

Serving — Church Announcements – April 14, 2024

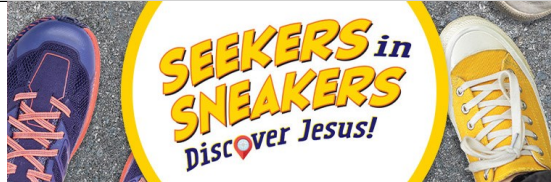
- **MOTHER'S DAY** - Our children and youth will be leading worship on Mother's Day (May 12) and students are invited to share their musical gifts in the worship services. Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument on Mother's Day should contact Grace Rogansky, Pamela Mayo or Bill Utterback. 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
- **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.
- **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.
- **The United Women in Faith (UWF)** will meet on TODAY 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).



- **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!
- **PITTSBURGH DISTRICT CONFERENCE**—The Conference will be held on April 21st at Dutilh UMC at 3pm. 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
- **SOLO RECITALS**—Violin, Viola, and piano students from the studios of Leah Givelber, Rochelle Agnew, and Christopher Sforza will present two Spring Solo Recitals on April 27th at SUMC. We welcome and invite the community to attend either performance at 2pm (violin/ piano) or 4pm (violin/ viola)

- **URGENT CALL FOR CLEANING BUCKETS**—In light of the widespread flooding and extreme weather in our region and beyond, UMCOR cleaning kits are desperately needed to restock the Mission Barn. The current stock of buckets is very low. The cost of each bucket is approximately \$75. Donations of cash and cleaning products are welcome. Please provide only products that are included on the approved kit list at: <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/> Donations of CLEAN, new or used five-gallon round buckets with re-sealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" -no screw lids) are especially needed.
- **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.
- **SAVE THE DATE**—Please come to our annual church picnic where we will break bread with our family at St Matthews AME Zion Church on June 23. We will provide the beef and veggie burgers and hotdogs There will be one service that day. More to follow.
- **NURTURE COMMITTEE**—Is needing volunteers to help with the Walking Taco sale at May Mart on Saturday, May 13th. Please reach out to Sandy Kuriger or Donna Sawhill to sign up.
- **WOMEN’S GROUP**—The Tuesday Women’s Group has collected over \$150 in their birthday bank for the Nyadire. Please help them double this amount with a gift of any amount. The group is studying important women every Tuesday morning in April. The May study will concentrate on “The Chosen.”
- **EASTER FOOD BAGS**—Thank you to all who donated food or cash to the Easter food bag drive. Over 15 families enjoyed a full Easter meal thanks to your generosity!
- **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.
- **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.

<p>PRAYER LIST</p> <p>Peace in the Holy Land Hurst Bartley Betty Burrows (Wilma Hamilton's sister-in-law) Sydni Canney Anne Clifford (Jenine Furry's sister-in-law) Bruno Crapis Mollie Devine (Renee Gittins' sister) Nick Devine (Renee Gittins' great nephew) Family of Kayla Green</p>	<p>Clyde Grossarth (Steve's brother) Steve Grossarth Candy Grudovich (Joe Boward's sister) Rev. Jim Hamilton Beate Henkel Rosemary Herring Lucas James (Sel Dean's brother) Matthew Kania Grace & Murch King Margaret Mayo Marley McAiley Nikki and John</p>	<p>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 Bill T Lauren Tillman Morgan W. and Family</p>	<p>Jack Wilfong Winnie Wright Karen Yant Rich Zahrobsky Dennis Zeveny</p> <p>And our shut-ins:</p> <p>Sylvia Bajsec Olive & Jim Chewning Renee Gittins Shirley Graham Pat Rudy Lura Zaremba</p>
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- VBS TEAM MEETING APRIL 21** -The SUMC Vacation Bible School (VBS) team will hold a planning meeting April 21 in the Simpson Room immediately following the 11 am traditional service. Adults and youth interested in leadership/volunteer positions are urged to attend. Our “Seekers in Sneakers” VBS will take place August 5 through August 8 on the SUMC campus. This is a collaborative effort with St. Matthew’s AME Zion and St. Paul’s Lutheran churches and is free and open to all children from pre-school through middle school. Registration details will be shared soon. To register as a volunteer, [please click here](#). The April 21 planning meeting is where we begin building teams and sharing ideas. Topics on the table will include decorating, marketing, mission, storytelling, music, games, science, crafts, and games/recreation, as well as pre-school and middle school possibilities.
- VBS PRAYER**—The VBS team, recognizing our church family’s extraordinary capacity for prayer, is also launching a new prayer initiative this year. Everyone’s invited! We will provide a prayer focus each month from April through August, and we’re asking you to consider fitting a VBS prayer into your daily or weekly prayer plans. Our prayer focus for April will involve our volunteers, those who have come forward, and those who are wondering if there might be a place where they could help. In June, we’re hoping to assemble a prayer team that will lift specific prayer requests as we move closer to Seekers in Sneakers. For more information, contact Grace Rogansky, Felicity Moffett, Pam Mayo or Bill Utterback.

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am FOTC 11am Traditional Service 12pm UWF (UMW) Luncheon Meeting 1pm Youth Group Meeting	15 6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting 7pm AA	16 10am Women's Growth Group 6pm Growth Group Study: Daniel 7pm AA	17 6:30pm –7:30pm Leader Board Meeting 6:30pm Leap of Faith	18 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm SUMC Singers	19 6:30pm AA	20 7pm Leap of Faith Concert
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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).