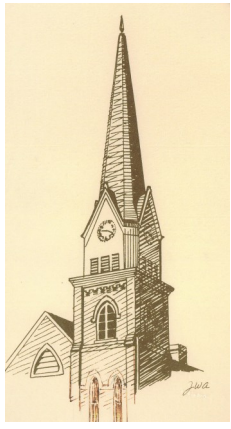


# Sewickley United Methodist Church



## July 2022 Newsletter

### *The Pastor's Peace*

Galatians 5:1 = "So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law."

We begin this month by celebrating Independence Day. We remember so many who have gone before who fought hard to help achieve this independence. We remember those in military service, those in the court of the laws, those who gathered on the streets to help protest the injustices and oppression our country was living under. However, Independence Day is not just a time to remember, but it is also a time to ask yourself: What are you doing to continue the fight for independence? The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness." Can any among us read this and say, yes, we are indeed a nation that values the equality of all people? Can we really say that our laws are set up in such a way that all have access to the same rights and privileges? We cannot. Which means we uphold the Declaration of Independence and exercise our rights as the people to alter or to abolish the laws that continue to perpetuate injustices upon many in our nation.

I know that the above will make some uncomfortable. Thoughts will range from how in the world do we do this to the church is not the place to be talking about politics. As we first read in Galatians, fighting for true freedom for all people is not a matter of politics, it is a matter of Christian duty as was given to us when Christ died for us to set us free. This freedom we have does not celebrate independence but interdependence. We are dependent on Christ and interdependent upon each other. Nothing about the freedom we fight for in our country or the freedom that Christ died for gives us the right to live selfishly. There are many ways we can "fight" for this freedom for all that is within each of our capabilities. We can get out and protest, write letters to our leaders in our community and in law, sign petitions, be vocal on social media and even in your more intimate family groups. We can also show what it means to be free. We can live for others and live for Christ. We can love each other by serving one another as Christ came and served us. We can put actions behind our words that leave all without a doubt that Christ died for them too and set them free!

Happy Independence life and eternity!

From one light to another,  
*Hannah M Loughman*  
Pastor Hannah Loughman

**SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF**

As part of our commitment to care for our children and vulnerable adults, we have a Safe Sanctuary Policy that we follow for all activities that happen in the life of Sewickley United Methodist Church. Every two years our volunteers need to be trained to fully understand our Safe Sanctuary Policy and our individual responsibilities. If you volunteer in any capacity at Sewickley UMC and missed the June training, it is being offered again on **Sunday, July 17th, 12:30 pm** in the Simpson Room. Please [sign up](#) to attend this important training.



We are having one combined worship service on **July 31st at 11 am**, followed by a time of lunch and fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of the Sewickley Community Vacation Bible School. The lunch fellowship is for everyone, not just those taking part in VBS. Bring your own lunch, or purchase something yummy from the Pittsburgh Smokehouse BBQ Food Truck, which will offer pulled pork, brisket, hot dogs, and sides in the Sewickley United Methodist Church parking lot. Our siblings from St. Paul's Lutheran and St. Matthews AME Zion Churches will be joining us.

**COMBINED  
CHURCH  
SERVICE**

**Sewickley  
Community  
Vacation Bible  
School**



Ready to cook up some fun?

Sewickley Community Vacation Bible School begins Sunday, July 31, noon to 3 pm, and continues Monday through Wednesday, August 1 to 3, 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Our Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School invites children (K to 6th grade) to get on a roll with God as a Food Truck rolls into our neighborhood.

Parents, kids, and congregations will kick off VBS by sharing a meal on **Sunday, July 31**. Bring your own lunch, or purchase something yummy from the **Pittsburgh Smokehouse BBQ Food Truck**, which will offer pulled pork, brisket, hot dogs, and sides in the Sewickley United Methodist Church parking lot.

Using Matthew 6:11, "Give us this day our daily bread," children are invited to pray as Jesus teaches. These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God, and our daily needs are met by God.

Through stories in both the Old and New Testaments, this VBS opens kids' eyes to the countless ways God provides, loves, and cares for us while inviting them to join God in providing, loving, and caring for others. The goal of "Food Truck Party" is to help children build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs—and also to serve as the hands of God in ensuring that the needs of others are met.



Kids entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join us **Sunday, July 31, noon to 3 pm and August 1-3, 5:30 to 7:30 pm**, at Sewickley United Methodist Church, 337 Broad Street, Sewickley. Register at [sewickleyumc.org/vbs](http://sewickleyumc.org/vbs)





## Worship Opportunities - July 2022

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.

**July 3, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Liturgist:** Martha Boward

**Scripture Lessons:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Luke 25-29

**Message:** "Take Action"

On Independence Day, we celebrate our country's freedom. This result did not just happen. Individuals took action. Similarly, God took action when He gave his only Son for our sins. What causes a person to take action? Through this freedom created by God, we can build a never-ending trust in him which enables us to act with love.

**July 10, 2022**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Liturgist:** Ron Smith

**Scripture Lesson:** Colossians 4:1-6

**Message:** Jennifer Jones  
 "Can You Hear Me Now?"

Most often effective communication is not about WHAT you say . . .  
 it's about HOW YOU SAY IT.

**July 17, 2022**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Liturgist:** Carole Ford

**Scripture Lessons:** Amos 8:1-12 and Luke 10:38-42

**Message:** "Where in the World Is Jesus?"

Growing up my brothers and I loved going through the Where's Waldo books and finding Waldo. Now, as an adult, instead of Waldo, I spend a lot of my time looking for Jesus. Where in the world is Jesus? Where in the world is the Word of God alive in this world? The more we look the more we will see Jesus is there and everywhere. As we have been on a quest as a church to find Jesus wherever we go, we are going to take a look together at some of the places we have found him.

**July 24, 2022**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Christmas in July**

**Baptism of Christine Charlotte Call and  
 Giuseppe Barbuto-Call at 11 am Service**

**Liturgist:** Laura Powell

**Scripture Lessons:** Isaiah 9:1-7 and Luke 2:8-20

**Message:** "God Has Validated You"

Validation is something most people desire. It is good to know when the things you have said and done actually have real value to others. Sometimes there are those people in our lives who validate us simply for being who we are, not because of something we have done for them. Those are the people we are most often the closest to. From Christmas, to baptism, to outreach projects like Operation Christmas Child, these things help us to understand that the validation of God doesn't come with a price or isn't dependent on how good we can be. God is love and God is in love with you and me!



**July 31, 2022**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**One Combined Service at 11 am**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**VBS Kickoff**

**Liturgist:** Kim Benjamin

**Scripture Lessons:** Psalm 23 and Matthew 6:11

**Message:** "God Provides"

Have you ever sat down to a meal and walked away unsatisfied? You thought you knew what you wanted but ended up not liking what you got. This is not the way the story will go when you sit down for a meal with God. God provides.

Even when we don't know what it is that we need or are missing in our lives, God provides. God sees the fine details and the bigger picture. God knows our needs before we even ask for them. God provides and when we embrace what God has given, we will walk away satisfied.



**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

The temperatures are climbing, so please consider buying nutritious, shelf-stable food that can be eaten hot or cold – for example, tuna fish, beans, pasta, applesauce, canned fruit, juice and condiments such as oil, vinegar, ketchup and mustard.



Contributions of other non-perishable food items and paper products are also welcome. Donations go to the Sewickley Community Food Pantry and may be placed in the grocery cart in the hallway leading to the library. The Pantry, located at 15 Chadwick St., is open to all in the 15143, 15056 and 15108 zip codes on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 11:30-1 pm.



**GUATEMALA MISSIONARY GUEST**

**SPEAKERS** – Rich and Lulu Mroczka, United Methodist missionaries to Guatemala, will be speaking at SUMC after the traditional service on July 3rd. Come hear about their work supporting the Methodist church and

community development and disaster relief projects in Guatemala and Central America. A free will offering will be accepted to help support their work.

**SUMMER FUN WITH THE WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP**

- ⇒ **Tuesday, July 19th** travel together to Saxonburg for lunch and shopping. Transportation provided. Meet in our parking lot at 10 am. Make reservations by July 10th.
- ⇒ In **late August** we will plan a trip to the Volant area for fresh vegetables and apples, along with lunch. The date will be announced by early August.

Call Donna Sawhill 412-916-0854 or Sandy Kuriger 412-559-9652 to reserve your spot.



**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME**

Some United Methodist churches are joining together for a night of baseball fun. Join us on **Thursday, July 28th** for a game against the Phillies at PNC Park. Game time is 7:05 pm; tickets are on the first base line in section 108. Each ticket is \$35 and has \$10 loaded on it for food or merchandise. This is a great deal considering it is \$1 hotdog night! If interested, please contact Pastor Hannah (pastor@sewickleyumc.org or 412-741-9433).

**MISSION U** — Mission u is an annual event offering opportunities for adults, youth and children to grow spiritually, learn about issues affecting society and experience Christian mission in its many forms. Mission u is sponsored jointly by the Conference Global Ministries team and the United Women if Faith and will be held at Jumonville from Aug. 19-21. This year's theme is "Who Can We Be Together?" For more information and to register visit



[wpaumc.org/eventdetail/16525942](http://wpaumc.org/eventdetail/16525942)



UMCOR is continuing its work to relieve distress in many parts of the world. It is actively providing direct relief – including food, water, shelter and medical assistance – to Ukrainians who remain in country and to those who have fled to other parts of Europe. Methodist pastors who remain in Lviv and Kharkiv are helping to shelter and care for displaced persons with UMCOR's support ("Advance #982450-Ukraine"). In the United States, UMCOR is supporting Afghans and other refugees who are being resettled here. It is also responding to many disasters such as Western wildfires, flooding and tornadoes in the Midwest and is preparing for hurricane season response efforts (Advance # 901670 – US Disaster Response and Recovery). Information about UMCOR's full range of programs is available at [umcmmission.org/umcor](http://umcmmission.org/umcor). Donations to UMCOR may be made with your regular offering or by EasyTithe (please mark your donation UMCOR and add the name of the project) or at the UMCOR website.



**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
Jim and Olive Chewing
Mignon Emmert
Renee Gittins
Atleah Grubb
Virginia Harriger
Jan Jones
B.J. (Elizabeth) Manzinger
Pat Rudy
Patricia Smith
Shirley Sye
Lura Zaremba



**SHOPPING DURING AMAZON'S PRIME DAY?**

Please consider using AmazonSmile and making Sewickley UMC your charitable organization. There is no cost to you, and SUMC benefits from your purchases. See page 10 to learn how to sign up.

The United Methodist Women (UMW) is now United Women in Faith (UWF). The organization's higher level leadership has taken a new name to better reflect, in its opinion, how we answer our calling today. We remain united in love in our mission to support women, children and youth, whether we attend a traditional Methodist church or a reconciling Methodist church.



Whatever name we go by, please note that the women in our unit thank everyone who made our spring Rummage Sale for Missions a huge success. We held the Sale for Missions on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, and continued it on Saturday, May 14. We raised \$2,244, which included \$515 in monetary donations. The entire amount will be donated to missions our unit supports. We thank everyone who helped by donating items to sell, by setting up, by selling, by buying, by donating money, by cleaning up and everything else connected to the event.



### HELP EARN MONEY FOR THE RED BIRD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WITH BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Clipping has been replaced with an app! Install the Box Tops for Education app on your smart phone and select the Red Bird Christian School Use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days and instantly add online earnings to the Red Bird Christian School or the school of your choice.

From playground equipment to technology to library books, schools can use this money to help teachers and students get the supplies they need.

Receipts from these and other stores qualify: BJ's Wholesale Club, Costco, CVS, Giant Eagle, Instacart, Rite Aid, Sam's Club, Target, Walgreens, and Walmart. You can learn more at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com).



### VBS DECORATING

Please come as your schedule permits to help create Food Truck Themed Decorations for VBS, **Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 6 – 9 pm** in the Sewickley UMC Basement.

Please consider donating or lending the following items to help with VBS Decorating:

- 12 sheets of white poster board
- Multi-colored tissue paper sheets
- 5 rolls of duct tape
- 6 wide foam brushes
- 12 light blue rectangular plastic tablecloths
- Large bottles of white and black tempera paint
- Box Cutters
- Box Cutter blades
- Small-medium size picnic table
- 2-3 bistro sets (small table and two chairs)

I heard fireworks popping after dark on Father’s Day and, for a heartbeat, thought it was gunfire.

We celebrate summer with fireworks.

We celebrate liberty and justice for all with fireworks.

We celebrate Independence Day with fireworks.

But, as July 4 approaches, won’t it be difficult to hear fireworks and not think about the children who died in Uvalde, or the shoppers shot to death in Buffalo, people gunned down in churches in Southern California or Alabama, people killed in a hospital in Tulsa, the infant killed by gunfire in a van in Pittsburgh?

What’s happening in the “one nation under God”?

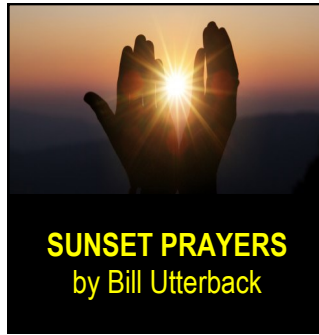
The fireworks we use to celebrate “the rocket’s red glare, bombs bursting in air” sound too much like gunfire in our most frightening and discouraging moments.

Let’s pray for peace in our nation and in our neighborhoods.

On July 3, around 8:54 pm, as the sun sets, as some communities prepare for fireworks displays, let’s cry out together for God’s help, for His peace, for His Light and Love. Pray from wherever you are, with whoever wants to join you.

Let’s pray for discernment concerning every facet of gun availability and gun acquisition. Lord, show us the way toward safe, sound policies.

Let’s pray for discernment concerning fear, anger, anxiety and isolation that lead people to lift guns and squeeze triggers. Lord, help us to see each other, to love each other, to serve each other in ways that ease desperation and extend your Grace.



Let’s pray for young people whose mental health torment leads them to destructive choices, including carrying and fire guns.

In the weeks leading toward Independence Day, our SUMC Bible study group spent a few moments gathered around the burning bush with Moses. There is epic drama in the early chapters of Exodus, but in late Spring 2022, in the United State of America, two lines resonated most profoundly.

God says to Moses, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out ...”

Later in the same address, God says “... the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.”

In the first verse, “seen” precedes “heard.”

In the second, God mentions “the cry” before sharing what He has “seen.”

What God sees and what He hears creates change. Our voices crying out for His help can make a difference.

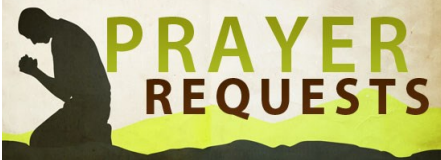
Crying matters.

Crying moves God.

Collective crying reaches God.

It is time for us to cry together.

Lord, help us.

<p>John A. Hurst Bartley Betty Burrows (Wilma Hamilton’s sister-in-law) Cathy Jack Certain Irene Chenot (Beth Zeanchock’s mom) Bruno Crapis John Cummins Betty Dornetta Nancy Erdmann Liz Fischer Shirley Gerthung (Wilma Hamilton’s sister) Jessica H.</p>	 <p>Beate Henkel Brandy K. Lisa L. Matthew McAliley (Otis McAliley’s son) Mark McTighe Mary Maminski Family of Baby Maya Tom Moog Leroy Newman Lorraine Offner</p>	<p>Dominic Odom Heather Rose (Jennifer Jones’ cousin) Amy Richart Jim Rogansky Mario Russo Karen Shong C.R. &amp; Lorraine Simpson Debbie Smith Ron Smith Bill Teed Joseph Umer Ryan Warden Rich Z. Dennis Zeveny</p>
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To The People of Sewickley United Methodist Church,



I want to personally thank and congratulate your congregation for demonstrating your faithfulness to our United Methodist connection by paying 100% of your apportionment covenant in 2021. Because you fulfilled your commitment, despite the pandemic, the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference was able to adapt and continue our ministry by providing leadership, connection and resources to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Through sacrifice and with God's grace, our annual conference is making a difference in people's lives and demonstrating Jesus' love locally and around the world.

Your gifts and those of many other faithful congregations support vital ministry and mission. In 2021, as our pastors and church leaders adapted to new ways of connecting with their congregations, your Conference staff and leaders offered support and resources through digital Zoom sessions with both local presenters and outside consultants. Conference staff worked more closely with local churches to equip them for disciple-making using part-time regional coordinators focusing on spiritual formation and community engagement.

As ministry continued, new people connected with our congregations online, hungry people received food, ramps were built, and we were able to continue our support of global ministry and mission through UMCOR. Youth gathered for an adapted version of SPARK and participated in Youth 4 Mission at Jumonville. I enjoyed meeting in person again with Confirmation students from a number of churches during three events this spring.

Our apportioned giving also provides support and training for those who respond to God's call upon their lives by serving as lay servant ministers, ordained clergy, local pastors or missionaries.

What we do together as United Methodists is far more than any one congregation can do by itself. Your commitment through apportioned giving makes you a significant partner in the connectional ministries of the church that we all can celebrate. We are truly blessed by our connection.

I praise God for the faithfulness of His people. I thank God for the ministries we've supported and the disciples being made because of your faithful giving.

Blessings,  
Cynthia Moore-Koikoi  
Resident Bishop

Spencer Clifford 7/3  
Jim Canfield 7/5  
Otis McAiley 7/5  
Aimee Thornton 7/7  
Hank Graham 7/11  
Dawn Cannister 7/16  
Alisa Lenhardt 7/17  
Jenine Furry 7/18  
Owyn Loughman 7/20



Riley Benjamin 7/21  
Steven Powell 7/21  
Cara Dotterer 7/27  
Gordon Chesney 7/30  
Hannah Loughman 7/30  
Grace King 7/31  
Nick Leety 7/31  
Lee Ann Reardon 7/31

*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.*



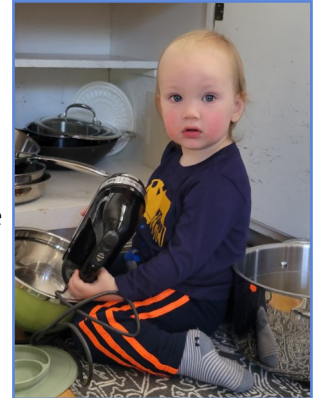
Our handbells were sent to be refurbished over the summer by the manufacturer, Schulmerich Bells. The bells have had minor maintenance over the past 17 years, but we felt it was time for a refurbishment. After taking them apart, they were found to be in worse shape than we suspected. We have the funds to pay for the basic refurbishment, but need about \$2,000 more to cover the additional required and recommended repairs, which, among other benefits, will return the sound of the bells to what they should be.

We are asking the congregation for donations to help us cover the additional cost so the handbells may be properly repaired. If you can help us, please mark your donations "handbell repairs" and drop them in the offering or leave them in the office by July 10th. You may also give via EasyTithe. Thank you from your SUMC Clocktower Ringers.



- Jim & Wilma Hamilton 7/12
- Ronna Sue & Donald Vangura 7/18
- Roger & Pam Wright 7/20
- CJ and Jennifer Jones 7/23
- Jack & Susie Moffett 7/27
- Bill & Pat Ferguson 7/30

Lincoln Todd Loughman received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on June 5, 2022. He was born on September 21, 2020, in Pittsburgh. Lincoln is the son of Pastor Hannah and Todd Loughman, and the brother of Owyn and Jordyn. His grandparents are Pastor Bruce and Bonnie Judy of Irwin, PA and Van and Eileen Loughman of Greene County. It was a joyous celebration and a huge blessing to have him baptized by our brother in Christ, Reverend William Rankin during a worship service also attended by the members of St. Matthews AME Zion Church of Sewickley, PA. Praise the Lord!



## BLOOD DRIVE

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
**Give blood.**

Vitalant will have a BLOOD DRIVE on **Sunday, September 25th** right here at SUMC. If you regularly give blood, consider timing your donations so you can participate in this drive. The last date you can donate whole blood to be able to give during this drive is July 31st. Some restrictions on who may donate have

changed, so if you were once excluded, you are encouraged to call Vitalant to check if you may now donate. For further information on qualifications, please visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or call (877) 25 VITAL.

### 2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH MAY



	2022 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Paid/Received to Date	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	279,196.04	127,477.59	137,732.56	10,254.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS	279,216.00	107,772.44	115,440.46	7,668.02
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	19.96	(19,705.15)	(22,292.10)	





Good news ... great joy ... all the people.

The heralded message of Christmas is timeless, which is why we can choose a Sunday morning in July to help the Love and Light of Jesus reach more of the world's youngest people.

As the Sewickley UMC family is celebrating Christmas in July on July 24, the Fellowship of the Cross is asking church family to consider making a contribution toward our 2022 Operation Christmas Child campaign. You can leave a gift under the tree that will be in the sanctuary only July 24, or you can make a financial donation.

A year ago, the contributions we found beneath our Christmas in July tree were significant and most likely enhanced each of the 100 shoeboxes we filled in October. Those boxes were later delivered to children in the Dominican Republic and Honduras.

Our 2022 drive received a familiar boost when Kara, Elliott and Evarett delivered more than a dozen shoeboxes wrapped in Christmas paper in June, then took home multiple armfuls of unwrapped boxes donated by the SUMC family. Tis truly OCC season when Kara and family begin wrapping boxes.


The Sewickley UMC family has filled more than 1,100 shoeboxes in the past 11 years. We have packed 100 or more boxes in each of the past 10 years. In addition to the Dominican Republic and Honduras, our boxes have reached children in Ecuador, Columbia, the Bahamas and multiple nations in Africa. Twice, our boxes have reached children in Ukraine.

June, July and August are our most important collection months. We will invite church family into a packing event that will be scheduled in September or October.

FOTC will be accepting donations such as school supplies (pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers, crayons, glue sticks, erasers, rulers and notebooks that fit in a shoebox), combs and brushes, small toys, balls, stuffed animals, jewelry, hair accessories, socks and t-shirts, ball caps and empty shoeboxes. We can accept very "gently-used" gifts. We cannot accept toothpaste, bar soap, liquids of any kind, war-themed gifts or candy.

If you can't visit our "Christmas in July" tree, a collection box for OCC sits outside the church office, and we can accept financial gifts through church-giving windows throughout the year. Your financial gifts help cover shipping costs for our shoeboxes.


FOTC is immensely thankful for those who contributed to OCC in recent months. Your gifts have provided an encouraging foundation for our 2022 campaign.



## Electronic Giving

A CONVENIENT, CONSISTANT WAY TO HELP OUR CHURCH GROW

We are using "easyTithe" to offer online giving to our church family. Those who choose to give in this way can create a secure account from via easyTithe and set up recurring giving



easyTithe

Find Your Organization to Get Started

Find organizations near me

with selected funds, frequency, and amount. easyTithe allows you to securely give via your bank account or credit/debit card. You can give online by visiting the giving page on our [website](#). SUMC pays a monthly service fee to easyTithe, plus easyTithe charges us 3% for each donation made. **When giving via easyTithe, please considering covering the 3% transaction fee.**

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.

**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.

**BUILDING OF FAITH UPDATE**

In 2013, the Sewickley UMC sanctuary went through a major renovation. The sanctuary was made more accessible to all with the removal of the steeply slanted floor and the addition of a ramp to the chancel. The chancel space was also enlarged and reconfigured to better accommodate the needs of our growing music ministries. Additionally, new lighting and air conditioning (ah!!) were installed, and much needed restoration work was completed on our historic organ.



The 5-year "Building of Faith" capital campaign covered a good amount of the costs, but we continue to carry a loan. In 2019, Miracle Sunday was celebrated with the largest offering in SUMC's history. Miracle Sunday donations allowed us to lower the loan principal by \$65,094.60 and designate \$21,898.20 for ministries. 100% of the proceeds of the Soup & Hummus sales go toward the loan principal, and from 2016 through June 2022 have lowered the loan principal by 26,555.15!! The balance of our loan, as of June 21, is \$27,364.90.

Loan payments are \$1300 per month and are funded by donations. Please consider making donations beyond your regular giving, designated as "BOF," to help fund the monthly loan payments.

**Peach Festival and Ala Carte Goodies**

**Saturday, July 16, 11 am — 4 pm**

**Sewickley United Methodist Church**

**Peach Cobbler with Ice Cream  
and Beverage \$5**

**Ala Carte Items**

**Hotdogs Ham BBQ Sandwiches  
Chips Beverages**

**Dine in or Takeout**



# JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30pm AA	2
3 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service 12pm Guatemala Missionary Guest Speakers	4 7pm AA	5 8pm AA	6 6:30pm Leap of Faith	7 6 - 9pm VBS Decorating	8 6:30pm AA	9
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Pastor Hannah's availability: I am available Tuesday through Friday, 8:45 am to 4:45 pm. On Sundays I am available following the church service till 4 p.m. If I am not in the office, I can be reached via my cell phone. I am available after-hours on my cell phone for emergencies. My email address is open 24 hours a day and, with the exceptions of Mondays, which is my day off, I will respond in a timely manner.

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*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.*