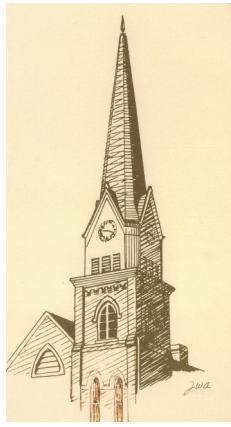


Sewickley United Methodist Church



November 2023 Newsletter

The Pastor's Peace

Oh, what a beautiful season it has been for pumpkin spice and everything nice! What a beautiful season it has been to sit outside and watch the community flock to the pumpkin patch, watch the youth enter the doors of the haunted house with equal parts fear and excitement, and to smell the rotten pumpkins drifting through the air as I sit on my front porch. Wait, what!?!? Rotten pumpkins! Yep, there is often a downside to something good. The real test is what you do with that downside. As I was sitting on my porch smelling those pumpkins, I also saw the farmer pull up and load up his truck with pumpkin guts to feed his animals. I thought this was good timing. This also had me thinking about all the other ways we use the not so good, to make something good. The straw that is like glitter and finds its way all over the place has been repurposed to serve in the Haunted House as a backdrop for a barn scene. The pallets that put forth an added challenge for the necessity of removal offered us an opportunity to reconnect with friends and local businesses. I stood there and watched a child in absolute awe as the leaves, which will pose a clean-up issue, fell to the ground in a magical display. Every season we are in is full of beauty and opportunity to see the unfavorable as a matter of heaven.

This November let's challenge ourselves to not just end it with recognition of all the things we are thankful for but let's start it with recognition of all the things we are thankful for. On the first Sunday we gather we will honor those who have passed away this last year. This will be an opportunity to think about them with gratitude for the times we shared. We will also rejoice as the youth group begins their life together. This has been a joint effort of perseverance in prayer and the willingness of Felicity Johnston as she follows God's leading in her own life. That brings us full circle as she grew up in our church's youth group. We will give thanks to the Veterans and their families who have given so much to serve so many. As we prepare to send off the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, we will give thanks for the path God has prepared for them to receive this message of love. We will bake, buy, and sell cookies galore as Debbie and Joe Consoli lead us in another fast and sweet fundraiser. Did I mention we will eat the cookies too! We will gather for bible study, children's church, worship, ladies' group, Sunday school, band rehearsals, nominations on leadership and lay development committee, ad board, prayer group and decorating the church for the Christmas season. For all of this and for all of you I give thanks!

Give this a try, as you look at your calendar and all the things you have on it to do, give thanks before you even get there. It might be one of the harder things to do, but also one of the most rewarding..."in everything, give thanks." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

From one light to another,

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 5TH

Join us on **November 5th** 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 2022. 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. Please let Sandy Kuriger know if you are able to help with set up or cleanup by email: kurigers1@aol.com or phone: 412-559-9652.

Don Brandt
 Shirley Gerthung
 Atleah Hansen Grubb
 Jack Wylde Lightner
 Lyric Rosaleen Keys
 James "Pat" Kenneth Maloney
 Jack Morrow
 Eugene Gordon "Geno" Klein
 Bud DeVine
 Nick Frisk, Jr.

Howard "Hank" Irwin Martin Graham
 Jacqueline Llewellyn Swan
 Janice "Jan" Hocking Jones
 Edmund "Ed" Brown
 Mignon McVicker Emmert
 William Guy Cowden
 Donald Richard "Don" Brandt
 Gary Wayne Pflugh
 Robert Graham
 Nancy Carson



FREE CHRISTMAS TOY STORE— Walking the Talk Charity is taking toy donations for their Free Christmas Toy Store which will be held here at the Church on December 9th from 9am-2pm. It will be open to all in need. Please visit www.walkingthetalk.net to sign up. Donations of new, still in the package toys, can be given until the first week of December. Please contact Judy Haluka with any questions. Her email is judyhaluka@walkingthetalk.net

We're nearing the finish line for our 2023 Operation Christmas Child campaign.

Pastor Hannah will bless our boxes during worship services on Nov. 19 and the Fellowship of the Cross will deliver them to a regional drop-off center later in the day. This is our 13th year participating in Operation Christmas Child, and the SUMC family has filled more than 100 boxes a year for 12 consecutive years. Our boxes have blessed children in Ukraine as well as multiple countries in Africa, South America, Central America and the Caribbean. If you are still seeking a way to contribute to this year's campaign, the Fellowship of the Cross has not yet reached its fund-raising goal. Each box carries a \$10 shipping fee. Contributions can be presented through any of the SUMC giving/offering windows. Gifts should be designated for Fellowship of the Cross or Operation Christmas Child.

For more information, contact Bill Utterback, Pamela Mayo or Grace Rogansky. The Fellowship of the Cross is thankful for everyone in our church family and community who contributed to our OCC campaign





Worship Opportunities - November 2023

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.

November 5, 2023

All Saints' Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Liturgist: Martha Boward

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 78:1-7

Message: "Our Present Value"

Vincent Van Gogh is a famous artist possibly best known for his 'The Starry Night' painting. However, as is the case with many now famous authors and artists, their work gains more value after they have passed. This Sunday we will honor those who have gone on to eternity from this past year. This time of remembrance will also bring to mind all those in our lives who have gone on to eternity. The true blessing of this time is not just in the memories of those who are no longer with us but in the reminder of appreciation for those who are still here. Let's not wait till a loved one is gone to let them know how much we care.

November 12, 2023

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
 Clocktower Ringers play 11 am service**

Liturgist: Ron Smith

Scripture Lesson: John 16:25-17:5

Message: "Our Presence in Preparations"

Do you ever have those dreams where you show up for a test, but you didn't actually study for it? Or perhaps you have a dream where you show up for church but forgot to put your pants on? Just me? Typically, these dreams are living into the concern that we are not prepared enough for whatever lies ahead. What I love about life with Jesus is that he has told us what lies ahead. We will face challenges of many kinds but he will be with us all along the way. Preparation for those times is as simple as being present in our relationship with Jesus.

November 19, 2023

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
 Baptism**

Blessing of the Shoeboxes

Liturgist: Lynn Colosi

Scripture Lesson: John 17:6-12

Message: "Gratitude Turned to Giving"

Have you ever tried to hang on to something so tightly that you actually broke it? Now this once precious object is of no use to anyone. There are things or people in this world we would guard with our lives. The challenge comes in understanding that to protect and care for is not the same thing as to bind up and control. The best way to show gratitude for the things we value in this world is to set them free to serve the purpose they were created for.

November 26, 2023

Reign of Christ Sunday

Liturgist: Carole Ford

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 99:1-5

Message: "Is Christ Your King?"

This Sunday we recognize Jesus Christ as not just Lord but as King. A King has very specific rules and responsibilities that fall to no one else. Though we are not as familiar with the rule a King plays over the land we understand that Jesus has very specific responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is executing judgement upon the people. The word judgement itself is an uncomfortable topic. However, when judgement is dished out by Christ, we can be sure it is fair and just. Do you fear judgement?

THE NURTURE COMMITTEE will be hosting a December Soup sale next month. The soups that will be available are : Tomato Dill, Stuffed Pepper, Chicken and Wild Rice, and Southwestern Bean (vegetarian). A quart will be \$12. There will also be 1/2 pints of hummus available for \$6.



The orders will be due by Dec 8th. Please let Sandy Kuriger know if you are interested in contributing to the sale. Her email is kurigers1@aol.com . There will be more updates in the future as we continue through the month of November.



The annual **COOKIE WALK** will be **November 18th, 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 (conj2@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 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 19. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted, and we will purchase things for you.



LIGHT UP NIGHT — On **December 1st** 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, the Girl Scout Troops, and Carol Sing-a-longs will fill the sanctuary with music throughout the evening. There might even be a live nativity.



ORNAMENTS FOR ORPHANS - In November, look for the "O4O" tree at the back of the sanctuary. The Fellowship of the Cross will again be selling handmade Christmas items decorations – including ornaments, nativity sets, jewelry and stocking stuffers - from Ornaments 4 Orphans. Stop and visit us before, between and after our Sunday worship services. O4O is 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. Every cent you spend is sent to the artisans and their neighborhoods. 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.



THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF) will meet on Sunday, November 12, 2023 in the Simpson Room following the traditional service. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings. Please bring your own lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided. Again, all are welcome. Kristine Swaney, 412-716-5772 (cell) or 412-741-2092 (home).



RUMMAGE SALE FOR MISSIONS — The United Women in Faith (UWF) will host a sale on Friday, Nov 3rd, 1—7pm & Saturday, Nov 4th, 9am—2pm at the church. Previously owned treasures, including household items, seasonal clothing, shoes, puzzles, books & much more, will be available. All proceeds help fund local, national & international UWF mission projects. We appreciate your donations to our sale, but we are not able to accept electronics & exercise equipment of any kind or large pieces of furniture or rugs. Small tables, chairs, nightstands, plant stands and rugs are acceptable. Donations may be put in the large basement room or Potato Room. If you would like to help us, please contact Pat Grossarth (412-741-6208) or Kristine Swaney (412-741-2092). Any amount of help is appreciated with the set up, the sale itself and the clean up afterwards.



UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY



United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. On November 26th SUMC will join with other United Methodists to observe Student Day and to accept donations to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. 100% of the donated funds will be used to award United Methodist scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. These gifts will help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom. You may donate through your regular offering or through SUMC's VANCO eGiving portal. Please designate "Student Day."

LEARNING TREE FUNDRAISER

If you are looking to fill a stocking or give a teacher or hostess a gift during the holiday season the Learning Tree Preschool is selling Christmas Candy from Anderson's.

- View the selection of products [HERE](#)
- Choose your selection and add to your cart
- At checkout, fill in your own contact information and payment method.
- You can choose to have it delivered directly to you or select pickup at church.
- Fill in the Student Name as **Sandra Lane**
- Fill in the Group ID as **LT 12-23 C**
- **All orders are due in by December 1.**
- **Orders will arrive by mail or be ready for pickup by December 14.**

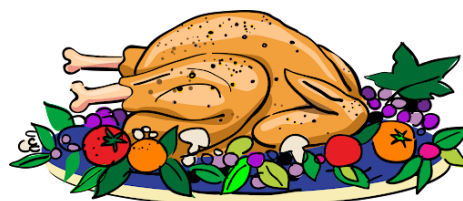


BREAKFAST FOR BABY JESUS

On **December 17**, beginning at 11am, there will be a Breakfast for Jesus. Breakfast meat will be provided by the Nurture Committee. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater and please bring a breakfast casserole, pastry, juice, milk or fruit for the table. There will be a sign up poster in back of the sanctuary. ALL are welcome. Join us to Celebrate the Birth of Jesus!!!

Thanksgiving Community Meal

Baldwin Community UMC (5001 Baptist Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236) is hosting a FREE Community Thanksgiving on November 18th from 2 - 5 p.m. in Asbury Hall. This will be a great opportunity for food and fellowship. Please consider bringing a donation of canned goods for our Lord's Pantry. Register by calling the church office at 412-882-9300 by November 10th. [Helpful parking information can be found here.](#)



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. Purchase the items listed below for a small or large family and return the filled bag to SUMC. Attach the grocery list to the bag to identify whether the bag is for a small or large family. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase grocery gift cards so that the families may purchase turkey and other perishable items. Monetary gifts may be made with your regular offering or through SUMC's VANCO eGiving portal— please indicate "Thanksgiving Bags." All donations are due no later than Sunday, November 19th.



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

- 2-3 cans vegetables
- 1-2 cans fruit
- 1 bottle cooking oil
- 1 small can yams or sweet potatoes
- 1-2 cans or jars turkey gravy
- 1 package of boxed stuffing mix
- 1 muffin or roll mix
- 1 small can pumpkin or pumpkin pie mix
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 small box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 can of cranberry sauce

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

- 4-5 cans vegetables
- 2-3 cans fruit
- 1 bottle cooking oil
- 1 large can yams or sweet potatoes
- 2-3 cans or jars turkey gravy
- 2 packages of boxed stuffing mix
- 2 muffin or roll mix
- 1 large can pumpkin or pumpkin pie mix
- 2 cans evaporated milk
- 1 large box instant mashed potatoes
- 2 cans of cranberry sauce



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

Dust off your acting skills as we prepare to bring the story of the birth of Jesus Christ to life on December 17th. We will have a joint service at 10am with the Breakfast for Jesus to follow. Please see Pastor Hannah or Kelly Herman if you would like to be a part of this year's Christmas play. There will many places to participate both in front and behind the scenes. What a fun way to honor the birth of Christ!

Rehearsals start November 8th at 5:30pm!

A CROCHET AND KNITTING CIRCLE has been formed by Amanda Pelphrey and Patti Ellis. They will meet at 10am in the Simpson Room in between Sunday services. Be sure to bring your hooks and needles and join in!



The **KIDS' COMMUNITY CLOSET** "free-cycle" space at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (616 Washington St, Sewickley) is open on Saturdays, 10am to 1pm for everyone. There are no income guidelines, applications or donations necessary to shop at no cost. They are also taking donations of kids' clothes, newborn to youth, on an ongoing basis.



Come join the **Walking with Jesus** group for adults on Sunday mornings at 10am in the parlor. Bring your coffee, your ideas, and your faith. See Willie Nicholson or Sandy Kuriger with questions.



Christ is Counting on You
Join our diverse group Sunday mornings at 10am. in the Library to discuss societal issues and Jesus-based ways we can make a difference.



JOIN OUR PRAYER GROUP — Everyone in the Sewickley UMC church family is invited to participate in our monthly prayer gatherings, held at 10am on the second Wednesday of each month in the parlor. We pray into SUMC ministries and events, as well as families and individuals, communities and schools, our nation and our world. You do not have to pray aloud. Our next gathering is November 8. For more info, or to submit prayer requests, contact Bill Utterback (utterbac@earthlink.net).



YOUTH GROUP—On November 5th from 1-3pm, the Youth Group will be holding a PJ Party! Come in your PJs with a blanket and pillow to enjoy a movie, games and snacks.



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



Sylvia Bajsec
Olive & Jim Chewning
Renee Gittins
Shirley Graham
Virginia Harriger

B.J. (Elizabeth) Manzinger
Pat Rudy
Shirley Sye
Lura Zaremba

- 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

Those to Glory Gone

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church.

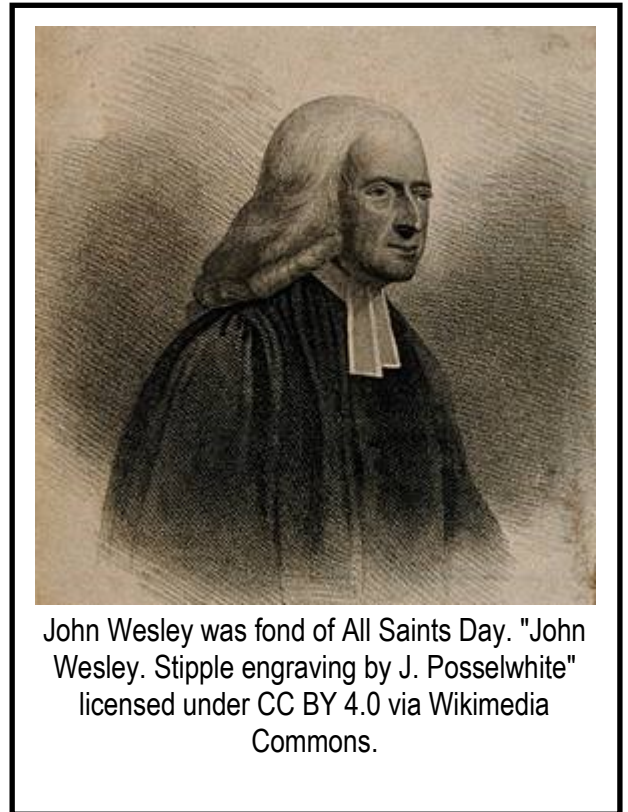
From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

Charles Wesley, John's brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.

On All Saints Day we can remember all those who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite The Apostles' Creed. We share stories of those "to glory gone."

Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be. - Joe Iovino at United Methodist Communications



John Wesley was fond of All Saints Day. "John Wesley. Stipple engraving by J. Posselwhite" licensed under CC BY 4.0 via Wikimedia Commons.

PRAYER LIST

The People of Palestine and Israel
John A.

Hurst Bartley

Carrie Blanchard

Betty Burrows (Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law)

Family of Nancy Carson (Diane Bartley's mom)

Anne Clifford (Jenine Furry's sister-in-law)

Bruno Crapis

Mollie Devine
(Renee Gittins' sister)

Betty Dornetta

Nick Devine (Renee Gittins' great-nephew)

Clyde Grossarth
(Steve's brother)

Steve Grossarth



Candy Grudovich
(Joe Boward's sister)

Rev. Jim Hamilton

Beate Henkel

Lucas James

(Sel Dean's brother)

Grace & Murch King

Mike Kolesar

Connie Kosick (Andrea Lewis's Sister)

Henrietta Kretzler

Carol Lewis
(Susie Moffett's mom)

Megan and baby Madelyn

Marian Martin

Sarah Oba

Sandra Obeng

Lorraine Offner

Jean Reed

Heather Rose

(Jennifer Jones' cousin)

Jim Rogansky

Jasmine Ross

Megan Shong (Renee Gittins' great-niece)

C.R. & Lorraine Simpson
(Edie Erkert's parents)

Jacqueline Stancil

Bill T

Lauren Tillman

Ernest Wallace

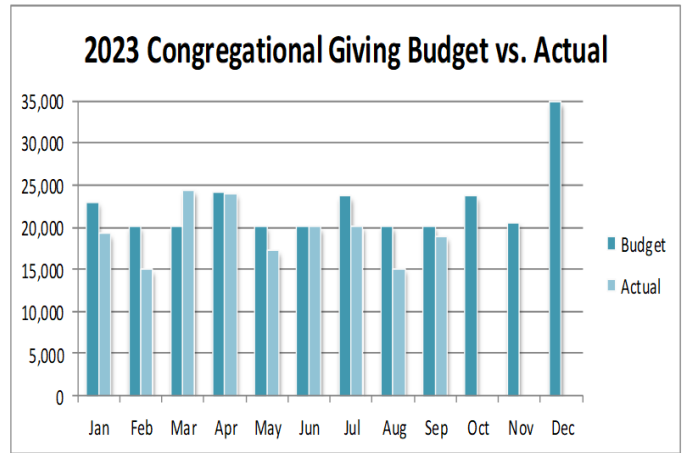
Rich Zahrobsky

Dennis Zeveny

Family of Jim Zoretich

THE FRUITS OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our church is alive with the love of Jesus and we are growing! 15 new members have joined the church in the last year. Our doors are open to everyone as we live out God’s extravagant love. We are in ministry to those in our local community and beyond, reaching and helping people around the world. Children and youth are engaging in new and existing ministries including Rainbow Bells, Junior Clocktower Ringers, Vacation Bible School, Children’s Church, and Youth Group. Events such as the Pumpkin Patch, Haunted House, Cookie Walk and Light Up Night, as well as providing a safe space for AA groups, allow us to highlight our hospitality and love as a congregation to and with the local community. Leap of Faith and the Clocktower Ringers share their music ministry outside our church walls. Our generosity touches many lives through many ministries, including Operation Christmas Child, The Nyadire Connection, UMCOR, The Bridge, and various food ministries.



It is your support that enables us to provide beneficial ministries and spiritual events that lift up our congregation and provide motivation and joy when we need it the most. Will you consider giving to supporting our mission? Your support will go a long way and allow us to continue to invest in our church and community. The chart shows that we are behind on our budgeted congregational giving. Through September, actual giving is \$17,319 less than budgeted to date. Can we turn this around by increasing our giving? Do we give from our first fruits or our leftovers? Let’s turn to God to guide us.

Thank you for your consideration and your past, current and future donations. If you have any concerns or questions about donating or our budget, please contact Pastor Hannah, Jere Cowden, our Finance Chair, or me. If you would like to give online, you can do so at sewickleyumc.org/donate. In addition, you can stop by the church’s office, mail donations, or drop your donation in the collection plate during one of our services. Thank you for being part of the Sewickley United Methodist Church community.

Blessings,
Pam Honeychurch, Treasurer

Ways to Give

In Person

Automatic Giving

Online Banking

Online

Mobile

Your generosity and financial partnership are how we are able to impact our community and beyond. Vanco is our eGiving portal and allows for simple, secure giving. It is available through our website, sewickleyumc.org, and through the Vanco Mobile Faith app.

Vanco provides an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or saving account, or processed using your credit or debit card. This giving option offers convenience for you and, if you setup recurring giving, provides donation consistency for our church family.

To get started, visit sewickleyumc.org and the [donate tab](#), or install the Vanco Mobile Faith app on your smartphone. The first time you visit, you will create your secure account. Then you can setup your recurring donation(s). *We encourage you to turn on the option to cover the processing fee which will help offset the processing and transaction fees the church pays.*



I rumbled around the nearly empty church for more than an hour after our Sunday worship services in late October. I kept finding small chores. I didn't want to leave the building.

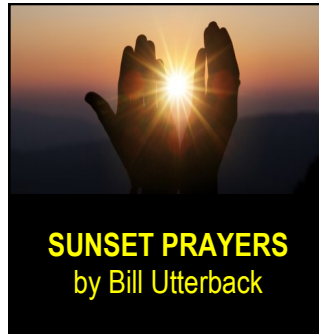
I was grateful for everything I had seen and heard and felt through the morning, and gratitude produces energy.

As I rumbled, I recalled a podcast I found recently while researching an assignment for an online laity course. The hosts, a pastor and a worship leader from Tennessee, were discussing Thanksgiving and gratitude. They suggested true gratitude resonates in two directions, inward joy and outward expression of joy.

"What does (gratitude) look like?" one of them asked. "Should we look different in a life of gratitude?"

In another place, one of them asked a similar question: "Is there a way the world can see our joy and our gratitude for all the ways He has blessed us?"

I want these questions to be part of our prayer as move toward Thanksgiving and Advent. Should we look different? Is there a way the world can see our joy?



On Nov. 5, as the sun sets at around 5:13 p.m., from wherever you are, with whoever wants to join you, let's pray for more of God's Light into the ways we can let the world see our joy and our hope and our gratitude.

We can begin by lifting prayers of thanksgiving for all the ways God has sustained and encouraged us throughout the year. We can be grateful for the ways Father, Son and Holy Spirit

have revealed themselves through family, friends, church, community, work, school and nature. We can lift thanks for God's abundance and accessibility and constancy.

But as we're sharing our gratitude with God, let's ask Him to show us how to use the energy that gratitude generates. Lord, lead us away from the empty room and into the spaces where your love and your light can change lives.

Lord, show us how to share our gratitude with a world that needs all that you so freely offer.



The Borough of Sewickley

As the holiday season draws near, I am writing to share information regarding Sewickley Light Up Night presented by First National Bank, which will take place on Friday, Dec 1st from 5-9pm. Like last year, food trucks will be located in the Green St parking lot and the lot will close at 1pm that day. There will be a Main Stage at Thorn and Broad and a Youth Stage on the lawn of the Lindsay Theater.

For Light Up Night, the following streets will be closed—Broad St to Beaver St to Thorn St (closes at 1pm), Beaver St from Blackburn St to Straight St (closes at 3pm), Chestnut St from Beaver St to Thorn St (closes at 3pm), Walnut St from Beaver St to Thorn St (closes at 3pm), and Broad St from Beaver St to Centennial Ave (closes at 3pm). Attractions:

- Fireworks at 8pm sponsored by Esmark
- Emcee Bob Pompeani on Main Stage
- Elias Khouri
- Mount Calgary Gospel Choir
- Allegheny Brass Band
- The Nation's #1 Earth Wind and Fire Tribute Band
- Emcee Tom Forrest on the Youth Stage
- Children's Stage Performances by:
 - Infinity Cheer, Carol Leone Dance,
 - Bella School of Dance, PA Academy of Dance,
 - Soloist Joe Birch
- Free Carriage Rides
- Ice Sculptures and Ice Carving Competition
- Carollers
- Food Trucks
- Zero Waste Event



Sincerely,
Julie Barnes,
Sewickley Light Up Night Committee Chairperson

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 10:30am –7pm Pumpkin Patch 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service	30 Rummage Sale for Missions Setup 11am –7pm Pumpkin Patch 7pm AA	31 Rummage Sale for Missions Setup 7pm AA	1 Rummage Sale for Missions Setup 6:30pm Leap of Faith	2 Rummage Sale for Missions Setup 6:15pm Bell Choir	3 Rummage Sale for Missions Setup 3pm –7pm Rummage Sale for Missions 6:30pm AA	4 9am –1pm Rummage Sale for Missions
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Oh What A GOURD-GEOUS Time We Had!

To all who gave their energy to greet, sell and love on those who came to the Pumpkin patch, THANK YOU! We heard from so many that they look forward to this long standing tradition. It is a sign of the beginning of fall and the beauty that comes with the changing of the seasons. Through the patch we have greeted a couple new faces during worship, prayed for a family grieving over the death of a child, offered comfort to parents and children with special needs, raised funds to support the mission God has called us to and many other wonderful tales of the way. God is at work through us in the world!

From Diane Bartley: Thank you to everyone who gave more than they anticipated to fill in the time slots I was not able to be there. While I was with my mom during her final days on this earth and then recovering from Covid, I was able to truly be present in those moments thanks to you! You mean the world to me.

BOO-TASTIC!



Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who came out to spook our community friends! Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who came out to care for those who were already too spooked to go through! Thank you especially to Jack and Susie Moffett and Felicity and Eric Johnston who poured so much time and creative energy into this fun ministry. We fostered new relationships, answered theological questions asked by the youth, prayed over the ghost that the community is ready to give up and raised the funds to help continue this beautiful ministry that God has called us to at Sewickley United Methodist church. Nothing makes you pray to Jesus like fear! We can assure you the name of Jesus was on the hearts and possibly mouths of many!



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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.