

Serving — Church Announcements – March 24, 2024

The altar flowers are presented
to the Glory of God
by Laura Powell

- **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 service
- **CARD SHOWER**—Let's shower Nancy Shuluga with cards as she celebrates her birthday on April 3. Please keep her and Russel, and their entire family, in your prayers as Nancy battles pancreatic cancer. 114 Bentley Down Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108
- **NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**—Sunday, April 14th. This United Methodist-wide Special Offering bolsters the work of Native American ministries in annual conferences throughout the United States. These ministries exist in rural and urban settings, including reservation and other community ministries. The Native American Ministries offering also provides scholarships for Native Americans studying at United Methodist schools of theology and empowers congregations to find culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities through Christ's love.



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>

- **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!
- **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, Hannah Gold and Emily Erkert
- **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.
- **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED** — Occasionally we get requests from members of our church family who need a ride to a medical appointment. If you'd be willing to be on a list of people willing to drive, please let Pastor Hannah or the office know.
- **BRING A BASKET!** - Families are invited and encouraged to bring baskets or bags to the Easter egg hunt between worship services on Easter Sunday (March 31). All children - family, friends, neighbors, classmates, visitors - are invited. The hunt will begin shortly after the 9 am service concludes, and will finish in time for children to attend the 11 a.m. service. We will gather in the Simpson Room, near the windows. Weather permitting, pre-schoolers will search for eggs on the playground, and children will search for eggs on the church lawn. Members of the education team will be chaperoning both hunts. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will hold the egg hunts in the church basement and Sunday school rooms. Following the hunt, children will return to the Simpson Room to explore their treasure or engage in small crafts.

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

- 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://lsa.social/HC>. Pre-registration is required.
- SUMMER CAMP 2024**—Registration is OPEN! The United Methodist Church has three great camps in Western PA. SUMC has campership funds available to help your child attend one of these camps this summer. For more info, please contact Sandy Kuriger or Pastor Hannah.
- The United Women in Faith (UWF)** will meet on Sunday, April 14, 2024 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).

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am FOTC 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
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- **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).