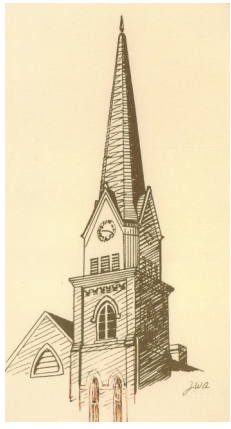


# Sewickley United Methodist Church



## June 2022 Newsletter

### *The Pastor's Peace*

While working on the Blessing of the Animals service, I began watching videos of animals saving people and people saving animals. A couple of hours later I was still watching videos that included all kinds of amazing acts that are guaranteed to restore your faith in humanity! Sometimes it gets too easy to let all the negativity weigh us down and lose sight of the good in the world. But there is still much good in the world! We just must be willing to look for it.

Have you ever done one of those fun activity books called "Where's Waldo?" The book was originally printed in 1987. A fun fact about Waldo: He was an afterthought. Martin Hanford was known for his drawings of crowded scenes as can be found in the "Where's Waldo?" books. He was approached by David Bennet, a business associate and an art editor at Walker Books in England, about doing a children's book. They decided there needed to be a central theme in order to connect all the crowded scenes and keep people's attention, so they came up with the character originally named Wally. His name changed to Waldo when the book was published in North America. Wally gave people something to focus on from page to page and gained much popularity. If you have ever done one or two or three of those books (my brothers and I were big fans) then you know the more you do them the easier it becomes to spot Waldo. This is especially true if you go through the same book a couple of times!

Much like the "Where's Waldo?" scenes, the more you train your eye to see Jesus, the more you will actually see Jesus. Jesus is out there. He is on the busy streets of Pittsburgh, he is in the middle of the crowd of protestors, he is sitting in the seats at parliament. Jesus is riding on public transportation and walking through Walmart. Jesus is also lying on the beach and hiking in the mountains. Jesus is alive and is wherever you and I are. If you look for Jesus, you will see Jesus and never have to lose faith in humanity again.

Here is the challenge: This summer as you go on vacation, to the pool, grocery shopping or wherever you might be, I want you to take the picture of Jesus found on page 10 in this newsletter and I want you to take a selfie with Jesus. If you can't print Jesus out, we would be happy to do it for you in the office. Post that selfie to Facebook tagging Sewickley United Methodist Church in it or post it directly to our Facebook page. You can also post it to our Instagram account. Another option is to simply send the picture to my cell phone 412-294-7587 and I can post it for you. Include with the picture a couple of sentences of where you see Jesus.

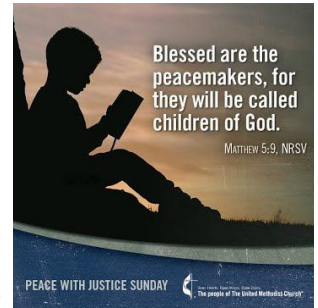
Instead of making people search for Jesus, we are going to be a church that helps people find and see Jesus. After all, our faith isn't really in humanity, it is in our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, who works through us to spread love all over the world!

From one light to another,

*Hannah M Loughman*  
Pastor Hannah Loughman

**PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY**

On **June 12<sup>th</sup>**, the United Methodist Church celebrates Peace with Justice Sunday. Donations are used to support efforts advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of local, national and global programs – for example, after-school programs for at-risk children, anti-violence and anti-trafficking programs, and work for human rights, peace and environmental justice. Half of the funds collected will remain in our annual conference to develop local peace with justice ministries and to support a peace with justice coordinator. You can submit donations through your regular offering or by EasyTithe (please mark your donation "Peace with Justice") or at the UMC website: [UMC.org/SSGive](http://UMC.org/SSGive).



We are having one combined worship service on **June 5th**. St. Matthews AME Zion and Sewickley UMC will be worshipping together on June 5th at 11 am in the Sewickley UMC sanctuary. We will celebrate the baptism of Lincoln Loughman, participate in communion together, and fellowship at War Memorial Park over a picnic following the service. Join us for this day of worship and fun!

**CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC — SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

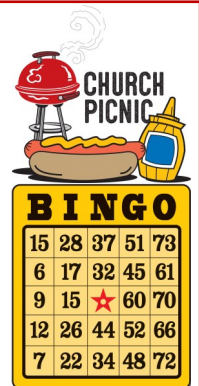
Please come to our annual church picnic where we break bread with our family at St. Matthews AME Zion and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches. We will provide the beef and veggie burgers and hotdogs.

**Time:** Gather at 12:30; prayer and the feast begin at 1 pm

**Where:** War Memorial Park, Shelter #1 (Blackburn Road, pass YMCA, make left into lot after paddle courts)

**Bring:** Lawn chairs (available seating is limited) and a side dish or dessert to share. If you have kids, there is playground & creek access so you may want to bring water shoes and towels as well

**Expect:** FUN!!! FOOD!!! and Bingo, of course



Sewickley Community Vacation Bible School will begin Sunday, July 31, noon to 3 pm, and will continue Monday through Wednesday, August 1st to 3rd. from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

**Our Food Truck Party**

Vacation Bible School invites children (K to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 you 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.

Mark the date for VBS. We are looking for parents to participate in VBS to make this the best experience for the kids! We need teachers, guides, and recreational help. Please contact Laura Powell at 724-316-7895 / [lpapep@hotmail.com](mailto:lpapep@hotmail.com).

**Worship Opportunities - June 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](http://youtube.com).  
 The recorded services are also available later on Sunday afternoon.



**June 5, 2022**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
 Communion  
 Baptism of Lincoln Loughman  
**Only One Combined Service Today at 11 am**  
**St. Matthews AME Zion Church is worshipping with us**  
**Scripture Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-17  
**Message from Rev. Rankin:** "Has Christ Been Divided?"

**June 12, 2022**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**Liturgist:** Donna Sawhill  
**Scripture Lessons:** Romans 5:1-5  
**Message:** "Who Is the Trinity?"

Have you ever tried to have a conversation with someone about a topic that you know little about, but they are clearly very passionate about? You care about this person. You want the conversation to continue, but what do you say? The best thing to do in these situations is to ask questions and listen. We spend a lot of time talking about the Holy Trinity and the true nature of God, but who really knows all the answers. The truth of knowledge begins when we admit our ignorance and prep our ears for listening. Only when we admit we don't know will we be ready to learn.

**June 19, 2022**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Juneteenth**  
**Liturgist:** Otis McAliley  
**Scripture Lessons:** Galatians 3:23-29  
**Message:** "Gentle Parenting or Tough Love?"

Have you ever thought of Jesus as a disciplinarian? Usually we think of discipline as something that belongs to someone a bit stricter. Though Jesus might not come off as heavy handed, his commands of living were not optional if you were going to follow him. Yet, his way of life is one people can find true freedom in. Too often we rise to anger and force when trying to "inspire" others to do something, when the discipline of Christ is more about true change through the way of love.

**June 26, 2022**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Liturgist:** Kristine Swaney  
**Scripture Lessons:** Psalm 16 and Luke 9:51-55  
**Message:** "How Much Do Your Benefits Cost?"

Health benefits have been a sore spot in the history of our nation. Largely people get upset over the idea of paying for someone else to have access to affordable health care. Can you imagine if Jesus got upset over paying other people's way into heaven? What if he just gave up and said, "you're not working for it, why would I?" Maybe instead of seeing this as an unfairness in the world, we can see this as an opportunity to be Jesus for the world. That is the gift the church has to offer.

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

**When:** Saturday, June 25th, 10 am  
 or Sunday, July 17th, 12:30 pm

**Where:** In the Simpson Room

**What:** 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 please [sign up](#) to attend this important training. You do not have to attend both sessions. Please choose one.



**HELP FOR UKRAINE** — Sewickley UMC is partnering with DTCare to provide the Ukrainian Refugees in Poland with some basic necessities. Donations are being collected for the following items which may be placed in the boxes outside the office:



- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash
- First aid supplies (no medications)
- Soap, shampoo, baby wipes, deodorant
- Hand sanitizer, masks
- Hairbrushes, ties
- Washcloths, socks, small sewing kits

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

With school out for the summer, consider purchasing peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, juice, canned fruit and other nutritious kid-friendly foods for June’s collection. Contributions of other non-perishable food items and paper products are also welcome. Donations may be placed in the grocery cart in the hallway leading to the library.



**HELP NEEDED** — On **Tuesday, June 7**, at **10 am**, there will be a workday. Help is needed to clean out and sort the silverware. Please **COME TO HELP!**

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

— All ladies are invited to join three days out and about for summer fun with the Women’s Sharing Group.



- ⇒ **Friday, June 10th** come have lunch together at the Christy House. Meet in our parking lot at 11:15 am. Make reservations by June 3rd.
- ⇒ **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



**BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES** (and skateboards, scooters, etc.) This Community-wide event is being held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (616 Washington St., Sewickley) in partnership with Child Health

Association of Sewickley and Communcycle on Saturday, **June 11, 10 am to 1 pm**. Everyone is welcome! Free helmets available! (while supplies last) Free hot dogs and chips! Safety tips! Bicycle inspections! All ages welcome!

**LENTEN FINE COLLECTION UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2022 Lenten Fine Calendar and who made financial donations. We collected \$458.28, all of which will be used to help with the renovation of the Nyadire United Methodist Mission’s 6th and final rural clinic in northeastern Zimbabwe.



**JUNETEENTH ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL**

— The Sewickley Community Center will host a Juneteenth Art & Music Festival on **June 18 from noon to 6 pm**. It is free and open to the public. There will be

live music featuring The Flow Band, Ibeji Drum Ensemble and more, as well as children’s activities, vendors, a raffle, tours of the center, swimming (\$2) and more. For more information, visit [sewickleycommunitycenter.com](http://sewickleycommunitycenter.com).



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	
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### CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

The Sewickley United Methodist Church will celebrate the Class of 2022 during the worship services on June 12. Best wishes to our graduates as they start a new chapter!



Congratulations to Quaker Valley High School seniors Spencer and Rose. The graduation ceremony is June 6 at Chuck Knox Stadium on the QVHS campus.

Here are their post high school plans:



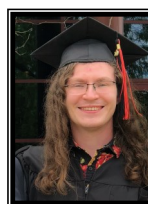
**Spencer Clifford** will attend Slippery Rock University in the fall where he will major in Theater Design and Technology. He will also be a member of the Slippery Rock Marching Band.

**Rose Fishter** plans to attend either Chatham University for Exercise Science or the University of North Carolina - Wilmington to study Marine Biology.



#### Way to go Lenhardts!

**Allison Lenhardt** graduated on May 8th from the University of Dayton with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Sustainability. She plans to return to the University of Dayton for masters in Clean and Renewable Energy.



**Bo Lenhardt** was awarded his Masters in Library Science and Information Management on May 20th from the University of Maryland. He is searching for a position in the Arlington, Virginia area.



**VBS DECORATING:** Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 6 – 9 pm in the Sewickley UMC Basement. During this time we will be creating Food Truck Themed decorations for VBS.

Vacation Bible School Items Needed:

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

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED — ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROJECT PREPARATION

#### Project Scope

Trustees have scheduled the removal and replacement of carpet and tile in the basement Sunday School rooms, hallway and nursery. Unfortunately, the tile under the carpet and tile in the nursery has tested for asbestos. Rest assured, the status of our current flooring is safe. There are no broken tiles or dust particles in the air. However, in order to replace the carpet and tiles in those areas we have engaged the services of a contractor to perform the abatement which will then be followed by the installation of new carpet and tiles.

#### Here are the dates you need to be aware of:

- June 4 -12 - Our church family helps to remove and relocate the contents of all classrooms and nursery. Please [let us know you will help with the relocation tasks here](#).
- June 13 - 27- Abatement work begins (areas are sealed off with no access)
- June 28 - July 8 - Carpet and tile installation
- July 8 - 15 - Our church family helps return the contents back to appropriate rooms

**Project Assistance:** Can you help be a part of the clean out process? With a dumpster on site we plan to use this opportunity to clean out all of areas of the church as well. Please mark your calendars. Any questions, please reach out to Sandra Lane (412)841-7169.

Let's pray into summer.

Every season creates unique opportunities for prayer, but doesn't summer seem to offer a bigger, brighter canvas?

Maybe it's the "school's out" mentality that frames summer as a time of accelerated freedom. Maybe it's the warmer weather and longer days that seem to extend possibility.

Doesn't summer, with its increased opportunity for porch sitting, or time in the garden, or time on the sidewalk with a stroller or a pup, offer a pace that invites prayer?

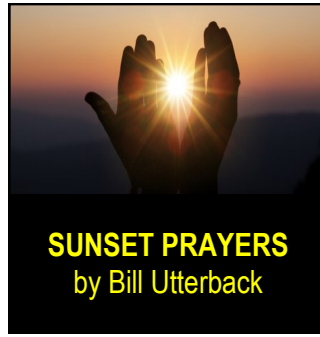
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Lord, let us see you more clearly this summer.

On June 5, as the sun sets at around 8:47 pm, from wherever you are, with whomever wants to join you, let's pray together for all that summer offers.

Let's begin with prayers for our church. June 5 is Pentecost Sunday, the celebration of the day the Holy Spirit visited believers and allowed them to connect with community in new ways. Lord, show us how we, as a church family, can create new relationships and share your Love and your Light in new ways.

Let's pray for children and youth as the school year ends. Let's lift a prayer of thanks for all they've seen and shared and



learned in the past school year, and let's ask Jesus to nourish them in new ways through the summer. Let's pray for parents and others – grandparents, camp counselors, lifeguards, day care workers - facing new challenges and opportunities as the school year ends.

Let's pray for teachers and all involved in education, thanking God for all they provided and poured out through the school year. Let's ask him to restore and refresh them through the summer.

Let's pray for youth in summer jobs and internships.

Let's pray for graduates facing new opportunities.

Let's pray for vacations, camps and VBS opportunities in a summer a little less restricted by concern over the pandemic.

Let's pray for Pride events. Let's pray for community events. Let's pray for block parties and church picnics. Let's pray for weddings, graduation parties, baby showers, firework nights and family reunions.


Let's ask God to reveal him at swimming pools, ballfields, golf courses, amusement parks, playgrounds, dog parks, yards and gardens, and at bike trails.

Lord, show us how we can serve and share and know you this summer.

- Aimee & Scott Thornton 6/10
- Jason & Jennifer Frye 6/15
- Michelle & Jason Garofalo 6/16
- Gordon & Debbie Chesney 6/18
- Don & Pam Dotterer 6/18



- Jenine Furry & Paul Clifford 6/24
- Laura & Steven Powell 6/25
- Bill & Lindsay Merryman 6/26
- Jill & Scott Matthews 6/30

 <p>John A. Hurst Bartley Betty Burrows (Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law) Cathy Jack Certain Irene Chenot (Beth Zeanchock's mom)</p>	<p>Bruno Crapis John Cummins Betty Dornetta Nancy Erdmann Dorritt Field Sarah Fiore (CJ Jones' daughter) Liz Fischer Shirley Gerthung (Wilma Hamilton's sister) Jessica H. Beate Henkel</p>	<p>Brandy K. Lisa L. Paula Lukens Craig McClean Mary Maminski Baby Maya Tom Moog Leroy Newman Sandra Obeng Lorraine Offner Dominic Odom Amy Richart</p>	<p>Cherie Reilly Jim Rogansky Mario Russo Karen Shong C.R. &amp; Lorraine Simpson Bill Teed Mrs. Tekwani Joseph Umer Alexander Wallace Ryan Warden Rich Z. Dennis Zeveny</p>
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On their way to children’s church in late April, some Sewickley UMC kids carried armfuls of stuffed animals, contributed by members of our church family, to our Operation Christmas Child room. They were surprised to see all that has been contributed toward our 2022 campaign.



We include “something to love,” a stuffed animal or a doll, in every box.

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. Our boxes have

reached children in the Dominican Republic, Honduras, 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 in September.

FOTC is accepting donations such as toothbrushes, combs and brushes, school supplies, small toys and stuffed animals, jewelry, 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, candy or war-themed gifts.

A collection box for OCC sits outside the church office, and we can accept financial gifts through church giving windows throughout the year.

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

“People are giving already?” they asked.

A few moments later, after hearing the story of Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24), the children were asked how they were reminded that Jesus was always near. They talked about the sun and stars and flowers, and moms.

“Nature,” said one child.

“The whole world,” said another.

“My stuffed animals,” said one of the girls.

One of the boys was skeptical about the stuffed animals, but the girl expanded on her response.

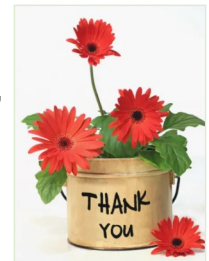
“When I snuggle with my stuffed animals, I think about my mom and dad and all the people who love me, and I remember that Jesus loves me.”

The skeptical boy nodded and said, “I get it now.”

This is why the Fellowship of the Cross has launched our 12th Operation Christmas Child campaign: children feeling loved, children feeling Jesus, children sharing Jesus, children seeing Jesus in new ways.

On behalf of the residents of the Union Aid Building at 511 Centennial Avenue, THANK YOU to the Fellowship of the Cross, their leaders, and all church family youth for planting flowers in our gardens and containers on Sunday, May 22nd. Robin Craig Clark wrote, "All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today." As the flowers bloom and flourish, they feed our souls with their quiet beauty and we enjoy their abundance of color and fragrance from spring - to summer - to early fall!

Like the flowers you dress our gardens with.....you bring sunshine to shady places with the worthy service and wonderful work you do with such enthusiasm and caring hearts. Have a blessed summer. (Dorothy Jadowiec)



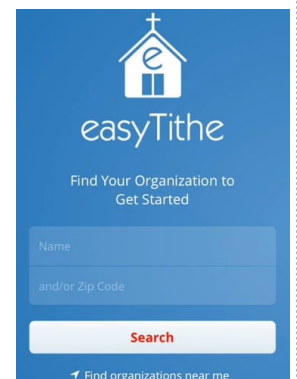
## Electronic Giving

A CONVENIENT, CONSISTANT WAY TO HELP OUR CHURCH GROW

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.

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



## UMCOR UKRAINE DONATIONS AT WORK

Foundation partners with United Methodist Church to donate medical supplies to Ukraine

by Kenneth Moton, [abcnews.com](https://abcnews.com), May 28, 2022

Months into the brutal war in Ukraine, hospitals in the besieged areas of the country are overcoming incredible obstacles to treat patients who need them now more than ever.

With thousands of people injured, there's been a dire need for medical supplies and non-profit organizations like the North Zulch, Texas-based Arlene Campbell Humanitarian Foundation.

"I see resilience," said Lena Denman, president of the foundation. "I see a [Ukrainian] people who have great fortitude, who have a willingness to fight and win."

The foundation is partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), part of United Methodist Global Ministries -- the worldwide mission, relief and development agency of The United Methodist Church.

"The goal of UMCOR is to alleviate human suffering," said UMCOR's chief executive, Roland Fernandes.

The power of the global ministry plus its small donors has added up to one of the biggest donations of medical supplies from a nonprofit organization during the war. Despite the logistical nightmare, the organizations say they have delivered 24 tons of supplies worth nearly \$1 million.

"We're working with specific doctors, specific requests, and we're meeting those requests so that we see where the aid goes," said Denman.

Since Russia's invasion, Denman's foundation and UMCOR have sent three massive shipments of supplies like gowns, gloves, surgical kits and mask respirators. The third truckload arrived in May to the Ukrainian Health Ministry Heart Institute in the capital, Kyiv.

"I think really being able to get the supplies on the ground is something that we don't often do," Fernandes said. "So to see that happen was a sense of...hopefully this really helps people who really need this."

The relief has helped.

One grateful recipient is Dr. Vitaly Demyanchuk. The cardiothoracic surgeon at the Ukrainian Health Ministry Heart Institute has been living in the hospital treating victims of the war.

Demyanchuk told ABC News "that despite the hard times, we're trying day by day to return to work at full capacity. We are dedicated to providing care for patients."

The doctor has also distributed some of the donated supplies to other medical facilities including a children's hospital where Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy recently visited and honored doctors. They have been taking care of orphans who escaped the bombarded city of Mariupol.

Demyanchuk said the U.S. aid "plays an enormous role in helping us do our job and do it as effectively as we can."

Denman said she fell in love with the Ukrainian people and culture more than 20 years ago. In 2000, she traveled there with Arlene Campbell, who started a non-profit organization to ship containers of food, medical equipment, medicine, and supplies to the former Soviet states. Campbell also developed a student-teacher exchange program with the help of a grant from the U.S. State Department.

In 2016, Denman started the Arlene Campbell Humanitarian Foundation near College Station, Texas with a mission to honor her late mentor and continue sending medical supplies and equipment to that region.

Now with a new conflict after Russia's recent invasion, Denman is stepping up efforts to help.

"The need is outstanding. The need has only increased," said Denman. "The UN sent out a flash appeal asking governments and NGOs to only increase the aid not to decrease it at all."

While the need grows larger by the day, the United Methodist Church and the Arlene Campbell Humanitarian Foundation say so does their support for the people of Ukraine.

"Arlene was a widow and she had no children," said Denman. "Her legacy is me carrying on her foundational work to help Ukrainians and I know that she would be so pleased if she was alive today to see it in existence and to see the relationship we've built with UMCOR."



To date, donations received through SUMC designated for UMCOR's response to help the people of Ukraine total \$2,060. Donations are still welcome and can be made any of the following ways:

- ♥ Through the mail, offering plate, or by EasyTithe (please mark your donation "UMCOR-Ukraine")
- ♥ Through the UMCOR website: [umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450](https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450)



## WESTERN PA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 2 - 4

When you hear the term “annual conference,” it could be referring to any one of three things. The annual conference is a regional body, an organizational unit AND a yearly meeting.

### Regional body

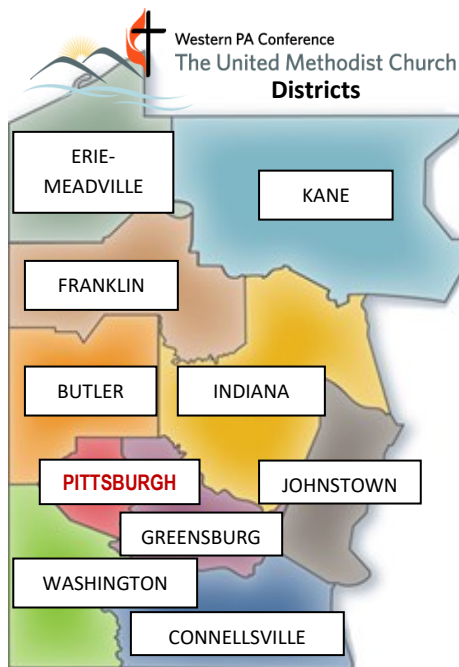
The annual (sometimes referred to as ‘regional’) conference is described by the church's Constitution and (other parts of the) Book of Discipline as the “basic unit” of the church.

In the United States, an annual conference may cover an entire state, only part of the state, or even parts of two or more states. There are also three missionary conferences in the United States, which rely upon the denomination as a whole for funding.

The United States has 54 annual conferences, supervised by 46 bishops. There are 75 annual conferences in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, which are supervised by 20 bishops.

### Organizational body

In the U.S., the annual conference has a central office and professional staff that coordinate and conduct ministry and the business of the conference. It likely has a director of connectional ministries, treasurer, directors of program areas (such as camping), communications director, and other staff as deemed appropriate for the annual conference and as required by the Book of Discipline. Clergy and laypersons may also serve on conference boards, commissions and committees.



### Annual Conference sessions

Each typical year an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend their conference's Annual Conference session for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference, which may last 3-5 days. During these sessions, members of the conference hear reports of past and ongoing work; adopt future goals, programs and budgets; ordain clergy members as deacons and elders; and elect delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (every 4 years). The bishop presides over these meetings.

Sewickley United Methodist Church is part of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, which includes all of the UMCs of Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia. Within the Jurisdiction, we are part of The Western

Pennsylvania Conference, which is made up of nearly 800 local churches in 23 western Pennsylvania counties. The Western Pennsylvania Conference is further broken down into 10 districts, Sewickley UMC being part of the Pittsburgh District.

This year's Annual Conference of the Western Pennsylvania Conference is taking place June 2 & 4 in Erie. We will be represented by Pastor Hannah and our Lay Member to Annual Conference, Donna Sawhill. Lay Equalization Members from our congregation are Martha Boward and Wilma Hamilton. Lay Equalization members help balance out the number of laity with clergy. Rev. Jim Hamilton, a retired elder, will also be there.

Please be in prayer for our Annual Conference and all those attending.

Jessica Moore	6/1
Nancy Wiggins	6/1
Genevieve Moffett	6/5
Amie McCombs	6/6
Elise Powell Biolsi	6/6
Jade Burnett	6/8
Jan Jones	6/8
Pam Dotterer	6/9
Clara Herman	6/10
Willa Herman	6/10



Zoe Fishter	6/11	Grant Lane	6/18
Johnathan Burnett	6/14	Pamela Mayo	6/18
Luna Dotterer	6/15	Scott Spencer	6/19
		Lindsay Merryman	6/20
		Emma Miller	6/20
		Rachel Patterson	6/20
		Sylvia Bajsec	6/25
		Pete Hiles	6/26
		Emmelia Gaebel	6/29
		Brenda Smith	6/29

*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.*



# JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>4</b> 10am Abatement Project Basement Preparation
<b>5</b> 10am Adult Sunday School 11am One Combined Service 12:30pm Church Picnic 6:30pm Growth Group: Everything is Spiritual	<b>6</b> 4 - 7pm Abatement Project Basement Preparation 7pm AA	<b>7</b> 4 - 7pm Abatement Project Basement Preparation 6:30pm Growth Group: Immersion Bible Study: John 8pm AA	<b>8</b> 4 - 7pm Abatement Project Basement Preparation 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>9</b> 4 - 7pm Abatement Project Basement Preparation	<b>10</b> 11:15am Women's Sharing Group Outing 12 - 4pm Abatement Project Basement Preparation 6:30pm AA	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service 6:30pm Growth Group: Everything is Spiritual	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Finance Committee 6:30pm Trustees 7pm AA 7:30pm Council Meeting	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Growth Group: Immersion Bible Study: John 8pm AA	<b>15</b> 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service 6:30pm Growth Group: Everything is Spiritual	<b>20</b> 7pm AA	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Growth Group: Immersion Bible Study: John 8pm AA	<b>22</b> 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>25</b> 10am Safe Sanctuary Training
<b>26</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service 6:30pm Growth Group: Everything is Spiritual	<b>27</b> 7pm AA	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Growth Group: Immersion Bible Study: John 8pm AA	<b>29</b> 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>30</b>		

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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### 2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH APRIL



	2022 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Paid/Received to Date	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	279,196.04	106,358.24	116,538.64	10,180.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS	279,216.00	85,014.11	93,656.73	8,642.62
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	19.96	(21,344.13)	(22,881.91)	

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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.*