

Serving — Church Announcements – March 17, 2024

The altar flowers are presented
by Pat and Bill Ferguson in memory of
B.G. and Margaret Ferguson

- **EASTER EGG HUNT**—The Education team will be conducting an egg hunt between services on Easter Sunday. We will be collecting donations of candy, treats, small toys, stickers and other gifts that may fit inside plastic eggs through March 24. Donation bins will be located in the Narthex and outside the office. Children of all ages are invited. Guests are welcome!
- **SAVE THE DATE**— Our free Community Vacation Bible School, for students pre-school through middle school, will be offered from 6 pm through 8 pm, Aug. 5 through Aug. 8 on the SUMC campus. Our theme will be "Seekers in Sneakers: Discovering Jesus" and our exploration will help campers see Jesus in the world, in each other and in themselves. Everyone - classmates, teammates, neighbors, cousins - is welcome. Registration details will be revealed later in the Spring, but adults and youth interested in planning, preparation and presentation should see Grace Rogansky, Felicity Moffett, Pamela Mayo or Bill Utterback soon. [You can also fill out the VBS volunteer signup form online.](#) We appreciate your help and ideas. The imagining is underway!
- **VIDEO EDITOR NEEDED** - The Education team is searching for someone with basic video recording and editing experience to help create a children's video for our Mother's Day services. We're envisioning a short video with lots of young voices, recorded during the Children's church gatherings in early April. For more information, contact Bill Utterback, Grace Rogansky or Pamela Mayo.
- **MOTHER'S DAY** - Our children and youth will be leading worship on Mother's Day (May 12) and students are invited to share their musical gifts in the worship services. Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument on Mother's Day should contact Grace Rogansky, Pamela Mayo or Bill Utterback. The Junior Clocktower Ringers and Rainbow Bells will be participating and Children's church kids from 9 am & 11 am. will be leading prayer, sharing scripture and taking on multiple roles during the worship services.
- **EASTER FLOWERS**—To sponsor flowers to adorn the chancel on Easter, you may [order online here](#) or complete a paper form available in the back of the sanctuary or outside of the office. Please have orders in to the church office by Wednesday, March 20th. Please don't include payment with your offering. Write a separate check or put your cash payment in a separate envelope marked "Easter Flowers."
- **EASTER FOOD BAGS**—We are collecting Easter Bags for the food pantry. You are asked to take a bag with the grocery list attached, purchase the non-perishable items, and return the filled bag with the list attached. Alternatively, you may donate cash, which will be used to purchase eggs, fresh produce and other perishable products. Completed Easter bags and cash donations are needed by Sunday, March 24th. Grocery bags with lists are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

Ecumenical Lenten Services

<p>March 10: 4th Sunday in Lent Host: Sewickley Presbyterian Church Preaching: Rev. Hannah Loughman Time: 6pm with fellowship to follow</p>	<p>March 17: 5th Sunday in Lent Host: Sewickley UMC Preaching: Rev. Cariño Time: 6pm with fellowship to follow</p>	<p>March 24: Palm Sunday Host: St Matthews AME Zion Church Preaching: Rev. Charissa Howe Time: 6pm with fellowship to follow</p>
<p>March 28th: Maundy Thursday Host: Sewickley Presbyterian Church There will be no preaching Time: 7pm</p>	<p>March 29: Good Friday The Cross Walk begins at 5:30 at St. Matthews AME Zion Church Service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran at 6pm Preaching: Rev. Hannah Loughman</p>	<p>March 31: Easter Sunrise Service Host: Sewickley Cemetery Preaching: Rev. William Rankin Time: 6:30am</p>

- **PLEASE JOIN US**—Tonight, SUMC will be hosting the 5th Ecumenical Lenten Service. Rev. Cariño will be preaching and there will be a fellowship to follow. We hope to see you there!
- **LEAP OF FAITH**—Are you looking for some family friendly stuff to do on Saturday night? Have you been longing to go to a concert in a while? Or do you just really like good worship music? Join Leap of Faith for an evening of praise, worship and fellowship. We will rock this house of worship for Jesus on April 20th at 7 p.m. A free will offering will be received! All are welcome!
- **EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS NEEDED**—The Education team will be conducting an Easter Egg Hunt between worship services on Easter Sunday (March 31). We will be collecting donations of candy, treats, small toys, stickers and other gifts that may fit inside plastic eggs through March 24. Donation bins will be located in the Narthex and outside the Church Office. Children of all ages are invited to participate. Guests are welcome! On Easter morning, we will gather in the Simpson Room before heading on to the church lawn (weather permitting) to search for prizes. There will be an indoor plan as well. For more information, see Grace Rogansky, Felicity Moffett or Bill Utterback.
- **Looking for high school or college graduates**—Please notify the office or Sandra Lane (slane819@yahoo.com) if you are graduating in May 2024. Your church family would like to recognize and celebrate your achievement on June 9, both services. Below is a list of those we currently have on record. Please let us know of any spelling corrections or name additions:
 High School: David McCombs, Sebastian Cymbalak and Patrick Gold
 College: Paige Lenhardt and Hannah Gold
- **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**—The deadline for any April Newsletter entries is this Wednesday, March 20th. Please email or notify Elizabeth in the office as soon as possible with your information. You can reach her at 412-741-9430 or admin@sewickleyumc.org
- **BOOSTING THE CAPITAL FUND**—Thank you for supporting the ministries of SUMC with your giving. In addition to your regular giving, please consider giving to the “Capital Fund” to help provide for the long-term maintenance of our beautiful and prominent building.

PRAYER LIST			
Peace in the Holy Land	Clyde Grossarth (Steve's brother)	Lorraine Offner	Rich Zahrobsky
Hurst Bartley	Steve Grossarth	Keith Pelphrey	Dennis Zeveny
Betty Burrows (Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law)	Candy Grudovich (Joe Boward's sister)	Jean Reed	And our shut-ins:
Family of Dee Bursick (Family Friend of Carol Egenlauf)	Rev. Jim Hamilton	Jim Rogansky	
Sydni Canney	Family of Virginia Harriger	Jasmine Ross	Sylvia Bajsec
Anne Clifford (Jenine Furry's sister-in-law)	Beate Henkel	Megan Shong (Renee Gittins' great-niece)	Olive & Jim Chewning
Bruno Crapis	Lucas James	Nancy Shuluga	Renee Gittins
Mollie Devine (Renee Gittins' sister)	(Sel Dean's brother)	C.R. & Lorraine Simpson (Edie Erkert's parents)	Shirley Graham
Nick Devine (Renee Gittins' great nephew)	Matthew Kania	Jacqueline Stancil	Pat Rudy
	Grace & Murch King	Family of Shirley Sye	Lura Zaremba
	Family of Walt & Henrietta Kretzler	Bill T	
	Nikki and John	Lauren Tillman	
	Sandra Obeng	Morgan W. and Family	
		Karen Yant	

- **THANK YOU**—The Pepperoni Roll sale has come to a close. The Learning Tree Preschool would like to say, “Thank you!” We reached our goal and the kiddos have their new play kitchen.
- **THANK YOU**—Sylvia Bajsec called in with a very big and heartfelt thank you for all the cards and letters that she has received from her SUMC family.
- It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our Sister in Christ, Virginia Harriger. Please keep her family in your prayers through this difficult time. More information will be posted once it is available.
- **BOOKS FOR KIDS**—The 7th Grade Quaker Valley Middle School Project is Books for Kids. They are looking for donations of new or gently used books for daycares and preschools in local disadvantaged neighborhoods. The books should be geared towards infants/toddlers to preschool aged children. There is a box for donations located outside the office. Donations will be accepted until April 8th.
- **LIFE LINE SCREENING**—provides advanced, yet affordable and convenient health screenings that supplement your traditional healthcare. Preventive screenings can help and we have partnered with Life Line Screening to provide these valuable screenings here at SUMC on Thursday, April 11. They can help make you aware of a previously silent, unknown problems that can now get treated at an early stage, or confirm that you are on the right path and should continue your healthy habits. Don't let heart disease and stroke get in your way of the life you love. These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://lisa.social/HC>. Pre-registration is required.

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 5th Lenten Community Service 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am FOTC 11am Traditional Service 1pm Youth Group Meeting	18 5:30am Wandering Heart Devotion: Zoom 7pm AA	19 10am Women's Growth Group: Wandering Heart 6pm Growth Group Study: Wandering Heart 7pm AA	20 6:30pm –7:30pm Leader Board Meeting 6:30pm Leap of Faith	21 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm SUMC Singers	22 6:30pm AA	23
24 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service 1pm Youth Group Meeting 6pm Palm Sunday	25 5:30am Wandering Heart Devotion: Zoom 7pm AA	26 10am Women's Growth Group: Wandering Heart 6pm Growth Group Study: Wandering Heart 7pm AA	27 6:30pm Leap of Faith	28 7pm Maundy Thursday 7:30pm SUMC Singers	29 5:30pm Good Friday: Cross Walk 6pm Good Friday Service 6:30pm AA	30 1pm –SUMC Singers

- **WALKING WITH JESUS** — 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.
- **THE WOMEN'S GROWTH GROUP**—All women are invited to the Growth Group that meets at 10am on Tuesdays in the Church Library. Activities include Bible study, prayers and praise, fellowship, and service to others. Come add your ideas to this lively and inspiring group.
- **FELLOWSHIP OF THE CROSS (FOTC)** - meets at 11am on Sundays in the Simpson Room to work on service projects. All school age children and youth are welcome to be part of FOTC. Contact Grace Rogansky for more info: vgrogansky@gmail.com.
- **CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU** — Join our diverse adult group Sunday mornings at 10am. in the Library to discuss societal issues and Jesus-based ways we can make a difference
- **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!
- **CHURCH NURSERY** — The nursery, located in the basement, is open Sundays, 8:45am - 12:15pm (or when church lets out) for newborns through 4 (and older at the discretion of the nursery worker & parents). If you need assistance, an usher can help you locate it
- **ELECTRONIC GIVING** — Electronic giving is available to everyone. Vanco allows you to give via your credit card, debit card, or bank account. You also have the option of setting up recurring giving, and of giving to help cover the transaction and processing fees. You can use it 2 ways: 1) Via the Vanco Mobile Faith app (download to your phone) 2) Via the link on our website (sewickleyumc.org).