



Sewickley United Methodist Church

October 2023 Newsletter

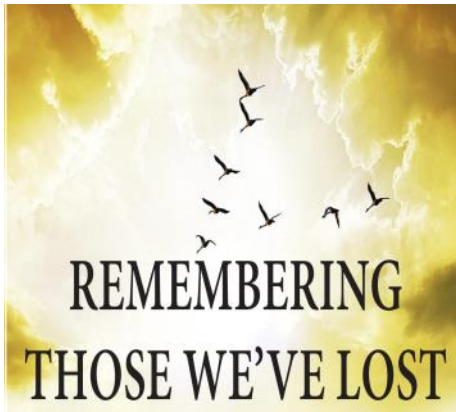
The Pastor's Peace

If you are someone who does or has lived paycheck to paycheck then you have probably said these words, "The money is spent before it even comes in." That is the same way it feels when we get to the month of October in the life of our church. The allotted time we have to do things is already spent. We have crossed out hours and days on our personal calendars that are reserved for the unloading of pumpkins and the selling of pumpkins, for the setting up of the haunted house and for working the haunted house. Though we might feel exhausted before the month even arrives there is excitement and hope that surrounds the business of the days ahead. There is hope that we will be the peace in someone's day. There is hope that we will get to hold the hands of a stranger and offer a prayer over their lives. There is hope that someone will come to believe in Jesus because we have dared to move the conversation from the best pumpkin to the love of Christ. There is hope that a middle schooler will walk through our doors to enjoy the fright of the night but leave with a glimpse of the fun followers of Jesus can have. There is hope that others will know Jesus isn't just there in Sunday worship but is there in all aspects of our life. Jesus is there in joy, in laughter, in fear, in fun. Jesus is there in gourds, in pumpkins, in swan necks, in mushrooms, in warty goblins, in snowballs and in Frankenstein's head. (If you have no idea what I am talking about come and work the pumpkin patch!) There is hope that the people who come to our lawn and walk through our basement will see that Jesus is indeed there for them. I know it can feel like we are asking a lot but when you compare an hour, 6 hours, or even 12 to a changed heart, a transformed life, a person set free from their sin, those are hours well spent.

Psalm 33:20-22 says, "²⁰We put our hope in the Lord; he is our protector and our help. ²¹We are glad because of him; we trust in his holy name. ²²May your constant love be with us, Lord, as we put our hope in you." Our hope for the month of October (and really for any day ahead) is that we may first and foremost look to the Lord in everything that we do. Our hope is that we can turn even the most mundane and the most secular seeming activities into something holy and good because our trust rests fully in the Lord. If this is where our focus and our faith lie, the outcome of this month will not be exhaustion but praise and thanksgiving for that changed heart, a transformed life, and a person set free from their sin. All this in Jesus' name, Amen!

From one light to another,

Hannah M. Loughman
Pastor Hannah Loughman



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.

On All Saints' Sunday, everyone is invited to a meal after the 11 am service. Nurture will provide the main dish, desserts, and beverages.



On September 10th we opened our arms to 13 new church members. Please be sure to give them all a warm welcome:

Charlie Brown
Kerry Conroy
Nicole Condos
Ryan Dean
Sel Dean

Patti Ellis
Breonna Frisk-Miller
Michael Harris
Alan Honeychurch
Kelly Honeychurch

Mary Jablonski
Amanda Pelphrey
Erma Stratus

CHURCH CONFERENCE 2023

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 October 7th at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. All are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pastor Hannah at pastor@sewickleyumc.org.



Concert of Peace: October 1

Pittsburgh Peace is Possible Coalition is hosting an interfaith peace concert on October 1, 2023, at 2:00 pm at First UMC in Pittsburgh to celebrate the International Day of Peace, recognized on September 21. A Celebration of Peace will include performances from a variety of artistic groups including the Healthy Village Initiative drumming group, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church choir, First UMC Choir, liturgical dance group, bell choir, tai chi, calligrapher, and inspirational readings about peace. The concert will feature the hymn "Peace Is Possible" with deeply moving lyrics written by Jeff Sterling to the tune Finlandia by Jean Sibelius.



Worship Opportunities - October 2023

Contemporary Worship Service: 9am
 Traditional Worship Service: 11am
 Our Worship Services are live streamed on
sewickleyumc.org and youtube.com

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



October 1, 2023
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Liturgist: Ron Smith
Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 5:6-11
Message: "Turn the tables"

Have you ever heard the expression, "The tables have been turned?" This is meant to convey that someone has moved from a weaker position to a stronger position, or someone has gained the upper hand over another person or over a specific situation. I am sure we would all like to be the ones with whom fortune is smiling upon. The great news is, we can be! The question is, who exactly are you turning the table towards? Who are you giving the upper hand to? The answer to this has everything to do with the fortune that lies ahead!

October 8, 2023
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Kim Benjamin
Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 5:6-11
Message: "For Everyone But Me"

I recently read a fortune cookie that said, "A real patriot is the fellow who gets a parking ticket and rejoices that the system works." That is the type of fortune that kicks you in the gut. We want the system to work for us but not hold us accountable of our own wrongs. This is one of the harder lessons as Christians that we must learn. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray in Matthew 6:12 he says, "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Yet, how many of us are guilty of wanting forgiveness without freely offering it? How many of us expect to be let off the hook because we are otherwise law-abiding citizens in the kingdom of God? A true member of the household of God forgives, is forgiven, and rejoices when the call to grace works toward creating and keeping the peace.

October 15, 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Laura Powell

Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Message: "Nothing Dared, Nothing Gained"

Nothing dared, nothing gained. If you haven't figured it out, the month of October is about turning fortune cookies into statements of faith. It has been a fun exercise to filter a faith perspective through all areas of our lives. This fortune cookie, "Nothing dared, nothing gained" reminds me of faith itself. Faith is not a passive part of our lives but is shown by the way we live our lives. It is shown by the steps we take to follow Jesus even when it is difficult but trusting in him for the outcome. If you never live like you have faith, your faith will never grow, deepen, or aid in being a powerful part of your life. Faith not followed, is the following of fear.

October 22, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Susan Moffett

Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Message: "The Simplicity of Health"

Why does getting healthy seem so hard!?!? According to this fortune cookie it is quite easy, "regenerate your system through diet and exercise. Save the cookies!" That seems rather boring. I heard an ad the other day that made the argument, people don't like to work out because they don't do it. Seems so simple, but I believe it is true. There are a variety of ways to work out and one that would fit you perfectly. We know we feel better when we do it, and we even begin to enjoy the effort it takes but getting started is sometimes the hardest. This is true with the things we know we should be doing that can help strengthen our closeness to God. In order to regenerate our systems we need a diet of the junk in our lives and to exercise with the equipment meant to strengthen our relationship with God.

October 29, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Kristine Swaney

Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Message: "How About Another Fortune?"

How about another fortune? This sentence can often be found on one side of your fortunes found in the fortune cookies. I have always felt this to be the most profound fortune. Have you ever asked a question about your life, shaken up the Magic 8 Ball and then flipped it over hoping to get the answer you wanted? What if you didn't like that answer, would you shake it up again and continue flipping it till you got the one you wanted? Have you ever prayed to God to reveal to you an answer only to actually receive one but than ask for something different? God is generous and willing to answer our prayers, just not always in the way we want. How can we learn to be content with the words from God even when they are hard to receive?

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Our October focus for the Sewickley Community Food Pantry is hearty soups & stews and other comfort foods such as mashed potatoes. The pantry also requested a need for bottles of cooking oil. Other non-perishable food items & paper products are also always welcome. Donations may be placed in the grocery carts in the hallway by the library & by the sanctuary entrance in the Narthex. The Pantry (15 Chadwick St.) is open to all in the 15143, 15056 and 15108 zip codes every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 11:30am-1pm.



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 October 11. For more info, or to submit prayer requests, contact Bill Utterback (utterbac@earthlink.net).



JOIN THE COOKIE TEAM — The Witness Committee is hoping to grow our “cookie team” to provide snacks, once a month, for the Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held in our building. We have been supporting the Tuesday night group, and could consider supporting the groups that gather on Monday and Friday nights. Cookie team members would be asked to provide, by baking or shopping, a snack to serve 24 people several times throughout the year. We know the AA groups are providing a unique and necessary window for God's Light and healing in our families and communities, and we need to encourage them. For more information, contact Bill Utterback (utterbac@earthlink.net).

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.



THE ANNUAL COOKIE WALK will be **November 18th**. This is the sweetest and fastest fundraiser the church has, with the proceeds benefiting the General Fund. Please be thinking of your favorite cookie and candy recipes and we will be asking you to sign up at a later date. So save the date and if you have any questions contact Debbie Consoli (412-722-9131 or conjd2@verizon.net). Thank you for all your help and cookie donations.

SAVE THE DATE — Come to the Annual Hayride & Bonfire on **Saturday, October 14**, at Sandy & Bill Kuriger's home (91 Hill Rd, Sewickley), 6 to 9pm. Hotdogs & buns, hot chocolate and water will be provided. Bring: blanket, chair, roasting forks, flashlight, snack to share, or makings for S'mores. Don't miss this opportunity to have a great time of fellowship with your Church Family.



RUMMAGE SALE FOR MISSIONS

The United Women in Faith (UWF) will host a sale on **Friday, November 3, 1—7pm** and on **Saturday, November 4, 9am—2pm** at the church. *Please hold on to your donations until October 30 after the Haunted House has been taken down.* Previously owned treasures, including household items, seasonal clothing, shoes, books, puzzles & much more, will be available. All proceeds help fund local, national and international United Women in Faith mission projects.



We appreciate your donations to our sale, but we are not able to accept electronics and exercise equipment of any kind as well as 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 with this sale, 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.

THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF) will meet on Sunday, October 15 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).

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!



SAVE THE DATE

Western PA Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 21 at Dutilh UMC. Ross Golden, a lay speaker from Grace Methodist Church will speak on how light is essential to nature and what it does for us. For details contact: Kristine Swaney 412-716-5772 or 412-741-2092



Dear SUMC Family,
 Thank you for sending me off as the former church secretary with your love and appreciation on September 3rd. I am so grateful for the cards, gifts, and special messages you wrote in the memory book. I look forward to my continued relationship with you as your sister in Christ serving through SUMC.
 With love and blessings,
 Pam Honeychurch

The United Women in Faith (UWF, formerly UMW) thank all of you who made our September Rummage Sale for Missions a huge success. We raised \$2306.00 through sales and monetary donations. Thank you to all who donated items, donated money, bought items, sold items, carried items up and down stairs, unpacked bags, boxes and totes, set up tables and filled them with treasures, set up and took down tents, took down, moved and put away tables, put up signs, took down signs, packed up the leftovers for further distribution, recycled cardboard boxes and distributed leftover items. Every bit of help and support is appreciated. Thank you for helping us help others, especially women and children, in need here at home and around the world.
 Kristine Swaney 412-716-5772

I would like to thank everyone who, in recent weeks, has helped us stretch the borders of worship and sharing and connecting in faith. It has been an encouraging season at Sewickley UMC.
 I would like to thank Amanda P. and her son, Ben, for sharing their baptism in the lake at Raccoon Creek State Park with us on Labor Day weekend. It takes courage to ask for something out of the ordinary, but your courage brought new light.
 I would like to thank Eric M. for his personal witness during worship in mid- September. We don't do a lot of witnessing in worship, but it feels like a door has been unlocked.
 I would like to thank the new members for joining our church family. There was an encouraging breeze swirling as you stepped forward.
 I would like to thank Pastor Hannah for accommodating the baptism, inviting Eric and rallying the new members. When the person at the front of the room welcomes innovation and imagination, we are all encouraged and inspired to move and share and connect in new ways.
 I have been especially inspired, Hannah, by your emphasis on prayer – in worship and beyond worship – in recent weeks. I look forward to the next prayer walk.
 Sincerely, Bill Utterback

We've received a thank you letter from Blessings in a Backpack for joining up with: St Paul's Lutheran Church, St Matthews AME Zion, and Sewickley Presbyterian Church. Together, as Team Blessings, we have made a contribution of \$1400 to help feed kids on the weekends. The thank you letter is posted on the board by the office.

Waylon Brown	10/1
Pat Ferguson	10/2
Steve Dotterer	10/3
Ashleah Martinez	10/3
Patricia Ellis	10/6
Warren Kinneer	10/6
Donna Sawhill	10/9
Joshua Odom	10/11
Shawn Scott	10/13



Debbie Chesney	10/15
Ben Ward	10/16
Pat Grossarth	10/17

Roger Wright	10/18
Virginia Harriger	10/19
William Kuriger, Jr.	10/19
Amanda Miller	10/19
Noah Martinez	10/20
Sandra Kuriger	10/21
Dana Yant	10/22
Diane Bartley	10/26
Richard Fairlie	10/30

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! - When our Pumpkin Patch opens for customers on September 30, we need volunteers to run The Patch every day from opening to dusk. 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. Please sign up now so we are ready to go on September 30. The schedule shows those who are signed up and the openings that need to be filled. On the first day, and even throughout the first week, there are many openings that need to be filled. Here's [the link to volunteer to work at The Patch](#) or visit sewickleyumc.org.



Signing up is so easy!

Go to the schedule

For the dates/times you want to volunteer, click the Sign Up button on the right of the slot—it will change to “Selected”

Click “Save & Continue” at the bottom of the screen

Enter your name, email, and phone number

Click the “Sign Up Now” button at the bottom

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. Including your phone number is helpful in case the person working before or after you needs to be in contact with you. If you want to change a time you signed up for, you can create an account and edit it yourself, or contact the office or Diane Bartley.

PUMPKIN UNLOADING is scheduled for this coming Saturday, September 30 at 9am and there is a job for everyone, from young to more mature. The younger kids can help with the smaller pumpkins and adults who might not be able to participate in the pumpkin brigade can help in other ways. A continental breakfast will be available in the Simpson Room beginning at 8:30. Please consider going here to let us know if you will help unload the pumpkins or if we can put you on the “on call” list when we have last-minute Pumpkin Patch volunteer cancellations.

PALLET HELP — Before the pumpkins arrive, we need to arrange pallets on the lawn. If you can help, please let Sandra Lane know (412) 841-7169, call or text. Wooden pallets weigh between 30-45 pounds and need to be carried from a truck and arranged on the lawn. With enough people, the work should take about an hour — Friday, September 29 at 4pm sharp on the lawn at the corner of Broad and Thorn streets. Bring work gloves to protect yourself from splinters.



SAFETY MINISTRY NEWS

Pumpkin Patch Volunteer Safety Alert

Monday - Friday 8:30am- 1:30pm our preschool is in session. As you can imagine, having a stranger roam the halls of our church puts those children and teachers at risk.

When you are volunteering at the Patch, please be mindful to keep the door closed and do not allow anyone to enter the church building without an escort. Even if someone appears harmless we must adhere to these guidelines. If you are working alone, a visitor cannot be provided access to our facility without being accompanied every step of the way.

It may be uncomfortable to deny someone access to use the restroom or venture in to see our beautiful sanctuary or chapel - simply explain that it is security protocol that all guests must be accompanied and if you're working alone- you cannot accommodate them at this time. Thank you. Sandra Lane, Security Chair





The Boo Crew Needs You!

It's official, a zombie plague is hitting SUMC for the 16th annual Haunted House! Please come help with decorating on Saturday, Oct 14, 10am-3 pm and Sunday Oct 15 noon-3pm. We welcome your help as we transform the basement into zombie filled spaces .

The Haunted House runs Fridays and Saturdays, October 20, 21, 27, and 28, 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.

LIBRARY FACELIFT!

The Library Committee is working diligently to edit the library inventory and bring in fresh new selections.

Tell us what you think....What would you like your church library to bring to you? What would draw you into the library? Please let us know by reaching out to Sandra Lane (slane819@yahoo.com) or Warren Kinneer (wrkinneer@yahoo.com)



Helpful Tip



Jump to a date on the schedule by using your device's find function (Command F, Ctrl F, or Find in Page).
Ex: finding **15** takes you to October 15th.


Joe & Debbie Consoli	10/04	
Allen & Liz Brown	10/09	


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


Remember our Shut-ins


Sylvia Bajsec Jim and Olive Chewning Renee Gittins Shirley Graham Virginia Harriger B.J. (Elizabeth) Manzinger Pat Rudy	Shirley Sye Lura Zaremba Murch & Grace King Bonnie Stoicovy Dotty Price Delores McCoy Dorothy Jadowiec
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Ways to Give



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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.*

If you prefer to give the traditional way — by check or cash — please continue to do so!

2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH AUGUST



	2023 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Paid/Received to Date	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	312,098.44	215,590.28	209,456.43	(6,133.85)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	312,098.44	188,675.20	171,289.39	(17,385.81)
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	0.00	(26,915.08)	(38,167.04)	

Let's pray for opportunity.
 Let's pray for imagination.
 Let's pray for vision.

I heard Pastor Hannah, in a late September message, remind us that "we are ambassadors of Christ." I heard her say "Christ is making his appeal through us."

Hannah reminded us that "no matter where we are or what we're doing – when we go to school, when we go to work, when we're in our backyard – we are ambassadors of Christ."

As Hannah was sharing in the sanctuary, I was in the basement classrooms with the children. They were working as ambassadors. They were helping Him making His appeal through Operation Christmas Child.

We put empty shoe boxes in front of the children and pointed them toward tables filled with school supplies and toys and balls and shirts and caps and socks. They jumped into the assignment with joy and energy and purpose and selflessness. All of them – preschoolers through sophomores in high school – filled multiple boxes.

As I watched them, I realized we are all natural ambassadors when someone points us toward opportunity. We like to share.



We like to connect. We like to pray. We like to let others know they are loved and valued.

But it can be so hard to recognize opportunities. It can be so hard to create opportunities.

Lord, point us toward more opportunities. Lord, share your imagination with us. We have the energy and the selflessness and sense of purpose. We need your vision.

As the sun sets on Oct. 1, around 7:05 p.m., from wherever you are, with whoever wants to

join you, let us join together to ask God to pour more of His Light onto our path as His ambassadors.

Lord, show us how we can move, collectively and individually. Show us who and where and when.

Show us how we can move as a church family.

Show us how we can move among neighbors, co-workers, classmates and teammates.

Show us how we can recognize the alone, the afraid, and the uncertain. Show us how to grow our ministries and create new ministries. Show us how to move inside projects like the pumpkin patch and the haunted house.

Lord, we will respond. We want to be your ambassadors.

Amen.



On October 1st, United Methodists and our Christian siblings celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. We are called to reach out to all people and to model diversity among God's Children - just as we are all welcome at Christ's table. A special UMC offering will be taken to provide racial and ethnic students with scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development. Fifty percent of the donations will be used for scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent will support ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent will fund


In-Service Training Programs for racial and ethnic persons. Your generosity allows those unable to afford an education to become leaders who embody the mission of The United Methodist Church. Donations may be made with your regular offering or through EasyTithe—please mark your donation "World Communion."

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!
Let's let Pastor Hannah know she is appreciated!



LET'S TAKE A WALK! Join us on October 3rd for a PRAYER WALK. We will gather on the front porch of the parsonage (333 Broad St.) at 6 pm. From there we will split into small groups, walk down Beaver St. and pray for the businesses along the street. Those who are unable to walk will stay on the porch and pray for the businesses from a distance. No need to sign up, just show up! If you have any questions feel free to direct them toward Pastor Hannah.



 <p>The People of Maui John A. Hurst Bartley Carrie Blanchard Family of Don Brandt Betty Burrows (Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law) Jack Certain Anne Clifford (Jenine Furry's sister-in-law) Bruno Crapis Family of Bud Devine (Renee Gittins' brother) Mollie Devine (Renee Gittins' sister)</p>	<p>Betty Dornetta Nick Devine (Renee Gittins' great-nephew) Family of Mignon Emmert Family of Cinnamon Evans (Pat Grossarth's niece) Family of Shirley Gerthung (Wilma Hamilton's sister) Clyde Grossarth (Steve's brother) Candy Grudovich (Joe Boward's sister) Judith Hall Rev. Jim Hamilton Beate Henkel Lucas James (Sel Dean's brother) Mary Beth Johnson (Pamela Mayo's sister) Grace & Murch King Family of Eugene Klein</p>	<p>Mike Kolesar Henrietta Kretzler Carol Lewis (Susie Moffett's mom) Megan and baby Madelyn Family of Chieko Oba Sarah Oba Sandra Obeng Lorraine Offner Family of Gary Pflug 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 Family of Sandy Stroebel</p>	<p>Family of Bill Teed Lauren Tillman Rich Zahrobsky Dennis Zeveny Family of Jim Zoretich Ernest Wallace Darlene Bridges Jean Reed And our shut-ins: Sylvia Bajsec Olive & Jim Chewning Renee Gittins Shirley Graham Virginia Harriger B.J. (Elizabeth) Manzinger Pat Rudy Shirley Sye Lura Zaremba Marian Martin</p>
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WHAT DOES WESLEY SAY?

From Laura Powell, Your Congregational Leader

“What Makes Methodists Different?”

This article highlights several ways that being a Methodist is unique and special.

Service to Others

- John Wesley wanted Methodists to love God with all their hearts and to love their neighbors as they loved themselves. The Wesley's pushed for more expressions of this directive: “our faith is exemplified in the way we love others. For example, caring for neighbors is an expression of grace and an expression of how we love others.
- The early Methodists placed a heavy emphasis on providing relief to the poor, caring for the ill, visiting prisoners, and disrupting the cycles of brokenness and injustice in their communities. We continue to do this today.

Grace

- Grace is not earned. It is a gift from God and is present in our lives even before we are aware of it (we - United Methodists - call this “prevenient grace”).
- It is through God's grace that humans are transformed and empowered to live in ways that extend God's love.
- The United Methodist Church believes that people are saved by grace through faith.


Two Sacraments

- United Methodists observe two sacraments. A sacrament is a human activity through which God is active and encounter God's grace.
- The first sacrament is the sacrament of Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, which is open to anyone who wishes to receive the elements and participate in God's grace.
- The second is baptism—a rite of initiation into the Christian community. In the United Methodist Church, baptism is open to people of all ages.

Of course, there are many more ways we are unique and special. These are but a few!

OCTOBER 2023

***Nursery offered during Sunday morning services**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Decorating Haunted House 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 10:30am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service	2 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 7pm AA	3 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Revelation 7pm AA	4 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm Leap of Faith	5 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:15pm Bell Choir	6 11am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm AA	7 9am - 7pm Pumpkin Patch 10:30am - 11:30am Annual Church Conference
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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.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES SCHOOL



Lay Servant Ministries is a program to provide training opportunities and experiences to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to realize and respond to their personal call to ministry. Since each disciple is 'gifted' with one or more spiritual gifts (skills given by the Holy Spirit for the express purpose of serving the body of believers and thereby God), Lay Servant Ministries strives to help disciples become aware of their particular gift or gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop the skill level necessary for the full fruition of these gifts. It is an excellent vehicle for servant ministry skill development and has aided thousands of church members to be better servants of Jesus Christ, to become stronger church family leaders, and to more capably assist their pastors.

The Fall 2023 Pittsburgh District Lay Servant Ministry School is pleased to be offering the classes listed below to help laity respond to their personal call in ministry and the life of the church. Each class is being held on different dates, allowing you to take more than one class if you wish. There is a \$15 fee per class plus you need to purchase the class book. [This flyer](#), which is also in the back of the sanctuary, has more information. You may register [online here](#) or through the flyer.

- The BASIC Course(Saturdays, 9/30 & 10/14, 9am - 2:30pm)
- Leading Worship(Saturdays, 10/29, 11/4 & 11/11, 2 - 5:30pm)
- From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon(Sundays, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29, 2 - 4pm)
- Fear of the Other(Friday, 10/6, 6-9pm & Saturday, 10/7, 9am-5pm)

Pastor Hannah's availability: I am available Monday—Wednesday and Friday, 9am—5pm. After 5pm, by appointment only. On Sundays I am available following the church service till 4pm. 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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*Adult Sunday School:10am
(September—May)*

*9am:Contemporary Worship
& Children's Church*

*11am:Traditional Worship
& Children's Church*

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.