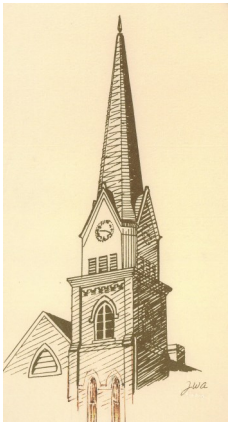


# Sewickley United Methodist Church

## September 2022 Newsletter



### *The Pastor's Peace*

I have a very serious question for you — “why did the math book look so sad?” If you want to know the answer you must read to the end...

It's that time of year again — no, not for bad joke telling — but for great fun with learning! As kids have started going back to school and most of our school districts are in full swing, the excitement of fall weather, pumpkin lattes, football season and Christmas just around the corner is in the air. That also means there are a lot of other things in the air here at Sewickley UMC! We are excited with the opportunities to teach kids in our very own space about the love of Jesus Christ. We can't wait to see the pumpkins begin to fill our front lawn with beauty and social opportunity. We are longing for the comforting taste of soup and hummus and the warm smiles of the lovely ladies who cook it for us. Campfires, roasting marshmallows and falling leaves...oh my!

With the exciting things that lay before us that also means we have lots of opportunity to do life together. You can be an active participant in all the things that make this season such a wonderful time. You can be a part of the team that educates our children about the love of Jesus. You can be a pumpkin patch volunteer who engages the community in easy conversation and reminds them of the beauty there is in the world. You can be a singing voice around the campfire and on the hayride or a loud booming voice cheering on our kids in the stands at the football game. You can be a voice that offers worship through song in our choir and hands that offer worship through the ringing of our bells. You can be the reason people in our community feel minimal impact from food insecurities and people around the world receive gifts that share with them the love of Jesus. YOU CAN BE the peace people need in their lives.

So, “why did the math book look so sad?” “Because it was full of problems!”

Instead of being one of the many problems in people's lives, let's commit ourselves to being one of the solutions by being the love of Jesus in the world. You have no excuse, only opportunity!

From one light to another,

*Hannah M Loughman*  
Pastor Hannah Loughman

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.

**Starting September 26, I will be available Monday—Wednesday and Friday, 9 am—5 pm. After 5 pm, by appointment only.**

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### EDUCATION NEWS FOR THE NEW PROGRAMMING YEAR

- All parents are invited to a meeting on September 11 after church at noon in the Simpson Room to discuss Christian Education for the children and youth. We seek your input and assistance.
- We hope to create a Parent Council to meet quarterly to guide our Education Effort.
- Children’s Church will be held during both the 9 am and 11 am services immediately after the Children’s Message. There will not be any children’s classes between 10-11 am.
  - Children’s Church will start on September 11th.
  - Our teaching efforts will focus on the use of the Bible, as age-appropriate, videos, storytelling, and take-home pages. We are exploring new curriculums, computer-based teaching, and additional videos for future use.
  - During the 9 am service, we hope to have 2 groups, for children aged 3— first grade and second through fifth grade. This will depend on the number of children attending.
  - For the 11 AM time, 4-year-olds through fifth graders are welcome to attend Children’s Church.
- Ideas for Middle and High School Youth
  - Currently there is no formal Youth program, but the Education Team believes the youth would respond to youth events. Working with the parents, the Education Team will plan several “starter” events to get the effort going and then seek input from youth and parents. Parents, consider supporting this effort.
  - We need at least 2 people to commit to Youth Leadership.
- Adult Education Opportunities: Growth Groups see page 7



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#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SPECIAL OFFERING



SUMC is observing Christian Education Sunday on September 11th. A special offering will be accepted to support the Western PA Annual Conference's educational ministries, including Training and Resources, and Laity Scholarships. If you donate by check/envelope, please mark your gift "Christian Ed." You may also donate through EasyTithe by selecting "Christian Education Sunday."

#### 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 2022 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, 9/24 and 10/8, 9 am - 2:30 pm)
- ◆ Spiritual Gifts (Saturdays, 10/15, 10/29 and 11/12, 1 - 4:30 pm)
- ◆ UM Polity (Sundays, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 and 10/30, 2 - 5:30 pm)



**Worship Opportunities - September 2022**

Contemporary Worship Service: 9 am  
 Traditional Worship Service: 11 am  
 Our Worship Services are live streamed on [sewickleyumc.org](http://sewickleyumc.org) and [youtube.com](http://youtube.com).  
 The recorded services are also available later on Sunday afternoon.



**September 4, 2022**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Liturgist:** Martha Boward  
**Scripture Lessons:** Matthew 5:17-20  
**Message:** "Jesus Said What?"

Before we move on to "The Bible Said What?" we have a bonus "Jesus Said What?" message. As we take a look back at the law and the prophets through the lens of Jesus, it is important to understand how Jesus relates to them. Just as Jesus serves as the bridge between us and heaven, Jesus also serves as the bridge between the New Covenant Jesus established with us and the Covenant God established with the Israelites. Jesus did not come to abolish all that was, but to fulfill it. How is Jesus the fulfillment of the way things were and the newness of the way things should be?

**September 11, 2022**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Liturgist:** Ron Smith  
**Scripture Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 14:26-40  
**Message:** "The Bible Said What?"

After losing her campaign to become the first woman president Hillary Clinton said, "To all the little girls who are watching this, never doubt that you are valuable and powerful and deserving of every chance and opportunity in the world to pursue and achieve your own dreams." My 7-year-old daughter read this quote the other day in a book that tells stories about courageous women in our world and she said, "I want to be President someday." To which I responded, "You can be anything you want to be." However, when we read scripture together, I have to dance around passages that tell her she cannot be anything she wants to be unless she first gets permission from her husband. "The Bible Says What?" Are women really meant to be quiet in worship; are they really meant to cover their heads; were they really created to be submissive to their husbands? What does the Bible really say about these rightfully alarming passages that, when used wrongly, stunt the growth and potential of the women in our world?

**September 18, 2022**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Liturgist:** Otis McAliley  
**Scripture Lessons:** Matthew 10:34-39  
**Message:** "The Bible Said What?"

In this week's message of "The Bible Said What?" we will take a look at what seems to be permission to own slaves and a commandment for those slaves to be obedient to their masters. Though slavery has been abolished in our nation, some still seek to force others to live under the system of oppression that harmfully using this scripture has built up in our nation. The Bible clearly upholds the structure of master and slave, so how is that scripture meant to speak to us today?

**September 25, 2022**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Liturgist:** Jere Cowden  
**Scripture Lessons:** Genesis 19:15-22  
**Message:** "The Bible Said What?"

As I take a look at the theme of scriptures that is 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.



**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** — The Sewickley Community Food Pantry urgently needs the following items: peanut butter &

grape jelly, mayonnaise/Miracle Whip, oils, cereal, pancake mix & syrup, coffee, rice, paper towels, toilet paper and body wash. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the hallway leading to the library. The Pantry, located at 15 Chadwick St., is open to all in the 15143, 15056 & 15108 zip codes every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 11:30 am—1 pm.



**RUMMAGE SALE FOR MISSIONS**  
The United Women in Faith, formerly known as the United Methodist Women, will hold its Rummage Sale for Missions on Friday, **September 9, 3 to 7 pm** (inside only in the large basement room) and Saturday, **September 10, 9 am to 1 pm** (inside in the large basement room and

outside on the front lawn). There will be lots of "new-to-you" items for sale. All proceeds are used to fund mission projects.

**RUMMAGE SALE REINVENTED** — It started with an idea — *what if some of the unsold items from the Rummage Sale for Missions were taken to Northview Heights and made available for free to the residents?* In August our second such "Free Sale" took place when a van packed full of household and kitchen items, along with shoes, clothing, coats, toys, bedding, and other assorted items were offered for free to anyone who wanted them. Both "sales" were a huge success and the customers were very thankful. Northview Heights is the largest low-income neighborhood in Allegheny County and the United Methodist Church Union has an over 50-year history of offering services in the community. Over the years Sewickley UMC has partnered with Church Union through ministries in Northview Heights and now, thanks to leftover donations from the SUMC Rummage Sale for Missions, a new ministry has been born.



**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).



*Welcome Back Breakfast*

**WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST** — As we start a new church year, the Nurture Committee invites *EVERYONE* to breakfast on **Sunday, September 11 at 10 am** in the Simpson Room. Nurture is providing breakfast casseroles. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

**HANDBELL CHOIR** — The Clocktower Ringers will begin rehearsals for the upcoming season on Thursday evening, September 8th, from 6:15 - 7:15 in the sanctuary. The bell choir meets every week to rehearse and plays for the 11 am service once a month from October through May. We are excited for the return of our newly refurbished bells and we look forward to a milestone celebration of this music ministry in 2023.



If you are interested in ringing with us or have questions, feel free to contact Pamela Mayo, pemayo@verizon.net, or stop in on a Thursday evening to have a listen.

**DISASTER RELIEF**



**UMC DISASTER RESPONSE** — The United Methodist Church and UMCOR are actively responding to numerous storms, floods and other natural disasters throughout the US, including in Western PA. Here are ways you can help:

- Contribute toward SUMC's Cleaning Kit collection. These funds will be used to replenish the Eastbrook Mission Barn's supply of "flood buckets," which contain essential supplies needed to sanitize and clean flooded homes. Donations may be made with your regular offering or by EasyTithe. Please mark your donation "UMCOR Cleaning Kits."
- Contribute to UMCOR's US Disaster Response fund. You may contribute through your regular offering or EasyTithe (please mark your donation UMCOR US Disaster Response) or by donating directly to UMCOR at: [umcmission.org/advance-project/901670](http://umcmission.org/advance-project/901670).
- Westmoreland County was heavily affected by flooding on August 5. The WPA Conference disaster response team needs volunteers to help remove drywall, paneling and other debris and to assist with other clean-up measures. No experience is needed, just a willingness to work and follow instructions. If there is sufficient interest, SUMC can assemble a team to assist with this clean-up. If interested, please contact Barbara Bower at [barbarabower@verizon.net](mailto:barbarabower@verizon.net) or the church office.



**SOUP & HUMMUS SALE STARTS 7TH YEAR** — We are happy to announce the start of the 7th season of Soup & Hummus Sales. This grassroots effort was started by Donna Sawhill, Sandy Kuriger, Sandra Lane and

Pam Honeychurch to help raise funds to pay down the debt on the sanctuary loan. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who made soup during our 2021-2022 season (Donna, Sandy, Pam, Jenine Furry, Pat Grossarth, Bill Kuriger, Jr., and Susie Moffett) and hummus (Sandra), and to the many wonderful supporters of this sale over the years, so far \$26,555.15 has been raised and applied to the loan principal!! Biblically the number 7 is used to communicate a sense of completeness. Carrying on with that thought, this 7th year of Soup & Hummus will be our final year and we look forward to finishing on a high note. Thank you for your continued support and for helping take a big chunk out of the loan.

**ANNUAL HAYRIDE** — Come to the Annual Hayride & Bonfire on **Saturday, October 1**, 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.

**LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE**



The Nurture Committee's **COOKIE WALK** will be **November 19th** this year. This is the sweetest and fastest fundraiser the church has, with the proceeds benefiting the General Fund. Please be thinking of your favorite festive cookie and candy recipes and we will be asking you to sign up at a later date. If you have any questions please contact Debbie Consoli 412-722-9131 or [conj2@verizon.net](mailto:conj2@verizon.net). Thank you for all your help and cookie donations.

**TAKE A WALK WITH A TACO** — Come get a "Walking Taco" during Sewickley's Harvest Festival on Saturday, **September 10th**. They will be available with all the toppings 10 am - 1 pm on the front lawn. Free lemonade with purchase. Proceeds benefit the church's General Fund.



The **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**, formerly known as the United Methodist Women, will hold its September luncheon meeting after the traditional service on **Sunday, September 18**, in the Simpson Room. Please bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Everyone is welcome.



**DID SOMEONE SAY PUMPKINS?**

The **PUMPKINS** are scheduled to arrive on **October 1st at 9 am** and we need **YOU** to help unload this precious orange cargo. The more people we have, the faster the truck gets unloaded. If you know of any organizations needing community service hours, please let Lou Ann Scott or Diane Bartley know so we can reach out to them sooner rather than later.

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.](#) **Please begin signing up now so we are ready to go on October 1.** 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 cancelations.

Volunteers are needed to head up some sub-committees (Pumpkin Moving Coordinator, Preschool Visit Reader Coordinator, Last Minute Scheduler) for this fundraiser/outreach project 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!



Attention High School Juniors & Seniors:

Many of you are looking into colleges for your future education. You may want look on the bulletin board outside the church office for a list of United Methodist affiliated colleges and universities. Many may surprise you. Scholarships are also available. I have starred a few you may be

familiar with but weren't aware of the affiliation with the United Methodist Church. Many of the schools are well known and have high recommendations. Please make yourself aware. Two of my sons attended West Virginia Wesleyan College and received a very good education and had wonderful experiences. We should try, as possible, to support these schools of higher education.

Thanks,  
Mrs. Carole Ford

Dear Sewickley UMC,

Thank you for supporting the Western PA Conference ministries and for giving us the opportunity to visit and share about our ministries in Guatemala. Your donations will help us to continue to empower women entrepreneurs and transform lives.

Rich and Lulu Mroccka  
United Methodist Missionaries

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gifts for our response to help those impacted by the war in Ukraine and for those in the US impacted by natural disasters may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - Thank you!

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms - sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,  
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

Dear Sewickley United Methodist Church,

On behalf of all of us who meet for AA meetings, we just wanted to say thank you so much for all of your hospitality! We are forever grateful!!

Thank you and God Bless from all of us,  
Joey S.

Dear SUMC family,

As we drift toward fall, I have so many reasons to lift prayers of thanksgiving for a glorious summer. Here are a few of them:

- I thank God for everyone who contributed toward Operation Christmas Child on our "Christmas in July" morning. Your sharing will allow us to fill 100 shoeboxes again this year. I am also thankful for those who have been contributing throughout the year.
- I thank God for the Trustees and everyone involved in the flooring projects, especially those who moved boxes and tables and chairs, in the basement classrooms. We hosted VBS and will launch Children's Church this month without interruption or interference. Nice work. The rooms are restored and ready for children again.
- I thank God for Lauren and her sound engineering skills, and everyone who listened, shared, promoted, and contributed to the children's podcasts we launched in July.
- I thank God for everyone who contributed to our VBS mission projects. It provided a hands-on opportunity for our VBS kids to serve, and our Missions Committee reports that the donations were delivered to the children at The Bridge in Northview Heights and the homeless at The Daily Bread ministry in Pittsburgh at a time when both initiatives needed a boost.
- I thank God for the children who planted, and people who contributed, flowers that are blooming around the church
- I thank God for the rainbow that appeared on the second night of VBS as we were struggling with COVID concerns and weather issues.
- I thank God for the serving team that allowed us to host a food truck event in the Simpson Room on the first day of VBS. I am thankful for everyone who joined us after our shared worship service with St. Paul's Lutheran and St. Matthews AME Zion.
- I thank God for everyone who contributed to repairing, painting and providing new ceiling fans and chairs in the Simpson Room.
- I thank God for the decorating team that gathered throughout July to prepare for VBS. On one night, we had 13 people from three churches contributing. I am also thankful for everyone who contributed cardboard and props (picnic tables, patio sets ... ).
- I thank God for the trip to the Creation music festival, and for the singalong at the campfire on the last night.
- I thank God for the little girl (Lucy S.!) who responded confidently to my "What did we learn today?" question at the end of the day. "We learned that God wants us to be strong and healthy," she said. And for that response, for giving children an opportunity to see God so clearly, I am thankful for everyone who contributed to our VBS experience.

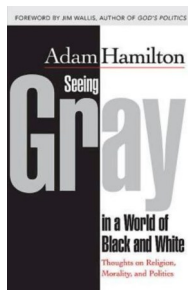
I look forward to sharing fall with all of you and joining you in more opportunities to serve and love and grow.

Sincerely,  
Bill Utterback  
Education Committee

**GROWTH GROUP SIGN UPS!** 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](mailto: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!

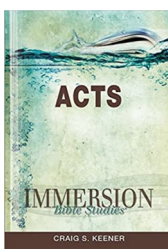


**SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK AND WHITE: Thoughts on Religion, Morality and Politics** Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, 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.



Signup: Jack Moffett at [jackmoffett@mac.com](mailto:jackmoffett@mac.com)  
 When: Sundays, 6:30 - 8 pm, **beginning September 11**  
 Where: The Moffett's home in Quaker Heights, 212 Pilgrim Drive, Sewickley

**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.



Signup: Hannah Loughman at [pastor@sewickleyumc.org](mailto:pastor@sewickleyumc.org)  
 When: Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm, **beginning September 13**  
 Where: The Parsonage, 333 Broad St, Sewickley

**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 gender and we welcome yours.



When: Sundays, 10 am, **every Sunday**  
 Where: The Sewickley UMC Library

**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, every Sunday, **beginning September 18**  
 Where: The Sewickley UMC Parlor

**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](mailto:donnabell1@verizon.net)  
 When: Tuesdays @ 10 am, **beginning October 4**  
 Where: Church Library

Jim Rogansky & Pamela Mayo	9/10	
Susan & Scott Spencer	9/13	
Steve & Pat Grossarth	9/14	
	9/18	
Eric & Amanda Miller	9/21	



Dan Chewning  
 Bruno Crapis  
 Betty Dornetta  
 Mark Ebner  
 Nancy Erdmann  
 Family of Tom Gaebel  
 (father of Kurt Gaebel)  
 Shirley Gerthung  
 (Wilma Hamilton's sister)  
 Jessica H.  
 Barbara Hawkins  
 (Otis McAliley's cousin)  
 Beate Henkel

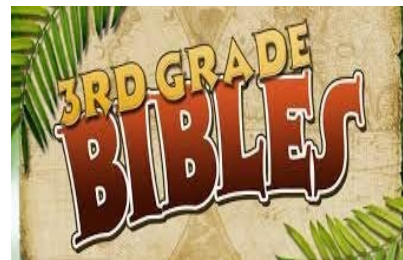
Brandy K.  
 Mike Kolesar  
 Henrietta Kretzler  
 Lisa L.  
 Ira McAliley  
 (Otis McAliley's son)  
 Mary Maminski  
 Tom Moog  
 Sarah Oba  
 Sandra Obeng  
 Lorraine Offner  
 Dominic Odom

Heather Rose  
 (Jennifer Jones' cousin)  
 Amy Richart  
 Jim Rogansky  
 Karen Shong  
 C.R. & Lorraine Simpson  
 Debbie Smith  
 Ron Smith  
 Bill Teed  
 Joseph Umer  
 Ryan Warden  
 Rich Z.  
 Dennis Zeveny

John A.  
 Hurst Bartley  
 Betty Burrows (Wilma  
 Hamilton's sister-in-law)  
 Betty Carrol  
 Family of Mike Carver  
 Cathy  
 Jack Certain  
 Irene Chenot  
 (Beth Zeanchock's mom)

We are recognizing our church family members who are in the 3rd grade this school year on September 11. See our current list below. If we are incorrect, have misspelled your child's name or have missed including your child, please help us make it right by reaching out to Sandra Lane (412)841-7169.

- ◆ Waylon Brown
- ◆ Arabella Burnett
- ◆ David Malarik
- ◆ Emilia Martinez



**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
<b>Minestrone with Sausage</b> (Beef Broth, Kielbasa, Onions, Garlic, Cabbage, Carrots, Zucchini, Celery, Stewed Tomatoes, White Beans & Pasta)		
<b>Gluten Free Minestrone</b> (no pasta)		
<b>Tomato Dill</b> (chicken broth, tomatoes, onions, fresh dill, heavy cream, salt and pepper)		
<b>Cream of Chicken and Wild Rice</b> (chicken broth, chicken breast, wild rice, carrots, onion, celery, butter, flour, spices, evaporated milk and half & half)		
<b>Sandra's Hummus</b> (vegetarian/vegan - chickpeas, lemon juice, garlic, tahini, spices)	\$5 for ½ pint	

**Orders are due by Sunday, September 25 and will be ready for pickup Friday, October 7 or Sunday, October 9. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. If using EasyTithe, please include the 3% transaction fee.**



We have 100 empty shoeboxes wrapped in vibrant Christmas paper.

We have an Operation Christmas Child packing party planned for the morning of **September 25**. All are welcome to join in the packing fun. The Children’s Church kids will lead the way, but there will be work for everyone. We will begin at 9 am and continue until all the boxes are packed. Join us between or after worship services.

We have plenty of crayons and markers, pens and pencils, erasers and sharpeners, sunglasses and socks, washcloths and toothbrushes, and stuffed animals. We’re thankful to all who have contributed.

And we have a few needs, if you’re looking to contribute, by September 25. We need more scissors, glue sticks, rulers (with a metric edge), notebooks, tissues, adhesive bandages, combs and brushes.

We could use a few more “wow” gifts like small balls and cars, jewelry, bandanas, ball caps, yo-yos, jump ropes, T-shirts and flip-flops.

We also accept financial donations, to complete our shopping needs and to cover shipping costs. The shipping price has jumped to \$10 per box this year.

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year the Fellowship of the Cross has led an OCC drive at SUMC. We have shipped more than 1,100 boxes to



children in Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Ukraine, Columbia, the Bahamas and several nations in Africa.

As we enter the final month of our Operation Christmas Child campaign, consider this note from Olesea, who was 5 and living in Moldova (a nation snuggled

between Ukraine and Romania) when she received her shoebox.

“The thing that stood out to me the most was a pack of colorful markers. I couldn’t take my eyes off them. There were so many in the pack! I didn’t know some of the colors existed,” Olesea, now a nurse, said in testimony posted on the OCC website.

“I was so excited I jumped up and started running around the room ... I always wished I could color and draw—the markers were exactly what I wanted. I could hardly wait to show my friends at school the new markers.

“I began a personal relationship with Jesus. He became real to me. The day I received my shoebox I went from knowing about Jesus to actually knowing Him. I began a personal relationship with Jesus — one where He is my Best Friend — instead of just a powerful Man I’d heard about during Sunday School.

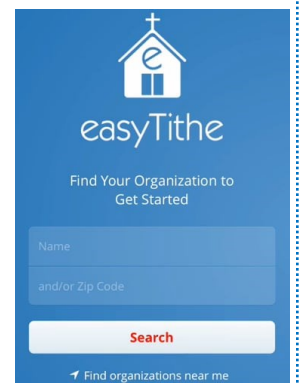
“God used my shoebox to reassure me that He really loved me. It showed me that God does answer prayer. God became real and personal to me.”



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

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.



**2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY THROUGH JULY**



	2022 Budget	Budgeted to Date	Paid/Received to Date	Over or (Under)
TOTAL EXPENSES	279,196.04	168,868.29	180,262.42	11,394.13
TOTAL RECEIPTS	279,216.00	153,168.10	160,403.45	7,235.35
OVERAGE (DEFICIT)	19.96	(15,700.19)	(19,858.97)	



Giacomo Giuseppe Barbuto-Call and his mom, Christine Charlotte Call, received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 24.

Giacomo was born in Pittsburgh on November 5, 2021. He is the son of Christine Call and Vincent James “Jimmy” Barbuto. Giacomo’s godparents are his aunt, Nina Barbuto, and Noah Zamagias. Christine was born in Fort Bragg, California, the daughter of Donna and Ken Call. Christine and her husband Jimmy, son Giacomo, and dog Buster, live in Sewickley.



Charles Robert Thornton received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 7. Charlie is the son of Aimee and Chris Thornton. He was born on May 6, 2020, in the Sewickley Valley Hospital. His godparents are his aunt, Kelly Herman, and Dave Lytle.



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

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

### MEMORIAL TO THE LOST

The memorial display on the church lawn through September 4 represents the 65 lives lost to gun violence in Allegheny County from October 2021 through June 2022. The display is the inspired work of Heeding God’s Call, an organization working to stop gun violence. We encourage you to walk among the shirts and pray for those impacted by gun violence — families, friends, communities — and for officials who have the power to enact change.

WPXI featured the display at SUMC on their news on August 25th.


[Check it out here.](#)

We have letters to government officials encouraging them to support gun reform laws — please sign if you feel so moved. We will mail the letters.

You can read more about Heeding God’s Call at [www.heedinggodscall.org](http://www.heedinggodscall.org). SUMC is 1 of 8 churches across the county hosting the display this summer and fall.



# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 6:30pm AA	3
4 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service	5 Rummage Sale for Mission Setup 7pm AA	6 Rummage Sale for Mission Setup 7pm AA	7 Rummage Sale for Mission Setup 6:30pm Leap of Faith	8 Rummage Sale for Mission Setup 6:15pm Bell Choir	9 3 - 7pm Rummage Sale for Missions 6:30pm AA	10 9am - 1pm Rummage Sale for Missions 10am - 1pm Walking Taco Sale 3pm Wedding
11 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service 12pm Parent Town Hall Meeting 6:30pm Growth Group: Seeing Gray	12 6:30pm Finance Committee 6:30pm Trustees 7pm AA 7:30pm Council Meeting	13 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Acts 7pm AA	14 10am SUMC Prayer Group 6:30pm Leap of Faith	15 6:15pm Bell Choir	16 6:30pm AA	17
18 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Traditional Service 12pm UWF (UMW) Luncheon Meeting 6:30pm Growth Group: Seeing Gray	19 7pm AA	20 6:30 - 8pm ALICE Volunteer Training 6:30pm Growth Group Study: Acts 7pm AA	21 6:30pm Leap of Faith	22 6:15pm Bell Choir	23 6:30pm AA	24
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Hurst Bartley 9/1  
9/2  
Victoria Reardon 9/4  
Roberta Davis 9/5  
Kaylee Kennedy 9/5  
Elliett Briggs Todd 9/8  
Loughman John 9/8  
Erkert Dorothy 9/10  
Jadlowiec Kathy 9/11  
Canter Ben Heinzl 9/13  
Pam Honeychurch 9/17  
9/17



CJ Jones 9/17  
Christian Miller 9/18  
Eva Ream 9/18  
Karen Nickell 9/20

Laura Powell 9/20  
Lincoln Loughman 9/21  
Amelia Leety 9/22  
Lucas Leety 9/22  
Allen Gleason 9/24  
Sean McCombs 9/24  
Sandy DeWitt 9/25  
Addy Leety 9/25  
Fay Wright 9/25  
Amelie Canfield 9/28  
Edie Erkert 9/29  
Tami Ozegovich 9/29

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.

I've heard the term "rally day" whispered over the years at Sewickley United Methodist. I liked the sound of it, but I never knew exactly what it meant. In my previous church associations, we never rallied.

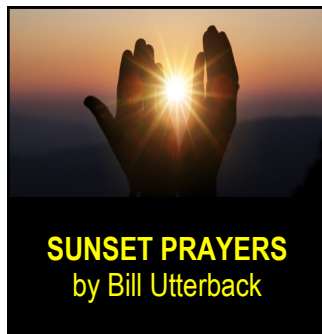
So, I considered asking Pastor Hannah or one of my trusted Methodist sources for insight, but instead I Googled it.

From an Internet dictionary, I found this explanation: "In liturgical Protestant churches, Rally Day marks the beginning of the church calendar year. It typically occurs at the end of September or the beginning of October."

From the UMC website, I found this insight: "Rally Day is observed in some congregations to celebrate a new start or a renewed effort in involving children, youth, and adults in Sunday morning classes for Christian education ... When Rally Day is observed on its own, focus is on efforts to involve as much of the congregation as possible in Sunday school or other Christian formation opportunities."

Let's rally. Let's lift a rally prayer. Let's launch a new church calendar year with prayer. Let's include Sunday mornings and Christian education, but let's amplify and explore the "efforts to involve as much of the congregation as possible."

On September 4, as the sun sets around 7:48 pm, from wherever you are, with whomever wants to join you, let's lift the Sewickley United Methodist Church and pray into the new calendar year.



Let's lift prayers of thanks for everything that has happened in the past year.

Let's lift prayers for Pastor Hannah, who began her third year with us in July.

Let's pray for our Christian Education initiatives, including our Children's Ministry and the Growth Groups, which will resume in September. All are welcome! Let's ask God to lift up leaders for our youth ministries and volunteers throughout our education ministries.

Let's pray for the chancel choir and the handbell choir and the children's bell choir, which resume in the new year. And let's pray for Leap of Faith, which serves in every season.

Let's pray for new ways to "involve as much of the congregation as possible" in ministries and missions. How can we include, invite and embrace more people? Can we create new ministries and missions? Can we expand or amplify existing ministries and missions?

Lord, please show us how we can reflect your love and your light more impactfully in the new year.

The UMC website offered a sample prayer for Rally Day. Perhaps we can include some of it in our rally prayer.

*"Bless our times of study so that we may grow in faith. Bless our times of fellowship so that we may truly live as brothers and sisters in Christ. Bless our times of prayer and worship so that we may be enriched in our spirits. Amen."*

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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.*