

# Sewickley United Methodist Church

## January 2021 Minutes

### *From The Pastor's Heart*

I recently watched a video of a young woman reading her goals she wrote down in December 2019 for the year 2020. As she read the list, she couldn't help but laugh at the way the events of 2020 ransacked those goals. She continued to laugh as she reflected upon how the opposite of those goals happened. Her list was made up of: make more money (she's been unemployed since March); travel more; lose weight; be more social; cry less; and spend more time with her grandmother. Her grandmother died this past year. There is obviously nothing funny about that. But then again, her laugh wasn't really a light hearted one, it was more of a I have to laugh or I will cry type of laugh, and she did make a goal to cry less. At the end of her video I was left longing to just reach through and give her a big hug and hold her till the silent tears found voice and till that voice found peace. I wonder what her goals will look like for the year 2021.

This past year has served as a reminder that life is unpredictable. Sometimes when we find ourselves in chronically unpredictable circumstances we just throw our hands up in the air and say, "what's the point anyways." I re-shared a post on Facebook the other day that said, "I need to get back in shape but I'm kind of waiting to see if the world is going to end before I put any real effort in." Now that produced a light hearted laugh. In the meantime, I just get more and more unhealthy as the world continues to spin on. The danger of unpredictable circumstances is they can produce a mentality of apathy within us.

If there is one resolution I would love to see you (and me) strive for, it is to not stop caring. Don't stop caring about living your dreams. Don't stop caring about losing weight and being healthier. Don't stop caring about staying connected to friends and family. Don't stop caring, above all, about staying connected to your church and staying connected to God. If the world has shown us unpredictability, celebrating another Christmas has shown us stability. This continued faith in and service to God is the very reason we have hope and a reason to care no matter what the future brings.

From one light to another,

*Hannah M Loughman*  
Pastor Hannah Loughman

Pastor Hannah's availability: I am available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and 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 Tuesdays, which is my day off, I will respond in a timely manner.

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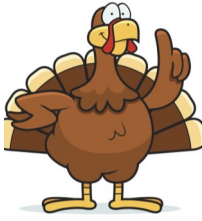
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## Let's Talk TURKEY



### TURKEY DINNER TRADITIONS

Because of Covid restrictions, the Turkey Dinner coordinators have changed the traditional turkey dinner that is held in February to two new meals for 2021. We hope you will enjoy one or both of them.

First, we are offering a delicious TURKEY TAKEOUT MEAL on Thursday, February 4th, with pickup between 11 am — 1 pm. It will include roast turkey croissant with Monterey Jack cheese, lettuce, and tomato; homemade potato soup, chips, and choice of freshly baked apple or cherry pie. Yum! Yum! All for just \$10. Page 8 has more details.

Second, we will serve a PUBLIC DINNER later in the year, hopefully by the fall, with lots of homemade foods and desserts for your pleasure.

Please call the office or [go online](#) to order the February 4th TURKEY TAKEOUT MEAL. All proceeds go to the General Fund. Contact Sandy Kuriger or Donna Sawhill with questions. We're looking forward to serving everyone.

### A Minute with

# Mitch

Similar to what Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz" famously said, "My! People come and go so quickly here!", I will say, "My! 2020 came and went so quickly!" I cannot believe that 2020 has come and gone! Over the last year, we have seen a lot of changes and tried new things. Some of us tried new hairstyles... or lack thereof in my case. We learned a different way of being the church in a time when we could not meet in-person. We learned how to share the love of Christ on new platforms and medias. We learned that loving our neighbors does not always mean the person across the street or around the corner.

As a church, we said "good-bye" to a pastor who had been with us for a very long time. We also said "hello" and "welcome" to the youngest and first female pastor of our church. We welcomed the footsteps of new "PK's" or pastor's kids. Thanks to numerous volunteers, we launched streaming our worship services online – reaching people right where they are – in their cars, homes, and workplaces - all with the touch of a screen or computer mouse. The work of the church kept on going because we answered the clarion call placed on our lives: to do all the good you can, for all the people you can, for as long as you can.

As human beings, it's all too often a lot easier to be stuck in our negative emotions. It's easier to focus on all that is wrong, to complain, and be miserable. We like to have those conversations with others where we commiserate on our collective misery. BUT – I do not believe that is what we are called to do.

Yes – last year was different, but Jesus calls us to be different and to do something different. Paul lays it out very simply and clearly in his first letter to the church in Thessalonica when he writes, "Rejoice always!"

At the advent of each year, many of us create New Year's Resolutions. I personally take part in the pledging and writing of New Year's Resolutions every year – sometimes successful, and sometimes not.

One researcher found that only 18% of us will keep those resolutions. What are your resolutions for 2021? Some of mine include being more attentive to others, enjoying more time with my children, and taking time to relax.

If you have not made a resolution yet, I have a suggestion: Be more joyful! What do you have to be joyful about as we start a new year? What is bringing you joy right now? For me, I've found joy in the simple things like being able to spend a lot more time with my kids who are teenagers and are nearing the age of adulthood. I have found joy in the times when my partner and I dance to the theme song of "The Great British Baking Show." I have found joy in the silence when I am in my den, quietly reading the word of God.

Joy – it is there if only we take the time to look for it. 2020 was long, and while we will remember it as the year of COVID-19, social distancing, and wearing masks, I challenge you to ponder what has brought you joy – to think about it – to dream about it. And then, once you've done that, figure out ways to bring joy to others. We are called to rejoice. Always. No exceptions. Amen.

-Mitch Hortert, Church Council Chair

**Worship Opportunities - January 2021**



**Our Worship Service is live streamed at 10 am on [sewickleyumc.org](http://sewickleyumc.org) and [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)**  
**The recorded service will be available later on Sunday afternoon.**  
 Our non-coronavirus schedule:  
 Contemporary Worship Service: 9 am  
 Sunday School for all ages: 10 am (September—May)  
 Traditional Worship Service: 11 am



**January 3, 2021  
 Second Sunday after Christmas**

**Liturgist:** Mitch Hortert

**Lectionary Readings**

Jeremiah 31:7-14    Psalm 147:12-20  
 Ephesians 1:3-14    John 1:(1-9), 10-18

**January 10, 2021  
 Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord**

**Liturgist:** Kristine Swaney

**Lectionary Readings**

Genesis 1:1-5    Psalm 29 (UMH 761)  
 Acts 19:1-7    Mark 1:4-11

**January 17, 2021  
 Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
 Human Relations Day**

**Liturgist:** Otis McAliley

**Lectionary Readings**

1 Samuel 3:1-10    Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)  
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20    John 1:43-51

**January 24, 2021  
 Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Liturgist:** Martha Boward

**Lectionary Readings**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10    Psalm 62:5-12 (UMH 787)  
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31    Mark 1:14-20

**January 31, 2021  
 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Liturgist:** Travis Sollinger

**Lectionary Readings**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20    Psalm 111 (UMH 832)  
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13    Mark 1:21-28

**HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY – JANUARY 17th – SPECIAL OFFERING**

The United Methodist Church is making a difference. The impact of 12.5 million United Methodists in 136 countries is being felt around the world. While extending help and serving abroad for the sake of the Great Commission is a real and important thing, so is loving our neighbor at home. We are called to both.

Human Relations Day is a powerful avenue to extend help and service to our local communities. It is about getting out of our comfortable social circles and offering love and care to those who need help in our neighborhoods and cities. It's about walking with those who feel like everything in life is stacked against them.

Think about how Jesus walked with those in the margins. In Luke 14: "13But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the spirit of Human Relations Day: helping those on the margins and offering a message of hope.

Let's continue the ministry of Jesus with a united front through the Human Relations Day Special Sunday. Together as a church, we participate in helping our communities and being a bright light at home.

To give to this special offering, please mark your gift "Human Relations" or chose that option on EasyTithe.



**NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS**



**FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY**

For January, some nice hot pancakes sound yummy. Of course, most folks like syrup with those. Perhaps, you are a hot oatmeal kind of person? For our January collection, let's fill our grocery carts with pancake mixes, syrups, and hot cereals. The grocery carts are in the hallway outside of the Simpson Room for your convenience.

**HOLIDAY OUTREACH RECAP**

- ♥ The SUMC congregation, with help from some community members, provided 78 coats, along with some cold weather accessories, for the City of Pittsburgh Police distribution in Northview Heights Housing. Visit [www.facebook.com/UnitedMethodistChurchUnion](http://www.facebook.com/UnitedMethodistChurchUnion) for pictures of the December 22<sup>nd</sup> distribution at Church of Our Saviour UMC, at which the Bethany House Academy is now located.
- ♥ Additionally, gifts were purchased for 20 residents of The Bradley Center, a residential mental health treatment facility for children age 6 to 21 located in Robinson Township. In addition to the wonderful, personalized gifts provided by congregants and friends, each of the 20 SUMC sponsored children also received a plush throw blanket.
- ♥ Lastly, SUMC, along with community partners, provided bagged meals on December 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to the nurses of the Heritage Valley Sewickley COVID and ICU units. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, Subway (Leetsdale) provided subs at reduced cost, which were then packed with water, chips, fruit and Hostess holiday snack cakes. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Safran's provided sandwiches, also at reduced cost, which were then sent along with Smiley Christmas Tree Cookies donated by Eat'n Park (Sewickley), chips, water, and fruit. Every meal bag contained at least one note of appreciation, thanks to the congregants who provided those well wishes. Not long after the December 21<sup>st</sup> meals were taken to the hospital, a member of the respiratory care team called the church to express appreciation for the meal provided. Funding for this project was primarily provided through Miracle Sunday. In such difficult times, it was a blessing to be able to work alongside others in the Sewickley community. While a third Christmas week meal was planned for the nurses, SUMC was asked to postpone that until January, when it is expected that the COVID unit will have even more patients. Outreach decided that not only will SUMC provide that meal but will plan for two additional bagged meals in mid- to late-January. If you did not have the opportunity to write a note of appreciation and well wishes for the nurses in December, you are welcome to drop off notes in early January to be included with the meals that will be sent to the nurses in January.



It may be getting cold outside, but you can warm up from the inside out, thanks to Rada's shelf-stable, delicious SOUP MIXES! Every purchase you make using the following shopping link helps the Sewickley United Methodist Women support local, national and international missions!  
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!  
[radafundraising.com?rfsn=4893208.af1590](http://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4893208.af1590)

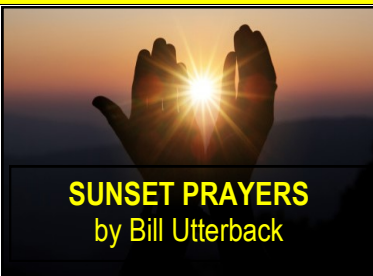


**NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS, CONTINUED**

“Here I am, Lord.

“Send me.”

That’s a prayer from Isaiah 6, and I painted it on a wall in Teen Room in the church basement a few years ago. I painted it at eye level, across from the door, where youth might see it as they enter the room. I wanted to encourage an attitude of response, of service, of self-confidence.



Let’s make this our sunset prayer for the first Sunday in January 2021. From wherever you are, with whomever might join you, at around 5 p.m. on **January 3**, lift a prayer of response, of service, of self-confidence. Send us, Lord. Show us where we can reflect your love and your light in the New Year. Grow our vision. Grow our awareness. Grow our imagination. Grow our

strength. Grow our confidence.

Help us to see each other, Lord. Help us to see ourselves and all that we have to offer.

There was a beautiful energy that surfaced inside the Sewickley United Methodist Church as the challenges in 2020 persisted. We looked for new ways to give and share and connect. We were innovative. We delivered meals. We filled shoeboxes. We provided coats. We remembered nurses. We shared worship in new ways. We prayed. We contributed.

Let’s ask God to sustain and grow and direct the energy and imagination we have as a church family.

We can pray into all the challenges we face as a church, a community and a nation. But let’s also ask to be part of the solution, and then listen for His response.

We begin the New Year with challenges that are large and lingering. We have a virus in our nation. We have racism in our nation. We have intolerance where there should be inclusion. We have political divisions in our nation. We have inequities in our educational system. We have hunger. We have anxiety. We have loneliness. We have mistrust. We have layoffs. We have guns. We have grief.

We look to God: “Lord, help us!”

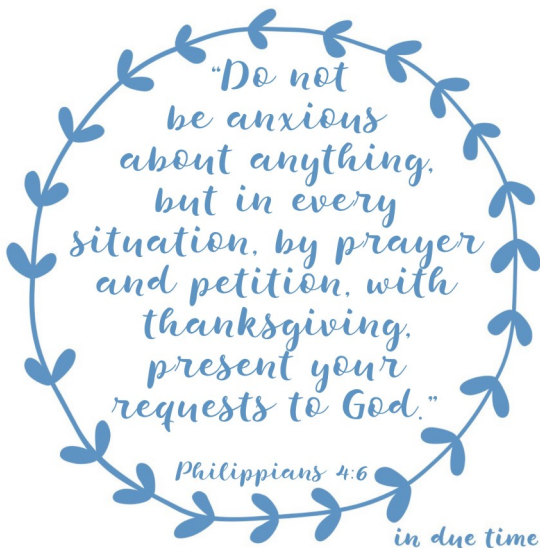
And, in Isaiah 6, we see an image of God looking at us:

“Whom shall I send?”

So I am painting Isaiah’s response here, at eye-level, where we can see it as we enter the New Year.

“Here I am.”

“Here we are ... send us.”

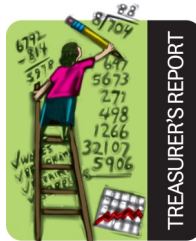


**Remember our Shut-ins**

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

**Sewickley United Methodist Church—Financial Summary - November 2020**



	2020 Budget	Budgeted to Date	November	To Date	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	273,445.02	252,739.51	22,792.32	235,273.46	(17,466.05)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	270,061.28	242,247.77	20,992.41	216,479.28	(25,768.49)
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	(3,383.74)	(10,491.74)	(1,799.91)	(18,794.18)	

**2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Church Officers**

Lay Leader ..... Donna Sawhill  
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 Lay Member to Annual Conference ..... Donna Sawhill  
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 Finance Chair ..... Scott Matthews  
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**Other Work Areas for 2021**

Website ..... Jack Moffett  
 Membership Secretary ..... Pam Honeychurch & Martha Boward  
 Hospitality Committee ..... Steve and Pat Grossarth  
 Historians ..... Warren Kinneer & Carole Ford  
 Luncheon Coordinator ..... Belinda Resler  
 Children's Church ..... Andrea Lewis  
 Youth Choir ..... Matt McTeague  
 Handbell Choir ..... Matt McTeague  
 Youth Group ..... Susie Moffett & Johnathan Burnett  
 Fellowship of the Cross ..... Pamela Mayo & Bill Utterback

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 Jennifer Taylor

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**2020 CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, CONTINUED**

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 Debbie Consoli  
 Roberta Davis  
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 Nancy Plum  
 Donna Sawhill

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 Pam Honeychurch  
 Barry Lewis  
 Kara Wayne

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 Sarah Heastings  
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<p>Tim McCombs 1/1                  Troy Gleason 1/2                  Wendy Shepard 1/2                  Chris Thornton 1/2                  Shawn Bullock 1/3                  Jeremy McCoy 1/5                  Peggy Gleason 1/6                  Dominic Odom 1/7                  Bonnie Stoicovy 1/9                  Bella Burnett 1/10                  Carol Egenlauf 1/13</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red; margin: 0;"><b>JANUARY</b></p>  <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;"><b>BIRTHDAYS</b></p>	<p>Allison L. 1/14                  Holly Burnett 1/18                  Frank Cannister 1/18                  Cheryl Barwell 1/20                  Mike Swaney 1/24                  Benjamin Spencer 1/26                  Bo. L. 1/27                  Bill Merryman 1/27                  Jeff Canter 1/30                  Dot Speak 1/30</p>
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**Prayer Requests**

John A.  
 Wayne Barrack (Belinda Resler's dad)  
 Jack Certain  
 Irene Chenot (Beth Zeanchock's mom)  
 Chris Christy  
 Family of Gene Cracraft (Pastor Russel's uncle)

John Cummins  
 Jodie Dolin (Bonnie Stoicovy's daughter)  
 Beth Ellisher  
 Nancy Erdmann  
 Cinnamon Evans (Pat Grossarth's neice)  
 Pat Fulton (Scott Matthew's mom)  
 Dan Gittins  
 Dave H.  
 Bob and Sal H.  
 Doris Harris  
 Angela Helms  
 Donna Hudenski and family  
 Ceel Janosik  
 Wayne Johnson  
 Mara Kelly  
 Brenda Kinney

Joe L.  
 Rob Lane  
 Laura, Leah & Frankie (Jenine Furry's sister & nieces)  
 Family of Dixie Lemasters (Debbie Chesney's mom)  
 Daniel Lewis (Susie Moffett's dad)  
 Michelle Malito  
 Mary Maminski  
 Tony Morgan (Dominic Odom's cousin)  
 Bola Nicholson  
 Karen Nickell  
 Paula Odom (Dominic Odom's sister)  
 Lorraine Offner  
 Rosemary Robinson  
 Jim Rogansky

Linda Rummens  
 Blake S.  
 Karen S.  
 Karen Shong  
 C.R. & Lorraine Simpson  
 Brenda Smith  
 Ron Smith  
 Ronli Smith (Ron Smith's son)  
 Linda Sollinger (Travis Sollinger's mom)  
 Sandy Stroebe (Greg Lane's sister)  
 Barry Yant  
 James Yant  
 Rich Z.  
 Dennis Zeveny



## TURKEY DINNER INFLUENCED TAKEOUT MEAL—FEBRUARY 4

Since we can't host our Monthly Salad Luncheon due to the coronavirus, the Luncheon Committee is offering takeout meals the first Thursday of the month when the salad luncheon would have been. Each meal is \$10 and makes a perfect lunch or dinner. All proceeds benefit the church's General Fund. You may pay for your order, with cash or check, when you pick it up February 4 between 11 am and 1 pm. **Orders are due by January 24. To order or for questions, call Sandy at 412-559-9652 or the church at 412-741-9430. Or complete this form and mail/bring to the church. The church office is open on Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 am—4 pm. [Or complete the online order form by clicking here.](#)**



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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

MEAL(S)	1	2	3	4	5
PIE CHOICE	Apple or Cherry	Apple or Cherry	Apple or Cherry	Apple or Cherry	Apple or Cherry

### SOUP & HUMMUS SALE FOR THE BUILDING OF FAITH

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



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

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



Choices	Indicate quantity below	
	\$9 Quart	\$6 Pint
Hearty Bean and Barley Soup (vegetarian) <i>Organic Vegetable Broth, Celery, Onion, Carrots, Kidney Beans, Diced Tomatoes, Barley, Spinach, Olive Oil &amp; Spices</i>		
Chili with Kidney & Black Beans <i>Ground Beef, Tomato Sauce, Diced Tomatoes, Onion, Green Chilies, Black Beans &amp; Kidney Beans, and Spices</i>		
Sweet Sausage & Tortellini Soup <i>Chicken Broth, Sweet Italian Sausage, Spinach, Cheese Tortellini, Onion &amp; Spices</i>		
Sandra's Hummus (vegetarian/vegan) <i>Chickpeas, Lemon Juice, Garlic, Tahini &amp; Spices</i>	\$5 for ½ pint	

**Orders are due by Sunday, January 24 and will be ready for pickup February 4 & 5. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. If using EasyTithe, please include the 3% transaction fee.**



## Poinsettia Dedications



In memory of Loved Ones  
by Shawn and Lou Ann Scott

In memory of Richard & Jeri Cole  
by The Cole Family

In memory of Bettye & CV Cowden  
by Jere and Sharon Cowden

In memory of Mildred & Chester Tahl  
by Jere and Sharon Cowden

In memory of their parents,  
Carrie & Bill Kuriger and Jack & Margaret Schwoegl,  
by Bill and Sandy Kuriger

In memory of Ruth and Bob Painter,  
by The Wiggins Family

In memory of Michael, Lynda and Jessica  
by Pat and Steve Grossarth

In memory of Rocket Man,  
The Wilmot Family's beloved dog,  
by Jere and Sharon Cowden

In memory of loved ones  
by Carol Egenlauf and Cheryl Egenlauf Barwell

In memory of Elmer and Clare Swaney  
by Mike and Kristine Swaney

In loving memory of Patricia Ann Leiphart  
by Warren R. Kinneer

In memory of their beloved dog, Mia,  
by The Wiggins Family

In memory of Edward and Kathryn Kramer  
by All Their Children

In memory of their parents  
by Joe and Debbie Consoli

In memory of Parents and Grandparents  
Joe and Esther Boward and Don and Ruth Idecker  
by The Boward Family

In memory of Gordon's parents  
and Debbie's dad  
by Gordon and Debbie Chesney

In memory of all those who have passed  
away from COVID this year  
by Steve and Pat Grossarth

In memory of Eddie Wiggins,  
by The Wiggins Family

In honor of Debbie's mom  
Dixie Lemasters  
by Gordon and Debbie Chesney

In honor of Bob and Aletta Moffett  
by the Moffett Family

In honor of Baby Luna  
by Steven and Cara Dotterer

In honor of Raymond and Elvira Kinneer  
on their 71st Wedding Anniversary  
by Warren R. Kinneer

In honor of all medical workers fighting COVID  
by The Kuriger Family

In honor of Amanda, Dan, Alec, Pam and Laura  
by Pat and Steve Grossarth  
(Mom, Dad and Grandparents)

In honor of Aeran and Geum Ko  
by Steven and Cara Dotterer

In honor of their Children,  
Joe and Jen, Sarah and Rachel,  
by Joe and Martha Boward

In honor of their Grandparents,  
Shawn & Lou Ann Scott,  
by Clara & Willa

In honor of Abigail Rose Rossi  
by The Cole Family

In honor of Their Children and Grandchildren  
by Shawn and Lou Ann Scott

In honor of Sandra Obeng  
by Otis McAliley

In honor of Leap of Faith  
by Kelly Herman

In honor of Dan and Carol Lewis  
by the Moffett Family

To the Glory of God  
by Steven and Cara Dotterer

To the Glory of God  
by a Beloved Child of God

To the Glory of God  
by Pam Honeychurch

To the Glory of God  
by the Fishter Family





Thank you for the wonderful birthday cards I received from my Church family. It really was a pleasant surprise to hear from you. Thank you for helping to make my 90th special.

Dotty Price

Hi from the Sewickley Hospital Respiratory Department. I just wanted to thank you for the lunch that was put together for us and say what a kind gesture it was. There was obviously a lot of time and effort put into it and it's not something we see every day. We just wanted to say we were really happy; there are 3 of us in our department who got to enjoy the lunch and we really appreciate the effort and thought to put that together for us. We appreciate you recognizing our efforts.

Dear Church Family — Thank you for the “Christmas Purse” and other gifts and cards this Christmas season. It is a joy to be part of such a wonderful church family and am very grateful and thankful to you all.

With deepest appreciation,  
Pam Honeychurch

The Fellowship of the Cross would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas gift bags for the shut-ins in our church family, and everyone who helped to deliver them. We were impressed and inspired by the efforts you made to bring your contributions for the gift bags to church at a time when we are not gathering regularly for worship. The bags were stuffed with treats and gifts, love and gratitude. We hope that the recipients of the gift bags were as lifted by your love as those of us who packed them.

We also wish to thank everyone who participated in our first bracelet fundraiser, which allowed us to rebuild our account for Operation Christmas Child and other service projects in the new year. We were again inspired by the messages you chose to share through the bracelets at Christmas. We hope the recipients were as inspired as those of us who created the bracelets.

Throughout this challenging year, we were lifted by your support and encouragement, and by the energy and possibilities our church created for sharing God’s love with our family, our community and our world.

Sharing His Blessings,  
Fellowship of the Cross

The SUMC Education team would like to thank everyone who approved, enabled, encouraged, promoted and visited our first drive-thru Live Nativity on the church campus in December. We were able to share the Christmas story - drawn from the books of Luke, Matthew and Isaiah - with at least 50 people, including many children and a few puppies, from the church family and the Sewickley community. We would like to applaud the young adults in the Fellowship of the Cross (Allison L., Paige L., Felicity, Eric, Genevieve and Grace) and the McCombs family (Amie, Blair, David, Sean and Owen) for their performances as the blessed family, angels, shepherds and magi. We would also like to thank the Library Committee for contributing gifts for visitors, and the Outreach Committee for contributing to gift bags for the children. Together, we did our best to reflect the effort Luke’s shepherds made to “spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.” And we feel certain that “all who heard it were amazed.”

We also would like to thank everyone in the church family for encouraging imagination and innovation throughout a challenging year, and we urge you to help us carry that innovative spirit into the new year.

Blessings,  
SUMC Education Team

The Light of Jesus Christ is most heartfelt! I've felt your prayers and your thoughtfulness. I really like hearing from you and reading your many notes. The bag of goodies and gifts is a treasure!

Much love to you all!!  
Sylvia Bajsec


Dear Fellowship of The Cross,

Thank you so much for the final exam care package, and your continued support while I've been at school. It's always the perfect motivation for my final week of classes!

Blessings,  
Grant Lane



# JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 6:30 PM AA 8 PM AA	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10 AM Live Streamed Worship Service 11:30 AM Live Streamed Children's Church 11:30 AM Zoom Middle School SS Class	<b>4</b> 7 PM AA	<b>5</b> 8 PM AA	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	<b>7</b> 11 AM - 1 PM Takeout Meals	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM AA 8 PM AA	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10 AM Live Streamed Worship Service 11:30 AM Live Streamed Children's Church 11:30 AM Zoom Middle School SS Class	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Finance Committee 6:30 PM Trustees 7 PM AA 8 PM Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 8 PM AA	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM AA 8 PM AA	<b>16</b>
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You can also give via the easyTithe Mobile App. It is a simple as downloading the app to your smartphone and setting up your profile information in just a couple of steps. Once setup, you can choose to make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving.

