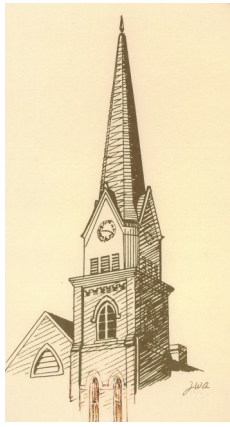


Sewickley United Methodist Church

February 2023 Newsletter



The Pastor's Peace

There is an unfortunate history and a present-day reality of oppression in our country. We know that this is not just a reality in our country but around the world. However, when I think about our ability to create change, it seems less overwhelming to do it right where we are planted. It is important to view ourselves in this way - planted. God has created us and placed us in times such as these. As followers of Jesus Christ with a passion to share the love of Jesus with all, we can make the soil around us vitamin rich and ready for good things.

One of the ways in which we can do that is to humble ourselves and take on the mind of a servant. This is what Jesus did. In Mark 10:42-45 Jesus says, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave to everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." In the days we are living in words like servant and slave carry with it a negative and heavy burden. Especially given this month, Black History Month, it is easy to draw our minds to the oppression and evils that were done to those who were forced into servitude and slavery. But Black History Month is about more than just freedom from slavery; it is about the rising of a people who with all odds weighing heavily against them broke free of the many chains that devalued them. Those chains include, and are not limited to, lack of access to education, health care, housing, job opportunities and lack of ability to make their own choice. However, when given the option, it is that choice that takes the negativity and heavy burden away from servitude and slavery. You see, when serving others is a choice and nothing someone forced upon you it is a powerful witness to the love of Jesus Christ in all and through all. No one should have to fight for worthiness in this world because Christ has already done that. As servants of Christ, we help to remind people of that truth.

This month I want you to focus on the choices you have to serve your community and witness to the love of Jesus. This month and beyond we commit to continuing the fight against slavery all over the world. We will lift up a life of "chosen" service to God who uses those choices to balance out the system of power in the world and give equal opportunity to all, dignity to all, love to all, choice to all. How will you serve others today?

From one light to another,

Pastor Hannah Loughman

Pastor Hannah's availability: I am available Monday—Wednesday and Friday, 9 am—5 pm. After 5 pm, by appointment only. On Sundays I am available following the church service till 4 pm. 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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Cell Phone: (412) 294-7587
E Mail: pastor@sewickleyumc.org
Website: www.sewickleyumc.org

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

During Lent we will gather to worship with our siblings in Christ at St. Matthews AME Zion, St. Paul's Lutheran and Sewickley Presbyterian Churches. Here is the schedule:



February 22: Ash Wednesday, 7 pm

With imposition of ashes

Host: Sewickley Presbyterian Church
Preaching: Pastor Ryan Kobert

February 26: 1st Sunday in Lent, 6 pm

Host: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Preaching: Pastor Hannah Loughman
Fellowship to follow

March 5: 2nd Sunday in Lent, 6 pm

Host: St. Matthews AME Zion Church
Preaching: Pastor Emily Miller
Fellowship to follow

March 12: 3rd Sunday in Lent, 6pm

Host: Sewickley United Methodist Church
Preaching: Reverend William Rankin
Fellowship to follow

March 19: 4th Sunday in Lent, 6pm

Host: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Preaching: Pastor Hannah Loughman
Fellowship to follow

March 26: 5th Sunday in Lent, 6 pm

Host: St. Matthews AME Zion Church
Preaching: TBD
Fellowship to follow

April 2: Palm Sunday, 6pm

Host: Sewickley United Methodist Church
Preaching: TBD
Fellowship to follow

April 6: Maundy Thursday, 6 pm

Host: Sewickley United Methodist Church
Preaching: Reverend William Rankin

April 7: Good Friday, 6 pm

Cross walk, begin at St. Paul's
end at St. Matthews

Host: St. Matthews AME Zion Church
Preaching: Pastor Emily Miller
Fellowship to follow

April 9: Easter Sunrise Service, 6 am

Site: Sewickley Cemetery Chapel
Preaching: Pastor Ryan Kobert

WHAT IS LENT AND WHY DO WE OBSERVE IT

What is Lent?

Lent is a season of preparation for Easter that lasts for 40 days, not counting Sundays, that spans from Ash Wednesday until Easter. The 40 days of Lent is set up as a reminder of the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness in preparation for His time in ministry to the world. Yes, that is the same wilderness time when Satan arrived on the scene to tempt Jesus on three different occasions.

How do You Observe Lent?

One of the beauties of Lent is that there is not a rule book to follow. The point of Lent is to prepare our hearts for Easter where we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Jesus spent those days in the wilderness fasting, that is denying himself the comfort of food. With that in mind, many Christians choose to observe Lent by fasting from something, like a specific food or drink, or from habits like social media or television watching. During Lent, the idea is that we die to ourselves by giving up those things we desire. In addition, instead of fasting from something, other disciples take the opportunity of Lent to add or increase a spiritual discipline such as prayer, bible reading, or others. Remember there isn't a formula to be successful in how you observe Lent.

Why Observe Lent?

Jesus, spent those 40 days, denying himself through fasting, in order to prepare for his journey through death,

resurrection, and subsequent ministry. Lent allows us to remember and prepare as well in recognizing our own journey from sin and death into life and love with Jesus. It is a great way to avoid failing to remember not only what Jesus went through in the wilderness, but also to remember the outcome that we celebrate on Easter Sunday.

Did You Know?

- *In the early days of the church, pastors did not dip their thumbs into the ashes to draw the shape of a cross on your forehead? Instead, they poured or sprinkled ashes over your head!*
- *John Wesley fasted from all food twice a week during Lent? This allowed him to spend more time in prayer, which he thought was made even more meaningful when combined with giving to the poor!*
- *Some Christians do not sing "Alleluia" and/or "Gloria" during Lent? This practice, sometimes called "burying the Alleluia" is a way of recognizing the solemnity of the season, anticipating the praise that will be sung to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday!*
- *The pretzel has special significance during Lent? According to legend, a 7th century monk made bread from flour, water, and salt (no eggs or milk allowed during Lent), formed it into the shape of a common prayer pose of the day – hands on opposite shoulders!*

Worship Opportunities - February 2023



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.



February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Black History Month

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Liturgist: Donna Sawhill

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

Message: "Did You Make the Honor Roll?"

When you are in your academic pursuit phase of life you might find yourself making the Honor Roll or perhaps the Dean's List. This gives you the recognition that you have made good grades in school and deserve to be lifted up for them. Essentially you deserve to be honored. When you find yourself in pursuit of Jesus what becomes worthy of honor takes a bit of a shift. It is no longer about being the head of the class, it is about serving the class. Honor in the name of the cross is not about being the best, it is about giving your best to serve even the least of these. Upside down, inside out and backwards is the way to be counted among the greatest in the kingdom of God.

February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Souper Bowl Sunday

Liturgist: Lynn Colosi

Clocktower Ringers, 11 am service

Scripture Lesson: Mark 6:30-44

Message: "You Feed Them"

There are a lot of basic needs we all have in common and one of them is to eat. It is simple. In order to live, we need food. Our responsibility to make sure all have food and all have access to food is not dependent on our wealth or our gifts; it is a simple matter of our humanity. Jesus recognized the difference between what people wanted and what people needed. When it came to that which people needed, he was generous to ensure it was provided. However, he often left it up to his disciples to distribute that need. It did not matter who was better with money, or who had the sharpest tongue, or who even had the most giving heart; it was simply a matter of our humanity and our responsibility in service to Jesus.

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

Liturgist: Martha Boward

Scripture Lesson: Luke 4:31-41

Message: "In Word and Deed"

When we think about "acts of service," we often think of things that require our hands to do. But Jesus shows us that service is done by both word and deed. Jesus was clear — as his followers we are meant to serve one another and there are a variety of ways to do that. But when it comes to driving out the real demons in people's lives, Jesus does this through the spoken word and the authority of his voice. Yes, we serve others by showing them the love of Christ but we also serve others by telling them about the love of Christ, and the power only he has to transform lives and set us free.

February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

Liturgist: Willie Nicholson

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 11:25-30

Message: "A Heart of Humility"

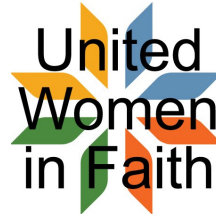
It seems to me that one of the most underused characteristics in our American culture today is that of humility. When describing someone you don't often hear it said, "they are such a humble person." The truth about humility is it is just as complexing as the power of God which is found in the sacrifice made on the cross. Humility doesn't seem to be the one thing that has the ability to soften hearts, ease burdens, and transform lives, yet it does. Jesus showed us this as humility was central to the way he loved, lived and served others. This Lenten season we are going to explore the humility of Christ and just how powerful of a trait it truly is.

Breakfast



BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP — Our sister church, St. Matthews AME Zion, is hosting an all-you-can-eat breakfast on **Saturdays in February, 8 am - noon**. The menu includes pancakes, grits, sausage, bacon, eggs, coffee, tea & juices. There is no cost, but a free will offering is accepted. The church is at the corner of Walnut and Thorn Streets; enter on Walnut Street.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - Football and non-football fans unite! On **February 12th** our congregation will celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring. This nationwide movement has been inspiring grassroots efforts to tackle hunger in local communities for more than 30 years. In a nod to the Souper Bowl theme, SUMC will be collecting cans of soup and cash, which will be distributed to local food pantries. Please consider including some low-sodium and vegetarian soup options for those who have special food needs. Donations are also welcome through eGiving at sewickleyumc.org or via the Vanco Faith app.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING — Everyone is invited to join us for a luncheon meeting on **Sunday, February 19th** following the conclusion of the traditional worship service. We will meet in the Simpson Room which is located across the hall from the sanctuary. Please bring your own lunch except for beverages and dessert which will be provided. Following lunch, we will have a short business meeting and devotional time. All are welcome.



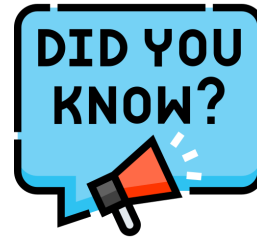
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP 2023: The deadline to apply for the United Women in Faith National Scholarship for lay women is **April 18**. The scholarships are designed to be used for undergraduate or graduate study or student internships in religion or a related field such as social work. Preference will be given to people affiliated with The United Methodist Church and women involved with UWF. The average scholarship is \$1,000, and the maximum is \$5,000. [More info.](#)

NYADIRE GIRL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM - Have you ever wondered what it would be like to grow up in Zimbabwe, Africa? Follow along with the 2023 Lenten calendar to learn more about life in Zimbabwe,



especially for the girls at the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in northeastern Zimbabwe. The calendar is [here](#) or pickup a printed calendar at SUMC. Funds collected from the calendar program will be donated to The Nyadire Connection (TNC) and designated for the Girl Empowerment Program. Donations may be submitted with your regular offering or through Vanco. Please mark your donation "Nyadire GEP." For more information about TNC and the programs it supports in Zimbabwe see nyadire.org.

TAX PREPARATION SERVICES — North Hills Community Outreach is once again offering Free Tax Preparation appointments for those who qualify (household of one, income of \$40,000 or less; household of more than one, income of \$60,000 or less). To make an appointment, call the United Way at 1-888-856-2773.



We have a prayer blanket and prayer pillow ministry!

It is our mission to bring comfort and to offer the church's grace through the symbol of prayer blankets and pillows and know that the Lord's spirit of love will embrace all who receive them. The comfort from them will last long after the prayers over them. If you want to give a blanket or pillow to someone, please help yourself from the baskets in the back of the sanctuary. When you take one of these items, please date and sign the Prayer Journal located in the basket with the name or initials of the recipient (and its mission) along with a prayer, if you wish. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this ministry, please use the box next to the basket or mark your donation "Prayer Blanket Ministry" and place it in the offering. THANK YOU all for your giving spirit and continued support and for your donations of cash, checks and fabric.



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Lee Ann & Leo Reardon 2/14
- Jim & Tracey Canfield 2/16
- Mike & Kristine Swaney 2/17

CHILDREN'S BELL MINISTRY



There are two groups for children to participate in the handbell ministry at SUMC. The Rainbow Ringers is for kids preschool and up to learn the basics of making music. In this group they learn how to hold and treat the instruments, playing only when they're supposed to, the difference between loud and soft, and much more. Kids learn how to ring by reading circles with their note names on them when the director points to their note. This group meets after the 9 am service on Sundays, around 10 am, for about 20 minutes.



The Jr. Clocktower Ringers is for children who are ready to learn how to read sheet music and play with a group. They learn note names and how to read rhythms, dynamic markings, and much more. This group meets at 10:30 am on Sundays for about 25 minutes. Both groups meet in the basement in the room across from Mr. Bill's Children's Church room.

2023 is particularly special for these groups as we will be celebrating 20 years of the bell ministry at SUMC. During our spring performance on March 12th at the 11am service, we will be playing pieces with the adult bell choir. Contact Grace Rogansky (vgrogansky@gmail.com) for more information or to have your child become part of one of these ministries.

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

- ◆ Austin Hiles
- ◆ Sophia Geason
- ◆ Blair McCombs
- ◆ Addison Shaffer

College

- ◆ Eric Johnson
- ◆ Nina Wiggins
- ◆ Noah Wiggins
- ◆ Lia Warburton

SIMPLIFIED ACCOUNTABLE STRUCTURE TOWN HALL MEETING



A Simple Structure for Missional Effectiveness

Join us on **February 12th** in the Sanctuary at **3 pm** for another SAS meeting. We will have the opportunity to hear from two different churches who have implemented this structure and to ask them questions. Both clergy and laity of these churches will be present so we can have a variety of perspectives. We will live stream the meeting. If you are not able to be present but have questions please send them ahead of time to Pastor Hannah at pastor@sewickleyumc.org.



The goal of Fellowship of the Cross (FOTC) is to create service opportunities for the children in our Church on local, regional, and international levels. Ideas for projects come from members of FOTC, members of the congregation, and needs that we see in our community. Our biggest yearly projects include decorating for VBS, making care packages for our college kids, and organizing the packing of shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. FOTC also currently sponsors two children through the Nyadire Connection in Nyadire, Zimbabwe and will be holding fundraisers to cover the cost of their yearly school tuition and backpacks. FOTC meets Sundays at 11am in the Simpson Room. School age children and youth are welcome to be part of FOTC. Contact Grace Rogansky for more information: vgrogansky@gmail.com.

2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY



	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	Over or (Under) Budget
TOTAL EXPENSES	279,196.04	292,015.84	12,819.80
TOTAL RECEIPTS	279,216.00	291,073.81	11,857.81
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	19.96	(942.03)	

We just wrapped up the 2022 Budget Year, making this a good time to summarize the final figures from 2022 and to share what makes up our annual operating budget.

Our annual budget includes the receipt sources and expenses as outlined in the chart below. Each year the finance committee prepares a proposed budget using historical receipt data as a means of projecting receipts for the coming year along with the budget requests from each committee. Our goal is a balanced budget, meaning we don't want expenses to be higher than expected receipts. This task is not taken lightly. There are many large fixed expenses that, when balanced against our budgeted receipts, make up the bulk of our church budget. At the same time, we know that to do God's work and "Be the Church" we need to provide adequate funding to our various ministries. Once the finance committee approves the proposed budget, it is presented to the Administrative (aka Church) Council for discussion and approval. It is anticipated that the 2023 budget will be adopted at the February Church Council meeting.

The table at the top of this page shows the budget and actual

expenses and receipts for 2022. As you can see, expenses were much higher than budgeted. Multiple unexpected repairs to the boiler, as well as high gas utility bills are responsible for the overages. Through your generosity, giving was higher than budgeted, allowing us to finish the year with just a slight deficit of \$942.03.

The most noteworthy thing in 2022, was paying off the loan on the 2014 sanctuary renovation. The renovation and loan were paid for outside of the church's operating budget, being funded by the remainder of the Patton Memorial Fund, congregational pledges and donations, soup and hummus sales, and again through congregational donations that helped us raise the final \$5,000.

As your church treasurer, I want to thank you for faithful support of the ministries of Sewickley UMC! If you have any questions concerning the church finances please feel free to ask me. The Financial Committee meets the second Monday of every month and members of the church are welcome to attend as well.

Blessings,
Pam Honeychurch

Receipt Sources	
Congregation's Giving	Donations given by people
Facility Use	Fees & donations for use of church facilities
Misc. Sources	Monies raised by fundraisers and other sources
Trusts & Estates	Disbursements from our 4 investment accounts (bequeaths left to the church)
Expenses	
Connectional Apportionment	An amount determined annually by the Western Pennsylvania Conference; through our apportioned giving we participate in and support the ministry and mission of the United Methodist Church both locally and around the world
Pastor & Staff	Costs associated with having a fulltime pastor & part-time staff (custodian, minister of music, secretary, and nursery attendant): payroll, taxes, worker's comp insurance, and pastor's insurance, pension and reimbursement
Facilities & Equipment	Costs associated with the upkeep of our beautiful, historic church building & parsonage: insurance, property taxes, janitorial supplies, interior and exterior maintenance, exterminator, equipment maintenance and repair, security, clock tower maintenance, and organ and piano maintenance.
Utilities - Church	Electricity, gas, water & sewer, phone & internet service, trash collection, water service
Utilities - Parsonage	Electricity, gas, water & sewer, internet, trash collection
Church Administration	Office supplies, postage, miscellaneous expenses, copier service, Annual Conference registration fees
Worship	Worship materials and equipment, music, and guest musicians
Education	Material & supplies for Sunday School, VBS, Nursery, Bible Study, Youth Group, Fellowship of the Cross, and Children's Church
Nurture & Hospitality	Costs associated with ministries that help care for our church family and visitors: fellowship events (food, beverages, paper products, etc.), card ministry, prayer blanket & pillow ministry
Outreach	Costs associated with helping those outside our church, including devotionals, Pumpkin Patch & Light Up Night tracts, gift cards for community food bank, Pastor's Pantry, support for ministries, plus Pastor's monthly outreach stipend
Witness	Costs associated with representing the Love of God to our community including Light Up Night and social justice initiatives
Finance Committee	Safe deposit box rental, giving and pew envelopes, Vanco (electronic giving) fees
Marketing Committee	Website hosting fees, image hosting service fees, advertising expenses



Dear Barbara Bower and Sewickley United Methodist Church,
Thank you for organizing a gift drive in support of the children at The Bradley Center during this holiday season. Donations like yours made wishes come true! These gifts also help these children have a chance at a happy, healthy childhood.

For many of us, the holidays have always been marked by time spent with family, gatherings with delicious food, and an attitude of joy and thankfulness. For many of the children at The Bradley Center, the holidays have not measured up to their hopes. Although they are young, their lives are marked with histories of trauma. Most have been abused or neglected and have a mental or behavioral health challenge. ***It is donors like you who truly make the holidays special and jolly.***

These gifts show that you have an unwavering belief in the inherent potential that exists in all children, regardless of their histories or current circumstances. In the future, these children may not remember the gifts they received, but they will always remember the special feeling that someone cared about them.

Thank you again for your open-hearted support on behalf of the children by Building Lives of Possibility. You may never meet the child whose life you have changed, but please know that you have made a difference.

Best,
Pat Hargest
Chief Development Officer

Dear Sewickley UMC Family,

I am so grateful to you for your outpouring of gifts, including the Pastor's Purse at Christmastime. I feel like Paul in his letter to the Philippians, "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." I give thanks for you and your company in this life, and I give thanks for the ways I get to be a part of your service to God. Thank you for your support, love, and care of me and of my family.

Love,
Hannah, Todd, Owyn, Jordyn and Lincoln!

Thank you, as always, for graciously allowing us use of the church for our meetings. Without you we would not be able to fulfill our purpose of carrying the message to the many, many folks who are struggling out there.

Mel, Howard and the "Friday Night" gang

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the gifts and for remembering me during the holidays.

Happy New Year,
Sandy Stroebel

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for hosting our December meeting of the Pittsburgh District Anti-Racism Team. We greatly enjoyed our dinner and fellowship time as well as time to focus on our important work.

Susie Moffett
Member Pgh ART

To My Dear Church Family,

I received the most beautiful flowers and the card said they came from you. They are the most beautiful flowers with so many lovely shades of yellow. They are like sunshine and have brightened my day and filled me with joy.

Love,
Sylvia Bajsec

To Pastor Hannah and Parishioners,

"Thank you" for your generous gift of food and cookies that you provided to the Ambridge Volunteer Fire Department on January 9 as a sign of gratitude.

God Bless,
Michael Mikulich, Secretary

Dear Sewickley Church

I would like to thank you for the Christmas gifts you gave me and my friends. That was very nice of you. They all like them very much. Thanks again.

Happy New Year 2023,
Meg Mayo

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

by James Weldon Johnson

Source: Complete Poems (2000)

“A group of young men in Jacksonville, Florida, arranged to celebrate Lincoln’s birthday in 1900. My brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, and I decided to write a song to be sung at the exercises. I wrote the words and he wrote the music. Our New York publisher, Edward B. Marks, made mimeographed copies for us, and the song was taught to and sung by a chorus of five hundred colored school children.

Shortly afterwards my brother and I moved away from Jacksonville to New York, and the song passed out of our minds. But the school children of Jacksonville kept singing it; they went off to other schools and sang it; they became teachers and taught it to other children. Within twenty years it was being sung over the South and in some other parts of the country. Today the song, popularly known as the Negro National Hymn, is quite generally used.

The lines of this song repay me in an elation, almost of exquisite anguish, whenever I hear them sung by Negro children.”



Bob Cole, James and Rosamond Johnson

Group portrait (left to right) of composers Bob Cole, James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson, circa 1900s. Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Photographs Division, The New York Public Library.

- 1) Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.
- 2) Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,

We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

- 3) God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met
Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget
Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Anissa Erkert	2/2
Tony Ream	2/2
Alan Honeychurch	2/6
Myles Kennedy	2/6
Lorelai Cymbalak	2/8
Heather Cymbalak	2/14
Joe Boward	2/15
John Emmert	2/15
Owen McCombs	2/15



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jim Hamilton	2/17
Austin Hiles	2/18
Mark Benjamin	2/20
Charlotte Roebuck	2/20
Russel Shuluga	2/23
Nicholas Garafalo	2/26
Rebecca Malarik	2/26
Kristine Swaney	2/28

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 eGiving Total Amount Enclosed: _____



Choices	Indicate quantity below	
	\$9 Quart	\$6 Pint
Corned Beef & Cabbage Soup (butter, onions, garlic, celery, carrots, potatoes, barley, cabbage, chicken stock, corned beef, and seasonings)		
Clam Chowder (clams, clam juice, fish stock, flour, half & half, onion, celery, and seasonings)		
Vegetarian Vegetable Soup (vegetable broth, vegetable juice, northern beans, onions, diced tomatoes, celery, carrots, cabbage, green beans, corn & spices)		
Sandra's Hummus (vegetarian/vegan - chickpeas, lemon juice, garlic, tahini, spices)	\$5 for ½ pint	

Orders are due by Sunday, February 19 and will be ready for pickup Friday, March 3 or Sunday, March 5. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. *If using eGiving, please include the processing fee.*



Shelby Trapp Linn and the families of Lyric Keys and Jack Wylde Lightner
 John A.
 Jonny B.
 Hurst Bartley
 Betty Burrows (Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law)
 David Call (Bonnie Stoicovy's son)
 Betty Carrol
 Jack Certain
 Bruno Crapis
 Betty Dometta

Mark Ebner
 Shirley Gerthung (Wilma Hamilton's sister)
 Donna Gleason
 Family of Atleah Grubb
 Beate Henkel
 Dick Jones (Dorritt Field's son-in-law)
 Brandy K.
 Mike Kolesar
 Henrietta Kretzler
 Beatriz L. (Emily Liska's daughter-in-law)
 Heather Lowman
 Otis McAliley and his extended family & friends
 Ben McGuigun
 Tom Moog
 Family of Jack Morrow

Rev. Liz Murphy
 Mary Nichols
 Lorraine Offner
 Dominic Odom
 Heather Rose (Jennifer Jones' cousin)
 Amy Richert
 Jim Rogansky
 Sayed
 Karen Shong
 Richard Shroyer
 C.R. & Lorraine Simpson
 Family and friends of William "Weasel" Striffler
 Bill Teed
 Joseph Umer
 Ryan Warden
 Rich Z.
 Dennis Zeveny

Do you have a dream?

I offered the question to the youngsters in Children’s Church on the Sunday prior to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. I asked if they had big dreams, world-changing dreams. The Rev. Dr. King had a big dream and it continues to create change in the world.

Do you have a dream? I received the following responses:

“I want there to be an end to bullying.”

“I want there to be more kindness.”

“Love, and no more sickness.”

“I want all families to be safe.”

“I want to clean the planet.”

“I want everyone to play together.”

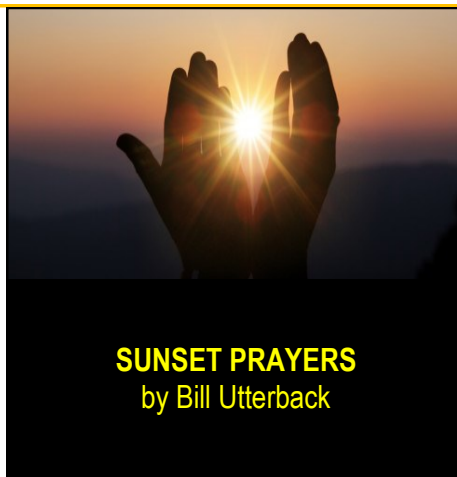
“I want everyone to have fun.”

“I want parents to listen to their children.”

“I want my sister to be President.”

(If you knew his sister, you would be confident in her presidency. And, yes, her dream is to be the first woman president, and the youngest president. She knows she becomes eligible for the presidency in 25 years. Her dream is to make the world less frightening for children.)

As a child, Dr. King realized the world was broken. And he realized that our God could help us grow and heal and move toward our biggest dreams.



Let’s lift our children’s biggest dreams together.

On February 5, as the sun sets around 5:45 pm, from wherever you are, with whomever wants to join you, lets pray with our children and for our children.

Let’s pray for love. Let’s pray for kindness and an end to bullying. Let’s pray for good health for everyone. Let’s pray for safety. Let’s pray for everyone playing together. Let’s pray to vanquish all the things that frighten children.

Let’s pray for our youngest generation. Lord, show us how we can help make their dreams come true.

Let’s also lift a prayer of thanksgiving for our youngest generation. Lord, bless them with hearts and minds that continue to imagine a better world, and a growing faith in You to lead them to a better world.

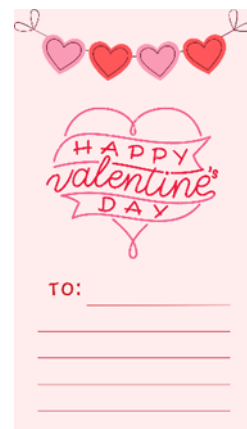
Soon after our class ended on that Sunday, the child who dreamed of kindness found a box of rainbow-colored rubber bands. She and a companion made friendship bracelets and distributed them. The child then made a kindness poster – featuring a heart – that I have displayed in our classroom. Every time I see it now, I lift a prayer of thanksgiving for the reminder that dreams require effort.

CANDYGRAMS FOR A CAUSE

Fellowship of the Cross sponsors two girls in Zimbabwe through The Nyadire Connection. To help pay for their school fees this year, we are selling candygrams before and after services **through February 5**. Please consider ordering candygrams for family, church family, friends, neighbors, classmates, or work associates. There are several card designs to choose from, including a "thanks for all you do" option. You can choose between a lollipop or chocolate to accompany each note. Candygrams are \$1 each or 5 for \$4.

On February 12, FOTC will have your candygrams available for you to pick up, or we can deliver candygrams to church family attending worship that morning.

For more information contact Grace Rogansky or Bill Utterback.



Thank you to everyone who set Sewickley UMC as their designated charity through AmazonSmile. The quarterly distributions we’ve received from AmazonSmile, thanks to your purchases, have helped stretch our annual budget.

Unfortunately, Amazon has announced the end of the program, sighting a wish to focus their philanthropy on areas where it can make meaningful change. **Purchases made**

through February 20 via AmazonSmile will continue to support the charity you selected.



FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30pm Leap of Faith	2 6:15pm Bell Choir	3 6:30pm AA	4
5 9am Contemporary Service* 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service*	6 7pm AA 7pm Marketing Committee	7 10am Women's Sharing Group 7pm AA	8 10am SUMC Prayer Group 6:30pm Leap of Faith	9 6:15pm Bell Choir	10 6:30pm AA	11
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26 9am Contemporary Service* 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service* 7pm Ecumenical Lenten Service @ St. Paul's Lutheran	27 7pm AA	28 10am Women's Sharing Group 7pm AA	*Children's Church and Nursery during services			



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HOW YOU CAN HELP...

HELPING AFTER TRAGEDY

Here are ways to help Shelby Lee Trapp Linn, mother of Lyric Rosaleen Keys and Jack Wylde Lightner, following the tragic house fire in Sewickley on December 13:

1. Financial donations can be made to the Union Aid Society of Sewickley. Please follow this link for more specific details on how to give, caringbridge.org/visit/shelbytrapplinn, or mail donations to Union Aid Society, Sewickley Municipal Building, 601 Thorn Street, 2nd Floor, Sewickley, PA 15143.
2. Donations toward funeral costs can be made through Cole Funeral Home's [website](#), through the donation link in the obituaries of Lyric and Wylde.
3. Sewickley UMC is a collection site for household items through February. This includes, but is not limited to, cleaning supplies, small appliances (no large appliances or furniture), hygiene products, non-perishable food items, cooking supplies and even personal clothes. Shelby wears size L/XL shirts and 14 pants, and likes to wear vintage inspired clothing. Items can be dropped off at the church on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 am - 4 pm, and on Sunday mornings. If those times don't work please call 412-294-7587 to make other arrangements. We are not accepting money; please be sure to give financial contributions through Union Aid Society or Cole Funeral Home.

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
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*Adult Sunday School: 10 am
 (September—May)*
*9 am: Contemporary Worship
 & Children's Church*
*11 am: 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.