

## Serving — Church Announcements – March 3, 2024

The altar flowers are presented  
by Sandy Kuriger in celebration of all  
March birthdays

- **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)** - The United Women in Faith (UWF) will meet on Sunday, March 10, 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).
- **USHERS NEEDED** — Please sign up in back of the sanctuary to serve as an usher during upcoming 11am services. What do ushers do? Come about 30 minutes early to welcome folks while handing out bulletins, count attendance, collect the offering and generally be available to help if someone needs assistance with things like finding the nursery, water dispenser, or restrooms. New volunteers are always welcome! Questions, see Debbie or Joe Consoli.
- **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!
- **SOUPER THANK YOU!** — SUMC members delivered “souper” results and helped the local food pantry tackle hunger by donating \$355 in cash and several dozen cans of soup during the Souper Bowl of Caring. Thank you to all who participated.
- **Seasonal Choir for EASTER**—The seasonal choir is assembling for Easter Sunday! Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30, and we'll have a final Easter Choir rehearsal on Saturday, March 30, at 1pm. All are welcome. Contact Erik at 412-508-0073 or by email: [music@sewickleyumc.org](mailto:music@sewickleyumc.org) if you are interested or know someone who might be interested. Let's lift our voices and celebrate Our Lord.
- **UMCOR SUNDAY** - On March 10, we will celebrate UMCOR Sunday. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants to communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by war, storms or other crises. Last year, UMCOR delivered \$1.7 million toward:  
International Disaster Response, US Disaster Response, Global Migration and Relief Supplies.  
The UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR's “cost of doing business,” allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project and communities in need, not administrative costs. You can donate to UMCOR Sunday through your regular offering or eGiving (please designate UMCOR Sunday).
- It is with heavy hearts, we announce the death of Sewickley UMC church member, Shirley Sye. She passed away on Feb. 21, 2024 at the age of 88. Visitation will be held at the church on Monday, March 4 from 10-12pm and the funeral service will be held immediately following.

## *Ecumenical Lenten Services*

<p><b>February 18: 1st Sunday in Lent</b>            Host: Sewickley UMC            Preaching: Rev. Ryan Kobert            Time: 6pm with fellowship to follow</p>	<p><b>February 25: 2nd Sunday in Lent</b>            Host: St Matthews AME Zion Church            Preaching: Rev. Mike Creamer            Time: 6pm with fellowship to follow</p>	<p><b>March 3: 3rd Sunday in Lent</b>            Host: St. Paul's Lutheran Church            Preaching: Rev. Emily Miller            Time: 6pm with fellowship to follow</p>
<p><b>March 10: 4th Sunday in Lent</b>            Host: Sewickley Presbyterian Church            Preaching: Rev. Hannah Loughman            Time: 6pm with fellowship to follow</p>	<p><b>March 17: 5th Sunday in Lent</b>            Host: Sewickley UMC            Preaching: Rev. Cariño            Time: 6pm with fellowship to follow</p>	<p><b>March 24: Palm Sunday</b>            Host: St Matthews AME Zion Church            Preaching: Rev. Charissa Howe            Time: 6pm with fellowship to follow</p>
<p><b>March 28th: Maundy Thursday</b>            Host: Sewickley Presbyterian Church            There will be no preaching            Time: 7pm</p>	<p><b>March 29: Good Friday</b>            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><b>March 31: Easter Sunrise Service</b>            Host: Sewickley Cemetery            Preaching: Rev. William Rankin            Time: 6:30am</p>

- **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.
- **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!
- **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**—The Sewickley Community Food Pantry continues to serve more families who need help with food. Paper products are also welcome. Donations may be placed in the grocery carts in the hallway by the library and 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.
- **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.
- **PRAYER LIST** — Help keep the prayer list current. If someone you've added to the list can be removed, please let the office know.

PRAYER LIST			
Peace in the Holy Land Hurst Bartley Betty Burrows (Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law) Dee Bursick (Family Friend of Carol Egenlauf) Sydney Canney Anne Clifford (Jenine Furry's sister-in-law) Bruno Crapis Mollie Devine (Renee Gittins' sister) Betty Dornetta Nick Devine (Renee Gittins' great nephew)	Clyde Grossarth (Steve's brother) Steve Grossarth Candy Grudovich (Joe Boward's sister) Rev. Jim Hamilton Beate Henkel Lucas James (Sel Dean's brother) Matthew Kania Grace & Murch King Family of Walt & Henrietta Kretzler Carol Lewis (Susie Moffett's mom) 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  <b>And our shut-ins:</b> Sylvia Bajsec Olive & Jim Chewning Renee Gittins Shirley Graham Virginia Harriger Pat Rudy Lara Zaremba

- **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.
- **MEAL MINISTRY** — When someone in our church family is facing a difficult or challenging time (sickness, death, new baby, etc.), our Meal Ministry volunteers provide meals. If you would like to be added to our list of volunteers willing to help with the meals please let our Nurture Chair, Sandy Kuriger, or the office know.
- **CHILI IS ON THE WAY!** - The Nurture Committee will have the chili and hummus available for those that ordered to pick up on Friday, March 8th from 9-5pm or Sunday, March 10 between 12-2pm.
- **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.
- **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."

## Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service 6pm 3rd Lenten Community Service	<b>4</b> 5:30am Wandering Heart Devotion: Zoom 7pm AA	<b>5</b> 10am Women's Growth Group: Wandering Heart 6pm Growth Group Study: Wandering Heart 7pm AA	<b>6</b> 6:30pm Leap of Faith	<b>7</b> 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm SUMC Singers	<b>8</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>9</b>
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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](mailto: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](http://sewickleyumc.org)).