

## Serving — Church Announcements – April 28, 2024

The altar flowers are presented  
by Donna Sawhill.  
May the flowers' beauty represent God's love for everyone.

- **MOTHER'S DAY** - The children will be leading our worship services on Mother's Day, May 12, and will be collecting coloring books and crayons, puzzle books, and activity books for hospitalized children at Heritage Valley Sewickley and depending on how many contributions we gather, other area hospitals. Anyone wishing to contribute can leave their donations in the FOTC collection boxes in the narthex and outside the church office throughout the month.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**—on May 19, the children will be planting flowers around the SUMC campus during the 9 and 11am worship services. Anyone wishing to contribute annuals can leave the flowers outside the church office beginning May 11. The SUMC Children's Church school year will end on May 19 and resume again in the fall.
- **The United Women in Faith (UWF)** will host a Rummage Sale for Missions on Friday, May 10 from 3pm to 7pm and on Saturday, May 11 from 9am to 1pm. Previously owned treasures, including household items, seasonal clothing, shoes, books, puzzles, and much more will be available. All proceeds from the Sale are used to fund local, national and international UWF mission projects. We appreciate your donations to our Sale, but we are not able to accept electronics and exercise equipment of any kind as well as large pieces of furniture or rugs. Small tables, chairs, nightstands, plant stands and area rugs are acceptable. If you would like to help us with this Sale, please contact Pat Grossarth at 412-741-6208 or Kristine Swaney at 412-741-2092.
- **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** — The Sewickley Community Food Pantry has special need for pasta sauce, spaghetti, noodles, peanut butter, jelly, and apple sauce. Contributions of other non-perishable food items and paper products are always 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.
- **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**—Our pets are a blessing to us, so let us gather together and bless them! Join us on May 19, at 9am or at 11am. All pets are invited to come. Please keep them on a leash or in their crate or cage as necessary. During our Sunday worship services your pet will be welcomed to come forward, and bring you with them, in order to receive a special blessing. Genesis 1:25 says "God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good." Bring your fur (or not so furry) babies to Sewickley United Methodist Church to celebrate that goodness!





- **MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY WORSHIP** —On Sunday, May 26, we will observe Memorial Day, a time in which we remember fallen heroes who faithfully served our country. We will also recognize our veterans and the veterans of the Sewickley area. Everyone is invited to lunch provided by the Nurture Committee in the Simpson Room following the Traditional Service. The Bells will be playing at the 11am service and also in the Sewickley Parade on Monday. Nurture is providing the main dish, dessert, and beverages. Please bring a salad or side dish to share.
- **LEADERSHIP BOARD**—Town Hall Meeting! Come join us on Sunday, May 5th at 2pm as we gather in the sanctuary. We will give you updates on what has been going on at our meetings and answer any questions you may have.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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**—It’s Walking Taco Time at the Sewickley May Mart on Saturday, May, 11th. Come enjoy our traditional treats with all the tasty toppings! Our booth is on the corner just across from the church. Free lemonade with taco purchase!
- **WOMEN TOGETHER LUNCHEON**—All women are invited to lunch on Friday, May 31st, at the Christy House in Sewickley. Meet in our church parking lot and walk to the restaurant. The meal costs \$18 cash or check. Please let Debbie Chesney know if you would like to attend by May 10th at 412-580-4012.
- **ANNUAL SHOE DRIVE**—EUMA and All God’s Children Ministries/Ramps of Hope are holding their Annual Shoe Drive to raise funds for their missions. Sewickley UMC will collect new and gently used, CLEAN shoes (pairs only) from now until June 2nd. Ask your friends, family, and neighbors to help collect shoes. Simply make sure each pair is connected, whether by the shoelaces or with rubber bands. A collection box will be in the narthex and in the hall by the restrooms.
- **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 is welcome.

| PRAYER LIST   |  |  |  |
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| Peace in the Holy Land<br>Brenda Avery<br>Hurst Bartley<br>Betty Burrows (Wilma<br>Hamilton's sister-in-law)<br>Sydni Canney<br>Anne Clifford (Jenine<br>Furry's sister-in-law)<br>Bruno Crapis<br>Mollie Devine<br>(Renee Gittins' sister)<br>Nick Devine (Renee<br>Gittins' great nephew) | Clyde Grossarth (Steve's<br>brother)<br>Steve Grossarth<br>Candy Grudovich (Joe<br>Boward's sister)<br>Rev. Jim Hamilton<br>Beate Henkel<br>Rosemary Herring<br>Lucas James<br>(Sel Dean's brother)<br>Matthew Kania<br>Grace & Murch King<br>Margaret Mayo<br>Marley McAliley<br>Nikki and John | Sandra Obeng<br>Lorraine Offner<br>Keith Pelphrey<br>Jean Reed<br>Jim Rogansky<br>Jasmine Ross<br>Megan Shong (Renee<br>Gittins' great-niece)<br>Family of Nancy Shuluga<br>C.R. & Lorraine Simpson<br>(Edie Erkert's parents)<br>Jacqueline Stancil<br>Bill T<br>Lauren Tillman<br>Morgan W. and Family | Jack Wilfong<br>Family of Winnie Wright<br>Karen Yant<br>Rich Zahrobsky<br>Dennis Zeveny<br><br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>And our shut-ins:</b></p> Sylvia Bajsec<br>Olive & Jim Chewning<br>Renee Gittins<br>Shirley Graham<br>Pat Rudy<br>Lura Zaremba |

- **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/> There are items posted on the bulletin board by the office that you can grab and purchase to donate towards a bucket.
- **St. Paul's United Methodist Church's Working for Justice group (WFJ)** will be traveling to Harrisburg to participate in *CeaseFirePA's Advocacy Day to End Gun Violence on May 7, 2024*. A bus is being arranged to leave from the church parking lot to take participants to and from the event and there is space for additional people. The bus group will be meeting with legislators and participating in advocacy discussions related to ending community violence via firearms. To register, see CeaseFirePA's website: <https://act.ceasefirepa.org/a/advocacyday24?ms=homepageOthers> For questions and to arrange travel with the group from St. Paul's, contact WFJ Chairperson Michael Dimonte at: [michaeldimo124@hotmail.com](mailto:michaeldimo124@hotmail.com).
- **PRIDE FEST 2024**—We are participating in the Pittsburgh Pride Fest by hosting a table at the Festival on the Northside on May 30 (1-7pm) and May 31st (11am-9pm). We will also take part in the Pride Parade on June 1 starting in the Strip District with line up at 10am and step off at 12pm. We would love for you to join us. For more information, please contact Susie Moffett or Bill Utterback.
- **VBS PRAYER**—The VBS team, recognizing our church family's extraordinary capacity for prayer, is 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  |
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| <b>28</b><br>9am Contemporary Service<br>10am Adult Sunday School<br>11am Fellowship of the Cross<br>11am Traditional Service  | <b>29</b><br>7pm AA<br>7pm Marketing Committee | <b>30</b><br>10am Women's Growth Group<br>6pm Growth Group Study<br>7pm AA<br>7pm Library Committee | <b>1</b><br>6:30pm Leap of Faith   | <b>2</b><br>6:15pm Bell Choir<br>7:30pm SUMC Singers   | <b>3</b><br>6:30pm AA  | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>5</b><br>9am Contemporary Service<br>10am Adult Sunday School<br>11am Fellowship of the Cross<br>11am Traditional Service<br>1pm Sundaes on Sunday<br>2pm Town Hall Meeting | <b>6</b><br>Rummage Sale Setup<br>7pm AA       | <b>7</b><br>Rummage Sale Setup<br>10am Women's Growth Group<br>6pm Growth Group Study<br>7pm AA     | <b>8</b><br>Rummage Sale Setup<br>10am SUMC Prayer Group<br>6:30pm Leap of Faith | <b>9</b><br>Rummage Sale Setup<br>12pm Learning Tree: Mother's Day<br>6:15pm Bell Choir<br>7:30pm SUMC Singers | <b>10</b><br>12pm Learning Tree: Mother's Day<br>3pm –7pm Rummage Sale for Missions<br>6:30pm AA | <b>11</b><br>9am –1pm Rummage Sale for Missions |

- **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. May meetings will concentrate of "The Chosen."
- **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