

Serving — Church Announcements – May 19, 2024

The altar flowers are presented by Pat Grossarth
in honor of Dan Hooper's birthday—Love, Mom and Dad

- **FOTC**—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 of May.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**—The children will be planting flowers around the SUMC campus during the 9 and 11am worship services. The SUMC Children's Church school year will end on May 19 and resume again in the fall.
- **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.
- **Stamps, stamps, and more stamps!**
As we continue to try and look for ways to be more cost effective in the office, we solicit your help. If you find yourself at the Post Office and are thinking, "How can I help our church continue to connect with our wonderful shut-ins?" the answer is pick up an extra book of stamps. We will be sure to put them to good use as the office sends mail to them each week! We thank you in advance for the special ways in which you uniquely participate in caring for our community!
- **United Women in Faith (UWF)** women thank all of you who made our Spring Rummage Sale for Missions a huge success. We raised \$1965.00 all of which supports UWF mission projects. Thank you to all who donated items, prayed for our sale, bought items with generous donations, sold items, carried items up and down stairs, unpacked bags, boxes and totes, swept the floor, set up tables and filled them with treasures, took down tables, put up canopies and took down canopies, put up signs and took down signs, packed up the leftovers for further distribution, made trips to distribute leftover times to other ministries, tore down and recycled cardboard boxes, and/or provided cookies and crackers to keep us going. Every bit of assistance is appreciated. Thank you for helping us help others, especially women and children, in need here at home and around the world—Kristine Swaney



- **CROCHET AND KNITTING CIRCLE**—The crochet/knitting group is excited to announce a new mission project of making prayer shawls (both traditionally masculine and feminine) for a local Hospice. The goal is to make 2 per week on an ongoing basis. This will take a lot of yarn! If anyone has yarn donations, or if anyone has crochet or knitting skills and would like to help make shawls, there will be boxes for these donations in the entryway to the sanctuary. Your help is appreciated! Please see Amanda Pelphey with any questions.

PLEASE NOTE

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- PRAYER LIST** — Help keep the prayer list current. If someone you’ve added to the list can be removed, please let the office know.
- 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.



SAVE THE DATE
CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 23

BINGO

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6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

Please come to our annual church picnic where we break bread with our family at St. Matthews AME Zion Church. We will provide the beef and veggie burgers and hotdogs.

Time: Setup at noon; break bread at 12:30

Where: War Memorial Park, Shelter #1 (Blackburn Road, pass YMCA, make left into lot after paddle courts)

Bring: Lawn chairs (available seating is limited) and a side dish or dessert to share. If you have kids, there is playground & creek access so you may want to bring water shoes, sunscreen and towels as well

Expect: FUN!!! FOOD!!! and Bingo, of course

PRAYER LIST			
Peace in the Holy Land Brenda Avery Hurst Bartley Barbara and Gary Bradel 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) 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	Frances Wright McAliley Otis McAliley The Minke Family Nikki and John Sandra Obeng Lorraine Offner Jean Reed Jim Rogansky Jasmine Ross Megan Shong (Renee Gittins' great-niece) C.R. & Lorraine Simpson (Edie Erkert's parents) Jacqueline Stancil Bill T	Lauren Tillman Morgan W. and Family Jack Wilfong Karen Yant Rich Zahrobsky Dennis Zeveny <p style="text-align: center;">And our shut-ins:</p> Sylvia Bajsec Olive & Jim Chewning Renee Gittins Shirley Graham Pat Rudy Lura Zaremba

- **NORTHSIDE FOOD PANTRY**—Volunteers are needed for produce distribution in Northview Heights. On Saturday, June 15 from 9-10:30am, SUMC's Outreach Committee will provide volunteers for the weekly produce distribution in Northview Heights. The distribution is sponsored by the Northside Food Pantry Advisors. A wide variety of fruits and vegetables are provided to approx. 40-50 families. Come and help provide nutritional security to a community in need. Transportation is available. We need at least 6 volunteers. If you are interested, contact Sharon Cowden 412-292-5637.
- **PRIDE FEST 2024**—Would you like to march in the Pittsburgh Pride Parade on June 1st to celebrate the inclusive love of Jesus? Pull out your rainbow flags and sunglasses and join other Methodists from across our conference to show our support of our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Check in with Susie Moffett at Susie.fhnc@gmail.com for more details or sign up to march at <https://form.jotform.com/241287948542164>.
- **SUMC PRIDE SERVICE**—During both worship services on June 2 we will give glory to God for the beautiful diverse ways in which God has created us. Join us as we affirm the members of the LGBTQ+ community, celebrate the energy that has been put toward the fight for equality and recognize the work that still needs to be done.
- **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.
- **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.

Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service 12pm UTH 4 Missions Meeting 6pm QV Marching Band Banquet	20 7pm AA	21 10am Women's Growth Group 6pm Growth Group Study: Daniel 7pm AA	22 6:30pm Leap of Faith	23 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm SUMC Singers	24 12:30pm Learning Tree: Preschool Graduation 6:30pm AA	25
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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. 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.
- **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).