care of distribution. Watch for the "Back to School" sales on cereals and snacks to save on your purchases while earning FREE books! If you need help with the Kellogg's Family Rewards website, please contact Martha Boward.



As Sewickley Methodist Episcopal Church celebrated the 60th Anniversary of its incorporation and the 75th Anniversary of its organization on Sunday, November 17, 1912, they reflected on the recent history of the church. Here is a review of 1909 through 1912

In 1909 largely through the efforts of Doctor Bash, extensive improvements were made to the property; the auditorium was frescoed, seats re-varnished, electric lights put in, and a new pipe organ installed. Through the unceasing efforts of Doctor Bash a contribution of \$2000 was obtained from Andrew Carnegie, which was one half of the cost of the organ.

On April 28th at a meeting of the corporation the Trustees were authorized to place a mortgage not to exceed \$12,000 upon the church property, the proceeds of which were to be used in refunding the then present indebtedness and payment for the improvements and the pipe organ.

It should be mentioned that the leader of the choir resigned about this time and the choir kept up a good organization and furnished excellent music for two years, generously donating to the organ fund the \$600 which was the salary of the leader for that time. The Ladies Aid Society put in the new carpet.

When the organ was installed and the improvements made we had a week of celebration during which Bishop Vincent delighted us all with his addresses.

In 1910 in October Daniel L. Marsh, our present pastor, was appointed as pastor of our church. The success which has attended his pastorate is well known to all of us. Revival services were conducted for several weeks, resulting in many conversions and adding many members to the church.

In 1911 improvements were made in the main auditorium, panel work in front of the altar, and some changes made in the organ loft.

February 17th Dr. Robert McCready, for many years an official member of this church, died. Doctor McCready joined Sewickley church shortly after its incorporation, and was always solicitous for its success. His brother, D.A. McCready, was pastor for two years, 1848 and 1849.

On May 3rd of this year the pastor's salary was increased to \$2500 per year.

New rules for conducting the affairs of the church were adopted November 6th. The rules provided for the appointment of committees, each committee to be responsible for the particular work

assigned to it. The Music Committee was authorized to secure three additional singers, thus forming a quartette, to lead the congregation in singing.

In 1912 Revival services, the second during the pastorate of our present pastor, were held, and a great many new members joined the church.

In the early months of this year the suggestion had been made that payment of the mortgage against the church be provided for, and in accordance with this it was arranged that on April 28th an effort be made to secure the necessary funds. The amount, including accrued interest, was \$9,720.50. This seemed a large sum to raise in one day, but when the day closed there was much rejoicing to find that over \$10,000 had been secured, not in subscriptions but mostly cash, the smaller part being interest-bearing notes, sufficient to pay the mortgage and also a floating debt and all bills due.

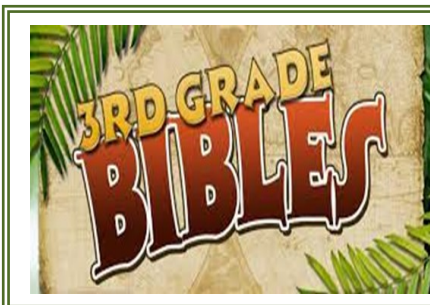
The current contributions, the basket collections, and the benevolences have all largely increased.

During the ten years just passed the member of this congregation have contributed for all purposes over \$100,000.

Since our semi-centennial, three names have been added to the long list of pastors who have had charge of our church. We have reason to be thankful, not only for the past, but also for the present prosperity of our church. The two years just passed, we might almost say were years of continuous revival, and the church is in a prosperous condition both spiritually and financially.

Of the present membership of this church but one belonged when the church was incorporated sixty years ago. Those who were members then together with many who have joined since, have been transferred to "the Church triumphant." They have gone from our midst. How we miss them. But the blessed influence of their lives remains with us, the remembrance of their words of counsel and encouragement is ours, and the anticipated glad reunion gives us joy.

The members of this church have been gathered from the various walks of life, and working together in the Master's vineyard, doing what their hands find to do, is it surprising that its influence is so broad, and that it touches the lives of so many people?



The Sewickley United Methodist Church will have the honor to present our Third Graders with their Bible during the worship services on **September 12**. The 2021/22 third graders are unknown to the Library Committee due to all of the changes and restrictions of the last 15 months. If your student is entering the third grade this coming school year, please contact the church office, Sandra Lane, or Warren Kinneer with their name. Parents are invited and encouraged to be there for the presentation.



Typically, each month, I come to you all sharing my thoughts on a specific theme, passage from the Bible, or stories from my everyday life. This month I come to you asking you to pray for our church administrative council. As a council, we have been tasked to represent our congregation and make tough decisions. During the June 2021 administrative council meeting, there was extensive conversation about how to fund the costs associated with several crucial building repairs while also paying down the Building of Faith Loan (from our 2014 sanctuary renovation).

The figures below are only rough estimates, however, they provide a broad overview of our current needs:

Costs—Rough Estimates:

\$55,265- Building of Faith Loan Balance
 \$33,000- Brick sealing, repairs to the windowsills in the Narthex
 \$36,000- Parsonage Porch roof, etc.
 \$20,000- Church Roof Repair

Total: \$144,265

Funds Available:

\$34,000- Former PPP Funds
 \$21,000- Brick Maintenance
 \$7,800- Capital Fund (unallocated)
 \$3,100- Theys Estate

Total: \$65,900

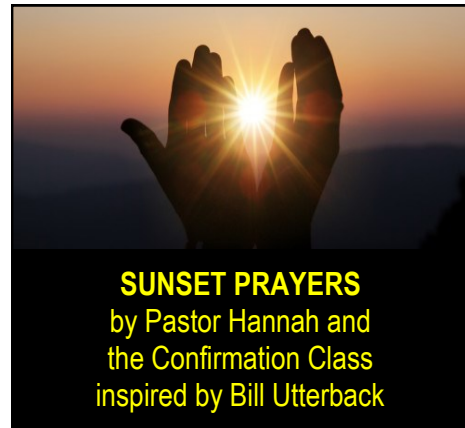
\$144,265 (Costs)
 - \$65,900 (Funds)

Funds Needed: \$78,365

Council has tasked a small group of folks to put our heads together to figure out a plan forward. This group includes Pastor Hannah, Hurst Bartley, Mark Benjamin, Jenine Furry, Lisa Jankowski, Laura Powell, Donna Sawhill, and myself. I am requesting that you also hold up these individuals in prayer as we meet over the next several months. As God said to the prophet Jeremiah, "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." We know that God hears us when we call upon Him and we will seek God's guidance and prompting as we forge ahead. I am confident in our ability to tackle this challenge and welcome you to become a part of the conversation. Should you have any questions, thoughts, or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us.

Blessings dear friends,

SUMC Council Chair



Last month Felicity spoke about what a privilege it has been to work with the confirmands. I agree! They have enlightened me of the simplicity of life and also reminded me of the beauty of faith in Jesus. During a recent class we had the opportunity to discuss what is important to them. We talked about the things they think are worthy of prayer. Below echoes a bit of the conversation we had. I encourage you as you read the conversation and as you pray to remind yourself of the everyday joys that are all around. There is much we take for granted and this sunset prayer is about being thankful for those things that fill all of our lives. Join us on **August 1st at 8:35 pm** as we pray for the following:

First we want people to offer up a praise; we are so excited that Mr. Bill is back in church! If you are looking for proof that God answers prayers, Bill is it.

We are also excited that this month we were asked about what is important to us. What do we want to pray for?

- Safety and good health for our friends and family and church
- Continued guidance and support for our new members and confirmands
- Those who struggle with mental health challenges
- That we all get a healthy amount of vitamin D and stay hydrated
- That we do not see any more house centipedes! (I particularly resonate with this one...creepy things.)

I love how all the things they challenge us to pray for encompass the whole person. I don't think they even realized that they prayed for body, soul, and mind. Remember, God doesn't just love pieces of us, but loves all of us to pieces. Thank you for being faithful to prayer!

Love your neighborhood confirmands!

Addy Leety, Clara and Willa Herman, Owyn Loughman, Felicity Moffett and Hannah Loughman

If you want to share some of God's love, if you want to celebrate His glorious imagination with a child, tuck some color into an Operation Christmas Child shoebox this year.

Tania, then 10, was living in Romania when she received her first OCC gifts. "When I opened my shoebox, I saw an explosion of color—plastic jewelry, a new hat, and scarves. My favorite items were school supplies. I received colorful pens, a notebook, and colored pencils," she said in testimony shared on the OCC website.

"As a child, I really loved going to school. I loved reading and writing. But school supplies were not readily available at that time. We only received a few pencils and they needed to last a long time. So, anything extra, or anything colorful, really meant a lot to me."

Olesia, then 5, had a similar experience when she opened her gifts at her home in Moldova. "I dumped my whole box on the floor so I could see everything at once ... The thing that stood out to me the most was a pack of colorful markers. I couldn't take my eyes off them. There were so many in the pack! I didn't know some of the colors existed. I was so excited, I jumped up and started running around the room. I always wished I could color and draw—the markers were exactly what I wanted."

Through the swirl of color, both Tania and Olesia began to see a portrait of Jesus.

"We were told that the shoeboxes were packed by other Christians," Tania said. "I learned that there are people who love Jesus Christ enough to give special gifts to children they haven't even met. I felt valued and loved, and this helped me to have a deeper walk with the Lord."

Olesia felt His embrace. "God used my shoebox to reassure me that He really loved me. It showed me that God does answer prayer. God became real and personal to me."

Sewickley United Methodist Church is launching its 11th OCC campaign, and together we have packed and shipped 1,001 shoe boxes. They have been distributed to children in South America, Central America, the Caribbean, Africa and Europe.

The months of July, August and September will be the most important to our 2021 Sewickley UMC Operation Christmas Child campaign.

Through September, we will be collecting the following gift items:

- ♥ Health and personal care items such as toothbrushes, adhesive bandages, combs, hair brushes, hair accessories, socks and sunglasses
- ♥ School supplies such as rulers with metric measurements, markers, pens and colored pencils, pencil sharpeners and erasers, scissors and glue sticks
- ♥ "Wow" toys, including dolls, balls, stuffed animals, ball caps and jewelry

The Fellowship of the Cross has a donation box outside the church office.

Operation Christmas Child does not accept toothpaste, any liquids (including shampoo), candy, or war-related items such as toy guns or knives. There is an Operation Christmas Child option on the EasyTithemenu available through the church website. Financial contributions can also be made through the offering or church office; please mark them "OCC."

With every shoebox, children are invited into VBS-like programs that give them an opportunity to know the love of Jesus. They receive Bibles as they complete the program.

"The day I received my shoebox I went from knowing about Jesus to actually knowing Him," Olesia said in her testimony on the OCC website. "I began a personal relationship with Jesus—one where He is my Best Friend—instead of just a powerful Man I'd heard about during Sunday School."



PUMPKIN PATCH 2021 UPDATE

We need to hear from you! Can you help in any way at this year's pumpkin patch? Keep in mind that this is much beloved by the community and one of the biggest fundraisers for SUMC.

We would like to fill the following chairperson positions in order to alleviate numerous duties of our current chairs: Lou Ann Scott and Diane Bartley.

- ⇒ **Pallet** – Someone to organize, pick up, and return the pallets as needed.
- ⇒ **Rotten Pumpkins** – Someone to chair the disposal of the rotten pumpkins during the month and dispose of the remaining pumpkins at the end of the month. We have some contacts!
- ⇒ **Scheduling** – Someone to schedule volunteers and to remind them of their shifts. Pam, our wonderful secretary, puts a sign up calendar online but you will need a list of volunteers to call if there is an opening.
- ⇒ **Layout** – Someone to organize the layout of the pumpkins on the day the pumpkins arrive.



Of course there is always the opportunity of working a shift at the patch. You meet some wonderful people and make some children very happy!

Diane and I have decided to keep our 20th celebration of the pumpkin patch small in order that we don't hurt our manpower at the Patch and overwhelm ourselves. We will let you know plans as soon as they become concrete, but one idea is to have a special project each Saturday in October, i.e. pumpkin painting, face painting, and maybe give out some cookies or something. Your suggestions are always welcome.

A Christmas ornament is in the process of being designed at Wendell August Forge to mark our 20th year anniversary. Get your Christmas lists ready. This will be an additional fundraiser for the church. We know you are going to love it!

Sewickley United Methodist Church—Financial Summary through June 2021



	2021 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Through June	Over or (Under) Budget
TOTAL EXPENSES	268,982.53	143,305.59	137,740.01	(5,565.58)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	244,090.00	114,195.00	134,820.49	20,625.49
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	(24,892.53)	(29,110.59)	(2,919.52)	



Prayer Requests

John A.
Hurst Bartley
Cathy
Jack Certain
Lauren McAliley Cephus
(Otis McAliley's daughter)
Irene Chenot
(Beth Zeanchock's mom)
Chris Christy

Nancy Erdmann
Pat Fulton
(Scott Matthew's mom)
Carroll Furry
(Jenine Furry's mom)
Jean Gionfriddo
Dan Gittins
June Graham (Carole Ford's sister-in-law)
Bob and Sal H.
Rev. Jim Hamilton
Doris Harris
Angela Helms
Ceel Janosik
Wayne Johnson
Daniel Lewis
(Susie Moffett's dad)
Vic M.

J.R. McFadden
Matthew McAliley
(Otis McAliley's son)
Mary Maminski
Marian Martin
(Liz Brown's sister)
Tony Morgan
(Dominic Odom's cousin)
Bola Nicholson
Karen Nickell
Lorraine Offner
Steve Powell
Jim Rogansky
Linda Rummens
Blake 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
Bill Utterback
Ernest Wallace (Otis McAliley's stepson)
Charles Wilson
Family of Barry Yant
(Karen's husband, Dana's son, Lou Ann Scott's brother)
Rich Z.
Lura Zaremba
Dennis Zeveny

SEWICKLEY UMC LUNCHEON — SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

WELCOME BACK TO LUNCHEONS!! You are invited to enjoy our popular luncheons in person or as take-outs starting on **Thursday, September 2nd, 11 am - 12:30 pm**. The luncheons will continue on the first Thursday of each month.

Complete [this form online](#) or return this printed form to make dining-in reservations or to order take-out meals. For questions, call the church at 412-741-9430. Reservations and take-out orders will be taken through August 29. Each meal is \$10. Tables will seat 4 - 6. Dine-in limited to 50 persons. Thank you for your continued support!!



September's Menu: Tomato Dill Soup, Chicken Salad on Lettuce, Croissant, Fruit, and Brownie. Dine-in also includes Beverage.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-mail: _____

DINING-IN

Number in Group: _____

Table Choice: Just my group
 I'm happy to sit with others

Time Choice: 11 am 12 pm 12:30 pm

TAKE-OUT

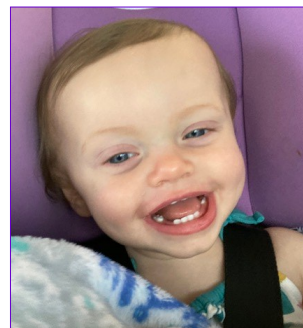
Number of Meals: _____

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.

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Luna Evelyn Dotterer received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on July 10. Luna is the daughter of Steven and Caroline Dotterer. She was born in Pittsburgh on June 15, 2020. Her grandparents are Donald and Pamela Dotterer, and Geum Seok and Aeran Ko. Amaris Yandel is Luna's godparent.



Cecilia Marie Swift received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on July 11. She is the daughter of Samantha Narcisi and Kenneth Swift. Kandice and Jessica McClain are her godparents. Cecilia was born in Sharon on May 21, 2020.

AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 AM Contemporary Service 11 AM Traditional Service 12:30 PM Sunday School Teacher Meeting 1 PM Spiritual Gifts Class	2 6 - 9 PM VBS Decoration Prep 7 PM AA	3 8 PM AA	4 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	5	6 6:30 PM AA 7 PM AA	7 4 PM Church Picnic
8 9 AM Contemporary Service 11 AM Traditional Service 1 PM Spiritual Gifts Class 1 PM VBS Decorating	9 5:30 - 7:30 PM VBS 6:30 PM Trustees 7 PM AA	10 5:30 - 7:30 PM VBS 8 PM AA	11 5:30 - 7:30 PM VBS 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	12 5:30 - 7:30 PM VBS	13 6:30 PM AA 7 PM AA	14
15 9 AM Contemporary Service 11 AM Traditional Service 1 PM Spiritual Gifts Class	16 7 PM AA	17 8 PM AA	18 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	19	20 6:30 PM AA 7 PM AA	21
22 9 AM Contemporary Service 11 AM Traditional Service	23 7 PM AA	24 8 PM AA	25 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	26	27 6:30 PM AA 7 PM AA	28
29 9 AM Combined Service 10 AM Reception	30 7 PM AA	31 8 PM AA				

Atleah Grubb 8/4
Jennifer Frye 8/5
Jordyn Loughman 8/5
Kara Wayne 8/5
Blair McCombs 8/6
William Keisel 8/8
Felicity Moffett 8/8
David Malarik III 8/9
Martha Boward 8/10
Alexander Clifford 8/10
Tom Wright 8/10
Rose Fishter 8/11
Jack Leety 8/11

AUGUST



Becky Sollinger 8/11
Robin Dicken 8/12
Dolores McCoy 8/14
Kim Benjamin 8/16
Pat Rudy 8/16

Andrea Lewis 8/18
Matthew Malarik 8/18
Amanda Boccardi 8/20
Grace Rogansky 8/21
Lou Ann Scott 8/24
Kelly Herman 8/25
Ron Smith 8/25
Bill Kuriger, Sr. 8/27
Ansel Ream 8/27
Brooke Guzma 8/29
Eliana Gaebel 8/30
Patty Hagadorn 8/30