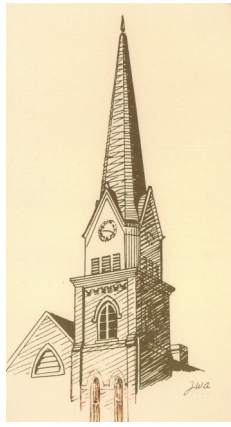


# Sewickley United Methodist Church



## November 2022 Newsletter

### *The Pastor's Peace*

As I sit to write the Pastor's Peace for the November newsletter, it is only half-way through October. There are a few bold(ish) statements I would like to make in faith:

1. We did an amazing job selling pumpkins this year! Now I say bold(ish) because I already know that is a true statement. I have already seen and heard of the wonderful ways you all have greeted the community and been a little piece of light in their day. The bold part is that I know you will continue to show great hospitality and by the end of October the pumpkins will officially be sold out!
2. The Building of Faith Loan has officially been paid off! Woohoo!! Praise the Lord! Again, I say bold(ish) because I am making this statement before the fact, trusting that it will happen before November 13<sup>th</sup>. That's the bold part. The 'ish' part is that it really isn't that bold of me to state I believe you are a wonderfully faithful people who are generous with your blessings. I have seen this to be true over and over again.
3. The Haunted House made a great comeback and, in the midst of the scares and frights, the love of Jesus was experienced and a safe space was offered for people to enjoy Halloween night! Because they experienced the love of Jesus here, they went out and continued to celebrate responsibly. We will see them again and continue to be blessed with the opportunity to plant seeds and grow them!

I think it is a healthy exercise to make these statements of faith. It is one thing to talk about having faith while still being careful to phrase things in such a way where faith really isn't needed. It is another thing to actually have faith that the goodness of God is alive and real and is being lived out through us in our Sewickley Community and surrounding areas. We are a people who live by faith and not by sight.

Did I spend time in prayer before putting those three statements down? Indeed, I did! Do I have a small bit of apprehension that goes along with putting those statements down? Yes. Faith was never promised to be easy or comfortable. After all, moving mountains is tough business sometimes. Changing hearts, transforming lives, raising money to stay a healthy place with wonderful ministries, and spending money to stay a healthy place with wonderful ministries, are all things that take time, energy and faith.

I want to invite you to make a statement of faith along with me. Where have you felt God calling you to speak life into? What have you felt God nudging you towards? Have you had a vision for our church here at Sewickley UMC? Let's be bold(ish) together and let's claim the promises of God as real for our lives.

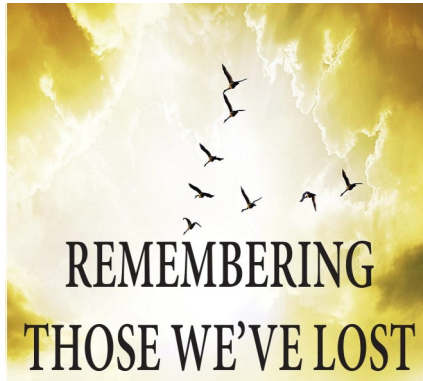
From one light to another,

*Hannah M. Loughman*  
Pastor Hannah Loughman

Pastor Hannah's availability: I am available Monday—Wednesday and Friday, 9 am—5 pm. After 5 pm, by appointment only. On Sundays I am available following the church service till 4 pm. 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 Thursdays, which is my day off, I will respond in a timely manner.

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**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 6TH**



Join us on **November 6th** during both worship services as we recognize the saints who have passed from among us. We invite you to bring or email to the office the name and a picture of someone you would like to honor who has passed since our All Saints' Service in November 2021. They do not have to be members of this congregation, but as they are an important part of you, they are an important part of us. As of the publishing of this newsletter, below is a list of the saint we will remember.

On All Saints' Sunday, everyone is invited to a fellowship meal after the 11 am service. Nurture will provide the main dish, desserts, and beverages. Please bring a salad or side dish for the table.

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| Sarah Harris              | Raymond Harold Kinneer                     |
| Craig D. Daly             | Rev. Barry Lamont Lewis                    |
| Mary Jane Dooley          | Mary A. Maminski                           |
| Rev. Marilyn Hegert Evans | Grace A. Merriman                          |
| Karen Johnson-Jones       | Abimbola "Bola" Kofoworola Gadri-Nicholson |
| Elliot Brad Jones         | Alan H. Thompson                           |
| Walter Edward King        | Julia Sauro White                          |



The Holy Spirit can use you too! Please allow others to hear the way God is at work in your life through sharing a written devotion with the congregation. Just like was done over Lent, I would like to put together a congregational devotional that answers the question: *How has scripture spoken to you in unexpected ways?* You can share the scripture and a brief story of how the Holy Spirit came alive in God's word for your life. I am praying we receive enough devotions to include one for each day of Advent. That is 31 devotions for the 2022 Advent season. Please send your devotion by November 18th to Pastor Hannah at [pastor@sewickleyumc.org](mailto:pastor@sewickleyumc.org).

**CHURCH CONFERENCE 2022**



Every year we have a meeting called Church Conference. This is when the entire congregation is invited to join together and vote on some of the important business items of the

church. Those votes include things like the Pastor's Salary and the Nominations Report. The nominations report consists of the slate of laity who have been nominated to serve on the various church committees for the coming year. In addition to those two items, we look at the ministries we have done and are engaging in, the church's budget and hear from our Lay Servants and Lay Speakers. This is a wonderful time to understand the overall health of our congregation and how we are living out the call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Please join us on **November 7th at 7 pm in the Sanctuary**. All are invited to join us; church members are able to vote. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pastor Hannah at [pastor@sewickleyumc.org](mailto:pastor@sewickleyumc.org).

**ADVENT POTLUCK & BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning Sunday, **November 27th**, the first Sunday in Advent, from 6 to 8 pm and the following Sundays in Advent we will have an all-church Bible study. On December 11th, due to the Ukraine Benefit Concert being hosted at our church that evening, we will meet at 12:30 pm instead. We will be studying



*Unexpected Jesus* by Dr. Anna Robins. You can purchase this book on [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com) or Amazon. Please read chapter 1 before the first session. In addition, we will be sharing a meal together each week. It is going to be an *Unexpected Potluck*. Please come with your favorite dish to share. Beverages will be provided. I have no doubt there will be plenty of something for everyone to not go home hungry, both spiritually and physically!



## Worship Opportunities - November 2022

Contemporary Worship Service: 9 am  
 Traditional Worship Service: 11 am  
 Our Worship Services are live streamed on  
[sewickleyumc.org](http://sewickleyumc.org) and [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

The recorded services are also available later on Sunday afternoon.

**November 6, 2022**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**All Saints' Sunday**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**Clocktower Ringers play 11 am service**  
**Liturgist:** Martha Boward  
**Scripture Lesson:** Joshua 3:7-17  
**Message:** "The Other Side"

"Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear." George Addair. How many of us are thwarted from achieving our goals because we can't see the other side clearly? How many of us are uncertain of trying out new things because we aren't sure of the outcome? How many of us are unhappy but stay where we are because the unknown is too scary to face? When you think about the stories that truly inspire us, told of those who have passed away, they don't usually include staying put. Faith over fear brings down walls and helps us get to the other side.

**November 13, 2022**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**170th Anniversary of SUMC's Incorporation**  
**Birthday Cake between the Services**  
**Liturgist:** Lynn Colosi  
**Scripture Lesson:** Haggai 2:1-9  
**Message:** "As You Were"

If you spent any time in the military you have heard the phrase, "As you were." This is a command that is given that permits you to return to your previous state. Maybe you were sitting around chatting and a higher-ranking officer walks in and you quickly stand in respectful attention, you salute, they salute, and then they tell you (if they are done with you) "as you were." This means you go back to chatting. In the life of the Israelites in their second exile they were praying to be as they once were, but captivated in the presence of God, they soon learn they will be even better than they were before.

God is doing something new in them. When we stand in attention to God, we find God is doing something new in us too. Something new in the promises of Christ is something better than we ever realized was possible. *As you were* is not an option; *better than you were* is a promise.

**November 20, 2022**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**Grateful for Laity**  
**Blessing of the Shoeboxes**  
**Liturgist:** Ron Smith  
**Scripture Lesson:** Colossians 1:11-20

**Message:** "Just Wait a Moment!" by Mitch Hortert

I don't know about you, but when my children ask me multiple questions at the same time, I immediately want them to wait a moment. Many times, we don't get those moments, do we? With the world ever changing and as we near Advent, the official start of the holiday shopping season and Christmas, how do we take a moment to pump the breaks, slow down, and pause?

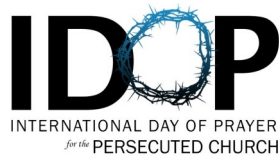


**November 27, 2022**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Liturgist:** Kristine Swaney  
**Scripture Lessons:** Luke 1:5-25  
**Message:** "I Didn't See That Coming"

The story of John the Baptist's birth begins our journey to the manger. Our journey begins with a rather unexpected twist on an otherwise normal night. Zechariah (John's father) never thought his normal of faithful duties would be interrupted by a visitor from heaven. Together, Zechariah and Elizabeth (John's mother) show us how embracing the unexpected regardless of external pressures is an opportunity to live out our faith. This can have an impact far more than just our own legacies, but entire communities and in their case, the world.

The **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS** is **Sunday, November 6.**

Please pray especially for our Christian brothers and sisters who continue to endure great suffering at the hands of extremists. Christian churches are destroyed, villages are burned and innocent people are killed just because of their faith in Jesus. Please pray for them on Sunday November 6 and throughout the month of November. Information about persecution as well as free prayer resources may be found on the Voice of the Martyrs website at [vom.org](http://vom.org). Thank you, Kristine Swaney



**ORNAMENTS FOR ORPHANS** In November, look for the “O4O” tree at the back of the sanctuary. The Fellowship of the Cross has renewed its relationship with Ornaments 4 Orphans. For three years before the pandemic interrupted our worship, FOTC had been selling Christmas decorations and gifts from Ornaments 4 Orphans, a fair trade social enterprise dedicated to providing critical support for orphans and vulnerable children. The ornaments are created by artisans in Kenya, Uganda, Nepal and Peru, and the money is returned to the artisans or invested in homes, schools and medical facilities in their communities. O4O uses ethical and sustainable business practices to advance society by creating jobs, which fights poverty, preserves intact families, empowers communities, and ultimately prevents children from becoming orphans. We will be selling Christmas ornaments, nativity sets, jewelry and stocking stuffers from a tree in the rear of the sanctuary. We will be there before, between, and after worship services. 100% of the proceeds from our sale are returned to Ornaments 4 Orphans.



The annual **COOKIE WALK** will be **November 19th, 9—11 am.** This is the sweetest and fastest fundraiser the church has, with the proceeds benefiting the General Fund. Fill a pie box with your choice of cookies and candy for

\$25. We need your contributions of as many cookies and as many varieties as you can to make this fundraiser a success. Look for the sign up board in the back of the sanctuary or contact Debbie Consoli ([conjd2@verizon.net](mailto:conjd2@verizon.net) or 412-722-9138). Thank you for all your help and yummy donations.



**COLLEGE KIDS CURRENT ADDRESSES NEEDED**

The Fellowship of the Cross is collecting your college kids' updated mailing addresses, along with their exam schedule for this semester, so we can send them care packages before their final exams start.

Please send addresses to [fotc@sewickleyumc.org](mailto:fotc@sewickleyumc.org) so we can send them some love as they prepare for their exams.

**CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE KIDS** — Any leftover Halloween treats at your house? Consider sharing with the Fellowship of the Cross so we can fill care packages to send to our college students ahead of their final exams. FOTC is collecting candy, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate mixes, and small packages of sweet or salty snacks to send to our college kids as their fall semester ends. Please help us let our college crew know they are loved as they enter the most stressful time of the school year. Donations can be left in the FOTC box outside the church office through November 20. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted, and we will purchase things for you.



The **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**, formerly known as the United Methodist Women, will have a luncheon meeting after the traditional service on **Sunday, November 20**, in the Simpson Room. Please bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Everyone is welcome.



**NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

— Last year, 821 children received new toys, games and other gifts for the holidays. If you or someone you know would like to receive gifts through NHCO's toy shop, please

contact Vicki Burstynowicz, Sharing Projects Coordinator at 412-487-6316 x3150.

**RUMMAGE SALE FOR MISSIONS** — The United Methodist Women will have their last sale of the year on **Friday, November 4, 3 to 7 pm**, and **Saturday, November 5, 9 am to 1 pm**. As always we appreciate your donations of gently used seasonal clothing, books, jewelry, puzzles, toys, household items, and small pieces of furniture. We cannot use exercise equipment, electronics, or large pieces of furniture. Please bring your donations on October 31, November 1 & 2 after the Haunted House is cleaned up.



**LIGHT UP NIGHT** — On **December 2nd** from 5 to 9 pm we will once again be celebrating Light Up Night and opening our sanctuary to visitors! We are looking for your help in creating a welcoming environment for the many people who will come through our doors.

Please contact Pastor Hannah if you are willing to give at least 30 minutes of your time that night for an opportunity to make our community feel loved! Leap of Faith, Clocktower Ringers, Sophia & Friends, and Carol Sing-a-longs will fill the sanctuary with music throughout the evening. There might even be a live nativity.




**HANGING OF THE GREENS** — Come help decorate the church for Light Up Night and Christmas! There are many big and small jobs from the sanctuary to the office to the front lawn. Everyone can take part on **Sunday, November 27th after the 11 am service**. LUNCH IS INCLUDED.

**UM STUDENT DAY SPECIAL GIVING**



On November 27th we will celebrate UM Student Sunday. United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. Every year an average of \$5.5 million is awarded to help undergraduate and graduate students in the United States and abroad pursue their dreams through higher education. Your gifts help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom. Please designate “Student Sunday” on your envelope or check. You may also donate via EasyTithe. Further information about the scholarships – including

scholarship eligibility requirements and application information – is available at: [gbhem.org/loans-scholarships](http://gbhem.org/loans-scholarships).



**OKTOBERFEST DINNER SUCCESS** — The Nurture Committee sends a **BIG THANK YOU** to so many people who worked to make the 2022 Welcome Back Oktoberfest dinner so successful!


Everyone came forward to offer their time and energy to sell tickets, donate desserts, set tables, serve diners, cook food, and **CLEANUP!** It's good to see so much cooperation. It is good to do the Lord's work!

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Dear Sewickley United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Quaker Valley Rotary we could like to thank you for your financial support. Your help makes it possible for us to sponsor the Annual Halloween Parade. We look forward to continuing to partner with you in the future. Once again, **THANK YOU.**

Sincerely,  
 Scott Zahner and Sidney J. Lauther  
 Quaker Valley Rotary Halloween Co-Chairs



Just a short Pumpkin update. Right now our sales of \$26,631 through October 26th put our profit at 35% of sales. Just \$3,369 more and we will reach our goal of \$30,000 when our profit will be 40% of sales. We can do it!

This has been a great year with so much help. I love all of our regular volunteers and really love all the new faces! Thank you all so much.

The pumpkins got moved toward the front and were merchandised all the time. This is behind the scenes work that is so appreciated.

The pallets all showed up and have been disappearing as they empty. This is a big, heavy help. Thank you Sandra and crew.

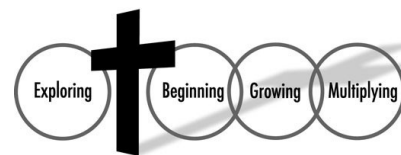
Look for a final update in early November with total sales and profits when we give you pumpkin to talk about.

Thank you to everyone who met the fill-the-schedule challenge, Diane and Pastor Hannah will let the gourd times roll and joyfully receive pies in the face after the 11 am service on October 30th.

Diane, the Pumpkin Queen

**SEEKING TO DEEPEN YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY?**

Consider exploring your relationship with God by working with a Spiritual Companion. Pastor Dora J. Odarenko is beginning her third year of training to be a spiritual companion, and is currently under supervision She is now welcoming clients, pro bono. You may contact her at 203-556-5076 or [djodarenko@yahoo.com](mailto:djodarenko@yahoo.com). “As your Spiritual Companion, I will invite you into the process of understanding yourself more deeply on a spiritual level. My Guild for Spiritual Guidance—started over 40 years ago by Henri Nouwen, John Yungblut, Nan Merrill, Madeleine L’Engle, and others—uses the term “Spiritual Companion” rather than “Spiritual Director” because this will be a listening, questioning, responding, and prayerful relationship, meant to help you understand yourself more fully on a spiritual level. I will not be a top-down professional “authority.” The aim of Spiritual Companionship is to give you a spiritual friend in this unfolding life journey that can be challenging and perplexing, as well as joyous. It is good to have a support and guide in times that can be as stressful and demanding as ours. The goal of a dedicated and trained Spiritual Companion is not to push you in a particular direction, but rather to support you as you reflect on experiences, memories, or dreams. Like Spiritual Directors, we follow strict guidelines for ethical conduct; conversations are strictly confidential. Hour-long monthly sessions are private and sacred times together. As such, they will not simply be times for chatting about the week or for venting or for receiving advice. Your commitment will be to invite God into what you are experiencing and to explore ways in which a Divine Presence is working in your life. My commitment, as your spiritual friend, is to stand beside you.”



**FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BAGS — DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 13TH**

To help patrons of the food pantry prepare Thanksgiving dinner, Outreach is asking that you fill a grocery bag with the non-perishable items traditionally used at Thanksgiving. Please take a bag with “grocery list” attached (see display at church) – some are for small families, some for larger families. Purchase the items listed and return the filled bag to church. Thanksgiving Bags must be returned no later than November 13th. **Monetary donations are needed to purchase Giant Eagle gift cards so that the families may purchase perishable items.** Mark those gifts “Thanksgiving Bags” or use EasyTithe.



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

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

- 2 cans vegetables
- 1 package muffin or roll mix
- 1 can fruit
- 1 package/box stuffing mix
- 1 small can pumpkin or pumpkin pie mix
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 large or 2 small boxes of Jello
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 small can yams/sweet potatoes
- 1-2 cans or jars turkey gravy
- 1 small box instant mashed potatoes

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

- 4 cans vegetables
- 2 packages muffin or roll mix
- 2 cans fruit
- 2 packages/boxes stuffing mix
- 1 large can pumpkin or pumpkin pie mix
- 2 cans cranberry sauce
- 2 large or 4 small boxes of Jello
- 2 cans evaporated milk
- 1 large can yams/sweet potatoes
- 2-3 cans or jars turkey gravy
- 1 large box instant mashed potatoes



**Stop the Bleed and Church Safety Training**  
 Saturday, November 12, 10am- 12:15

**SAVE A LIFE**

This two-part program is designed to train, educate and inform our church members and volunteers.

**Part One — 10 – 11:15am:** In the unlikely event of active shooter casualties, police officers are focused on subduing the shooter. If emergency personnel are delayed in any way, it’s up to us to help each other survive a blood loss incident. We have invited the Valley Ambulance Authority to present a hands-on training program to stop blood loss and how to use a tourniquet.

**Part Two — 11:15 – 12 noon:** Sandra Lane and Pastor Hannah will continue the training with a review of the various safety and security procedures we currently have in place at SUMC, along with active shooter, evacuation and Safe Sanctuary protocols.

We hope you will join us for this very important program. Please consider attending both sessions. A sign up sheet is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.





**Support SUMC by making "Sewickley Methodist Church" your charity**

**SHOP ON AMAZON SMILE AND AMAZON WILL DONATE TO SEWICKLEY UMC**

AmazonSmile is a way for customers to support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon. Shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) you will find the same Amazon you know and love, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the price of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice. Signing up is easy! Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select "Sewickley Methodist Church" as your charitable organization. Then when shopping be sure to shop through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

**TOWN-HALL SAS MEETING**



A Simple Structure for Missional Effectiveness

SAS...what does that stand for, Simplified Accountable Structure. To put it simply, this is a model of the administrative life of the church that is set up for missional effectiveness. We are currently exploring this model as a potential new way of organizing our administrative life together. PLEASE COME to an informational town-hall meeting on **December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the church's sanctuary. All are invited to hear more about SAS and will have a time to ask questions.



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	Shirley Sye
Atleah Grubb	Lura Zaremba
Virginia Harriger	

Kandace Kramer	11/8
Kelly Honeychurch	11/9
Jim Rogansky	11/9
Esmirna Matos	11/11
Sandra Lane	11/19
Bob Jordan	11/20



Carole Ford	11/21
Dorothy Price	11/23
Van Nickell	11/26
Dorritt Field	11/29
Laura Kuriger	11/30
Leo Reardon	11/30

*If you or a family member is missing from our birthday or anniversary list, please let the office know. We don't want to leave anyone out of special wishes.*

Our Sanctuary was finished in 1884, which makes the sanctuary 138 years old. However, the church (the body of Christ, the people) were officially recognized through incorporation on November 13, 1852. That will make the official body 170 years old this November. If we keep going back, in 1839 they actually began to build the physical structure of the church building which was two years after they began meeting as a congregation in 1837. We have an impressive history and we have an impressive future ahead of us!



thankful for the ways your presence, your service and your financial gifts have impacted the Sewickley community and the kingdom of God. Through your faithfulness people have been fed, clothed, had their mobility needs cared for, felt loved and safe and welcomed with open arms. Through your faithfulness people have experienced the unyielding love of Jesus and

On November 13th, we will celebrate the congregation's 170 years of being incorporated. This might not fall into the typical number when you pull out the big celebrations, but it does offer us an excuse. As the church continues to live and grow, the structure continues to adapt to the needs of the ministry God has called us to at Sewickley United Methodist Church. In 2014 the sanctuary was rededicated after a major renovation. As we look ahead and continue to grow and adapt, there will no doubt be more renovations to come that keep us up to date. However, at this time in our history, we still have a financial obligation for this most recent renovation.

received the good news of the gospel message of Christ. Through the faithfulness of Christ, we continue to be called to be movers and shakers for the kingdom of God. Through the faithfulness of Christ, we continue to be provided for and blessed with plenty to go around.

It is with much excitement that I can now say we are just roughly \$2,400 away from our goal. When you prepare to celebrate someone's birthday, you think about what gift you can bring. I am so thankful for all the gifts you bring to our church. I am

I ask you once again to share your plenty. I ask you to bring your financial gifts above and beyond your general tithe. Will you consider making a one-time donation between now and November 13 to Sewickley United Methodist Church ("Building Fund") to help us reach our goal and pay off our debt? Our prayer and belief are that as we celebrate another blessed year of life at Sewickley United Methodist Church, we can also celebrate the paying off of the Building of Faith loan. Please be a part of that celebration! No gift is too small — together we know we can reach our goal!

From one light to another,  
Pastor Hannah Loughman

John A.  
Hurst Bartley  
Betty Burrows  
(Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law)  
David Call (Bonnie Stoicovy's son)  
Betty Carrol  
Cathy  
Jack Certain  
Irene Chenot  
(Beth Zeanchock's mom)  
Dan Chewning  
Bruno Crapis  
Betty Dornetta  
Mark Ebner  
Carol Egenlauf  
Nancy Erdmann  
Shirley Gerthung  
(Wilma Hamilton's sister)



Donna Gleason  
Jessica H.  
Beate Henkel  
Brandy K.  
Family of Walter King  
(Murch King's brother)  
Mike Kolesar  
Henrietta Kretzler  
Bill Kuriger, Sr.  
Lisa L.  
Beatriz L.  
(Emily Liska's daughter-in-law)

Family of Mary Maminski  
(Pat Ferguson's mother)  
Tom Moog  
Lorraine Offner  
Dominic Odom  
Heather Rose  
(Jennifer Jones' cousin)  
Amy Richart  
Jim Rogansky  
Lou Ann Scott  
Karen Shong  
C.R. & Lorraine Simpson  
Debbie Smith  
Bill Teed  
Joseph Umer  
Ryan Warden  
Rich Z.  
Dennis Zeveny



**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), bring your form to the office or place it in the offering plate.

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

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



Choices	Indicate quantity below	
	\$9 Quart	\$6 Pint
<b>Beef Barley Vegetable</b> (Beef, Onion, Celery, Tomatoes, Corn, Carrots, Peas, Green Beans, Barley, Beef Broth, and Spices)		
<b>Creamy Chicken Noodle</b> (Chicken, Carrots, Celery, Onions, Egg Noodles, Chicken Broth, Cream, Milk, Flour and Spices)		
<b>French Onion</b> (Beef and Chicken Broth, Olive Oil, Sweet Onions, Sherry and Spices. Croutons and Parmesan Cheese on the side.)		
<b>Sandra's Hummus</b> (vegetarian/vegan - chickpeas, lemon juice, garlic, tahini, spices)	\$5 for ½ pint	

Orders are due by Sunday, November 20 and will be ready for pickup Friday, December 2 or Sunday, December 4. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. *If using EasyTithe, please include the 3% transaction fee.*

**Ways to Give**



Due to increased costs for using EasyTithe, the Finance Committee will be changing e-giving platforms in the near future. There will be a period of overlap with the old and new programs to give everyone time to make the transition. We will be providing more information in November. In the meantime, please continue to use EasyTithe for online and mobile giving.



Murch & Grace King  
11/5

Van & Karen Nickell  
11/25

**2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER**



	2022 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Paid/Received to Date	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	279,196.04	215,236.99	227,275.59	12,038.60
TOTAL RECEIPTS	279,216.00	192,811.97	197,944.21	5,132.24
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	19.96	(22,425.02)	(29,331.38)	

I loved David's Thanksgiving. I share the story in Children's Church every year.

In 1 Chronicles, splashed across chapters 15 through 17, we see David bringing the Ark of the Covenant in to Jerusalem. He calls thousands of people to join him. He asks choirs to sing and musicians to play trumpets and cymbals, harps and lyres. He dances.

David provides food (a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins) for every man and woman to take home.

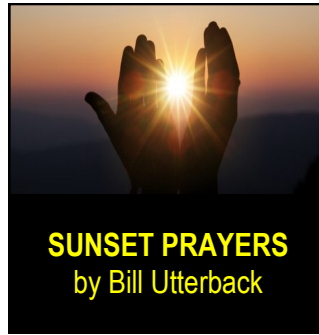
And then David shares a song he has written: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever."

David's gratitude can be seen and heard and tasted. It can be felt in his words: "Sing to the Lord, all the earth, proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."

Then, in the first paragraphs of 1 Chronicles 17, David is at home in the palace, looking to the future, when Nathan the Prophet enters with encouraging news.

"Whatever you have in mind, do it, for God is with you," Nathan said.

I'm not suggesting that God rewards grateful people. I'm suggesting that when you look for God in the world, and you recognize all that he has done, and all that he is doing, possibility is amplified. Opportunity becomes apparent. Imagination and energy increase. Gratitude reminds us that



God is with us and he is moving, and he's inviting us to move with him.

Let's lift prayers of gratitude together.

On **November 6**, as the sun sets at around 5:12 pm, from wherever you are, with whomever wants to join you, let's lift big prayers of thanksgiving for his provision and protection, his availability and imagination and inexhaustible energy. Let's be thankful for our past year as a

church family, let's be thankful for His presence in our families, our neighborhoods, our friendships, our workplaces, our schools ...

Let's recite some of the lyrics of David's song, found at 1 Chronicles 16:8-36. Feel its energy and its certainty and its hope.

And's let's pray for God to show us opportunities to make our gratitude seen and heard and tasted and felt throughout this month of Thanksgiving. Dance and sing, if you like, but let's ask for ways to "declare his glory" in small ways, to seniors, to children, to neighbors, to co-workers, to first-responders and public servants, to teachers, to medical personnel, to the people we see every week but don't know their names.

Let's ask God to help us create communities where, as it is written in 1 Chronicles 16:37, "... all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the Lord."

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# NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 10:30am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 11am Traditional Service	31 Rummage Sale for Missions Setup 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 7pm AA	1 Rummage Sale for Missions Setup 10am Women's Sharing Group 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Acts 7pm AA	2 Rummage Sale for Missions Setup 6:30pm Leap of Faith	3 Rummage Sale for Missions Setup 6:15pm Bell Choir	4 3pm - 7pm Rummage Sale for Missions 6:30pm AA	5 9am - 1pm Rummage Sale for Missions
6 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service	7 7pm AA 7pm Church Conference	8 10am Women's Sharing Group 7pm AA	9 10am SUMC Prayer Group 6:30pm Leap of Faith	10 11am - 2pm Pepperoni Roll Pickup 6:15pm Bell Choir	11 6:30pm AA	12 10am - 12:30pm Stop the Bleed & Church Safety Training
13 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service	14 6:30pm Finance Committee 6:30pm Trustees 7pm AA 7:30pm Council Meeting	15 10am Women's Sharing Group 7pm AA	16 6:30pm Leap of Faith	17 6:15pm Bell Choir	18 6:30pm AA	19
20 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service 12pm UWF (UMW) Luncheon Meeting	21 7pm AA	22 10am Women's Sharing Group 7pm AA	23 6:30pm Leap of Faith	24 	25 6:30pm AA	26
27 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service 12pm Hanging of the Greens 6pm Advent Potluck & Bible Study	28 7pm AA	29 10am Women's Sharing Group 7pm AA	30 Lifeline Screening 6:30pm Leap of Faith	1 6:15pm Bell Choir	2 5pm - 9pm Light Up Night 6:30pm AA	3

## NYADIRE CLINIC CHALLENGE

Based in Pittsburgh and founded in 2006, The Nyadire Connection (TNC) is a faith based, all-volunteer, non-profit organization that partners with the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in Zimbabwe. The Mission includes a hospital, which has responsibility for six rural health clinics. These clinics serve as a critical medical care facility for women to deliver babies and for people with infectious diseases; patients often walk many miles to a clinic.



Yet, the clinics have been in disrepair, with no running water, flush toilets or electricity, and not enough space. Several years ago, TNC began a program to renovate the clinics, in partnership with Nyadire and the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health. To date, five clinics have been rebuilt, on-time and on-budget. We're now working on the final clinic, Chindenga, and we need your help.

A generous couple in the Pittsburgh District have made a challenge grant to TNC: They will match every dollar we raise up to \$25,000, which means we can receive \$50,000 if we "meet the match." The total cost of rebuilding Chindenga is \$350,000, so if we can "meet the match," we will have made great progress. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a tax-deductible donation to TNC. Donations may be made through SUMC. Write "Nyadire Clinic" in the memo line. The deadline to make contributions toward the match is November 30.



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 Wednesday, November 30.

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

1. Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque) — An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.
2. Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening — An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.
3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) — An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.
4. Atrial Fibrillation — A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.
5. Osteoporosis Risk — An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density. This can help assess the risk of osteoporosis, a disease where bones become weak and brittle.

These 5 vital screenings cost \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 797979 or online at <https://lisa.social/HS>.

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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.*