

# Sewickley United Methodist Church

## March 2021 Minutes

*From The Pastor's Heart*

“Zero to hero...” this is what I hear my daughter often singing. She learned a variation of this in song form at school. For some reason when I heard her say it for the 10,000<sup>th</sup> time, I began to think about the true power of a zero. When a zero stands alone it does not carry worth. But when you put a zero behind a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9...it increases the value greatly. If you add a couple of zeros onto the end, well, you know how it goes. In our lives we will sometimes play the part of the zero and sometimes be the one out front.

One great example of a powerful zero is Bayard Rustin. When we look at history we are familiar with the name Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and rightfully so, but we are not as familiar with Bayard Rustin. There is a good possibility without Mr. Rustin, Rev. King's “I have a dream” speech might not have ever happened. It was Bayard Rustin who was pivotal in organizing the March on Washington that produced the speech mentioned above. As a gay man with questionable ties to communism, he was not someone who was able to lead the charge. However, he knew well who he was and what strengths he had, and comfortably gave power to the civil rights movement from behind the scenes. There are seasons in my life when I know I am called to be a zero. That is the type of zero I want to be!

During this season of Lent, I am calling on all of us to be zeros! Less of us, more of Jesus. As you are engaged in your spiritual disciplines and seeking Christ with great desperation, he will be raised to the forefront of your life. When people look at you, they will see Jesus. That is the way it is supposed to be. 2 Corinthians 5:20 says, “So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’” As an ambassador for Christ your life should be an image of the resurrected King. Our hearts and deeds should speak volumes to others about who we follow and what a great love he has for the world. All honor and praise to Christ alone. Amen!

From one light to another,  
*Hannah M Loughman*

Pastor Hannah Loughman

Pastor Hannah's availability: I am available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:45 am to 4:45 pm. On Sundays I am available following the church service till 4 p.m. If I am not in the office, I can be reached via my cell phone. I am available after-hours on my cell phone for emergencies. My email address is open 24 hours a day and, with the exceptions of Tuesdays, which is my day off, I will respond in a timely manner.

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- Hurst & Diane Bartley 3/19
- Steve & Cara Dotterer 3/21
- Hannah and Todd Loughman 3/23
- Bill & Laura Kuriger 3/25

**Remember our Shut-ins**

Please write to our shut-ins and keep them in your prayers. The church office can provide you with contact information.

- Sylvia Bajsec
- Mignon Emmert
- Renee Gittins
- Atleah Grubb
- Virginia Harriger
- Brad and Jan Jones
- B.J. (Elizabeth) Manzinger
- Pat Rudy
- Patricia Smith
- Shirley Sye

**UMCOR SUNDAY (ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING) OFFERING –MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Life sometimes can be overwhelming – for many during humanitarian crises, UMCOR is there. The United Methodist Committee on Relief stands ready to respond when the needs arise and works continuously to improve conditions for people the world over.

For example, through the “Sheltering in Love” campaign, and in collaboration with health professionals, missionaries, disaster management coordinators and faith leaders, UMCOR and Global Ministries responded globally to the COVID-19 crisis. From the Philippines to Pennsylvania, Brazil to Burundi, UMCOR worked to meet people’s daily needs such as health care, food, hygiene, and job security.

UMCOR equips local churches, annual conferences, and nonprofit organizations to be in mission with their communities, to respond to those left most vulnerable during challenging times. And UMCOR doesn’t just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR builds relationships and helps communities rebuild in the years following a disaster.

UMCOR can do this because the funds given on UMCOR Sunday. Join with millions of United Methodists to help cover the

costs of doing business. From training Conference Disaster Coordinators and Early Response Teams, to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly to disasters.

UMCOR’s 80-year history is grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ, “created...for good works” (Eph 2:10 NRSV) that alleviate human suffering. Responding to people suffering from the effects of war, civil unrest, storms, wildfires, famines, or floods, UMCOR steps in on your behalf in times of crisis to help individuals, families and communities too overwhelmed to recover on their own.

Visit [www.umcmission.org/umcor](http://www.umcmission.org/umcor) to learn more about UMCOR.

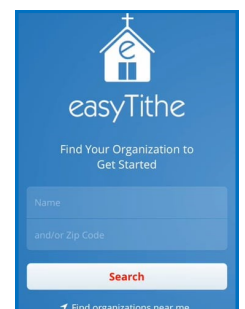
Please give generously to UMCOR. Special envelopes will be available on March 7th and 14th – or you can mark your check or envelope “UMCOR Sunday” or select that option with EasyTithe.



We use “easyTithe” to offer online giving to our church family. Those who choose to give in this way can create a secure account via easyTithe and set up recurring giving 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.



## Worship Opportunities - March 2021



**Our Worship Service is live streamed at 10 am on [sewickleyumc.org](http://sewickleyumc.org) and [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)**  
**The recorded service will be available later on Sunday afternoon.**

Our non-coronavirus schedule:  
 Contemporary Worship Service: 9 am Traditional Worship Service: 11 am  
 Sunday School for all ages: 10 am (September—May)



**March 7, 2021**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**UMCOR Sunday**

**Liturgist:** Donna Sawhill

**Bible Readings:** Exodus 3:13-14 and John 8:56-58

**Message:** "I am the great I AM"

Have you ever looked into a mirror and thought, "Oh my, I look like my mother?" Have you ever heard yourself say something only to realize you also sound like your mother? It is nearly impossible for us to be completely void of those we were raised with. Along the way we develop similarities and habits that can be identified as part of our family's traits. This statement is also true of Jesus. He affirms that truth when he uses the language, "I AM." Join us as we investigate the way Jesus' "I AM" statements connect him to his father and how we too can reflect those truths.

**March 14, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**UMCOR Sunday**

**Bible Reading:** John 15:8-10

**Message:** "Peace Out"

From time to time I can be overheard saying the words "peace out." This is simply a way of saying goodbye to someone who I am particularly familiar with and who knows my more playful side. It is both a light and sincere goodbye — see you later and be well. As Jesus is surrounded by those whom he is the most familiar with and who are the most familiar with him, he also has some parting words for them. He says a little more than "peace out," yet his words establish more peace than mine ever could. Join us as we visit what has come to be known as Jesus' farewell discourse. Knowing he had little time left on earth with his disciples, what did he say in those precious moments that was meant to leave a lasting impact for the world to hang on to? How do some of his final words leave a lasting impact on you and me?

**March 21, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Liturgist:** Ron Smith

**Bible Reading:** John 19:14b-20

**Message:** "The Beginning of the End..."

All good things must come to an end. Those are some of the saddest words we have heard strung together. We don't like it when good things come to an end. Sometimes there is a great let down following a particularly enjoyable vacation. Sometimes you try to think of every possible thing to talk about because you don't want to let the person on the other end of the phone go. Jesus disciples tried almost everything they could to stop Jesus from his arrest, trial and crucifixion. Though he had prepared them for these moments, they were not ready to let the good thing they had in Jesus come to an end. This week we are going to explore the beginning of the end of the greatest man to ever walk this earth. However, this end does not lead to disappointment, but instead to something better.

**March 28, 2021**  
**Palm Sunday**

**Bible Reading:** Luke 19:28-40

**Message:** "2020"

20/20 is said to be perfect vision. At the beginning of last year, 2020, there were many messages with that title in it. We are told that hindsight is 20/20. But the truth is it is only 20/20 if you have a good view in the first place. As we enter Holy Week let's take a look back at what happened leading up to Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. From this point of view we just might discover where the best seats are to prime ourselves for learning and for growing in the year to come, even if that year offers as many challenges as post Easter 2020 did.

Our worship service is live streamed at 10 am on [sewickleyumc.org](http://sewickleyumc.org) and [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). The recorded service is available later on Sunday afternoon. Each Sunday the sanctuary is open to receive 50 people to be present during the service. To sign up please visit [sewickleyumc.org](http://sewickleyumc.org), use the signup link sent via email, or call the church office.

Reservations will be taken beginning 10 days prior to the Sunday for in-person worship (i.e. March 5 for the March 14 Contemporary Service, March 12 for the March 21

Traditional Service, etc.). If reservations exceed 50 for a particular Sunday, those over the limit will be offered either the next Sunday or the next Sunday of their worship style preference.

**SUNDAY  
SIGN UP**



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



**ALTAR GUILD**

The Worship Committee is searching for people to serve on the Altar Guild. This position involves getting the sanctuary ready for worship. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, changing the paraments for the liturgical seasons, checking the candles, and putting the flowers out. If you think you might be interested or need further information, please call the church office or Lou Ann Scott at 412-983-8704. This is a behind the scenes way in which you can help contribute to our worship services.

**LENTEN FINES FOR THE NYADIRE CONNECTION**

– The Lenten Fines calendar helps us recognize the things we take for granted, with the fines supporting the Nyadire UM Mission. Weekly calendars will be distributed via email by the church office (if needed, contact the church office to have those mailed to you; a limited number will be available outside the church office, as well). This year, each week highlights different aspects of this ministry to the Nyadire area of Zimbabwe. As there is much to learn, the calendar installments will extend past Easter. Once the final calendar has been distributed, please submit your fines to the church. In addition to the weekly information, you may learn more about this Pittsburgh-based ministry at [nyadire.org](http://nyadire.org).



**MONTHLY TAKE OUT MEALS**

The luncheon Committee is looking for help with the take out meals we serve the first Thursday of each month. Help is needed in any of the following ways:



- food prep
- packing the meals
- food donations
- monetary donations

If you are willing to help in any way or have any questions, please contact

Donna Sawhill: 412-264-6652  
Sandra Kuriger: 412-741-9473

**GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK (GPCFB) AND FOOD ASSISTANCE**



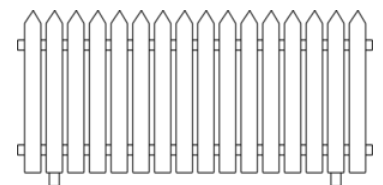
- While regularly a source for those with food insecurities, GPCFB has been serving greater numbers during the COVID-19 pandemic. SUMC has sent financial contributions to GPCFB to aid in that service; if you wish to personally donate, you may at [www.pittsburghfoodbank.org](http://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org). If you need food assistance, resources are also available on that website using the Get Help button. The link leads to drive up distributions, as well as a Locator button, wherein you may input your zip code to find food assistance near you. There are many food distributions scheduled in varying locations; some of which require prior registration. Following the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank on Facebook is a good way to know about the drive-up distributions and registration requirements. If you need assistance locating a distribution near you, please contact Martha Boward.



**FOOD BANK COLLECTION/HOURS** – In order to facilitate the Easter Bags collection for the Sewickley Community Food Pantry, the Fourth Sunday collection will be suspended for March. You may always place non-perishable food donations in the grocery carts located outside the Simpson Room. If you need food assistance, the Sewickley Community

Food Pantry is open from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Emergency food is available by calling the Community Center.

**PLAYGROUND FENCE PICKETS AVAILABLE** — You have an opportunity to leave a lasting sign of your support toward the church/preschool playground with a personalized fence picket to be installed this spring. [Download the form here](#) or pick one up at the church. Make your \$50 tax deductible check payable to “Learning Tree Playground Fund” and submit it with your completed form **by March 19**. Please submit forms to Sandra Lane or church office or if you have questions call (412)741-6724.



**BETHANY HOUSE ACADEMY RE-OPENS! HELP IS NEEDED**

BHA has been relocated to the church next door that once housed the Church of Our Saviour congregation. Tutoring is the focus at this time, as many children have had little instruction since March due to the many challenges of COVID era schooling. School supplies are needed. During February and March, SUMC will accept donations of new pens, pencils, erasers, notebooks and notebook paper, etc. Art supplies such as markers, crayons, blunt scissors, and glue sticks are also requested. Snacks are also welcome. A collection box is by the church office for your donations. If you are interested in tutoring at BHA, please contact Church Union at 412-231-4900. Lastly, the “farmhouse” that had housed BHA needs to be cleaned and renovated to become a community center. If you are able to help with those tasks, contact Church Union. If you want to help with renovations or cleaning, the Outreach Committee has funds to help with your supplies; contact Martha Boward.



**Donations Needed**

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



**Easter Outreach**

**EASTER FOOD BAGS FOR SEWICKLEY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

Sewickley UMC is collecting Easter Bags for the food pantry. You are asked to take a bag with the grocery list attached, purchase the non-perishable items, and return the filled bag with the list attached. **In addition, SUMC is accepting cash donations in order to provide each family with a Giant Eagle gift card, with which the family may purchase perishable items such as ham and eggs. Completed Easter Bags and cash donations are needed by Sunday, March 21.** Grocery bags with lists are available in the back of the sanctuary and outside the office or use one of the lists below on your own bag. You may include your cash donation with your regular offering or via EasyTithe – please indicate “Easter Bags.”

**FOOD PANTRY EASTER BAGS GROCERY LISTS**  
**Print out at home and attach to your own bag**

**EASTER BAG – SMALL FAMILY**  
**Serves 2-4 people**  
**All items must be non-perishable**

- 2 cans of vegetables
- 1 muffin or roll mix
- 1 large or 2 small boxes of Jello
- 1 can of fruit
- 1 cake mix
- 1 can of Icing
- 1 boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin, etc.)
- 1 egg dye kit
- 1 small bottle of vinegar (for dyeing eggs)
- 2 bags of Easter candy
- 1 dozen plastic Easter eggs

**EASTER BAG – LARGE FAMILY**  
**Serves 5-8 people**  
**All items must be non-perishable**

- 4 cans of vegetables
- 2 muffin or roll mix
- 2 large or 4 small boxes of Jello
- 2 cans of fruit
- 1 cake mix
- 1 can of Icing
- 2 boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin, etc.)
- 1 egg dye kit
- 1 small bottle of vinegar (for dyeing eggs)
- 4 bags of Easter candy
- 2 dozen plastic Easter eggs

The Education Committee is seeking three essential components for our 2021 Easter Egg hunt: children, plastic eggs and candy, or any small treats or gifts that might remind our youngest church family members that they are loved and included in the glory of Easter.

The hunt will be on the afternoon of April 3, the Saturday before Easter. The starting time is tentatively scheduled for 2 p.m., but we may employ multiple starting times to accommodate distancing protocols. Masks are required for children and adults.



The event is open to the community, so cousins, old friends, new friends, potential friends, neighbors, classmates and teammates are welcome.

We are planning an outdoor event, using multiple spaces on the church campus, but we may move indoors if the weather is uncooperative. An indoor event may

necessitate multiple starting times. Safety protocols will be a priority.

Anyone wishing to contribute plastic eggs, candy or small gifts can leave donations in the Fellowship of the Cross box under the table in the hall outside the church office. We can accept individually-wrapped candies. We cannot accept homemade treats.

Additional information and updates will be provided through the church website, bulletins and other communications.



Registration is essential to establishing safe-distancing parameters, so please [register your children by March 21 at this link](#) or by contacting the office. Contact Bill Utterback at [utterbac@earthlink.net](mailto:utterbac@earthlink.net) if you have any questions.



Thank you for the delicious meals that have been delivered to us. They were excellent and we really enjoyed them.

Jim and Wilma Hamilton



### CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

The Sewickley United Methodist Church would like to recognize the Class of 2021. This has been a very tough year for all our students not knowing if they are in class or online. God is so GOOD that educators are finding ways to teach and reach out to our young people. Best wishes to the Class of 2021.

Our high school graduates are **Beccah Bischak, Hadley Boyle, Alexander Clifford, Paige Geason, Cameron Hortert, Genevieve Moffett, and Allison Zeanchock.**

**Grace Rogansky** (May 2021) and **Grant Lane** (December 2021) are graduating from college.

If a name is misspelled or we missed listing your graduate, please let the church office or Sandra Lane know so we can make the correction.

### Sewickley United Methodist Church—Financial Summary through January 2021



	2021 Budget	Budgeted to Date	January	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	268,982.53	22,767.32	20,174.35	(2,592.97)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	244,090.00	18,400.00	15,706.98	(2,693.02)
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	(24,892.53)	(4,367.32)	(4,467.37)	



There is a lot going on in the world right now and things are rapidly changing. We are experiencing something at such an intense level never before seen — stock markets plummeting, children fearful of getting sick, parents worried about whether they will have enough money to pay the bills if their jobs put them on leave, and medical staff that have been inundated with patients who are concerned. God has such perfect timing and I think we forget that. We get caught up in the daily news reports and forget that in all of this,

God is Emmanuel - GOD IS WITH US.

Recently, I was reminded of God's perfect time when I read Matthew 14:22-33. Here, we read about Jesus walking on water. As Jesus walks on the water, Peter asks Jesus if he can join him on the water. Jesus tells him to come. Once out on the water, Peter notices the wind and the waves and he becomes afraid. He becomes afraid and begins to sink. As he is sinking, Peter cries out, "Lord, Save Me!"

Right now, many of us probably feel like Peter. We feel like we are sinking, we are afraid, and we don't know what to do. What is important to notice in this passage isn't just what Jesus says, but what He does. First, in all of the storm, wind and waves, Jesus is calm. He is in the midst of the waves, and yet He is calm. The second thing Jesus does is that when Peter is afraid and sinking, He "immediately reaches out his hand and caught him."

Jesus is reaching out right now if only we would pay attention. He is reaching out to remind us that God is in control. God is in the midst of the chaos occurring around us right now, and yet God IS CALM. As we begin this month, may we rest in the love of God and the embrace of our Savior. May we reach out and take God's hand and hold on tight to His promises.

Blessings dear friends!

Mitch Hortert

SUMC Administrative Council Chair

Shirley Graham	3/2
Bill Ferguson	3/3
Paige Geason	3/3
Meg Mayo	3/3
Liam Spencer	3/8
Doug Resler	3/9
Ed Lostetter	3/10
Elliana Lewis	3/11
Scott Matthews	3/11
Tom Barwell	3/15
Lucia Martinez	3/15



Murch King	3/19
Luke Spencer	3/20
Gideon Burnett	3/22

Sebastian Cymbalak	3/23
Shirley Sye	3/23
Steve Grossarth	3/24
Don Dotterer	3/26
Krista Ream	3/26
Virginia Heinzl	3/27
Ciara Resler	3/27
Savannah Resler	3/27
Chase Ozegovich	3/30
Joe Lombardo	3/31
Kathie Lostetter	3/31

*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.*

**SHOP AT RURAL KING DURING CHURCH WEEK & SUMC WILL BENEFIT**

Rural King is supporting Christian ministry by donating a portion of sales to registered Christian churches and organizations during their Church Week Promotion. **Shop at Rural King March 14 - 27**, and upload your receipts at [ruralking.com/churchweek](http://ruralking.com/churchweek) by April 1. Use the Search button to find and identify Sewickley United Methodist Church and SUMC will receive 10% of each valid receipt pre-tax total.

The name is deceiving because you would think they only sell "farm" type products. However, Rural King sells everything from farm type products, to pet products, clothing, food, tools and hardware, and the list goes on and on.

The closest Rural King is at the Beaver Valley Mall,  
300 Beaver Valley Mall Blvd, Monaca, PA 15061

724-728-2068 Hours: 7 AM - 9 PM

Or shop online at [www.ruralking.com](http://www.ruralking.com)



**SUMC SENIOR PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



On behalf of SUMC's Nurture Committee, we are starting a new program called the "Senior Program." The program's goal is to improve the quality of life for the senior members of our congregation.

Maybe some of our members feel isolated, depressed, anxious, bored, or useless. Maybe they fear they will or have lost their independence. Maybe they want more friends or something fun and exciting to do. This program will develop activities and approaches to address their concerns. Initially, we will start with volunteers making friendly and prayerful calls to the seniors of our church. There will be training for the volunteers.

We have some additional ideas, such as: bi-monthly music programs at the church, visits with prayer / communion, a pen pal initiative, and more. We can make it be whatever we want! The volunteers will help set the direction.

**Senior Program Leaders**

- Lisa Powell — 412-251-2806 / [lisapowell8869@icloud.com](mailto:lisapowell8869@icloud.com)  
Lisa spent her whole career working with seniors. She brings expertise and strategies for addressing the many issues of aging. She has graciously agreed to lead this effort. She is Laura Powell's aunt.
- Laura Powell — 724-316-7895 / [lpspapep@hotmail.com](mailto:lpspapep@hotmail.com)  
Laura Powell is a member of SUMC and leads the Education Team.

**ACTION: email or call Lisa or Laura to be involved and to schedule your 1-on-1 training**





## TAKEOUT MEAL—APRIL 1

Since we can't host our Monthly Salad Luncheon due to the coronavirus, the Luncheon Committee is offering takeout meals the first Thursday of the month when the salad luncheon would have been. Each meal is \$10 and makes a perfect lunch or dinner. All proceeds benefit the church's General Fund. You may pay for your order, with cash or check, when you pick it up April 1 between 11 am and 1 pm. **Orders are due by March 21.** To order or for questions, call Sandy at 412-559-9652 or the church at 412-741-9430. Or complete this form and mail/bring to the church. The church office is open on Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 am—4 pm. [Or complete the online order form by clicking here.](#)



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

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

# of meals:



Gluten Free Veggie Quiche

Ham Quiche

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

All proceeds from this sale go toward the principal on the building loan.

To order, [click here for the online order form](#), call 412-741-9430 or email (secretary@sewickleyumc.org) or mail/bring your form to the office.

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

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



Choices	Indicate quantity below	
	\$9 Quart	\$6 Pint
<b>Chicken Gnocchi Soup:</b> Chicken, chicken stock, butter, olive oil, onions, celery, carrots, garlic, flour, ½ & ½, spinach and potato gnocchi		
<b>French Onion Soup:</b> Beef and chicken broth, olive oil, sweet onions, sherry and spices; croutons and parmesan cheese on the side		
<b>Southwestern Bean Soup (Vegetarian):</b> Boca Burger crumbles; Shoepeg corn; Rotel diced tomatoes; kidney, pinto & black beans; taco seasoning, Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing seasoning		
<b>Sandra's Hummus (vegetarian/vegan)</b> Chickpeas, Lemon Juice, Garlic, Tahini & Spices	\$5 for ½ pint	

**Orders are due by Sunday, March 21 and will be ready for pickup April 1 & 2. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. If using EasyTithe, please include the 3% transaction fee.**



As I considered prayer possibilities for the month, I paused for a moment to visit the SUMC “March 2020 Minutes.” What filled our hearts and thoughts a year ago, in the days before the pandemic surfaced and seized our attention?

Our sunset prayers were for “increased vision,” a response to the “Conversations about Race” workshops, sponsored by the UMC Pittsburgh District, several of us attended through January and February.

“Lord, take the scales from our eyes. Let us see each other more clearly. Let us see your colors more clearly. Let us see each other’s gifts more clearly. Let us see each other’s needs more clearly. Let us see you in each other.”

The newsletter also included an invitation to attend “The Current,” a workshop to promote a “fully inclusive” United Methodist Church and create ministries “with and for LGBTQIA+ persons.” Our brother Mitchell was among the speakers and SUMC would have been well-represented.

There was also a notice that Miracle Sunday had produced nearly \$21,000 for new ministries and missions, and those



ideas were going to be considered throughout the Spring.

A year ago, our pre-pandemic hearts were thumping with a new energy to connect in our communities, to embrace our neighbors, to reflect the Love and Light of Jesus, to build and grow and share.

And the virus forced us to pause. And we’re still paused. But prayer requires no pause.

On March 7, as the sun sets at approximately 6:18 p.m., from wherever you are, with whoever might join you, let’s pray together and ask God to restore our energy, increase our vision, open doors for us to include and appreciate all people, in our neighborhoods, in our workplaces, in our schools, in our nation, in our world.

Lord, don’t let the pandemic leave scales in our eyes, don’t let it diminish our energy or intention. Let us see each other more clearly. Let us see your colors more clearly. Let us see each other’s gifts more clearly. Let us see each other’s needs more clearly. Let us see you in each other. Let us see new ways to share your Love and your Light with all people.

- John A.
- Wayne Barrack  
(Belinda Resler’s dad)
- Hurst Bartley
- Cathy
- Jack Certain
- Irene Chenot  
(Beth Zeanchock’s mom)
- Chris Christy
- John Cummins
- Beth Ellisher
- Nancy Erdmann
- Cinnamon Evans  
(Pat Grossarth’s niece)
- Pat Fulton  
(Scott Matthew’s mom)
- Dan Gittins
- Dave H.
- Bob and Sal H.
- Doris Harris
- Angela Helms
- Ceel Janosik



### Prayer Requests

- Wayne Johnson
- Brenda Kinney
- Joe L.
- Family of Rob Lane
- Laura, Leah & Frankie  
(Jenine Furry’s sister & nieces)
- Daniel Lewis  
(Susie Moffett’s dad)
- Michelle Malito
- Mary Maminski
- Tony Morgan  
(Dominic Odom’s cousin)

- Bola Nicholson
- Karen Nickell
- Paula Odom  
(Dominic Odom’s sister)
- Lorraine Offner
- Rosemary Robinson
- Jim Rogansky
- Linda Rummens
- Blake S.
- Karen S.
- Karen Shong
- C.R. & Lorraine Simpson
- Brenda Smith
- Ron Smith
- Ronli Smith  
(Ron Smith’s son)
- Linda Sollinger  
(Travis Sollinger’s mom)
- Barry Yant
- James Yant
- Rich Z.
- Dennis Zeveny

### Easter Flowers Order Form



To sponsor flowers to adorn the chancel on Easter, you may [order online here](#) or complete this form and bring/mail it to the church office on or before Sunday, March 21.

PLEASE DON'T INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR OFFERING. WRITE A SEPARATE CHECK OR PUT YOUR CASH PAYMENT IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE MARKED "EASTER FLOWERS." IF USING EASYTITHE, PLEASE INCLUDE THE 3% SERVICE FEE.

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

Payment:  easyTithe  Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate below what type of plant(s) you will order:

<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Mum @ \$ 9.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Colors: <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Purple	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Easter Lilies @ \$10.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Color: White—1 stem, 3 blooms & up
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Hyacinths @ \$10.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Colors: <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Pink <input type="checkbox"/> Blue	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Tulips @ \$10.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Colors: Assorted Colors

**To be published in Easter Sunday's Bulletin:**

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_ Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you wish to keep plant (s)? Yes No Plants not taken will continue to be used on the chancel

With Easter just around the corner, I hope it's not too early for you to think about pumpkins. Yes, I did say pumpkins. We would like to get an early start on the Pumpkin Patch this year. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

This will be our 20<sup>th</sup> year selling pumpkins and we'd like to celebrate this milestone with a "Pumpkin Festival." Some ideas discussed:

- Pumpkin House on the lawn
- Float in the Halloween parade
- Scholarship for a local youth (essay contest)
- Percentage of profit to go back to the Navajo Nation
- Crafts
- Face Painting
- Pumpkin painting demos
- Food, food and more food
- Square dance and/or English country dancing in parking lot in the evening
- Small giveaways to children
- Thank you to the community for supporting us



There are so many ideas but we need volunteers to make it a success. This will all occur while the 2021 Pumpkin Patch is in operation, so mark your calendar for the following dates:

- October 2** – Pumpkins arrive
- October 9** – Pumpkin Festival
- October 16** – Rain date for Pumpkin Festival

Please let Lou Ann Scott or Diane Bartley know if you are interested in helping in any way. It will NOT happen without YOU! Also, please watch your newsletter and emails for more ways to help with the Pumpkin Patch. We will be looking for different chairs to head up different Committees, keeping in mind that this is the church's biggest fundraiser and it takes MANY to make it a SUCCESS!

# MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 11 AM Lenten Study Group 7 PM AA	<b>2</b> 7 PM Lenten Study Group 8 PM AA	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Leap of Faith 6:30 PM Lenten Study Group	<b>4</b> 10 AM Lenten Study Group 11 AM - 1 PM Takeout Meals	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM AA 8 PM AA	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10 AM Traditional Worship Service 11:30 AM Children's Church 11:30 AM Zoom Middle School SS Class	<b>8</b> 11 AM Lenten Study Group 6:30 PM Finance Committee 6:30 PM Trustees 7 PM AA 8 PM Council Meeting	<b>9</b> 7 PM Lenten Study Group 8 PM AA	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM Leap of Faith 6:30 PM Lenten Study Group	<b>11</b> 10 AM Lenten Study Group	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM AA 8 PM AA	<b>13</b> 12 PM UMW Luncheon Meeting
<b>14</b> 10 AM Contemporary Worship Service 11:30 AM Children's Church 11:30 AM Zoom Middle School SS Class	<b>15</b> 11 AM Lenten Study Group 7 PM AA	<b>16</b> 7 PM Lenten Study Group 8 PM AA	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM Leap of Faith 6:30 PM Lenten Study Group	<b>18</b> 10 AM Lenten Study Group	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM AA 8 PM AA	<b>20</b>
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Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Sewickley United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 15.

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

1. Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
2. Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
3. An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
4. Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
5. Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

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