

Sewickley United Methodist Church

October 2021 Newsletter



From The Pastor's Heart

Dear Family in Christ,

This is the most wonderful time of year! Hoodies, pumpkins, pumpkin spice, boots, scarves, hayrides, football games, 5k races, campfires, the changing tree colors, no sweat (unless you're running a 5k)! This list could go on and on. There are so many wonderful things about this season that are life giving to the soul. If you are a lover of summer, winter, or spring you would probably say the same thing. What all of this really means is if you are looking for it, in every season of the year and every season of life, you can find something that gives life to you and to others around you. This makes sense because God has created the world and us to be givers and receivers of life. It is simple, but we are the ones who make it hard. The formula is as follows:

Breath in God, find life.

Breath out God, give life.

Say it again, breath in (pause...deep breath) God (from the air, the book you are reading, the phone call you are having, the challenges you are facing) FIND LIFE (this happens when you are able to find and recognize God at work in all situations and in all places). Now that you have God in your lungs, from your fingers to your toes, in your heart and your head, breath out (pause...exhale) God (through a new perspective, in kindness, in love) to all around you and see the ways in which you become a life giver.

We have the blessed assurance that God is generous with His love and that His love gives life. We have seen this in His generous offering of Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord. And Jesus even said in John 10:10, "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." Let this be your mantra in all you do. This will be our church's mantra in all we do.

Our worship, our witness, our outreach, our nurture, our administrative boards, our education, our building, our community will be givers of life. This might mean some things will have to be adjusted so we can fully live into being life givers and life receivers. Finding life and giving life is the greatest gift we have in this world. There might be a day when we are no longer here (a thousand years from now ;) and the question stands "what will be remembered of us?" The answer is: we were the place where people found life. This is worth fighting for, this is worth paying for, this worth living for.

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From one light to another,


Pastor Hannah Loughman

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 3RD – SPECIAL OFFERING

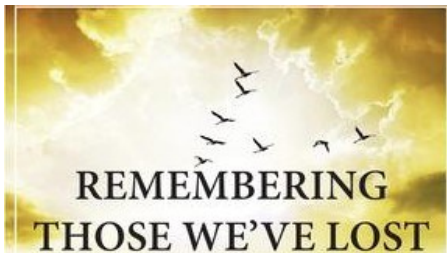
On this worldwide day of unity, this special offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program, and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

After completing his undergraduate engineering degree, Serge Pacome worked for the Voice of Hope Radio in Côte d'Ivoire for 10 years. Pacome wanted to be "better." As he began looking for ways to enhance his technology, radio, and television skills, he decided to further his education with a master's degree in telecommunication and audiovisual technology management. He needed money to support his education. Thanks to the World Communion Sunday Leadership Scholarship Pacome was able to enroll at ISTC Polytechnique in Cocody-Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. With his completed degree he will help people around the world use communication tools and technology to share the word of God.

Please give generously to this special offering, which often enables first-generation students to attend college. You may mark your gift accordingly or choose "World Communion" through EasyTithe.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 7



Join us on November 7th during both worship services as we recognize the saints who have passed from among us. We invite you to send in a picture with the name of someone you would like to honor who has passed since our last in-person All Saints' Service in November 2019. 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.

Holy Gourd! Celebrating 20 Years of Pumpkins!!

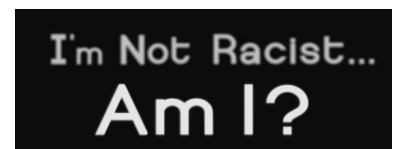


Sewickley United Methodist Church is excited to offer Pumpkin Patch ornaments celebrating our 20th anniversary of selling pumpkins. Designed by Jack Moffett and custom made by Wendell August Forge, these 3" hand-forged ornaments are unique and limited in number. The front reads "SUMC 20th anniversary pumpkin patch 2021" and the back reads "The church with time and pumpkins for you!" Each ornament comes in a box and includes a card celebrating the pumpkin patch and the creation of the ornament. Proceeds benefit the church's General Fund.

These beautiful ornaments will make wonderful Christmas gifts. Order yours now, as we are sure to sell out. Each ornament is \$20. You may pick up your ornament when Pam is in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays. Other arrangements can be made by coordinating with Lou Ann Scott or Diane Bartley. Please place your order [by clicking here](#).

"But I'm Not Racist... Am I?"

Come join us for a 4-session video & discussion series this fall at SUMC. Together, in a safe environment, we'll broaden our understanding of what racism is and how it affects all of our lives. We'll examine the ins & outs of white privilege: what it is, where it comes from, and who benefits from it. Along the way, we'll explore some practices each of us can incorporate into our own lives, steps that can help us become better anti-racists. All are welcome!



4 Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the Simpson Room: November 9, 23 & 30, and December 7

Facilitators: Susie Moffett & Rev. Marilyn Evans

Worship Opportunities - October 2021



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.

October 3, 2021

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 World Communion Sunday**

Liturgist: Donna Sawhill

Message: "Jesus Surrounds Himself with Others"

Scripture Lessons: 1 John 4:7-12 John 1:35-51

With all authority in heaven and earth, with the glory and affirmation of God upon him, the angels on standby to care for him, you would think Jesus didn't need to be surrounded by other people. But remember, he is human. We were created to be in community, not to exist for ourselves. Jesus finds his humanity, not only in his connection with God, but in relationship with other people. He does not go on his journey alone.

October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Willie Nicholson

Message: "Jesus Didn't Trust People"

Scripture Lessons: 1 John 4:7-12 John 3:23-25

Cynical is not usually the word that comes to mind when we think of Jesus, but John 3:23-25 clearly states that Jesus did not trust people. He knew what was in their hearts. Even still, Jesus loved people and, like we talked about last week, surrounded himself with them. Even still Jesus believed that they (we) could become trustworthy. The question is, are you trustworthy?

October 17, 2021

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Kim Benjamin

Message: "Jesus Learned"

Scripture Lessons: 1 John 4:7-12 Luke 6:1-5

Jesus had a knowledge that we did not possess. Yet Jesus still learned and was educated on the knowledge that was available to us. Having not just a superior wisdom, but a common knowledge shared by others, gave Jesus the ability to teach and help others understand what is truly important.

October 24, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Bob Jordan

Message: "Jesus Broke the Law"

Scripture Lessons: 1 John 4:7-12 Luke 6:6-11

Jesus didn't keep all the knowledge he acquired and wisdom he had to himself. He used it for good. However, it seems according to some scriptures we read that Jesus was a bit of a rule breaker or boundary pusher. He helped others to read beyond the words that were written and into the heart of the matter. And the heart of the law was about relationship with God. That is why Jesus doesn't actually break the law, but fulfills the law.

October 31, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Barry Lewis

Message: "Jesus is in the Real Estate Business"

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 4:7-12

It seemed like everywhere Jesus went he was taking up a lot of space. Crowds followed him in the streets, stood outside of homes, and even busted through ceilings just to be near him. But the only real estate he was and still is interested in is our hearts!



On August 29 SUMC welcomed 9 new members

By Confirmation:

Clara Herman, Willa Herman, and Adalynn Leety

By Transfer or Profession of Faith:

Elizabeth Brown, Lynn Colosi, Virginia Heinzl,
 Rosemary Herring, Kandace McClain and Ray Pluechel

THE WOMEN OF SUMC MEET THE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE — Let's Get Real! Real faith calls a woman to be honest about who she is. God knows our strengths, joys, struggles, and sins. And, He's crazy about all of us!

WOMEN — of the — BIBLE

During this small-group journey you will meet women who are absolutely real. Their stories are not fairytales, their examples are not perfect. Yet their lives can give us lessons to live our own best stories. As we share our journey together, open your hearts to God and come as you are. We will start on Thursday, October 14th, at 10 am in the library. Our continuing dates will be October 21 and 28; November 11 and 18. Study guides will be provided. Please text or call Donna Sawhill at 412-916-0854 if you have any questions or to let her know you will attend.

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK — The Nurture Committee's annual Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, November 20, 9 - 11 am, in the Simpson Room. Please consider contributing as many and as much of a variety of cookies as you can so that we can make this fundraiser a success. Let Debbie Consoli at conjd2@verizon.net or 412-722-9138 know what kinds and how many you are contributing.



MONSTER PEPPERONI ROLLS - YUM!

The Learning Tree Preschool is a long standing ministry at SUMC and it's still going strong as it enters its 42nd year. The Preschool will be selling Pepperoni Rolls to raise some "dough." The fundraiser runs October 11 - 29, with pickup on Thursday, November 11, 12 noon - 2 pm.



If you're not familiar.... these Monster Pepperoni Rolls come from Sunseri (beloved Pittsburgh establishment located in The Strip) They are 2 pounds and packed with mozzarella, provolone, and pepperoni wrapped in delicious dough, and we sell them for only \$10. They make a great appetizer, snack or meal.

Here's the best part... You can refrigerate up to 5 days or freeze them for up to 3 months. So, think of guests during Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Super Bowl Sunday, etc.

If you are interested, please see Sandra Lane in person or call at 412-841-7169 or email (slane819@yahoo.com) to place your order and arrange for pickup.



VITALANT BLOOD DONATIONS – Thank you to all who donated on September 26th. If you were unable to do so on that day, you may visit any Vitalant location and ask that your donation be credited to the Sewickley United Methodist Church drive (Group ID G0330008).



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - October's suggested items are cans of stew, chili, or hearty soup. QVSD residents in need are assisted by the Sewickley Community Center Food Pantry, Chadwick Street, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 1 pm (note the changed hours). Emergency needs may be addressed by calling the center at 412-471-5430; select the Food Pantry option. SUMC also maintains a small pantry for those with immediate needs.



The Nyadire Connection (TNC), based in Pittsburgh, is a faith-based non-profit volunteer organization that seeks to support and sustain the United Methodist Mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe. TNC is celebrating its

15th anniversary with a celebration event on Sunday, November 14 at 6 pm, at Dutilh UMC in Cranberry Township. Tickets are on sale now! Please join us for appetizers and desserts, and to hear more about TNC's future from our local leadership and special guests by video from Nyadire. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-nyadire-connection-15th-anniversary-event-tickets-168013521967

Or, you can buy a package of 8 for \$160. For more information, or to purchase a package of tickets, please contact TNC's Debbie Little at deborah.little0@gmail.com.

TNC was formed after a group of Pittsburgh residents visited Nyadire on a mission trip and returned with a passion to support the Mission and build lasting relationships with the people there. Working closely with local leaders at the Mission and United Methodist Church leadership in Harare, Zimbabwe, TNC provides support for 12 programs focused on three areas: Health, Orphans, Education/Relationships. Learn more about TNC at www.Nyadire.org.

ANNUAL HAYRIDE — Come to the Annual Hayride & Bonfire on Saturday, October 2, at Sandy & Bill Kuriger's home (91 Hill Rd, Sewickley), 6 to 9 pm. Hotdogs & buns, hot chocolate and water will be provided. Bring: Blanket, Chair, Roasting Forks, Flashlight, snack to share, or makings for S'mores. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary or [RSVP here](#). Don't miss this opportunity to have a great time and fellowship with your Church Family.

LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



During the worship services on September 12, Bibles were presented to Roger Landis, Nick Leety, Owen McCombs and Eva Ream.

WESTERN PA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) ANNUAL MEETING

Where? Dutilh UMC, 1270 Dutilh Road, Cranberry Township

When? Saturday, October 23, 9:30 am

Cost? \$8 for morning beverages and lunch

Theme: Who is My Neighbor? Luke 10:27

Who is invited? EVERYONE

Please contact Kristine Swaney at 412-741-2029 for registration details; Deadline to register is October 8



UMCOR (UMC relief agency) DISASTER RESPONSE

UPDATES — UMCOR is generally one of the first agencies to respond to disasters in the USA and around the world, and it is generally one of the last ones to leave a recovering area. That work is only possible through our generous giving to UMCOR. UMCOR has issued grants for early response needs to Annual Conferences which experienced severe weather losses in many USA areas and around the world.

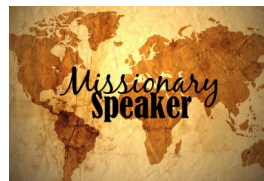
You may give to UMCOR by including your additional gift with your regular offering or via EasyTithe, indicating UMCOR. If you do not specify, 75% will be directed to USA efforts and 25% to International relief. If you would like your donation to help with replenishing cleaning and hygiene kits, please mark "UMCOR Kits" on your gift.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION (VIM) SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th

VIM has been in existence since 1976. The 1980 General Conference affirmed "Volunteers in Mission as an authentic form of personal missionary involvement". VIM seeks to equip volunteers with experiences that allow them to put Christian love into action in places around the world. The projects that volunteers can serve with are as diverse as the number of places they serve. Some of the work involves assisting communities with maintaining clean water sources, some involves the building of churches in impoverished areas, and other may involve disaster response locally, countrywide, or globally. VIM Sunday recognizes the important work of putting Christian love into action across the globe. The special offering on October 17th is designated for work within WPAUMC, including "VIMships" to those in need of funding for their mission work. To give, include your additional gift with your regular offering or via EasyTithe, indicating "VIM."



The United Methodist Women wish to thank everyone who helped us have successful Sales for Missions in September. Between the two Saturdays, we raised just over \$1500 plus received generous donations of \$410. We will have our last Sale of the year in November: Friday, November 5, from 3 to 7 pm, and Saturday, November 6, from 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.



The UMW ladies invite everyone to attend our October luncheon meeting on Sunday, October 17 following the traditional service. Please bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Our guest speaker, Susan Delgado-Park, will share with us her experiences in the mission field. She and her husband began their ministry in Texas doing church planting among Central American refugees while her husband was in seminary. Following that, they spent 18 years in mission in Honduras and 9 years in mission in Lima, Peru. All are welcome to attend.

Sewickley United Methodist Church—Financial Summary through August 2021



	2021 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Through August	Over or (Under) Budget
TOTAL EXPENSES	268,982.53	187,598.57	178,287.83	(9,310.74)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	244,090.00	150,830.00	167,987.55	17,157.55
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	(24,892.53)	(36,768.57)	(10,300.28)	

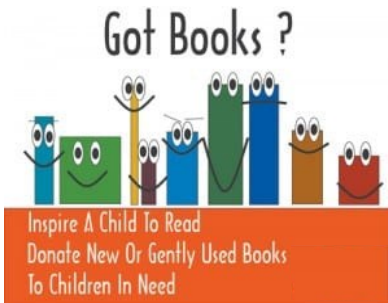


October is known as “Pastor Appreciation Month.”
 Let’s let Pastor Hannah know she is appreciated!

GENTLY USED OR NEW CHILDREN’S BOOKS

WANTED – Have you brought in your offering of new or gently used books for Church Union, a WPA UMC agency working with public schools in the City of Pittsburgh and in Beaver County? It’s not too late. If you purchased qualifying Kellogg’s Family of brands up to September 30th, there is still time to upload the receipt for the Feeding Reading book credits – deadline to submit receipts is October 14th.

www.kelloggfamilyrewards.com/en_US/promotions.html#/all.



Dear Church Family,

My family wants to thank you for all of the prayers, cards and phone calls you gave after the passing of my daughter, Janet.

Your love and kindness is so appreciated.

Love,
 Dorritt

Remember our Shut-ins

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

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

CHALLENGING THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE

Saturday, October 9, 9am - 4pm
 (8:30am Registration & Breakfast)

Christ United Methodist Church, 44 Highland Ave., Bethel Park



The school-to-prison pipeline is a disturbing national trend wherein students are funneled out of public schools and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems for minor infractions of school rules. The key policies and practices that created and now maintain the school-to-prison pipeline include zero tolerance policies, and the presence of police on campus as school resource officers (SROs). Once students are put into contact with law enforcement for disciplinary reasons many are then pushed out of the educational environment and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Students of color are especially vulnerable to push-out trends and the discriminatory application of discipline.

Advanced registration is required; deadline Monday, October 4. \$15 per person (includes continental breakfast, boxed lunch and snacks.) Scholarships are available. Visit christumc.net/pipeline for register and for more information.

A friend sent me a discouraging column written recently by a pastor in Illinois. He felt that many people wouldn't return to church after time spent away through the pandemic, and that those who did return would be less likely to volunteer their time and energy and imagination.

In a time of remote worship, people learned they don't need church, he wrote.

"Harsh to consider," I responded to my friend.

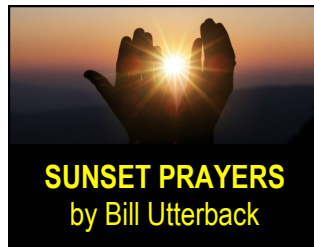
The next morning, a Saturday in September, I found many from the Sewickley United Methodist family inside and outside our building tending to a rummage sale that would raise more than \$1,000 for mission projects. Others were selling walking tacos to fund church projects. And one of our young people put 29 empty Operation Christmas Child boxes into the community, confident that they will be returned, filled, bringing Christmas to God's children somewhere on the planet.

The next day's worship services drew 137 people, nearly double what we drew on some Sunday mornings in August. We had 13 children attend our kickoff Children's Church during the Contemporary Service, and another handful in the Traditional Service.

"We need each other," Pastor Hannah joyfully suggested when announcing the attendance numbers at the administrative council meeting.

The Finance Committee, at the same meeting, reported a slight surge beyond financial projections.

We welcomed six new members, and a confirmands class of three, on the final weekend in August.



We had Trustees and others taking on custodial chores throughout the building in August and September as we worked to hire a custodian.

The Operation Christmas Child donation bin is rarely empty.

It doesn't feel like we're one of those congregations that doesn't need church. It doesn't feel like we retreated into the pandemic, never to return.

Let's pray together into our church. At sunset on October 3, at around 7 pm, from wherever you are, inviting and including whoever is with you, let's lift prayer for Sewickley United Methodist as we continue to contend with the pandemic and its aftermath.

Let's be thankful for each other. Let's lift the brothers and sisters we see returning, and let's lift the ones who have not yet returned, and the ones who cannot yet return.

Let's lift the pumpkin patch and projects that are ahead of us.

Let's ask God to bless us with the energy and imagination to find new ways to share our LBGTQ inclusive hearts with the community, and for ways to reflect His love and His light into corners where racism and addiction, hunger and homelessness, depression and loneliness persist.

Let's pray for other churches, those where friends and family worship, those in our neighborhoods, those who may be suffering beneath the weight of the pandemic.

Let's pray together.

Thank you for joining us.

Brian Boccardi	10/1
Pat Ferguson	10/2
Steve Dotterer	10/3
Ashleah Martinez	10/3
Warren Kinneer	10/6
Donna Sawhill	10/9
Jill Matthews	10/10
Jacob Boccardi	10/11
Joshua Odom	10/11
Andrew Yetzer	10/11
Shawn Scott	10/13



Debbie Chesney	10/15
Nathan Geason	10/17
Pat Grossarth	10/17
Melanie Gaebel	10/18

Roger Wright	10/18
Virginia Harriger	10/19
Bill Kuriger Jr.	10/19
Amanda Miller	10/19
Noah Martinez	10/20
Caitlin Matthews	10/20
Alexander Gaebel	10/21
Sandy Kuriger	10/21
Dana Yant	10/22
Diane Bartley	10/26
Richard Fairlie	10/30



PACKING PARTY

The Fellowship of the Cross is inviting everyone into our Operation Christmas Child packing opportunities in October. We will be gathering in the Sunday school rooms to pack shoeboxes from 10 am - 1 pm on Saturday, October 23, and again from 10 am - 1 pm on Sunday, October 24. Children will be given an opportunity to pack boxes during Children's Church in the worship services on October 24.

FOTC will be accepting OCC gift contributions through October 18 and those contributions can be brought to the collection bin outside the church office. **We are most in need of "wow" gifts - toys, balls, stuffed animals, dolls, ball caps and sunglasses.** We are thankful and encouraged and continually blessed by the SUMC family's heart for God's children and the spirit of sharing His Love and His Light in difficult times.

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Financial gifts are accepted throughout the year and help covering shipping costs and any shoebox needs that are unmet. We will shop for you! You can make financial gifts to OCC through the church office or offering, marking those gifts for OCC, or by choosing the Operation Christmas Child option on the electronic easyTithe dropdown menu.

Alex Nsengimana, then 7, remembers children in the orphanage screaming, but it was unlike the screaming he had heard so often during the genocide in his native Rwanda. It wasn't anguished screaming. It wasn't angry screaming. It wasn't the heart-breaking screaming of children whose lives and families and futures were pierced by bullets.

It was joyful screaming, hopeful screaming.

The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were being distributed, but no one was allowed to open a gift box until each of the 250 children had received one. They screamed in ecstatic anticipation. "Five minutes seemed like forever."

Alex, who shared his story with OCC volunteers at Unity Presbyterian Church in Green Tree in September, remembers the most vital gift he pulled from his box ... "the love and hope of Jesus Christ."

There was also candy. Until 2017, candy could be included in OCC shoeboxes. Alex found "Smarties," fruit-flavored tablets that look a little like pills, in his box. "I thought it was medicine. Why would anyone send us medicine?"

The candy cane was most confounding. It had almost no taste and wasn't melting in his mouth. "Then I took the wrapper off and it was amazing. I had never seen one before. I didn't know about the wrapper."

Sewickley United Methodist, through the Fellowship of the Cross, is preparing its 11th-annual OCC campaign. We've packed 1,001 boxes in the past 10 years and they've been distributed in several African nations, as well as Ukraine, Columbia, Ecuador, Honduras, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas.



Alex is now married and living in North Carolina, where he works for Operation Christmas Child. He came to Minnesota as a youth, graduated from high school and college and hosted many OCC packing parties. He likes to screen the movie "Elf" and serve hot chocolate and popcorn during his packing parties.

In 2013, he returned to Rwanda, to the orphanage, as part of a team distributing shoeboxes to the orphans. "It was so beautiful to see the kids smiling," he said. "Just amazing. In that trip, God answered my prayer."

Alex said his shoebox "planted the seeds" of hope and peace and faith in God, but the transformation took time. He remembers, as a 5-year-old, armed men coming to the family's home searching for his uncle. When they could not find him, they shot and killed his grandmother. Three days later, the men returned, found the uncle hiding under the bed, took him outside and shot him. Alex, his brother and sister witnessed both killings. "Why are our neighbors doing this to us?"

The children had been told that if they were ever left alone, to walk to the city and find their aunt. The journey took days. At one point, running from soldiers, Alex slipped in a "cow pie," fell and felt a bullet graze his scalp. "If I hadn't slipped, I wouldn't be here."

Another group of five soldiers considered shooting the children, but one said there was no sense in wasting bullets on them as they could not possibly survive the walk.

In the city, at the home of their aunt, an armed man entered and asked them to line up against a wall. As he lifted his gun, his ammunition tumbled to the ground and he couldn't get it reloaded.

"I look back and see so many miracles."

Alex, in the orphanage, was studying the Bible, and knew of the verse in Jeremiah 29:11 that mentions God's plan to "prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." "What was his plan for me?" Alex asked.

Alex began praying soon after a chaperone in the orphanage asked him, "If you could talk to the person who caused you the most pain, what would you do?" Alex shuddered, full of hatred and anger. He thought about killing the men who killed his grandmother and uncle, and then prayed to God "to turn my heart inside out." "It was an ongoing prayer," he said.

In 2015, Alex returned to Rwanda and visited the prison where the man who shot his uncle was residing. They sat together and talked, and Alex forgave him. He shared his faith in Jesus and prayed with the man.

"That's my story. That's one story. (Operation Christmas Child) has put shoeboxes in the hands of 188 million children. When I get to heaven, I want to hear all their stories."

Again, there will be screaming; joyful screaming, hopeful screaming.



**PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS,
HERE COME THE PUMPKINS!**

The pumpkins arrive on October 2 at 9 am and we hope to see you there! We will unload in a safe, distancing manner. This year marks the 20th anniversary of our Pumpkin Patch.

When our Pumpkin Patch opens for customers on October 2 we need volunteers to run the Patch every day. There is no need to lift pumpkins at this beloved community event. We just need friendly faces. Please consider signing up for 2 (or more) hour shifts. Maybe even the same shift each week. Here's [the link](#) to volunteer to work at The Patch. To sign up, put a checkmark in the time(s) you can volunteer, click the "submit and sign up" button, add your name (email & phone are optional), and click on the "sign up now" button. It's so easy! (We are using the free version, so you will see some ads) If you add your email address when signing up for a shift, you will automatically receive a reminder email a couple of days before your shift. If you want to change a time you signed up for, you can create a sign up account and edit it yourself or contact Pam in the office or Diane Bartley. For those of you who are new to SUMC, the whole month of October we sell pumpkins from our front lawn. It takes many people to make this the success it has been. This is our biggest annual fundraiser, averaging over \$5,100 for the month in profit. Please contact either myself or Diane for more info.

We have co-chaired this fundraiser for many years and are ready to pass the baton. We are looking for people to work with us this year and to step up as Pumpkin Patch chairs for next year. Or, will this be our last Pumpkin Patch?

From Lou Ann Scott and Diane Bartley,
your friendly pumpkin patch coordinators



- ⇒ Our pumpkins arrive October 2 at 9 am
- ⇒ This will be the 20th year we've had a pumpkin patch
- ⇒ Our pumpkins come from the Navajo Indian reservation in Farmington, New Mexico
- ⇒ Our patch is open the entire month of October, totaling about 375 hours
- ⇒ Our sale benefits the Navajos who grow our pumpkins and we receive a percentage of the total sales
- ⇒ In the past 19 years we have sold \$333,081.73 in pumpkins
- ⇒ Our profit to date is \$111,288.05
- ⇒ 2019 was our most profitable year to date—we sold \$30,295 in pumpkins, netting \$9,835.97 for the Church's General Fund
- ⇒ The pumpkin patch originally started as a fundraiser for our youth group in 2002
- ⇒ You can go to pumpkinsusa.com to get more information
- ⇒ You don't have to lift pumpkins to work our Patch!



Prayer Requests

John A.
Cody B.
Kim Bur-
Rose Barlow
Hurst Bartley
Cathy
Bruno Crapis
Jack Certain
Lauren McAliley Cephus
(Otis McAliley's daughter)
Irene Chenot
(Beth Zeanchock's mom)

Joyce and Stan Dobrowski
Lauren Dooley (Rosemary Herring's cousin)
Betty Dornetta
Nancy Erdmann
Family of Janet Mahoney (Dorritt Field's daughter)
Pat Fulton (Scott Matthew's mom)
Carroll Furry (Jenine Furry's mom)
Jean Gionfriddo
Dan Gittins
June Graham (Carole Ford's sister-in-law)
Bob and Sal H.
Jessica H.
Rev. Jim Hamilton
Doris Harris

Angela Helms
Gail Hiles and family
Ceel Janosik
Wayne Johnson
Daniel Lewis (Susie Moffett's dad)
Vic M.
J.R. McFadden
Craig McClean
Mary Maminski
Marian Martin (Liz Brown's sister)
Tony Morgan (Dominic Odom's cousin)
Bola Nicholson
Karen Nickell
Sandra Obeng
Lorraine Offner
Steve Powell

Jim Rogansky
Mario Russo
Blake S.
Karen Shong
C.R. & Lorraine Simpson
Ron Smith
Ronli Smith (Ron Smith's son)
Linda Sollinger (Travis Sollinger's mom)
Pam Squires
Bill Utterback
Rich Z.
Lura Zaremba
Dennis Zeveny

SEWICKLEY UMC LUNCHEON — NOVEMBER 4

You are invited to enjoy our popular luncheons in person or as take-outs on **Thursday, November 4, 11 am - 12:30 pm**. The luncheons will continue on the first Thursday of each month.

Complete [this form online](#) or return this printed form to make dining-in reservations or to order take-out meals. For questions, call the church at 412-741-9430. Reservations and take-out orders will be taken through October 31. Each meal is \$10. Tables will seat 4 - 6. Dine-in limited to 50 persons. Thank you for your continued support!!



November's Menu: Hot Ham & Cheese Hoagie, Butternut Squash Soup, Broccoli Slaw, and Pumpkin Cake. Dine-in also includes Beverage.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-mail: _____

DINING-IN

Number in Group: _____

Table Choice: Just my group
I'm happy to sit with others

Time Choice: 11 am 12 pm 12:30 pm

TAKE-OUT

Number of Meals: _____

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 bring your form to the office.



Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

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

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Choices	Indicate quantity below	
	\$9 Quart	\$6 Pint
Broccoli Cheddar (Broccoli, Cheddar Cheese, Butter, Milk, Velveeta, Chicken Stock, Garlic, Onion, Carrot & Corn Starch)		
Vegetable Beef (Beef Broth, Roast Beef, Diced Tomatoes, Carrots, Onion, Celery, Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Potatoes, Salt & Pepper)		
Sandra's Hummus (vegetarian/vegan - chickpeas, lemon juice, garlic, tahini, spices)	\$5 for ½ pint	

Orders are due by Sunday, October 24 and will be ready for pickup November 4—7. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. If using EasyTithe, please include the 3% transaction fee.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30 PM AA 7 PM AA	2 9 AM Pumpkins Arrive 11 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch 3:30 PM Wedding 6 - 9 PM Annual Hayride
3 9 AM Contemporary Service 11 AM Traditional Service 12 - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch	4 11 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch 7 PM AA	5 11 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch 8 PM AA	6 11 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	7 11 AM - 1 PM Community Luncheon 11 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch 6:15 PM Bell Choir	8 11 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch 6:30 PM AA 7 PM AA	9 9 AM - 7 PM Pumpkin Patch
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Joe & Debbie Consoli 10/4
 Melanie & Kurt Gaebel 10/7
 Jeff & Kathy Canter 10/18

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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