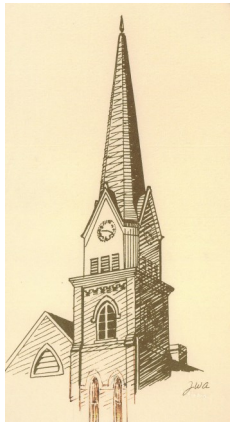


# Sewickley United Methodist Church



## January 2023 Newsletter

### *The Pastor's Peace*

As you may know, in December there were two funerals hosted at the church. One was truly a celebration of life for a faithful woman named Atleah Grubb. There was so much to celebrate about her accomplishments, her family, and the longevity that life brought to her. She was blessed and she was a blessing. Just a couple days later there was another funeral. This funeral was for two children, one named Lyric, who was 9, and her younger brother, named Wylde, who was 6. This funeral did not feel very celebratory. It came with the heart wrenching realization that we live in a broken world and sometimes that means people's lives are lost way too young. What I truly appreciate about funerals, however, is the knowledge that they all end the same. No matter the circumstances surrounding them, the ending message is the same. That message is not one of endings at all, but of new beginnings. It is a message of the resurrected life of Jesus Christ who has made a way for our resurrected life. It is a message that death has no hold over us and one day we will meet again. It is a beautiful message. It is times like these we can reflect upon new beginnings in our own lives. The resurrection doesn't just have to happen after we pass from this world, but with the birth of Christ we understand resurrection and transformation can happen from one day to the next, one season to the next, one year to next. What must die in your life to make way for the newness that Christ has to offer us here and now? Go ahead, take five minutes and answer that question...what feels more like death than life?

The great thing about living as a person with the knowledge and assurance of eternal life on our hearts and minds is that we aren't held down for too long by that which is temporary. We are able to rise above the hurt, the pain, the darkness, the anger, the jealousy, the tiredness, the burdens of this world. They are real and they will come but they, too, do not have a hold on us. Eternal glory with God our Creator is the only one who has a hold of our lives. So, till the day we are fully clothed in that eternal glory, claim that position for yourself here and now. Watch the way your life takes on the reflections of heaven and envelopes others around you in that same glory.

From one light to another,

*Hannah M. Loughman*  
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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### HOLIDAY OUTREACH RECAP

Thank you for the outpouring of generosity during the Christmas season as we collected items and asked people to shop for children!

Gifts were purchased for 20 residents of The Bradley Center, a residential mental health treatment facility for children ages 6 to 21, located in Robinson Township. Plus, due to a generous financial donation, The Bradley Center was able to purchase gifts for children who arrived the week leading up to Christmas. No doubt, the children were delighted to

have Christmas gifts selected just for them.

Gifts were also purchased for 15 children who attend The Learning Hub at The Bridge (formerly Bethany House) in Northview Heights. Kandice Kramer and Pam Honeychurch had the pleasure of delivering the gifts, along with “snack bags” generously filled with an assortment of goodies. Pam was present as the kids opened their gifts and reports that the kids love their gifts and thank you for your generosity. The Learning Hub also received a large assortment of socks, gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to help keep the kids and their families warm.

Additionally, warm socks, gloves, scarves and hats from the Mitten Tree, along with some winter coats, are helping those served by the Daily Bread feeding program on the North Shore.

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
Virginia Harriger	Lura Zaremba



### HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY JANUARY 15th – SPECIAL OFFERING

Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday designed to celebrate and raise awareness to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. This special offering is taken each year on the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Gifts received for the offering build King's vision of “the beloved community” through programs such as Community Developers and United Methodist

Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God's children are important.

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. On January 15, join us and contribute your spiritual and financial gifts to build up and restore what the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. called “the beloved community.” To give to this special offering, please mark your gift “Human Relations” or chose that option on Vanco.

## Worship Opportunities - January 2023



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

The recorded services are also available later on Sunday afternoon.



**January 1, 2023**  
**New Year's Day**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Liturgist:** Willie Nicholson

**Scripture Lesson:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

**Message:** "Just Having Some Fun!"

In a recent conversation with a woman of great faith, she mentioned how God likes to have a little fun with her sometimes. She went on to tell a couple of stories that involved some very simple and fun activities that she felt like God had arranged for her to engage in. I thought a lot about this afterward and wondered how often I think of God as fun. Do you ever think of God as fun? With all the hurt and bad things in this world, do you feel guilty for having fun? Sometimes I wonder if God would like to tell us to all just lighten up a bit. Can Christian responsibility, following Jesus, and having fun co-exist in the same space? I believe it can; we just need a little reminder sometimes that is indeed okay to have a little fun!

**January 8, 2023**

**Baptism of the Lord**

**Liturgist:** Jere Cowden

**Scripture Lesson:** Acts 10:34-43

**Message:** "Who's Your Favorite?"

Do you have a favorite pillow or a favorite side of the bed to sleep on? I bet when you sit down in the living room you have a chair you like more than all others. How about a coffee cup? Are you partial to one cup over the hundred other cups you have in your cupboard? Isn't it good to know we are not furniture and we are not God. There is no partiality in the love of Jesus. He loves us each the same no matter how many flowers you have bought him to win his love; you simply can't do it. And praise the Lord for it, because that also means no matter how much we mess up, that love still doesn't change!

**January 15, 2023**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Human Relations Sunday**

**Liturgist:** Kristine Swaney

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 40:1-11

**Message:** "Wait...Patiently?"

"I waited patiently..." Waiting patiently is not a strong suit of mine. Yet, when what we are waiting on is the work of the Lord we are never disappointed. In general when something is happening, we like to do something. We like to feel useful and impactful. But what the Psalmist is telling us is it is first important to wait. Why? What are we waiting on? Waiting takes great restraint and an attentive ear. When that is what we are giving to God, the wait will pay off in the end, as we won't then be wasting our time but doing what is good and right. So I say, wait patiently on the Lord.

**January 22, 2023**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Liturgist:** Ron Smith

**Scripture Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

**Message:** "Do You Feel Closer Now?"

It seems as though there is always lots of talk of unity among believers. We understand the scriptures say it is an important witness, but is it really an achievable ideal? After all, people seem to get in the way of unity. What would it take to truly establish the unity as we are meant to do? What must you give up to live in harmony with other believers? Is Christian unity important enough to you?

**January 29, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Liturgist:** Carole Ford

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Message:** "Have a Blessed Day!"

Am I blessed? Jesus lists off a category of people who are blessed. The poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek and those who hunger and thirst, etc. Do I want to be blessed? Do I want to be any of those things? What does it really mean when we say we are blessed or encourage someone to be blessed? Is it more than just a southern greeting or a hospitable parting? Be blessed!

**2023 CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Church Officers**

Lay Leader .....Donna Sawhill  
 Administrative Council Chair ..... Mitchell Hortert  
 Lay Member to Annual Conference.....Donna Sawhill  
 Staff-Parish Relations Chair .....Otis McAliley  
 Finance Chair..... TBD  
 Treasurer..... Pam Honeychurch  
 Trustee Chair ..... TBD  
 Nurture Chair.....Sandy Kuriger  
 Outreach Chair.....Barbara Bower  
 Witness Chair.....Susie Moffett  
 Library Chair..... Warren Kinneer  
 UM Women Chair.....Kristine Swaney

Marketing Chair .....Jack Moffett  
 Memorial Chair ..... Wilma Hamilton  
 Education Chair ..... TBD  
 Worship Chair ..... Lou Ann Scott

**Other Work Areas for 2023**

Website.....Jack Moffett  
 Membership Secretary..... Pam Honeychurch  
 Hospitality Committee ..... Steve and Pat Grossarth  
 Historians.....Warren Kinneer & Carole Ford  
 Children’s Church .....Andrea Lewis & Bill Utterback  
 Handbell Choir ..... Pamela Mayo  
 Junior Handbell Choirs..... Grace Rogansky  
 Fellowship of the Cross..... Pamela Mayo, Bill Utterback  
 ..... and Grace Rogansky

**Church Council**

Mitchell Hortert, Chair  
 Pastor Hannah Loughman  
 Chair of Education (TBD)  
 Chair of Finance (TBD)  
 Chair of Trustees (TBD)  
 Barbara Bower  
 Debbie Consoli  
 Carole Ford  
 Jenine Furry  
 Laura Geason  
 Warren Kinneer  
 Jim Hamilton  
 Wilma Hamilton  
 Pam Honeychurch  
 Sandy Kuriger  
 Otis McAliley  
 Felicity Moffett  
 Susie Moffett  
 Grace Rogansky  
 Donna Sawhill  
 Kristine Swaney

**Staff-Parish Relations Committee**

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 Barbara Bower  
 Johnathan Burnett  
 Debbie Chesney  
 Carole Ford  
 Virginia Heinzl  
 Jennifer Jones  
 Donna Sawhill  
 Ron Smith  
 Kristine Swaney

**Finance Committee**

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 Trustee Rep (TBD)  
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 Martha Boward  
 Liz Brown  
 Jere Cowden  
 Jim Hamilton  
 Wilma Hamilton  
 Pam Honeychurch  
 Mitchell Hortert  
 David Malarik  
 Otis McAliley  
 Eric Miller  
 Donna Sawhill

**Memorial Committee**

Wilma Hamilton, Chair  
 Kim Benjamin  
 Dorritt Field  
 Carole Ford  
 Pat Grossarth  
 Dorothy Jadowiec  
 Sandy Kuriger  
 Nancy Plum

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 Lynn Colosi  
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 Alan Honeychurch  
 CJ Jones  
 Greg Lane  
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 Ray Pluechel  
 Mark Wiggins

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 Roberta Davis  
 Pat Grossarth  
 Nancy Plum  
 Donna Sawhill

**Outreach (Missions) Committee**

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 Mark Benjamin  
 Sharon Cowden  
 Pat Grossarth  
 Jim Hamilton  
 Wilma Hamilton  
 Pam Honeychurch  
 Amanda Miller

**Witness Committee**

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 Jim Hamilton  
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**Education Committee**

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 Bill Utterback  
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 Holly Burnett  
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 Jim Hamilton  
 Kelly Herman  
 Otis McAliley  
 Susie Moffett  
 Donna Sawhill  
 Lou Ann Scott  
 Kristine Swaney



**SNACK PACKS & BLESSING BAGS — Throughout January**



we will continue to assemble snack packs for children who participate in learning programs at The Bridge/Hub (formerly Bethany House) in Northview Heights and blessing bags for the homeless who are served by the Daily Bread ministry on Pittsburgh's North Side. SUMC and community members are invited to donate shelf-stable snack items (ex: fruit & pudding cups, trail mix, granola bars, cheese & crackers, gum, etc.) and hygiene products (ex: travel-sized shampoo, soap, hand sanitizer, Band-Aids, individually packaged toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, etc.) for use in these bags. Collection bins are outside the church office.

**FREE CPR CLASS —** The Pittsburgh

District of the UMC invites you to participate in a hands-on CPR class being taught by Chris Galbreath, a certified EMT. The class will include adult, child and infant CPR, as well as choking and rescue breathing. There is no cost for the class, however if you would like to receive a CPR certification, there is a \$40 fee and you can coordinate with Chris the day of the training. To attend the class, RSVP [wpaumc.org/pittsburghdistrictnews](http://wpaumc.org/pittsburghdistrictnews) no later than January 11. **Saturday, January 14, 9 to 11 am**, Patrick Room, Pittsburgh Presbytery, 901 Allegheny Ave., Pittsburgh.



**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING —**

You are invited to spend the day building your skills in recognizing, responding to, and supporting someone who is experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis. Each participant will receive a mental health first aid manual and workbook, plus a breakfast snack and lunch will be provided. This class will be taught by certified MHFA instructor Karen Slusser. Please contact Karen with any questions at (412) 889-2355 or [kslusser@stpaulsumc.com](mailto:kslusser@stpaulsumc.com). **January 24, 9 am – 4 pm**, Pittsburgh Presbytery, 901 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh. Register by January 10 at [wpaumc.org/pittsburghdistrictnews](http://wpaumc.org/pittsburghdistrictnews). Class limited to 30 participants. The Pittsburgh District is covering most of the costs but is requesting a \$10 fee per person to help offset the cost of books and food.



**UWF MEETING —** The United Women in Faith (UWF) invites everyone to join them for a luncheon meeting on **January 14** at noon, at Carmody's Grill, Neville Island. We will order lunch off the menu. Our business meeting will be short and focus primarily on determining our 2023 Budget. Please call Kristine Swaney at 412-741-2029 if you have any questions or for directions to the restaurant. All are welcome to enjoy good food and fellowship.

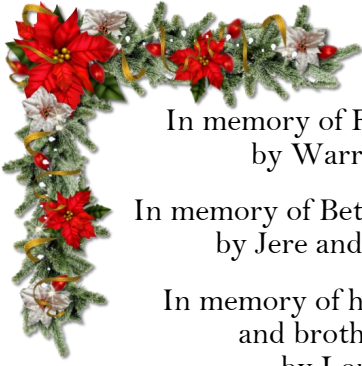


Shelby Trapp Linn and the families of Lyric Keys and Jack Wylde Lightner  
John A.  
Jonny B.  
Hurst Bartley  
Betty Burrows  
(Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law)  
David Call  
(Bonnie Stoicovy's son)  
Betty Carrol  
Jack Certain  
Bruno Crapis  
Betty Dornetta  
Mark Ebner  
Shirley Gerthung  
(Wilma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

Donna Gleason  
Family of Atleah Grubb  
Beate Henkel  
Jeffrey Johnson & Hassan McAliley  
(Otis McAliley's nephews)  
Dick Jones  
(Dorritt Field's son-in-law)  
Brandy K.  
Justin Kinneer Family  
Mike Kolesar  
Henrietta Kretzler  
Bill Kuriger, Sr.  
Beatriz L.  
(Emily Liska's daughter-in-law)  
Heather Lowman  
Family of Mary Maminski  
(Pat Ferguson's mother)  
Marty McDaniel  
Ben McGuigun  
Tom Moog

Family and friends of Patrick Munn  
Rev. Liz Murphy  
Mary Nichols  
Lorraine Offner  
Dominic Odom  
Heather Rose  
(Jennifer Jones' cousin)  
Amy Richert  
Jim Rogansky  
Sayed  
Karen Shong  
C.R. & Lorraine Simpson  
Debbie Smith  
Bill Teed  
Joseph Umer  
Ernest Wallace  
Ryan Warden  
Rich Z.  
Dennis Zeveny

**CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS**



In memory of Raymond H. Kinner  
by Warren R. Kinner

In memory of Bettye and Claire Cowden  
by Jere and Sharon Cowden

In memory of her dad, Robert Yant,  
and brother, Barry Yant  
by Lou Ann Scott

In loving memory of Larry "Retro" Sanderson  
by The Cole Family

In memory of Patricia A. Leiphart  
by Warren R. Kinner

In memory of Pat's parents, Anthony and Mary  
Maminski,  
and Bill's parents, B.G. and Margaret Ferguson,  
by Pat and Bill Ferguson

In memory of Bola Nicholson  
by Pam Honeychurch

In memory of Andy & Thelma Scott  
and Michele Abercrombie  
by Shawn & Lou Ann Scott

In memory of Joe and Esther Boward  
by The Boward Family

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

In memory of our mummy and grandma Bola  
by Willie, Yemi, Yawah, Brianna, Isaiah and Ian  
The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.

In memory of Gordon's parents,  
Anthony & Mary Chesney,  
by Gordon & Debbie Chesney

In loving memory of Richard D & Jeri Cole  
by The Cole Family

In memory of her parents, Lucy and Louie Martin,  
by Liz Brown

In memory of Justin S. Kinner  
by Warren R. Kinner

In memory of Don and Ruth Idecker  
by The Boward Family

In memory of Debbie's parents,  
Kenneth & Dixie Lemasters,  
by Gordon & Debbie Chesney.

In memory of Loved Ones  
by Cheryl Barwell

In dedication to all those grieving  
the loss of loved ones this season  
by the Loughman Family

In honor of Leap of Faith  
by Kelly

In honor of Pat and Steve Grossarth  
by Pam Honeychurch

In honor of their Sweet Squirrel  
and so many laughs,  
Love Mommy and Daddy

In honor of her mother, Carol Egenlauf,  
by Cheryl Barwell

In honor of our church family at the  
Sewickley United Methodist Church  
by the Loughman Family

In honor of Erik and Laura  
by Pam Honeychurch

In honor of her granddaughter, Abigail Rose Rossi,  
by Ronna Sue Cole

In honor of Elvira R. Kinner  
by Warren R. Kinner

In honor of their Gigi  
by Kelly, Clara and Willa

In honor of their daughter, Dr. Alissa Wilmot,  
by Jere and Sharon Cowden

In honor of her wonderful mother, Dana Yant,  
and her loving family by Lou Ann Scott

In honor of their Owy-O,  
we are so proud of who you are  
Love Dad and Bonus Mom

In honor of Sewickley United Methodist Church  
Family and Friends by Warren R. Kinner

In honor of their little Linky  
for all the joy you bring,  
Love Mommy and Daddy

In honor of Cheryl and Tom Barwell  
and their 45th anniversary  
by Carol Egenlauf

For peace and goodwill  
by Bill and Sandy Kuriger

To the Glory of God  
by Krista and Tony Ream



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## FAITH

## Ways to Give



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

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

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

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



Logan Marie McPherson received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on December 23, 2022. Logan is the daughter of Brenna and Lindsey McPherson. She was born in Wexford, Pennsylvania on July 30, 2022. Her god parents are her aunt, Grace McPherson, and her uncle, Shane Peters.

### SHOP ON AMAZON SMILE AND AMAZON WILL DONATE TO SEWICKLEY UMC

AmazonSmile is a way for customers to support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon. Shoppers who shop through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will find the same Amazon they know and love, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the price of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice. Signing up is easy!

#### Here's how to sign up for AmazonSmile:

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
3. Choose a charitable organization to receive donations, or search for the charity of your choice (Sewickley UMC is listed among the charitable organizations as "Sewickley Methodist Church")
4. Select your charity
5. Start shopping!
6. Add a bookmark for [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile

#### Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app

1. Make sure you're signed up for AmazonSmile (use your web browser to visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com))
2. Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app for iOS or Android
3. Open the app and find "Settings" in the main menu (☰)
4. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile in the app.





Dear SUMC Family,

The Fellowship of the Cross would like to thank everyone who supported our Ornaments 4 Orphan campaign in the weeks leading to Christmas 2022. Together, we were able to raise more than \$900, which will be committed to artisans, their families, and their communities in Africa, Peru and Nepal.

O4O, according to its website, works to provide support for “orphans and vulnerable children ... We create jobs, fight poverty, preserve intact families, empower communities, and ultimately prevent children from becoming orphans.”

FOTC is, as always, grateful for the support and encouragement we received from everyone who visited our Christmas tree in the back of the sanctuary. We are sustained by the many ways you reflect God’s love.

Sincerely,  
Grace Rogansky  
Pamela Mayo  
Bill Utterback  
The Fellowship of the Cross

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Dear Friends at Sewickley United Methodist Church,

You all keep giving so generously to the Sewickley Community Center Food Pantry and we are ever so thankful! The regular food donations, the “special” bags (Easter, Thanksgiving, and breakfast items), and the Souper Bowl of Caring proceeds have all bolstered our pantry shelves throughout this year and allowed us to purchase meats for our freezer... all to help our neighbors in need. So many have expressed their gratitude and we pass that along to you!

Gratefully,  
Robert C. Patterson, Jr.  
President, Board of Directors, Sewickley Community Center

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Dear Members of the SUMC,

Thank you for the wonderful basket full of all kinds of gifts. It is so very kind of all of you.

Lots of love to you all,  
Mignon Emmert

To My Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many cards you have sent me. I especially love the adorable handmade cards I’ve received from the children each month. You are all so thoughtful to remember me. I enjoy reading over and over the wonderful messages and I display your cards on my bulletin board. They help fill my room with your love.

Love,  
Sylvia Bajsec

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Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gifts for our response to help those impacted by the war in Ukraine and for those in the US impacted by natural disasters may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - Thank you!

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms - sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,  
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary  
United Methodist Commission on Relief

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Dear Church Family — Thank you for the “Christmas Purse” and other gifts, goodies and cards this Christmas season. You are so thoughtful and generous. I am blessed to be able to serve with you, my church family. I am very grateful and thankful to you all.

With sincere gratitude,  
Pam Honeychurch

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I want to thank everyone for my “shut in” basket. I was very thoughtful to include me. Merry Christmas.

Dotty Price



**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](mailto: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
<b>Chili</b> (ground beef, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, onion, green chilies, kidney beans, and spices)		
<b>Corn Chowder</b> (butter, red & green bell pepper, onion, flour, cream, chicken broth, corn, potatoes, salt, pepper, smoked paprika, cayenne pepper, tomatoes, lime juice, white wine vinegar)		
<b>Lentil Soup</b> (lentils, spinach, vegetable broth, tomatoes, onion, garlic, carrots, celery, balsamic vinegar, olive oil & spices)		
<b>Sandra's Hummus</b> (vegetarian/vegan - chickpeas, lemon juice, garlic, tahini, spices)	\$5 for ½ pint	

**Orders are due by Sunday, January 22 and will be ready for pickup Friday, February 3 or Sunday, February 5. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. *If using eGiving, please include the processing fee.***



# 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](http://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. This includes, but is not limited to, cleaning supplies, small appliances (no large appliances or furniture), hygiene products, non-perishable food items, cooking supplies, linens, and even personal clothes. We will begin collecting these items on January 4th. 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 will not accept money; please be sure to give financial contributions through Union Aid Society or Cole Funeral Home.

Can we be an unexpected church?

Can we be unexpected neighbors?

Can we ask God to use us to share His love in unexpected ways?

As a church family, we spent our walk toward Christmas embracing Pastor Hannah’s call to “Expect the Unexpected” as we re-visited the Christmas story.

In our Advent Bible study, we shared a devotional called “Unexpected Jesus” and followed Father, Son and Holy Spirit as they moved in unexpected ways from Genesis through Revelation.

Among the unexpected moments, we saw angels announcing the birth of Jesus to the shepherds “keeping watch over their flocks at night.” Those living and working literally on the farthest borders of society received the first invitation.

The shepherds created their own moment of unexpectedness when the angels departed and the darkness returned. They gathered, encouraged each other and decided to run to the manger. It wasn’t a commandment to hurry to Bethlehem. It was their response to the news.

After spending time with the child, the shepherds made another unexpected decision. They spread the word. There was no commandment to share the good news. It was their response.

As you read this, late December or early January, we have heard the Good News again. We have been to the manger. What is our response? Let’s walk into 2023 looking for unexpected avenues to connect and share.

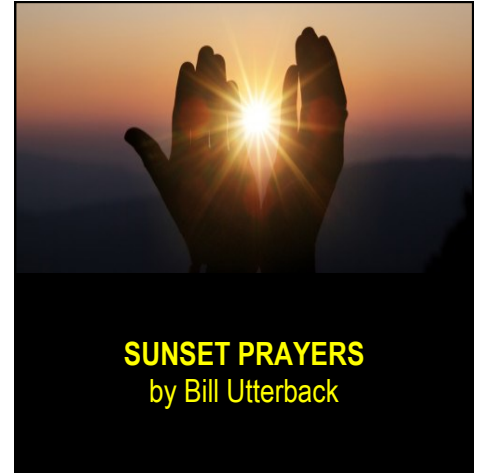
On January 1, as the sun sets at around 5:04 pm, from wherever you are, with whomever wants to join you, join us in lifting a prayer asking Our Lord for more of His Light as we seek unexpected opportunities to share His Love.

Lord, show us how to invite in unexpected ways. Show us how to include in unexpected ways. Show us how to serve in unexpected ways. Show us how to provide in unexpected ways. Show us how to listen in unexpected ways. Show us how to love in unexpected ways.

Lord, show us how to worship in unexpected ways. Show us how to do children’s ministry and youth ministry in unexpected ways. Show us how to give in unexpected ways. Show us how to connect with our seniors in unexpected ways. Show us how to connect with our communities, our schools and our workplaces in unexpected ways.

In “Unexpected Jesus,” author Anna Robbins said, “The things He cares about are now ours to care about, too.”

Jesus cares in unexpected ways. He met people in unexpected places. We can join Him. Let’s reach beyond the expected and pray that He leads us to find new ways to share His Love in 2023.



Joe & Martha Boward  
January 1

Elise & Vinny Biolsi  
January 9

**2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH NOVEMBER**



	2022 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Paid/Received to Date	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	279,196.04	256,893.69	268,637.91	11,744.22
TOTAL RECEIPTS	279,216.00	250,180.42	261,378.12	11,197.70
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	19.96	(6,713.27)	(7,259.79)	

# JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service	<b>2</b> 7pm AA	<b>3</b> 7pm AA	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>5</b> 6:15pm Bell Choir	<b>6</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Finance Committee 6:30pm Trustees 7pm AA 7:30pm Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Romans 7pm AA	<b>11</b> 10am SUMC Prayer Group 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>12</b> 6:15pm Bell Choir	<b>13</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>14</b> 12pm UWF (UMW) Luncheon Meeting @ Carmody's Grill
<b>15</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service	<b>16</b> 7pm AA	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Romans 7pm AA	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>19</b> 6:15pm Bell Choir	<b>20</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service	<b>23</b> 7pm AA	<b>24</b> 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Romans 7pm AA	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>26</b> 6:15pm Bell Choir	<b>27</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>28</b> 10:30am - 1:30pm Ashram Board Meeting
<b>29</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service	<b>30</b> 7pm AA	<b>31</b> 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Romans 7pm AA				

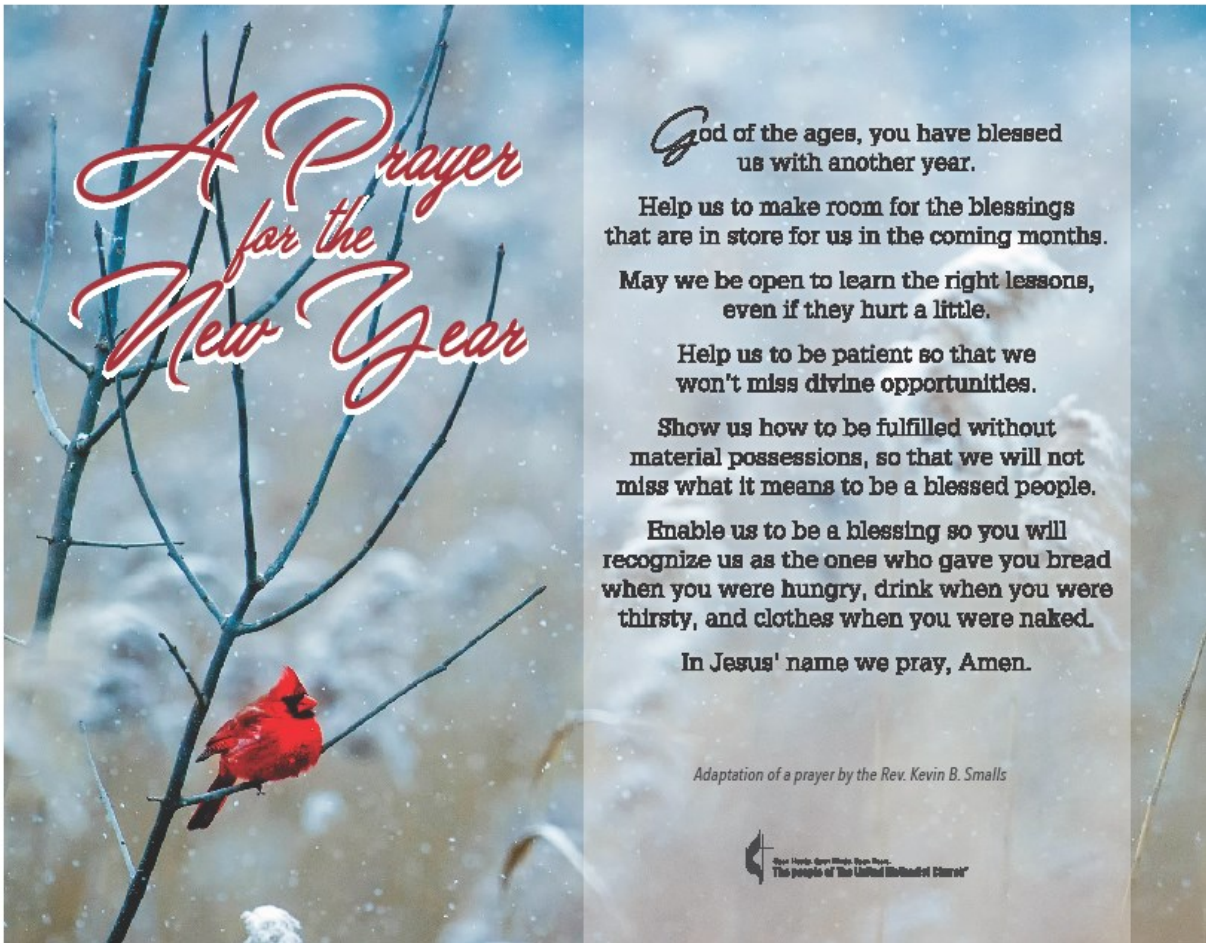
Wendy Shepard 1/2  
 Chris Thornton 1/2  
 Jeremy McCoy 1/5  
 Peggy Gleason 1/6  
 Dominic Odom 1/7  
 Bonnie Stoicovy 1/9  
 Bella Burnett 1/10  
 Carol Egenlauf 1/13  
 Allison Lenhardt 1/14



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Holly Burnett 1/18  
 Frank Cannister 1/18  
 Cheryl Barwell 1/20  
 Mike Swaney 1/24  
 Benjamin Spencer 1/26  
 Bo Lenhardt 1/27  
 Bill Merryman 1/27  
 Jeff Canter 1/30  
 Dot Speak 1/30

If you or a family member is missing from our birthday or anniversary list, please let the office know. We don't want to leave anyone out of special wishes.



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

*Contemporary Worship: 9 am*

*Traditional Worship: 11 am*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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