

Sewickley United Methodist Church

May 2022 Newsletter

The Pastor's Peace

Happy Easter! Did you take a second look at which month of the newsletter you are reading? Though Easter Sunday of 2022 has now come and gone in the life of the church, the Easter season extends all the way to Pentecost. This season is called "Eastertide" and it lasts through the Day of Ascension and Pentecost. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead (Easter) we remember the Ascension, which is when we recognize Jesus ascending into heaven. Ten days later, we find ourselves celebrating once again Pentecost Sunday which marks the descending of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. This year, the Day of Ascension is on May 26th and Pentecost is on June 5th. Thus, from now till June 5th we are still in the Happy Easter season.

What does it mean to still be in the Happy Easter season? On the cross Jesus spoke these final words, "it is finished." However, even after giving everything up, even after defeating death and raising from the grave, Jesus still returns to earth, to walk with us and continue the work God has sent him to do. That part of Jesus' mission, the work he did on the cross was finished, but the mission of Christ continues on. He takes his disciples to the next level of faith with greater revelation of truth during this time. He doesn't leave them wondering and in fear, but helps to clarify that which was confusing and continues to impress upon them the importance of continuing the mission Jesus began. To still be in the Happy Easter season means to continue the mission that Jesus began.

This mission is to bring life abundantly to all people. Jesus did this by walking with, talking with, living life with other people. He healed the sick and spoke the truth of God. He ate with sinners and broke bread with traitors. He went to temple worship and celebrated wedding festivities. He cried and laughed and built things. He did a lot of really cool things, but also told us we could do those cool things too. Now my building skills aren't much to brag about, but I know others who could do a bit of bragging in this area. Some of those people would never get up in front of a congregation and preach. We don't have to be good at it all, just willing to intentionally live in community with other people.

Isn't it great that to still be in the Happy Easter season means to live in community with others? Here is the catch – even though Eastertide 2022 will end, we will always be an Easter people. Jesus doesn't climb back up on the cross every year, we just remember what he did every year. Until Jesus comes again, we are in the Eastertide season. We are tasked with a single purpose – to show the love and truth of Jesus. The way we do that might look different for each of us, but at the end of the day it is simple, live your truth, live in community, carry on the mission of Jesus. Be an Easter (resurrected) person!

From one light to another,


Pastor Hannah Loughman

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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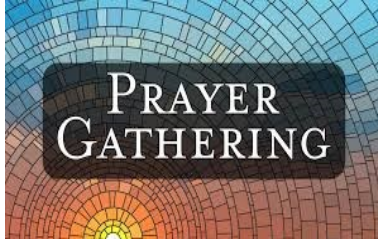
Blessing of the Animals

Our pets are a blessing to us, so let us gather together and bless them! Join us on **May 1**, at 9 am or at 11 am. All pets are invited to come. Please keep them on a leash or in their crate or cage as necessary. During our Sunday worship services your pet will be welcomed to come forward (and bring you with them) in order to receive a special blessing.

Genesis 1:25 says "God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good." Bring your fur (or not so furry) babies to Sewickley United Methodist Church to celebrate that goodness!

NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY

On May 8th, the United Methodist Church celebrates Native American Ministries Sunday. We will partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support United Methodist ministries of Native Americans. Donations will be used to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the Annual Conferences, Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities relating to the General Board of Global Ministries. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. You can submit donations through your regular offering or by easyTithe (please mark your donation "Native American Sunday") or at the UMC website: [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive).



The SUMC monthly prayer gathering will be held at **10 am on May 11** in the parlor. All are invited. All prayer concerns are welcome. We pray for Pastor Hannah and church administration, as well as the ministries and missions of the church. We lift prayer for church family, community, nation and the world.

For more information, or to submit a prayer concern, contact Bill Utterback.

VBS ON THE HORIZON

Save the dates: Sunday, July 31 – Wednesday, August 3

Our 2022 Sewickley community Vacation Bible School – hosted by Sewickley UMC in partnership with multiple churches in the area – will revolve around a Food Truck theme and scripture from the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." (Matthew 6:11).

This verse will serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.

We will gather in the evenings. Our VBS, as always, is open to all children entering kindergarten through fifth grade, and is free to all. Registration details will be coming soon. We are looking for leaders and volunteers, adults and youth from middle school through high school.

For more information, contact Laura Powell, our Education chairperson, or Bill Utterback.



Worship Opportunities - May 2022



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 1, 2022

**Third Sunday of Easter
 Blessing of the Animals
 Communion**

Liturgist: Mitch Hortert

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 51:7-15

Message: "And They Are Good"

Anatole France said, "Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened." When it comes to the relationship between a person and an animal there is a great unequal balance of power. We, the humans hold all the power. Some animals might be stronger than we are, but we have the knowledge and resources to possess greater strength if we desire to do harm or to rule over. But we were never meant to rule over the animals as a tyrant rules over their subjects, but more to live alongside and care for all of God's creatures in this world. The way you love the weaker says everything about the light in your heart.

May 8, 2022

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Native American Ministries Sunday
 Mother Day**

Liturgist: Laura Powell

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 1:1-25

Message: "The Space Around Us"

No matter where we are, one thing will always be true, space will exist around us. We might not always have control over what exists within that space, but a lot of the times we will. God saw the potential of the empty space as a place to bring God's purposes to life. Then God created life within that space. What do you do with the space around you which you can control? Do you treat it as though there is potential to create life from it? As co-creators with God we too can create something beautiful even if at first it looks like chaos.

May 15, 2022

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Liturgist:** Susie Moffett

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 2:4-7

Message: "The Space Within Us"

Along with the rest of creation, God created us as well. But we were just a form until God breathed God's breath into us. With the breath of God in us, that means we are holy, sacred and good. To put anything in us that is not in line with who Jesus is, is to put our hearts in danger. Just as God calls us to take care of the space around us, we are also called to take care of the space within us.

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Jere Cowden

Scripture Lessons: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Message: "The Space Between Us"

We were created in the image of the Triune God, a community within God's self. We were created to co-exist in communal living. We were also created to live with God. That gap between us and God was closed at the death of Christ on the cross and descent of the Spirit at Pentecost. Thus, we were granted unity with one another and told to care for each other as a way to nurture our love of God. It's a win-win!

May 29, 2022

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Memorial Day Service**

Handbell Choir, 11 am Service

Liturgist: Grace Roganski

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 47

Message: "What's in a Promise?"

What is in a promise? The answer to that question is our integrity. How much people can trust us and how dependable we are has everything to do with our ability to keep our promises. But the truth is sometimes we will fail at keeping our promises. That is why ultimately our hope is not in our own words, but in the everlasting words of God. It is on the promises of God we stand.



On **Sunday, May 29**, we will observe Memorial Day, a time in which we remember fallen heroes who faithfully served our country in its 246 year history. We will also recognize our veterans and veterans of the Sewickley Valley. As we honor our veterans, everyone is invited to lunch provided by the Nurture Committee in the Simpson Room following the Traditional Service.

RUMMAGE SALE FOR MISSIONS — The United Methodist Women (UMW) appreciate all of your donations to our next Rummage Sale for Missions, which will be **Friday, May 6th from 3 to 7 pm** (inside only) and on **Saturday, May 7th from 9 am to 1 pm** (inside and on the church front lawn, weather permitting). We accept donations of seasonal clothing, jewelry, gently used household goods, small appliances that are in working order, gardening supplies, plants, area rugs, curtains, drapes, sheets, sofa pillows, books, puzzles, games and small pieces of furniture, such as end tables and chairs. Please do not donate exercise equipment, electronics of any kind, or large pieces of furniture like sofas. Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the “Potato Room.” If you need assistance, Rachel, our custodian, is available Monday through Friday, 8 am—12:30 pm to help unload donations. All of the proceeds from our Rummage Sales for Missions are used for local, national or international mission projects, selected by and supported by the UMW.



LET’S PLANT SOME FLOWERS! The SUMC children and youth will re-visit tradition by planting flowers around the church campus on **May 22**, the final morning of our 2021-22 Children’s Church school year. The Fellowship of the Cross and the Education Committee will again host the event.



Children and middle school/high school youth — as well as any church family members who would like to join us — should dress appropriately for digging in the dirt, and for the weather. You are encouraged, if possible, to bring your own gardening tools. We will gather near the playground after the children are dismissed from the 9 am service. We will continue planting throughout the morning. At 11, for those who have parent’s permission, we will walk to the Union Aid building (511 Centennial Ave.) to plant flowers around the building for the residents to enjoy.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION — During the month of May we are collecting shelf-stable Italian food items for the Sewickley Community Center Food Pantry – for example, pasta, tomato sauce, grated cheese. (No glass bottles please!) 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.



An important component of this tradition is church family donating flowers. Contributions of flowers can be made after May 15. Financial contributions toward the purchase of flowers (marked “flower planting”) can be made through the church office, offering plate, or easyTithe. For more information, contact Pamela Mayo or Bill Utterback.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES — We are looking for those who will be graduating from high school and college. We will honor them during the worship services on June 12th. So far we know **Spencer Clifford** and **Rose Fishter** will be graduating from high school, **Allison Lenhardt** is graduating from college, and **Bo Lenhardt** is graduating from grad school. If we are missing your graduate or a name is misspelled please let the church office or Sandra Lane know so we can make the correction.



CREATION FEST 2022 — SUMC is planning our 4th trip to Creation Fest in Mount Union, PA, and we want you to come with us! Creation will take place **June 29th - July 2nd** and will feature artists like Zach Williams, Newsboys, We the Kingdom and Dante Bowe. Kids tickets are \$25 (6 and under), youth tickets \$75 (7-17), and adults are \$150. Financial aid is available, if needed. Tickets include full access to the concerts and festival as well as breakfast and lunch each day (dinner is on your own), and camping accommodations. Please see Susie Moffett (susie.fhnc@gmail.com) with questions or to make your reservation. **Reservations and payments are due by June 5th.**



We continue as a **WOMEN’S SHARING GROUP** on Tuesdays at 10 am in the church library. Our meetings combine 3 parts: Qi gong soothing physical activity; faith study; and warm conversations with prayer and care. **EVERY WOMAN IS WELCOME!!**



OPENINGS AT THE LEARNING TREE PRESCHOOL — There are openings in the 3 and 4 year classes for the 2022-23 school year. The Learning Tree Preschool was the first preschool in Sewickley (founded in 1980) and has a long standing history of getting students kindergarten ready. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

When: Saturday, June 25th at 10 am or Sunday, July 17th at 12:30 p.m.

Where: 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 go on 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.





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 through May 29th**. 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:** Simply make sure each pair is connected with a rubber band. A collection box will be outside the Simpson Room and in the Narthex. The more unwanted shoes cleared from closets, the more mission support is generated!



United Women in Faith

The United Methodist Women have a new name--United Women of Faith. According to information found in the March/April edition of "Response"

magazine, in our 150 years of supporting mission work, our organization has had more than 25 names and now we have another new one. The name "United Methodist Women" was adopted in 1972, signaling a change not only in the life of the church, but in the lives of women and how they could organize for mission. We are again facing a change in the life of the church and in how women live and choose to engage the world in faith. It is again time to take on a new name. Beginning this year, the United Methodist Women will call ourselves "United Women in Faith."

The United Women in Faith is still the only official women's organization of the United Methodist Church. The legal name will remain United Methodist Women while operating as United Women of Faith, similar to the time the Women's Division (one of our other 25 names) changed to United Methodist Women. Changes to the bylaws allow for women to be involved and be leaders in our organization even if they become affiliated with another denomination. Our new name makes our organization more inclusive. More information may be found at uwfaith.org and in the March/April edition of Response magazine. Contact Kristine Swaney (412-741-2092 or kswaney1951@gmail.com) with questions, if any.



UMCOR UKRAINE UPDATE - Thank you to all who have donated to UMCOR's Ukraine relief efforts. Here is one more example of how your donations are being used. UMCOR is collaborating with a

Texas-based humanitarian organization focused on Ukraine and Ohio Health to send 47,895 pounds of medical supplies and equipment worth \$935,000 to two hospitals in Kyiv, Ukraine. "This is the biggest shipment we have ever had," said Dr. Vitaly Demyanchuk, deputy director of the Ukrainian Health Ministry Heart Institute in Kyiv. "Every box contains useful supplies that give us the possibility of providing high quality medical care to our patients, for wounded individuals and others in our area. We thank all of the American people. Together we are strong." Donations to UMCOR may be made with your regular offering or by EasyTithe (please mark your donation "UMCOR-Ukraine") or at the UMCOR website: umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450.

HELP FOR UKRAINE — Sewickley UMC is partnering with DTCare to provide 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



The **PITTSBURGH DISTRICT CONFERENCE**, presided over by District Superintendent Deborah Ackley-Killian, will be held on **Saturday, May 14th**, 10 am, at Trinity Tower UMC (6729 Saltsburg Rd, Pittsburgh). Everyone is welcome to attend.



QI GONG WELLNESS WORKSHOP —Come take part in a free Wellness Workshop on Monday and Tuesday, **May 9 & 10**, in the Simpson Room from 9 am to noon. Refreshments included. The activities will include mild stretching-nothing strenuous. The instructor is Linda Archinaco who is a certified Qi Gong instructor. Please call Donna Sawhill 412-916-0854 to register by May 2nd.

Zachary Frye	5/1
Hadley Boyle	5/2
Joe Consoli	5/3
Paige Lenhardt	5/3
Emilia Martinez	5/6
Charlie Thornton	5/6
Nancy Plum	5/8



Susan Spencer

Pam Wright	5/11
Violet Lewis	5/14
Nina Wiggins	5/14
Noah Wiggins	5/14
Debbie Consoli	5/17
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.

(this article was originally published in the church newsletter in 1996 after the new time capsule was laid)

TIME CAPSULE

Author Unknown (may have been Paul Collier)



On May 8 of this year, 1996, the time capsule was opened in a private ceremony and many members were disappointed when the glass jar was broken and the contents had turned to dust. We hope that when this capsule is opened in a hundred years, the people will not be disappointed. So many people gave us ideas and donated items, we couldn't possibly thank them all. We want the future to have a sense of what was happening in the year of 1996 at SUMC, the community, in Pittsburgh, and in the country. I hope everyone feels we accomplished that. We have tried to acknowledge your giving and have tried to give some information about the donor or the item. The following list is a detailed list of what was placed in the time capsule. This list will also be a permanent record in our archives. Again, we would like to thank everyone for their involvement.

- The United Methodist Hymnal – Copyright 1989
- The Methodist Hymnal – Copyright 1964 – Donated by Bill and Grace Scott in memory of Bill's Dad – First generation of Scott's to be members of SUMC – There are four generations now
- SUMC Pictorial Directory – 1984 and 1992
- SUMC Methodist Minutes of September 1996
- SUMC Bulletin from September 15, 1996 – Cornerstone Dedication Service
- SUMC Village Clock Tower Dedication Booklet, Invitation, Card that was placed on the box lunches
- SUMC History written by Robert Wright, Historian
- Jean Funkhouser's Methodist Sunday School Perfect Attendance Pin
- Holy Bible – Donated by Mary Martha Emmert – given to her as a child, Mary Martha Drynan, on Rally Day Sept. 1924 when she was promoted from Primary Department to 1st year Junior at SUMC
- List of Honorees from Heritage Sunday – April 28, 1996
- Newspaper articles from Sewickley Herald, Allegheny Times and Star News describing restoration of Village Clock Tower
- Newspaper articles about Cornerstone removal
- Pittsburgh Symphony Programs and newspaper articles
- Clock Tower Luncheon articles
- Allegheny Times, September 16, 1996 – Article about Dedication Ceremony
- 1996 Directory of Members of SUMC – "Sewickley Celebrates God" Program – Concert presented by the Sewickley Ministerium, February 4, 1996 – SUMC Chancel Choir participated
- American Flag - Donated by Sewickley Hardware
- Marine Emblem – Donated by Captain USMC Paul Collier- Historian
- Command Pilot Wings – United States Air Force – Donated by Lt. Col. John S. Jones
- United States Mint Proof Set -1996
- Susan B. Anthony "Silver" Dollar, two English coins
- Two dollar bill – Donated by Dr. Jack and Ruthann Morrow who joined SUMC in 1962
- 1996 Quaker Valley High School yearbook
- 1940 Sewickley Centennial Pin – Donated by Jim Doughty
- Pennsylvania Museums and Historical Landmarks- Donated by Pat Leiphart
- Two 1996 Olympic Pins – Summer Olympics held in Atlanta, Georgia during the month of July
- Super Bowl XXX Deck of Cards – Donated by Party Ants located at 424 Broad St. – Played Dallas, Cowboys on January 28, 1996 in Phoenix, Arizona – Dallas defeated the Steelers 27-17
- 1996 Steelers Official Yearbook
- 1996 Pittsburgh Steelers Booster Button
- Two official passes to the Pro Football Hall of Fame – Canton, Ohio
- 1996 Pittsburgh Steelers Media Guide
- Steelers window sticker – made to be displayed on car windows
- Steelers License Plate
- Steelers, Pirates game ticket stubs
- Steelers Digest – Sept. 13, 1996 Issue
- 1996 Pittsburgh Penguin Booster Button
- NHL Pittsburgh Penguin Hockey Puck – Donated by Jean Reda and her two boys, Frank and Daniel, Big fans of the game of Hockey
- Pittsburgh Pirates 1994 All-Star Game Pin – Donated by Judy Collier, a Big Fan of the Pirates – The game was held at Three Rivers Stadium
- 1996 Pittsburgh Pirates Official Scorecard – Kevin McClatchey the new owner of the Pirates this year
- University of Pittsburgh Booster Button
- Republican National Committee 1996 Pin – Election held this year – Democratic nominees are: President Bill Clinton with Vice President Al Gore as his running mate - Robert Dole with Jack Kemp as his running mate
- Sewickley Academy Class of 1992 Key Chain – Donated by Cheryl Fulton
- Sewickley Academy Magazine – Spring 1995, Spring 1996, Fall/Winter 1995 Issue
- 1996 Edgeworth Elementary Yearbook
- 1994 Quaker Valley Junior High Yearbook
- Sweetwater Center for the Arts – Fall 1996 Issue – located 200 Broad St. – Old Post Office Bldg.
- Brickyard 400 – 1996 Information
- Carnegie Magazine – Information on the Carnegie Museums and Library of Pittsburgh – July/August 1996 Edition and a Fall 1996 Program Booklet
- 1995 Commemorative Stamp Collection – Donated by Sewickley Post Office – Mark Bittner Post Master
- Talbots Catalogue – Store located on Broad St. between Beaver and Thorn
- The New York Times Magazine - Sept. 1, 1996 and September 8 Edition
- Borough of Sewickley Zoning Ordinance – Feb. 19, 1996
- Time Magazines – September 2, September 9, and September 16 Issues

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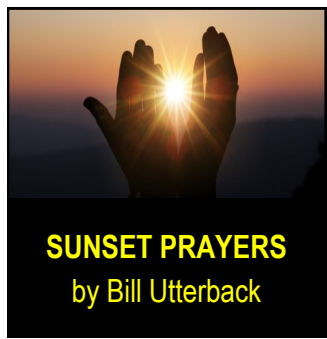
- Birthday Card depicting the two presidential nominees
- Birthday Card depicting events that happened in 1983 – 100 years after delivery of the Village Clock
- CD – “Bells of Christmas”
- Heinz Ketchup and pickles – Pittsburgh Based Company – Donated by James Theys – retired General Manager Manufacturing of H.J. Heinz
- Handheld Calculator
- Borough of Sewickley – 1993 Newsletter – Donated by Kevin Flannery Borough Manager – Zoning Map of Sewickley
- Sewickley Public Library Brochure – Located across the street from the SUMC
- Sewickley Historic Review Commission Brochure – Pictures of historical homes in Sewickley
- Menu from “Junior’s” Restaurant located across the river in Coraopolis
- Menu from “China Palace – located 409 Broad St.
- Sewickley Mellon Bank Medallion
- Zippo Lighter
- Ascot Imported Cars Brochure – located 418 Walnut St. – Donated by Richard Colarossi Service Manager and President of United Methodist Men
- USA Today – Sept. 16 Issue
- Pittsburgh Post Gazette September 1 Issue – (Portion of the Paper)
- Pittsburgh Post Gazette September 15, 1996 Issue
- The New York Times – September 15, 1996 Issue
- New York Times Best Seller List – August 25, 1996
- Billboard Magazine – August 31, 1996 Issue – Includes top songs of 1996
- American Flag wind sock
- Replicas of a \$10,000 and \$1,000 – Donated by Penguin Book Shop
- September 29, 1996 Great Race Brochure

2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH MARCH



	2022 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Paid/Received to Date	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	279,196.04	82,679.89	83,643.85	963.96
TOTAL RECEIPTS	279,216.00	64,303.99	72,288.24	7,984.25
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	19.96	(18,375.90)	(11,355.61)	

As Mother’s Day approaches, and Father’s Day follows, let’s pray for parents.
 Let’s pray for grandparents.
 Let’s pray for aunts and uncles.
 Let’s pray for single parents and step-parents and foster parents and adoptive parents.
 Let’s pray for older brothers and sisters who care for younger ones.
 Let’s pray for “people” who encourage and embrace and nourish the youngest members of our family.
 In many versions of Luke’s Gospel, verse 19:15 reads as follows: “People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them.”
 Luke, and some of his translators, seems to suggest that it wasn’t only parents who brought children to Jesus. There were other caregivers, possibly extended family members or servants, who came with children.
 Too often, I think, we read that passage only as a story about children, about Jesus including and valuing children.
 But, in embracing the children, isn’t Jesus also responding to the concerns of their parents and caregivers? Isn’t He acknowledging their prayers? Isn’t He telling us that those people who love and care for children are important and need to be encouraged and nourished as well?



Jesus was saying, “I see you” to parents and people who brought children.
 So, as we pray for parents and people who care for children, let’s also ask Our Lord to show us how we can support and encourage them as well.
 On May 1, as the sun sets around 8:17 pm, from wherever you are, with whomever wants to join you, let’s pray together for parents and people who care about children.
 Let’s pray for mothers and fathers. Let’s pray for single parents and those with shared custody. Let’s pray for step-parents and foster parents and adoptive parents.
 Let’s pray for grandparents, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles.
 Let’s pray for teachers and coaches, for daycare and pre-school workers, and those who provide home care for children. Let’s pray for doctors and nurses.
 Let’s pray for those who love and care for infants and toddlers, school-age children, middle school and high school youth, and young adults.
 Let’s pray with specificity, including those we know by name, and those we see pushing strollers, waiting at the bus stop, coaching ball teams.
 And let’s ask together for his Light in helping us find who and how we can help and an encourage in ways beyond prayer.

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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@sewickleyumc.org) or mail/bring your form to the office.

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Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

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



Choices	Indicate quantity below	
	\$9 Quart	\$6 Pint
Black Bean Soup: olive oil, onion, garlic, fire roasted diced tomatoes, black beans, vegetable broth, green chilies, corn, cumin, chili powder, and lime juice		
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, cilantro for garnish		
Sweet Sausage & Tortellini Soup: Chicken Broth, Sweet Italian Sausage, Spinach, Cheese Tortellini, Onion & Spices		
Sandra's Hummus (vegetarian/vegan) Chickpeas, Lemon Juice, Garlic, Tahini & Spices	\$5 for ½ pint	

Orders are due by Sunday, May 22 and will be ready for pickup Friday, June 3, 9 am - 4 pm or Sunday, June 5, before or after the worship services. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. *If using EasyTithe, please include the 3% transaction fee.*

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 Church and St. Paul's Lutheran. 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

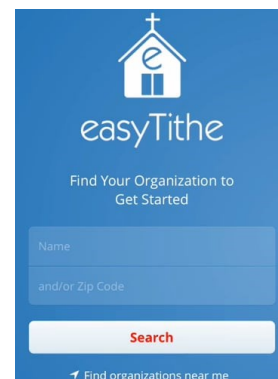
Expect: FUN!!! FOOD!!! and Bingo, of course



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

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.





LAUNCHING OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2022 REMEMBERING UKRAINE

As the Fellowship of the Cross formally launches our 2022 Operation Christmas Child campaign, we remember that our shoeboxes from 2014 and 2016 were distributed in Ukraine, a nation now ravaged by war.

We trusted Jesus to use those boxes to launch and nourish His relationships with children and families in Ukraine, and we pray that those relationships are providing strength and hope today.

We never know where our OCC shoeboxes may travel, but we know that children and families who receive them will be introduced to Jesus and strengthened by His presence in their lives.

A story on the OCC website tells the story of Vladimir, who received a shoebox as an 11-year-old living in an orphanage in Ukraine. His favorite gifts included a coloring book, pencil, markers and a toy car. He was later adopted by an American family.

“When I think back to that day in the orphanage and all the gifts provided by so many generous people, I think also about how God cares for us and often shows His love through even the littlest things—like toy cars,” Vladimir wrote. “God works in amazing and tangible ways through such ordinary things and ordinary people, and He used the simple generosity of people thousands of miles away to speak to me that day. It was through those thoughtful little gifts I received that I finally understood that God really did care personally for me.”

We have been among the “ordinary people” providing the “littlest things” for God to use to show His love.

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

May, June, July and August are our most important collection months. We will invite church family into a packing event in September.

FOTC will be 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, war-themed gifts or candy.

A collection box for OCC sits outside the church office and in the Narthex, 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.

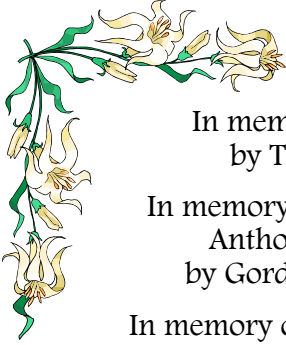


Pete & Gail Hiles	5/4
Nancy & Russel Shuluga	5/4
Nathan & Laura Geason	5/14
Greg & Sandra Lane	5/15
Tony & Krista Ream	5/16
Nancy & Mark Wiggins	5/17



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

Easter Flower Dedications



In memory of Dennis Narcisi
by The McClain Family

In memory of Gordon's dad & mom,
Anthony & Mary Chesney,
by Gordon & Debbie Chesney.

In memory of Elmer and Clare Swaney
by Mike and Kristine Swaney

In memory of Rev. Barry Lewis and Rev. Marilyn Evans
who taught me so much and guided
me on my faith journey by Susie Moffett

In memory of her husband, Charles,
by Carol Egenlauf

In memory of Bola Nicholson
by Pam Honeychurch

In memory of Tony Brandt
by Donna Weidman

In memory of Eleanor Schmitz
by Jere and Sharon Cowden

In memory of Matthew McTighe
by Mark McTighe

In memory of Bola Nicholson
by Sandy and Bill Kuriger

In loving memory of her son, Barry,
by Dana Yant

In memory of Howard McClain
by The McClain Family

In memory of Loved Ones
by Dorritt Field

In memory and remembrance of loved ones.
We miss you!
by Shawn & Lou Ann Scott

In memory of Rev. Bill Hiles
by The Hiles Family

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

In memory of Barry Lewis
by Sandy and Bill Kuriger

In memory of Loved Ones
by The Miller Family

In loving memory of her husband, Bob,
by Dana Yant

In memory of her dad, Chuck Egenlauf,
by Cheryl Egenlauf Barwell

In memory of their parents
by Joe and Debbie Consoli

In memory of Loretta McClain
by The McClain Family

In memory of Brenda Brown
by The Hiles Family

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

In memory of their parents
by Joe and Martha Boward

In memory of Edward and Kathryn Kramer
by All their children

In memory of Tony Brandt
by Barb and Don Brandt

In memory of his wife, Patricia A. Leiphart,
by Warren Kinneer

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

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

In honor of Pat and Captain Steve Grossarth
by John Emmert & Warren Kinneer

In honor of Sewickley United Methodist Church
by Hannah and Todd Loughman

In honor of their children, Mike, Alissa, and Beth
by Jere and Sharon Cowden

In honor of Erik and Laura
by Pam Honeychurch

In honor of her mom, Dana Yant
by Lou Ann Scott

In honor of Jordyn Marie Loughman and her kind heart
by Mom and Dad

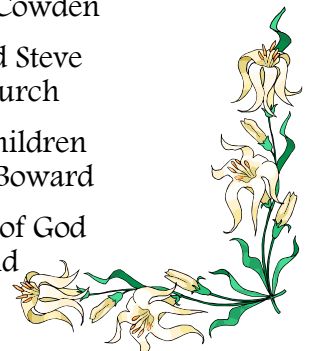
In honor of Elvira Kinneer
by Warren Kinneer

In honor of their six grandchildren
by Jere and Sharon Cowden

In honor of Pat and Steve
by Pam Honeychurch

In honor of their children
by Joe and Martha Boward

Given to the Glory of God
by Dorritt Field



MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 AM Contemporary Service 10 AM Adult Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service 6:30 PM Growth Group: Everything is Spiritual	2 7 PM AA	3 10 AM Women's Sharing Group 6:30 PM Growth Group: Immersion Bible Study: John 8 PM AA	4 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	5 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Learning Tree Mother's Day Program 6:15 PM Bell Choir	6 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Learning Tree Mother's Day Program 3 - 7 PM Rummage Sale for Missions 6:30 PM AA	7 9 AM - 1 PM Rummage Sale for Missions
8 9 AM Contemporary Service 10 AM Adult Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service 6:30 PM Growth Group: Everything is Spiritual	9 9 AM - 12 PM Wellness Workshop 6:30 PM Finance Committee 6:30 PM Trustees 7 PM AA 7:30 PM Council Meeting	10 9 AM - 12 PM Wellness Workshop 6:30 PM Growth Group: Immersion Bible Study: John 8 PM AA	11 11 AM SUMC Monthly Prayer Gathering 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	12 6:15 PM Bell Choir	13 6:30 PM AA	14
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ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROJECT — HELP NEEDED TO GET READY

We have contracted with an abatement company to safely remove the carpet and tile in the classrooms and nursery, followed by the installation of new carpet and tile. In preparation for this work, we have blocked out 6 days to prepare and remove the contents of all affected areas. Please see the calendar to the right for details.



Once the abatement work begins there will be no access to the lower level until the work is complete at the end of the month.

All rooms will be labeled for identification. Sandra Lane will be on site to provide direction. We need to empty the contents of all designated rooms. Each room will have its own labeled section in the basement for temporary storage. Any help you can provide on any day is welcome. Please sign up [here](#) or on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks in advance.

Saturday JUNE 4 10 am start Prep Storage area Coffin Room clear out	Sunday JUNE 5 Church picnic	Monday JUNE 6 4 -7 pm Nursery Clean out	Tuesday JUNE 7 4 -7 pm Classroom 1 Hallways
Wednesday JUNE 8 4 -7 pm Classroom 2 Classroom 3	Thursday JUNE 9 4 -7 pm File storage/ FOTC room	Friday JUNE 10 12 -4 pm Remaining items	Saturday JUNE 11
June 12 through June 25 Abatement Work Underway Lower level sealed off (No entry)			



John A.
Hurst Bartley
Betty Burrows (Wilma
Hamilton's sister-in-law)
Cathy
Jack Certain
Irene Chenot
(Beth Zeanchock's mom)
Bruno Crapis

John Cummins
Betty Dornetta
Nancy Erdmann
Family of Rev. Marilyn Evans
(Mary Jablonski's wife)
Dorritt Field
Sarah Fiore (CJ Jones'
daughter)
Liz Fischer
Pat Fulton
(Scott Matthew's mom)
Shirley Gerthung
(Wilma Hamilton's sister)

Jessica H.
Willa Herman
Lois Hiles
Brandy K.
Lisa L.
Van Loughman (Todd's dad)
Paula Lukens
Matthew McAliley
(Otis McAliley's son)
Craig McClean
Mary Maminski
Tom Moog
Sandra Obeng

Lorraine Offner
Dominic Odom
Cherie Reilly
Amy Richart
Jim Rogansky
Mario Russo
Karen Shong
C.R. & Lorraine Simpson
Bill Teed
Joseph Umer
Ryan Warden
Rich Z.
Dennis Zeveny

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

Remember our Shut-ins

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

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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.