

Sewickley United Methodist Church

May 2021 Minutes

From The Pastor's Heart

This month we will observe Memorial Day on May 31st. This month we will remember the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Military. We observe this day every year as a way to recognize the greatest sacrifice that one can make and those who have made it. You might not personally know someone who died, but we all can personally understand sacrifice. If you are in the business of serving the greater good, being in service to better the lives of your neighbor, or caring for others, then you understand sacrifice. It might not be your life that you have been called to lay down, but maybe it is an hour, a day or a week of your time that you are being asked to give up. As those who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ we should have an awareness that sacrifice is a part of our Christian life. The interesting thing about sacrifice is that even though you are the one giving something up, you also end up being the one gaining something in return. Unless...there is no love. 1 Corinthians 13:3 tells us, "If I gave everything to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing." What is it about love that makes the sacrifice worth it? It is love that makes the sacrifice lasting. It is love that is contagious and makes the sacrifice multiply. When you read the stories about the people who have given their lives and you begin to see more than just the sacrifice, but the love they had for their country and family, it is hard to not be inspired. It is love that makes others want to turn around and then do something good for another. It is love that never has an empty return, but always comes back full.

This month I want to encourage you to do two things: 1) Look at the faces of the people whose pictures are hung up on the poles around town and choose one to learn more about. I wonder how their life, not just their death can inspire you? 2) In honor of the lives that were given up for our freedoms, in honor of the life that Christ gave up for our salvation, exercise sacrificial love. I have no doubt you can come up with some creative ways to do that in your own life, but there are also many ways within our own community where you can do that as well. See page 2 and 5 for more ideas on ways you can show sacrificial love and invest in the lives of others.

From One Light to Another

Pastor Hannah Loughman


Pastor Hannah's availability: I am available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & 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.

Church Office: (412) 741-9430 Pastor's Office: (412) 741-9433 Cell Phone: (412) 294-7587

E Mail: pastor@sewickleyumc.org

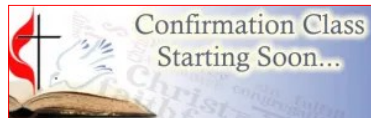
Website: www.sewickleyumc.org

Sacrificial love: Investing in your growth and in others through...

- 1. New Members/Curious Members class**  Beginning May 2 at 1 pm, and running every Sunday at 1 pm till June 6th, we will be hosting a New Members/Curious Members class. The class will be held in-person and on Zoom. This will be a 6-week course that talks about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in this community and at Sewickley United Methodist Church. If you decide that is a commitment you would like to make, then we will receive you as a new member after the course. If you decide you are not yet ready to make that commitment, that is ok too! We would still love to be a part of your journey. If you have already made that commitment and just want some discipleship training then please join us! If you have questions or would like to sign up for the class email Pastor Hannah at pastor@sewickleyumc.org.

2. Confirmation

If you are 11 years of age (or soon to be) or older, you are invited to come and learn about why church...why Jesus? How can you be a Christian while walking the halls of your school, sitting in science class or playing your trombone? What value is there to faith when you're just trying to get through middle/ high school? Our time together will be structured as a time of learning and a time of fun, with snacks of course! We will meet every Wednesday evening from 6-8 pm beginning June 16th. At the end of 6 weeks, you will then be given the opportunity to make a commitment to living out your faith, while being cared for by the Sewickley United Methodist church through Confirmation. We often times say our youth are the future, but the truth is our youth are right now. We are here to help you faithfully make the most of right now! Contact Pastor Hannah to sign up or to learn more at pastor@sewickleyumc.org.



3. Calling all wannabe growth group leaders (EVEN IF YOU'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE):

We want you to help launch us into a deep and vibrant faith! In order to strive for that type of faith, it takes intentional growth. Will you invest in the Spiritual lives of others by being a part of our growth group program? Beginning Sunday July 11th at 1 pm Pastor Hannah will be leading a 4-week training in partnership with the education team called "Small Groups, Big Impact" by Jim Egli and Dwight Marable. The goal of this time is to help get us on the same page for the maximum potential to "connect people to God and one another in thriving groups." It is necessary work to break down the institutional church and get back to the small group life in which the Holy Spirit was first revealed and set fire to the church. If you are interested in being a Growth group leader, or just in learning a bit more, contact Pastor Hannah at pastor@sewickleyumc.org.



4. Porch Parties with the Pastor and Family: (Is this really sacrificial love? I'll let you decide!)

Todd and I want to get to know you better and for you to get to know us better. In order to do that, this summer we will be hosting you at our house on our porch. We have a lovely, large front porch that can safely accommodate a family or two. [Please sign up here](#) or contact the office to join us on a Friday evening from 7—9 pm for light refreshments and good conversation! You can sign up with another family if that would make you more comfortable. I will guide our time together so as to avoid any of those potentially awkward silent moments that most of us fear (though I can't promise they won't happen.) If you have allergies or mobility concerns please let me know when you sign up. We are excited to share our beautiful porch with you, show off our energetic family and get to know your hearts!



PEACE WITH JUSTICE SPECIAL SUNDAY AND OFFERING MAY 30TH

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will. Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

We may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world; your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the UMC is able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.

Because you give: Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities; United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to address social-justice issues; Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad.

These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give. Include your gift with your regular offering or select "Peace with Justice" on EasyTithe.



Worship Opportunities - May 2021



COVID protocols are in place for in-person worship
 Contemporary Worship Service: 9 am
 Traditional Worship Service: 11 am
 Our Worship Services are live streamed on
sewickleyumc.org and [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).
 The recorded services are also available later on Sunday afternoon.

May 2, 2021

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Liturgist: Donna Sawhill

Message: "Anyway"

Scripture Lessons: 1 John 4:7-21 Acts 8:26-40

Let's face it, there is so much that we just simply do not want to do that we are responsible for making sure gets done. So we push our feelings aside and we do it anyways. Sometimes we have really good excuses for not wanting to do them but rarely do we end up regretting the fact that we acted responsibly in that moment. We might be a bit more tired in the end but we did what we had to do. As we take a look at the story from the book of Acts about Philip meeting the Eunuch we learn that the benefits of doing that thing anyways can far outreach the benefits of not. While pushing judgements and institutional practices aside Philip and the Eunuch give us a moment in scripture that could have possibly altered the lives of many beyond the moment.

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Barry Lewis

Message: "Will You Deny Them?"

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 98 Acts 11:44-48

We should rename the book of Acts and call it the book of Boundary Breaking. Boundaries can be good and assure one's safety. Boundaries can also be bad and assure one's exclusion. We saw it last week when we read about Philip and the Eunuch and now we see it this week in our reading about Peter and the gentiles. The Holy Spirit is in the business of breaking boundaries and letting people in. That's the Spirit I want to get caught up in, how about you?

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Ron Smith

Message: "On Our Behalf..."

Bible Readings: Acts 1:6-11 John 17:6-19

Have you ever applied for a job and had to give your references to the potential employers? Have those employers actually followed up with your references? In those moments, the hope is that you chose the right people to speak on your behalf. After all you did a great job and deserve a good reference. But what about when your performance was sub-par? Who will speak on your behalf then? Jesus! Jesus didn't just claim victory over the grave and leave us to fend for ourselves against God's judgement, but he continues to stand on our behalf even when we don't always deserve it.

May 23, 2021

Pentecost

Liturgists: Susie and Genevieve Moffett

Message: "Take a Deep Breath"

Scripture Lessons: Acts 2:1-21 Ezekiel 37:1-14

It is so much fun to watch our baby boy grow. We love watching the stages he goes through to learn something we take for granted like walking. First, he learned to roll over, then swim around like a beached whale on his belly, next he started pushing himself up on his hands and even bringing his knees under him. We know that the next stage will be crawling before he starts pulling himself up on his legs and walking. It is important that he goes through every phase before he gets to the goal of walking. In this way his foundation is being made strong along with his ability to figure things out. As Christians who have the breath of God within us, we too go through stages to get to a real and lasting Spiritual maturity. But if we never put the foundational work in, we will never get there. Thank God for the Holy Spirit that leads us through!

May 30, 2021

Memorial Day Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday

Liturgist: Carole Ford

Message: "Remember When"

Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 Psalm 119:1-176

Do you remember when you had your first kiss? Do you remember when you held your baby for the first time? Do you remember when you got accepted into the college of your choice? Do you remember when your team won a game? Do you remember when...? Some memories are precious and worth hanging on to. Those are the ones we capture with pictures, video, songs, or even newspaper clippings. We do what we can to make sure we won't ever forget. In this way the Psalmist pleads with God to not let him forget the Lord's instructions because they are words of life. Do you remember when the Lord spoke your name? Let's remember together that which will take us beyond our passing years and into an eternity to come.

SAVE THE DATE
Vacation Bible
School



Monday—Thursday
August 9—12
5:30—8 pm

NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

LENTEN FINES 2021 – Did you turn in your fines? If not, it is not too late to support the many ministries of the Nyadire Connection. If you followed the calendar or simply want to donate to this worthwhile initiative, be sure to indicate “Lenten Fines” on your gift or on EasyTithe.



UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF CONTINUES
While the world continues to struggle with the COVID-19 crisis, UMCOR continues to respond to natural disasters in the USA and around the world. Join UMCOR in supporting those impacted with your prayers and financial support. Indicate “UMCOR,” including whether you wish your gift to be directed to USA or International relief, when you give with your regular offering or through EasyTithe.

SEWICKLEY COMMUNITY CENTER FOOD PANTRY MAY COLLECTION – Paper napkins, paper towels, facial tissue and food storage bags are the requested items (the pantry has a good supply of toilet paper). It would be great to have at least 20 of each, so each family served may receive several items. Place your donations in the basket near the church office or in the grocery cart outside the Simpson Room.



SEWICKLEY COMMUNITY CENTER CHILDCARE SUMMER SUPPLIES – About 12 children, aged 6 to 12, who are part of a Wednesday and afterschool program during the school year will spend each day at the Community Center during the summer. To offer some variety to their day, we will be accepting donations of items such as sidewalk chalk, bubbles, jump ropes, and other summer activity items. Easy individual summer themed craft kits (enough for 12 children) would also be welcome. The Outreach Committee would be happy to shop for you, mark your financial gift “Summer Fun.”



RUMMAGE SALE FOR MISSIONS

The United Methodist Women are hosting a 2 day, indoor/outdoor Sale for Missions on two Saturdays in May from 9 am to 1 pm. The Sale will be on May 15th and 22nd. Some items will be on the front lawn and some will be in the large basement room. We appreciate getting your donations of new or gently used household items, games, puzzles, books, plants, seasonal clothing items, jewelry, linens, pillows and very small pieces of furniture. The furniture items must be small enough for one woman to lift and carry. We also appreciate your patronage. All monies raised support local, national and international mission projects.



SENIORS PROGRAM MOTHER'S DAY SING ALONG

Please plan to join us to celebrate Mother's Day with an outdoor Mother's Day Sing Along at SUMC on **Saturday, May 15th at 2:30 pm**. It will take place in the SUMC parking lot with music, refreshments, fun and fellowship. We will be singing songs with ladies' names in the title. Words of the songs will be provided. Chairs will be provided and will be in the parking lot near the keyboard where Lisa Powell will be playing the songs. Due to COVID restrictions, attendance is restricted to 30 seniors, 65 or older. We will practice social distancing and masks are required. Please make your reservations by [clicking here](#) or by calling the church at 412-741-9430. The event will be rescheduled in case of rain.



DEVOTIONAL ITEMS WANTED

- Red Bird Mission (a Beverly, KY UMC agency) would welcome items such as Upper Room devotions, Guidepost magazines, and other similar devotional items to include with their food boxes given to local families (these do not have to be new). The Outreach Committee will ship your donated items to the mission in June. Collection box is outside the church office.



ANNUAL SHOE DRIVE RETURNS - EUMA (Erie United Methodist Alliance) and All God's Children Ministries/Ramps of Hope is holding its **Annual Shoe Drive** to raise funds for its missions. Sewickley UMC will

collect **new and gently used CLEAN shoes (pairs only)** from now until June 9th. Ask your friends, family, and neighbors to help collect shoes. It's a win, win, win situation! EUMA raises much needed funds for outreach ministries, shoes are kept out of landfills, and we support micro-enterprise in developing countries. In prior years, supporters helped to raise over \$11,000/year for missions! **NEW THIS YEAR** - You do not need a collection kit. Simply make sure each pair is connected, whether by the shoelaces or use of rubber bands. A collection box will be outside of the Simpson Room. The more unwanted shoes cleared from closets, the more mission support is generated!

WELCOME TO THE WOMEN'S MORNING GROUP

— The Women's Morning Group will resume in the church library on Thursday, May 13th, at 10 am. The discussion topic will center on Sheila Walsh's Bible Study “The Promises of God.” COVID protocols will be followed. Please call Donna Sawhill with questions. 412-916-0854.



NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS, CONTINUED

In May 2020, Bill Utterback offered this sunset prayer. It is as relevant now as it was a year ago — only the date and monthly tally of sunset prayers have been updated.

Do we, as a church family, feel a little scattered as April blossoms into May? The Bible has a letter addressed to “scattered people.” It advises and encourages church families forced into social distancing.

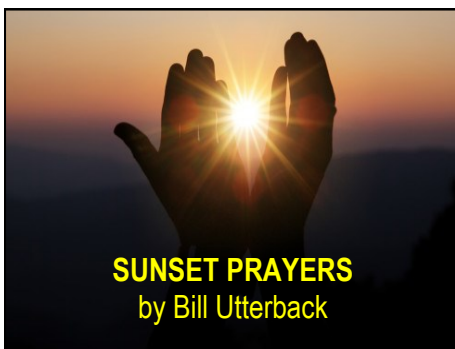
The letter was written by James, believed to be the half-brother of Jesus, and sits between Hebrews and the letters of Peter and John in the New Testament.

James wrote to Jewish Christians who fled Jerusalem during the time of the persecution by the Roman government. They were a church threatened by an invasive force, a punishing presence for which there seemed to be no immediate remedy.

The letter’s opening paragraphs prescribe persistence and endurance.

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”

Don’t understand the path to perseverance? *“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”*



Anxious, ill or overburdened? *“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them ... Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”*

Our SUMC sunset prayers for May will be for perseverance, wisdom and healing, for ourselves and for each other, for parents and grandparents, for children and youth, for those who have been working in the medical and caring professions, in the providing professions, in the protecting professions, in the serving professions.

On **Sunday, May 2, at 8:18 pm**, from wherever you are, and whomever you are with, consider lifting a prayer for continued perseverance, wisdom and healing. There is power in shared prayer. And then, throughout the month, we need to persist in prayer, in worship, in Bible study, in communication and encouragement for each other, and in adherence to safe practices.

And, as we pray, we will include songs of praise for the way God has continued to bless us, and for his promise of a blessed life as the threat subsides.

This is our 24th month of sunset prayers on the first Sunday. We have persevered.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and thoughtfulness. It means so much to us.

Jan and Brad Jones

To Our Friends at Sewickley UMC,

In case you don't know, it is volunteer appreciation week. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Family Promise, I would like to personally thank you for all the volunteer hours that your congregation members provide to support our cause. The Board deeply appreciates the kindness, compassion, caring, empathy, and support that you give to the families. Without you, there would be no Family Promise!

With Our Sincere Gratitude,
Greg Criste, Board Member

SUNDAY SCHOOL FLOWER PLANTING

In keeping with tradition, Sunday school families are invited to plant flowers on the church campus on either Saturday, May 15th, or Sunday, May 16th. Plants and shovels will be provided, although families are invited to bring their own tools. The Fellowship of the Cross (FOTC) and the Education Committee will again host the event. Participants are asked to reserve a planting time so we can respect safe-distancing guidelines. Families can choose an hour time slot at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am or noon on Saturday or 10:30 am or 12:15 pm on Sunday. Directions for planting (which flowers/which locations) will be provided. Contact Pamela Mayo at pemayo@verizon.net, or call/text 412-977-0865, to reserve a time or for more information.

Contributions of flowers are welcomed and can be left at the church under the bushes at the back door during the week prior to planting. Financial contributions to offset the cost of additional flowers purchased are also gratefully accepted. Please mail, drop off or use EasyTithe to make a monetary donation and designate it for "flower planting."





Here's a list of ministers who have served our church Compiled by Warren Kinneer

1837 - 1839	Itinerant ministers & Society leaders	1887 - 1888	Thomas H. Woodring
1839 - 1840	John White & Joseph Wright	1888 - 1891	James S. Bracken
1840 - 1841	Joshua Monroe & John White	1891 - 1896	Henry L. Chapman
1841 - 1842	Peter M. McGowan & Hosea McCall	1896 - 1904	John J. Hill
1842 - 1843	Hosea McCall	1904 - 1907	George D. Crissman
1843 - 1844	David Sharp & John Huston	1907 - 1910	Appleton Bash
1844 - 1845	David Sharp & William Page Blackburn	1910 - 1913	Daniel L. Marsh
1845 - 1846	Warner Long & John W. Baker	1913 - 1914	Jo Warren Gillespie Fast
1846 - 1847	John L. Williams	1914 - 1918	Robert Emory Beetham
1848 - 1849	Benjamin F. Sawhill	1918 - 1919	David Flanigan
1849 - 1850	J. K. Miller	1919 - 1922	Charles William Tinsley
1850 - 1851	George W. Cranage & Benjamin F. Sawhill	1922 - 1923	Jacob Simpson Payton
1851 - 1852	Robert Finley Hopkins & Joseph Horner	1923 - 1928	Dwight Lewis Myers
1852 - 1853	Albert G. Williams & William Page Blackburn	1928 - 1933	Henry A. Welday
1853 - 1854	Isaac P. Saddler & William L. N. Gilmore	1933 - 1935	James Vernon Wright
1854 - 1855	H.D. Fisher & Artemus E. Ward	1935 - 1938	Homer David Whitfield
1855 - 1856	Lancelot Robertson Beacom & Sylvester Burt	1938 - 1943	Homer Nelson Clark
1856 - 1857	Lancelot Robertson Beacom & Francis D. Fast	1943 - 1945	William M. Baumgartner
1857 - 1858	John C. Brown & George Crooks	1945 - 1954	Charles Albert Tracey
1858 - 1860	David A. McCready	1954 - 1962	Lawrence S. Elliott
1860 - 1862	H. W. Baker	1962 - 1/1963	William Leroy Young (Returned to Lay Work)
1862 - 1864	Samuel Y. Kennedy	2/1963 - 1966	Donald Richard Brown
1864 - 1867	William H. Locke	1966 - 1969	Howard Morrow Pape
1867 - 1869	Joseph Horner	1969 - 1975	Ormer Grier Shindledecker
1869 - 1872	Charles A. Holmes	1975 - 1982	Jackson Alexander Gabany
1872 - 1875	James R. Mills	1982 - 1986	Robert William Large
1875 - 1877	Asbury L. Petty	1986 - 1997	Myles Thomas Bradley
1877 - 1879	William B. Watkins	1997 - 2006	Barry Lamont Lewis
1879 - 1882	William Lynch	2006 - 2020	Russel William Shuluga
1882 - 1885	Milton J. Sleppy	2020 -	Hannah Marie Loughman
1885 - 1887	Joseph W. Miles		

SHOP ON AMAZON SMILE AND AMAZON WILL DONATE TO SEWICKLEY UMC

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Here's how to sign up for AmazonSmile:

1. Visit 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 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)
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.



Over the last few weeks, my son Cameron and I have been working on endurance and strength training as he prepares to enlist in the Air Force and head off to basic training at the end of the summer. One way that I have been supporting him is to do his exercise, runs, jogs, etc. together. Since COVID-19, I have tried to become more physically fit and go for a jog almost every day, BUT these workouts... they are something entirely different- they are TOUGH! During this journey, we have had to build each other up when it gets difficult and celebrate when we have finished for the day. I have come to have a much stronger relationship with my son because we are spending time doing something together that supports him in the decisions he is making for his life. (If you are interested in joining Cameron and me on this journey and would like to participate in the workouts, I can gladly email you the weekly schedule of exercises so that you too can support Cameron at your own time and pace).

For those of you who may not know, in 2016 I became a foster parent to my son and daughter when they were 13 and 10 years old, before eventually adopting them in 2018. Since I did not have the opportunities to grow and support them when they were infants through adulthood, I am sometimes.... Okay... almost always, overly involved and supportive of whatever they do. I am pretty sure this drives my kids nuts. As a parent, it can be a challenge to figure out how to best support our children when they are making big decisions or preparing for the next phases of their lives. We worry that maybe we are overly involved or not involved enough. We worry about how their choices now can have a far-reaching impact in the future. We worry about everything; however, God reminded me of something.

In all of the running, stretching, and exercising, I was reminded that the relationship I have with my son is similar to the one that God has for us as His children. God wants to be involved in our lives as much as possible, supporting every decision, cheering us on in our triumphs and holding us when we are in the valleys of life. God wants to be involved in the stretching, running, and exercising. As Philippians 4:19 (CEB) reminds us, "My God will meet your every need out of his riches in the glory that is found in Christ Jesus." As a parent wants to meet the needs of their children, regardless if they are infants, adults or somewhere in between, God wants to meet our needs too.

Are there needs in your life that you want God to meet? Are there areas of your life that you want God to support and become an active part of? I invite you to start a conversation with God about these things. Tell God what is on your heart. Similar to us as parents, God already knows those needs and has been waiting to come into your life to meet them.

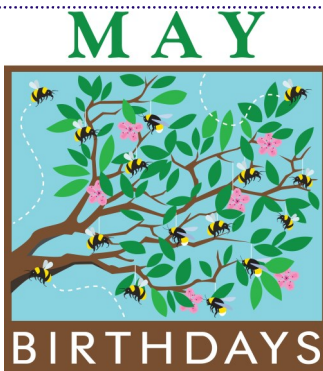
Blessings dear friends!
 Mitch Hortert
 Church Council Chair

Sewickley United Methodist Church—Financial Summary through March 2021



	2021 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Through March	Over or (Under) Budget
TOTAL EXPENSES	268,982.53	69,630.96	65,525.05	(4,105.91)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	244,090.00	56,485.00	55,976.22	(508.78)
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	(24,892.53)	(13,145.96)	(9,548.83)	

- Zachary Frye 5/1
- Hadley Boyle 5/2
- Joe Consoli 5/3
- Paige L. 5/3
- Emilia Martinez 5/6
- Charlie Thornton 5/6
- Nancy Plum 5/8
- Susan Spencer 5/8
- Pam Wright 5/11



- Violet Lewis 5/14
- Nina Wiggins 5/14
- Noah Wiggins 5/14
- Debbie Consoli 5/17
- Marilyn Evans 5/17
- Linda Rummens 5/20
- Wilma Hamilton 5/24
- Susie Moffett 5/28

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.



FINAL TAKEOUT MEAL—JUNE 3

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 **June 3rd between 11 am and 12:30 pm**. Orders are due by **May 23**. 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 with *pasta* salad: _____

of meals with *potato* salad: _____

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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@sewicleyunc.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

Pasta e Fagioli: ground beef, onions, carrots, celery, garlic, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, V-8, red kidney and great northern beans, pasta, vinegar, salt, oregano, basil, black pepper, thyme

Corn Chowder: Butter, red & green bell pepper, onion, flour, cream, chicken broth, corn, potatoes, salt, pepper, smoked paprika, cayenne pepper, tomatoes, lime juice, white wine vinegar

Black Bean Soup: (Vegetarian): olive oil, onion, garlic, fire roasted diced tomatoes, black beans, vegetable broth, green chillies, corn, cumin, chili powder, and lime juice

Sandra's Hummus (vegetarian/vegan)
Chickpeas, Lemon Juice, Garlic, Tahini & Spices

\$5 for ½ pint

Orders are due by Sunday, May 23 and will be ready for pickup June 3 & 4. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. If using EasyTithe, please include the 3% transaction fee.

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 **Felicity Moffett** 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.



The Easter Bunny came to Sewickley UMC on April 3rd and visited with over 30 children and families. Crafts, bubbles, candy and an Easter egg hunt added to the excitement of the day!

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

<p>Prayer Requests</p> <p>John A. Megan B. Wes B. Family of Wayne Barrack (Belinda Resler's dad) Hurst Bartley Cathy Jack Certain Irene Chenot (Beth Zeanchock's mom) Chris Christy</p>	<p>Family of Nancy Conti (sister of Kandace Kramer and Kristine Swaney) John Cummins Nancy Erdmann Pat Fulton (Scott Matthew's mom) J. Gionfriddo Dan Gittins June Graham (Carole Ford's sister-in-law) Bob and Sal H. Doris Harris Angela Helms Pam Honeychurch Baby Julian (Carole Ford's great-grandnephew)</p>	<p>Ceel Janosik Wayne Johnson Dick Jones Brenda Kinney Joe L. Daniel Lewis (Susie Moffett's dad) Vic M. J.R. McFadden Michelle Malito Mary Maminski Tony Morgan (Dominic Odom's cousin) Bola Nicholson Karen Nickell Rich Ochman Paula Odom (Dominic Odom's sister)</p>	<p>Lorraine Offner Jim Rogansky Linda Rummens Blake S. Karen Shong C.R. & Lorraine Simpson Brenda Smith Ron Smith Ronli Smith (Ron Smith's son) Linda Sollinger (Travis Sollinger's mom) Pam Squires Bill Utterback Barry Yant Rich Z. Dennis Zeveny</p>
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RESIDENT BISHOP

RENEE MIKELL
ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

*Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
Plead the case of the widow. (Isaiah 1:17 NIV)*

As a black woman with black brothers and sisters, black nieces and nephews, black aunts and uncles, and black cousins, the conviction of Derek Chauvin feels personal. It elicits a host of emotions. Unlike some, I find no joy in the murder conviction of Derek Chauvin. I remain profoundly sad that Gianna Floyd will live the rest of her life knowing that a police officer murdered her father. I remain angry that a police officer became so intoxicated with power and his own bias that he continually knelt on Mr. Floyd's neck until Mr. Floyd's life slipped away under the weight of his knee.

I am relieved that the criminal justice system has held Derek Chauvin accountable for murdering Mr. Floyd. The prosecutors, judge, police officers who testified against Derek Chauvin, and the jury have helped me to believe that to them, my life and the lives of all of my black relatives matter. For that I am exceedingly grateful.

Thank you for receiving from a black woman this very personal response to the verdict.

But as followers of Jesus Christ, our discipleship demands that we respond to the injustice that led to the need for this verdict with more than just our personal feelings. Our discipleship demands that we move beyond being reactive, to being proactive. Our discipleship demands that we act to bring about a state of justice - shalom, beloved community, the kingdom of God - for all so that there are no more murders at the hands of those who have been called to protect and serve. Our discipleship demands that we work to bring an end to the racism, bias, abuse of power, and lack of empathy and compassion that continues to lead to the murder of black and brown people across our beloved nation. It is our Christian duty to work for justice.

One of the prosecutors, Jerry Blackwell, referred to the people gathered and pleading with Derek Chauvin to stop kneeling on Mr. Floyd as a "bouquet of humanity". I am pleading with the "bouquet of humanity" that is the church, to rise up and speak against the powers and principalities that are killing people of color. I am calling on the "bouquet of humanity" that is the church to be self reflective and work on its own bias. I am calling on the church to hold each of its members accountable for the ways in which we abuse our power and authority and for the ways in which we act out of our privilege, bias, and racism.

As a black woman who has black relatives, I am asking that the church stand up and act in a way that demonstrates that I matter. I am asking for the church to act so that some day bishops will not have to write any more letters about protests, trials, or verdicts that have come about someone who was sworn to protect and defend has murdered someone who looks like me.

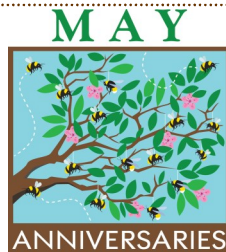
Book of Discipline, ¶ 162.A :

"We commit as the Church to move beyond symbolic expressions and representative models that do not challenge unjust systems of power and access."

A prayer for the verdict:

Almighty God, we thank you for the men and women who faithfully carried out their duties as citizens in order to render a verdict in this trial. We lift before you the entire Floyd family, asking you to surround them with your peace. We pray for Derek Chauvin and his family, asking that you reveal your transformative presence to them as they walk through the coming weeks. We pray for unity and understanding in our country and action in our church. In Jesus name. Amen.

Pete & Gail Hiles 5/4
Nancy & Russel Shuluga 5/4
Nathan & Laura Geason 5/14
Greg & Sandra Lane 5/15
Tony & Krista Ream 5/16
Nancy & Mark Wiggins 5/17




Lou Ann & Shawn Scott 5/18
Kim & Mark Benjamin 5/23
Lisa & Ron Jankowski 5/25
David & Rebecca Malarik 5/27
Lauren & Geoff Roebuck 5/28

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The Finance Committee has decided to change the Giving Statements schedule this year to hopefully have statements come at a more useful time than a strict quarterly schedule provides. Giving Statements will come out in May, August, November, and January. You are always welcome to contact Kim Benjamin at any time if you need information about your giving record.




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