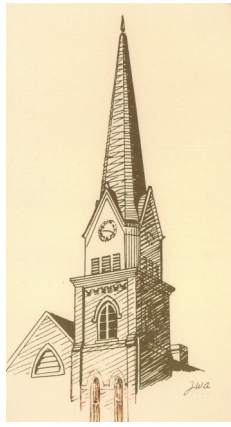


Sewickley United Methodist Church



October 2022 Newsletter

The Pastor's Peace

What do Vanocka, English Muffin, Yufka, Zopf, Naan, Bagel, Qistibi, Paratha, Obi Non and Grissini all have in common? They are among the most popular breads around the world. The interesting thing about these breads is that most of them date back to a time when all the modern amenities of the kitchen and food products did not exist like they do today. These are breads that were made over the fire or in stone ovens using the resources that were unique and available to the region in which they originated. We can find many of these breads right here in America because people from all over the world have come to live here and brought their own cultures and traditions with them. Even if you are allergic to gluten, there is a bread for you!

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside to celebrate World Communion Sunday. This Sunday was started by Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1903. It is notable however that it really did not pick up popularity till following World War II. It was thought that when people are given the opportunity to come face-to-face with their mortality, they typically choose to connect with one another and not withdraw from others. As people started recognizing the power behind joining forces from all over the world, the celebration for World Communion Sunday really started to take on genuine meaning and become a vibrant part of the worship life. Death, war, conflict – they have a way of giving us a different perspective on what is truly important in this world. We are not alone. We are stronger when we lean into each other. Though the world seems so big, because we are a part of the body of Christ, the bread of life, we are connected to each other. We belong together.

Jesus said in John 6:35, "I am the bread of life." Jesus has a wonderful way of using the resources around us, unique to each of our settings, circumstances, and abilities to feed his sheep. When we come to the communion table and eat the bread and remember his body which was given for us, we acknowledge that Jesus is all we need. We bring ourselves, our own resources, and our own abilities to the table as an offering to the body of Christ, which is the Church. When we understand the ways in which we are connected and just how big the body of Christ really is, then we understand there is no reason any among us should go hungry, there is no reason any among us should go without having their needs met. We have plenty to give.

As we celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 2nd, I hope you approach the table thinking about what you can bring to share with the body of Christ. Maybe it is time to give to the Pumpkin Patch which raises the money to extend our ministry here in Sewickley and offers an opportunity to show others what true hospitality looks like. Maybe you have a strong back to move pallets around and unload pumpkins. Maybe you have a love for children and their education and want to be a part of the Children's Church program. Maybe you have a desire to make sure none among us go hungry and want to be a part of our food ministry. Maybe you want to make sure the Community Food Bank is never lacking in any of their needs. Maybe you serve best by committing yourself to prayer for our prayer list or sending out cards from the comfort of your own home. Just like there are all types of bread to satisfy the taste of anyone out there, there is something you have to offer to help provide for the needs of the body of Christ. There is no better way to celebrate World Communion Sunday then to serve the body and strengthen the bonds of those connections.



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.

On All Saints' Sunday, everyone is invited to a 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 write to our shut-ins and keep them in your prayers. The church office can provide you with contact information.

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

WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY

*"Since there is one loaf of bread, we who are many are one body, because we all share the one loaf of bread."
—1 CORINTHIANS 10:17, CEB*

On **October 2nd**, we partner with other UMC congregations around the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday. We will accept a special offering that supports young adults and makes a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduate students in the U.S. and Ethnic In-Service Training. For example, Kaelin Travis, an African American student from Mississippi, is studying at Alcorn State University to become a soil conservationist. She says that the Ethnic Scholarship from the denomination, combined with the love and moral support from her home church, encourages her in her studies. In addition to caring for the environment through her career, she believes in "paying it forward." She continues, "I look forward to the day that I, too, can support up-and-coming college students." Donations may be made with your regular offering or through EasyTithe—please mark your donation "World Communion."

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION (VIM) SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 16th

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) is the short-term mission agency of the United Methodist Church. UMVIM (or VIM to go even shorter) is a grassroots movement of United Methodists who seek to put their "Christian Love in Action." Since the 1970s, UMVIM has offered a framework through which disciples can engage in short-term mission locally, nationally, and globally. VIM volunteers are lay and clergy, young and old, with differing abilities and vocations, from all walks of life. They engage in short-term mission each year in ministries as varied as disaster response, community development, pastor training, microenterprise, agriculture, Vacation Bible School, building repair/construction, and medical/dental services. There is a place for everyone to serve. The special offering on October 16th 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." Information about current opportunities to serve is available at wpaumc.org/Opportunities.



Worship Opportunities - October 2022



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

The recorded services are also available later on Sunday afternoon.

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



October 2, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Liturgist: Donna Sawhill
Scripture Lessons: Genesis 19:15-22
Message: "The Bible Said What?"

As I take a look at the theme of scriptures that are most concerning to people it is one in which a certain group of people are being held to a standard that not all groups of people are being held to. It is a theme in which there seems to be some permission given to withhold people from living into who they have been created to be. In this week's "the Bible said what?" message we will look at what the Bible really says about homosexuality.

And not only will we find a truth that rises above the harmful rhetoric that makes love an object of hell, but we will find a deeper truth that helps us understand just how beautiful and awesome the Bible is and God created us to be.

October 9, 2022
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Grace Rogansky
Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-8
Message: "Breathe in God"

Obvious statement alert: breathing is necessary for life. For most of us, breathing doesn't take any thought at all. It is just something we do. It is just the way our bodies were created to function. Breathe in, breathe out. There are times however when breathing can become a challenge. We could breathe in too much pollution, or too many harmful germs, and find ourselves struggling with each breath that we take. Thankfully there are safety measures put into place to help minimize the risk to breathing in things that are not good for us.

In the same way, there are steps we can take in order to minimize the danger posed, not just to our lungs but to our heads, our hearts and our very souls. Step 1: Breathe in God.

October 16, 2022
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Willie Nicholson
 Clocktower Ringers play 11 am service
Scripture Lessons: Ezekiel 37:9-14
Message: "Find Life"

Breathing in God sets us up for success in so many areas of our lives. We tend to be calmer people who seek peace with others. We tend to make healthier choices physically and with what we choose to eat. We tend to prioritize our wellbeing over instant gratification and smart investments over big ticket items.

Step 1: Breathe in God. Step 2: Find Life.

October 23, 2022
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Otis McAliley
Scripture Lessons: Matthew 28:16-20
Message: "Breathe Out God"

Have you ever tried holding your breath for so long that when you finally let it out it doesn't just gracefully wheeze out, but it sputters and forces its way out of your mouth? In Psalm 23 the Psalmist tells us that in the presence of God our cups run over. When we are intent on filling our lungs with the breath of God there is no way we can keep it all contained within. Eventually, whether with intent or not, we will find ourselves breathing out God.

Step 1: Breathe in God. Step 2: Find Life.
 Step 3: Breathe Out God.

October 30, 2022
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Kim Benjamin
Scripture Lessons: John 14:12-11
Message: "Give Life"

When we find ourselves breathing out God, we are breathing out the good things in our lives. That does not mean we are getting rid of the good, but we are expanding their potential toward good as we share them with others. As we breathe out God into the circumstances and people of our lives, we are becoming co-creators with God and giving life to the world around us.

Step 1: Breathe in God. Step 2: Find Life.
 Step 3: Breathe Out God. Step 4: Give Life.





FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION — Colder weather is approaching. Please consider contributing soup, stews, pancake mix,

oatmeal, and other hearty foods so that local families can have warm meals this fall. Contributions of other non-perishable food items and paper products are also welcome. Donations go to the Sewickley Community Food Pantry and may be placed in the grocery carts in the hallway by the library and by the sanctuary entrance in the Narthex. The Pantry, located at 15 Chadwick St., is open to all in the 15143, 15056 and 15108 zip codes every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 11:30 am-1 pm.

OKTOBERFEST FALL DINNER

Come one; come all to the Fall Dinner on **Saturday, October 15th, 4:30—6:30 pm** in the Simpson Room. For \$12 get a choice of sandwich (pulled pork or kielbasa with kraut), choice of 2 sides (pierogies, Haluski, baked beans, macaroni & cheese), and choice of homemade dessert. Beverages included for dining in. Dine in or takeout. Children 9 and younger, \$8, dine in only. Only 150 tickets will be sold. Available from Sandy Kuriger (412-741-9473), Donna Sawhill (412-916-0854), and the church office (412-741-9430).



LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



ANNUAL HAYRIDE — Come to the Annual Hayride & Bonfire on **Saturday, October 8**, 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. Look for the sign-up sheet 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.

Cookie Walk



The Nurture Committee's 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. 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 coming in October or contact Debbie Consoli (conjd2@verizon.net or 412-722-9138). Thank you for all your help and cookie donations.

LEFTOVER CANDY — If you have leftover Halloween candy, and don't know what to do with it, you can donate it to FOTC and we'll use it for the care packages we send to the college kids during exams. Just leave it in our donation box outside the church office. Thanks!



The **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**, formerly known as the United Methodist Women, will hold its October luncheon meeting after the traditional service on Sunday, October 16, in the Simpson Room. Please bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

LET'S HELP THE LEARNING TREE PRESCHOOL MAKE SOME DOUGH

— Proceeds for this tasty fundraiser will go toward the new security door in the school entrance and microscopes for the classrooms. Orders will be taken October 10 thru 28 for Pepperoni and/or Cheese only rolls from Sunseri, beloved Pittsburgh establishment in The Strip. Pickup will be Nov. 10 in the church basement. \$10 per roll.



- Pepperoni Rolls are 2 pounds, packed with pepperoni, mozzarella & provolone
- Cheese Rolls are 2 pounds of mozzarella & provolone

Here's the best part...you can freeze them for up to 3 months. Think of Super Bowl Sunday, surprise guest visitors over the holidays, New Year's Party and more. If you are interested in supporting with a purchase, please contact Sandra Lane at (412) 841-7169.

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.

Please visit nyadire.org to learn more about The Nyadire Connection.



IT'S PUMPKIN PATCH TIME!!

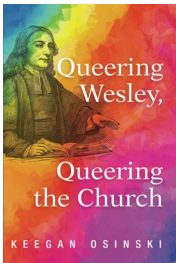
The **PUMPKINS** arrive on **October 1st at 3 pm** and we need **YOU** to help unload our “gourdgeous” orange cargo. It’s fun and the more people we have, the faster the truck gets unloaded. Come early for refreshments in the Simpson Room beginning at **2 pm**.

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.

When our Pumpkin Patch opens for customers on October 1 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 hour (or longer) shifts. *Maybe even the same shift each week.* [Here's the link to volunteer to work at The Patch.](#) Some shifts need multiple volunteers. The schedule shows those who are signed up and the openings. To sign up, put a checkmark in the time(s) you can volunteer, click the “submit and sign up” button, add your name, email and phone, 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.

Please [go here](#) to let us know if you will help unload the pumpkins on October 1 or if we can put you on the “on call” list when we have last minute Pumpkin Patch volunteer cancelations.

Volunteers are needed to head up some sub-committees (Pumpkin Moving Coordinator, Preschool Visit Reader Coordinator, Last Minute Scheduler) and someone(s) to work with Lou Ann and Diane this year to head up this project for next year. Please consider this as we don’t want to see this go away. Many people in the community and surrounding areas look forward to it. See Lou Ann or Diane with any questions!



Dinner and Discussion with Keegan Osinski: Fifty years after Stonewall, the experiences of LGBTQ+ Christians are, rightfully, beginning to be received with interest by their churches. In her book *Queering Wesley, Queering the Church*, author Keegan Osinski presents a prototype for thinking about Wesleyan holiness as an expansive openness to the love and grace of God in queer Christian’s lives rather than the limiting and restrictive legalism that is sometimes found in Wesleyan theology and praxis. On Saturday, October 22nd at 5:30 pm, join together for a fellowship dinner in Asbury Hall followed by a lecture with opportunity for Q&A with Keegan Osinski at Baldwin Community UMC (5001 Baptist Road, Pittsburgh). Please register by October 18th by calling the church office at 412-882-9300 or emailing info@baldwincommunityumc.com.

The Boo Crew Needs You!


 A stylized illustration of a two-story haunted house with a turret on the left, a chimney, and a porch. The house is dark grey with white trim and has some windows that look like they might be boarded up or have ghostly figures inside.

The Haunted House is back after a pandemic break and we are ready to get scary! The theme this year is “The Back Rooms of Sewickley.” Please come help with decorating on **Saturday, October 8th, noon-3 pm and October 16th, noon-3 pm**. We welcome your help as we transform the basement into a maze from an alternate reality.



The Haunted House runs **Fridays and Saturdays, October 21, 22, 28, and 29, 7-9 pm**. There are a wide variety of jobs so everyone can participate in some way from decorating, babysitting and behind the scenes roles, to fully made up creepers. Any questions, please reach out to Susie Moffett at Susie.fhnc@gmail.com.

A Haunted House at a Church?!?

For many people, it seems odd that a church would be hosting a haunted house, but this beloved event is an important part of the culture of our church as well as the broader community. When we first offered a community haunted house, Rev Barry Lewis, our pastor at the time, wrote a supportive essay on the Christian view of haunted houses and Halloween stating that we aren’t celebrating these pagan customs, we recognize that they are false by making fun of them. Haunted Houses are fun because we know they are pretend.

And we do have a lot of fun! The annual Haunted House is a highlight for many members of the congregation, bringing together people of all ages from both services. We intentionally build relationships within the church while acting out silly, scary characters. We also provide the community with a fun, safe Halloween activity while welcoming them into our space and showing love and care when needed. While we recognize this might not be everyone’s idea of fun, we encourage you to step outside your comfort zone and see for yourself what the SUMC Haunted House is all about.

S.A.S. = SIMPLIFIED ACCOUNTABLE STRUCTURE

You might have heard some talk going around the church about something called the Simplified Accountable Structure. Since that is a mouthful, it is most often referred to as the SAS model. This model looks at the current structure of the administrative life of the church and considers ways it can be simplified for maximum efficiency. When we talk about the administrative life of the church, we are referring to the Administrative Board, Finance Committee, Trustees, and Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee. The SAS joins together all four committees creating a one board model.



A Simple Structure for Missional Effectiveness

Currently, we are exploring the ins and outs of this model. A team of church members has been assembled to help the church understand what exactly this model is. There has also been a prayer team formed to pray us through this process. As we spend time engaging the information, we would like to invite you on this journey with us. Nothing about this process is meant to be kept secret. All information is open for all to know. You can be a part of this process in three ways. 1. Pray. Even as you don't know the details or what we are fully talking about, you can pray anyway. Pray for God to illuminate our paths and sharpen our minds to digest well the information we are reading. 2. Ask. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have. Ask us anything and we will try our best to answer with the information we know. 3. Attend. Be on the lookout for a town hall meeting that we will be hosting later in November. All will be invited to attend this meeting. Lastly, to be absolutely clear, we are not currently deciding if we are adopting this process, we are simply educating ourselves and you on it. We are in Phase 1 "Discernment" of a 3-phase process. We will be here for a while.

Sincerely the SAS Communications Team,
 Jenine Furry, Pam Honeychurch, Mark Benjamin, Jim Canfield, Donna Sawhill and Hannah Loughman



- Joe & Debbie Consoli 10/4
- Melanie & Kurt Gaebel 10/7
- Jeff & Kathy Canter 10/18



The **PITTSBURGH DISTRICT ANTIRACISM TEAM** has several upcoming events that are open to everyone. If you are interested in learning more about any of these events, please contact Susie Moffett, a member of the antiracism team, at Susie.fhnc@gmail.com.

- **ZOOM BOOK STUDY** - Join the 3-week study of Heather McGhee's book, "The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together." This study will be led by co-chairs of the antiracism team, Jay Pendleton and Rev. Don Blinn, Jr., on Thursdays at 6 pm, October 6, 13 & 20. Please contact Jay (nard2k1@hotmail.com) or Don (donandben9894@gmail.com) to register and secure the ZOOM link. For the first session, please read the introduction through chapter 3 of the book. Session 2 will cover chapters 4 to 6, and session 3, chapter 7 to the end.
- **MOVIE & DINNER** — Movie outings followed by a dinner/discussion time together are being planned. The first will be to see the movie "Till" on October 15th and the second will be to see "Wakanda Forever" on November 12th. Details will be announced soon.
- **ANTIRACISM SUMMIT** — The Western Pennsylvania Conference Commission on Race and Religion invites you to register for the October 20 – 22 WPA Antiracism Summit – "Towards an Anti-Racist Church: The Intersection of Faith and Race." The 3 day summit features speakers, panels, cultural workshops, bible study, reflection, discussion, presentations, soul care, gallery of videos of church and community groups engaged in antiracism and opportunities for action, a resource list and worship! Opening worship is being led by Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi. The summit will be held in-person and online and is geared toward those who are currently involved in anti-racism learning and are ready to move into action and/or those currently involved in advocacy activities. For more info and to register: wpaumc.org/eventdetail/16538538.



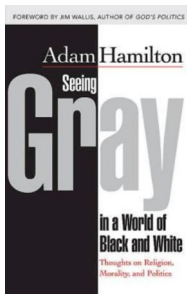
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GROWTH GROUPS! It's no too late to join a group. Do something kind for yourself — work on your Spirit, work on your heart and all else will follow! The groups are open to everyone. If the group is using a book, we ask that you purchase your own books, but if you need assistance, financial or otherwise, or have any questions at all please contact Pastor Hannah at pastor@sewickleyumc.org or by calling the church office at 412-741-9430. You can sign up by contacting the leaders directly through their given emails. Information about each group is below. We hope to see you there!



SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK AND WHITE: Thoughts on Religion, Morality and Politics Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us. Hamilton rejects the easy assumptions and sloppy analysis of black and white thinking, seeking instead the truth that resides on all sides of the issues, and offering a faithful and compassionate way forward.



CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU: We read daily devotions and associated Bible passages and discuss meaning, related experiences, and offer each other support for doing differently or better with Jesus as our guide. Sometimes, though, if a group member has had a particularly trying week or a peculiar experience, we deviate from the norm and talk and pray about that issue. We're an assortment of differences, cultures, races, ages, and genders and we welcome you.



When: Sundays, 10 am
Where: The Sewickley UMC Library

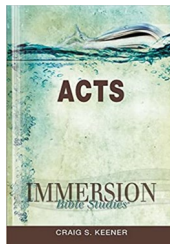
Signup: Jack Moffett at jackmoffett@mac.com
When: Sundays, 6:30 - 8 pm
Where: The Moffett's home in Quaker Heights, 212 Pilgrim Drive, Sewickley

SEARCHING FOR JESUS: This group meets to watch Biblically based movies and programs and for discussion and fellowship. We will begin the year by watching “In the Beginning,” a American 2-part biblical miniseries from the books of Genesis and Exodus, including the stories of Abraham's devotion and Joseph's betrayal. It stars Martin Landau and Jacqueline Bisset.



When: Sundays, 10 am
Where: The Sewickley UMC Parlor

IMMERSION BIBLE STUDIES: Journey inside the pages of Scripture to meet a personal God who enters individual lives and begins a creative work from the inside out. Shaped with the individual in mind, Immersion encourages simultaneous engagement both with the Word of God and with the God of the Word to become a new creation in Christ.



WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP: Join the women's sharing group for a time of fellowship and education. We work to grow our faith in Jesus while forming deeper connections with our sisters in Christ.

Signup: Donna Sawhill @ donnabell1@verizon.net
When: Tuesdays @ 10 am, **beginning October 4**
Where: The Sewickley UMC Library



Signup: Hannah Loughman at pastor@sewickleyumc.org
When: Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm
Where: The Parsonage, 333 Broad St, Sewickley



A few weeks ago Donna Sawhill shared that the 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!

This November 13th, I would like to 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.

It is with much excitement that I can say we are just shy of \$5,000 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 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 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.

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
Tom Barwell
(Cheryl Barwell's husband)
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.
Barbara Hawkins
(Otis McAliley's cousin)
Beate Henkel
Family of Karen Johnson-Jones
(Otis McAliley's niece)
Brandy K.
Family of Walter King
(Murch King's brother)
Mike Kolesar
Henrietta Kretzler
Lisa L.

Beatriz L.
(Emily Liska's daughter-in-law)
Mary Maminski
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
Liam Spencer
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
Butternut Squash Soup (butternut squash, McIntosh apple, onion, chicken stock, curry)		
Vegetable Beef Soup (beef broth, roast beef, diced tomatoes, carrots, onion, celery, green beans, corn, peas, potatoes and spices)		
Broccoli Cheddar Soup (broccoli, cheddar cheese, butter, Velveeta, milk, chicken stock, garlic, onion, carrot & corn starch)		
Sandra's Hummus (vegetarian/vegan - chickpeas, lemon juice, garlic, tahini, spices)	\$5 for ½ pint	

Orders are due by Sunday, October 23 and will be ready for pickup Friday, November 4 or Sunday, November 6. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. If using EasyTithe, please include the 3% transaction fee.

2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH AUGUST



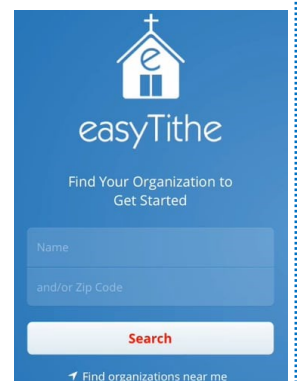
	2022 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Paid/Received to Date	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	279,196.04	194,319.64	203,617.50	9,297.86
TOTAL RECEIPTS	279,216.00	171,276.43	176,153.23	4,876.80
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	19.96	(23,043.21)	(27,464.27)	



with selected funds, frequency, and amount. easyTithe allows you to securely give via your bank account or credit/debit card. You can give online by visiting the giving page on our [website](#). SUMC pays a monthly service fee to easyTithe, plus easyTithe charges us 3% for each donation made. **When giving via easyTithe, please considering covering the 3% transaction fee.**

You can also give via the easyTithe Mobile App. It is a simple as downloading the app to your smartphone and setting up your profile information in just a couple of steps. Once setup, you can choose to make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving.

We are using "easyTithe" to offer online giving to our church family. Those who choose to give in this way can create a secure account from via easyTithe and set up recurring giving



As we step into October, as autumn opportunities to connect with community wait for us, we should take a moment to consider recent thoughts shared by our Bishop and our Pastor.

In a September letter written to her “siblings in Christ” at the launch of a new worship season, Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi of the UMC Western PA Conference presented us with the following charge:

“We are experiencing lingering health and economic realities of COVID, ongoing struggles with drug addiction in our region, deteriorating mental health conditions of many in our communities, endemic violence in our nation and countless other global issues.

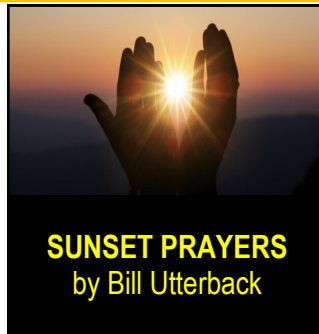
In times like these, we need to be anchored in Christ and laser focused on being the presence of Christ in the world. We need to be anchored and laser focused on sharing the love of God with our neighbors.”

In her message on September 18, Pastor Hannah said, “The world needs our witness, if we can just understand that we all have something to offer.”

As the Pumpkin Patch, the Haunted House and a fall dinner provide opportunities to serve and share, it can be difficult to be “laser-focused” and know that we have something to offer.

Pastor Hannah, as she concluded her September 18 message, provided an answer. She prayed. “Holy Spirit, speak to us, use us like you did the early church ...”

A rich period of silence, of listening, of trusting the Holy Spirit followed her invitation.



Let’s re-create the hopeful, trusting invitation here.

“Holy Spirit, speak to us ... “

On October 2, as the sun sets around 7 pm, from wherever you are, with whomever wishes to join you, let’s ask the Holy Spirit to speak to us, individually and as a church family.

How can we be an impactful presence in the Pumpkin Patch?

How can we be an impactful presence in the Haunted House?

How can we be an impactful presence at the fall dinner?

How can we be, as Bishop Moore-Koikoi charged us, “the presence of Christ in the world?”

How can we share “the love of God with our neighbors?”

How can we be an impactful witness at home, at work, at school, in the neighborhood?

And in her message, Pastor Hannah also encouraged us to lift each other in our church family, so let’s add another thought to our prayer.

Holy Spirit, who needs my encouragement? Who needs my invitation? Who needs to know I see that they have something to offer.

And when our prayers are complete, let’s listen patiently, hopefully, for a response.

(Bishop Moore-Koikoi’s letter can be read in its entirety on the [conference website](#) under the heading “[Jesus Christ is Our Anchor](#).”)



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. Two of the biggest votes include 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 churches 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. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pastor Hannah at pastor@sewickleyumc.org.



OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2pm Pumpkin Refreshments 3pm Pumpkin Delivery 4 - 7pm Pumpkin Patch
2 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 10:30am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 11am Traditional Service 6:30pm Growth Group: Seeing Gray	3 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 7pm AA 7pm - 8pm Marketing Committee	4 10am Women's Sharing Group 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Acts 7pm AA	5 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm Leap of Faith	6 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 4pm Simpson Room Setup Wedding 6:15pm Bell Choir	7 10am Wedding & Reception 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm AA	8 9am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 12 - 3pm Haunted House Decorating 6 - 9pm Hayride
9 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 10:30am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 11am Traditional Service 6:30pm Growth Group: Seeing Gray	10 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm Finance 6:30pm Trustees 7pm AA 7:30pm Council	11 10am Women's Sharing Group 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Acts 7pm AA	12 10am SUMC Prayer Group 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm Leap of Faith	13 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:15pm Bell Choir	14 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm AA	15 9am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 12pm - 3pm Haunted House Decorating 4:30 - 6:30 pm Fall Festival Dinner
16 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 10:30am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 11am Traditional Service 12pm UWF (UMW) Luncheon Meeting 6:30pm Growth Group: Seeing Gray	17 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 7pm AA	18 10am Women's Sharing Group 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Acts 7pm AA	19 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm Leap of Faith	20 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:15pm Bell Choir	21 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm AA 7pm - 9pm Haunted House	22 9am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 7pm - 9pm Haunted House
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Pat Ferguson 10/2
 Steve Dotterer 10/3
 Ashleah Martinez 10/3
 Warren Kinneer 10/6
 Donna Sawhill 10/9
 Joshua Odom 10/11
 Shawn Scott 10/13
 Debbie Chesney 10/15
 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
 Alexander Gaebel 10/21
 Sandy Kuriger 10/21
 Dana Yant 10/22
 Diane Bartley 10/26
 Richard Fairlie 10/30

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.



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.