

## Serving — Church Announcements – May 5, 2024

- We welcomed Calvin Cannister as a newly baptized member of Sewickley United Methodist Church and the body of Christ! He was baptized on May 5th at the 9am service.
- **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!
- **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!

- **PICS OF YOU AND YOUR PETS!** - We're looking for a few volunteers (and their pets) to participate in a future social post! If you're a pet owner, we'd love to feature you in an upcoming Blessing of the Animals event push. If you can, please submit a picture of you with your pet to Krista at: [krista@kristaream.com](mailto:krista@kristaream.com) . Kindly also include your preferred name and the name of your pet/s. Please submit your email no later than May 12th.
- **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 TODAY 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.

<b>PRAYER LIST</b>			
Peace in the Holy Land Brenda Avery 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)	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 Keith Pelphrey 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;"><b>And our shut-ins:</b></p> Sylvia Bajsec Olive & Jim Chewning Renee Gittins Shirley Graham Pat Rudy 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://umcmission.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 in Point State Park on May 31 and June 1. 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 will be marching with other United Methodist churches. We would love for you to join us at the booth and/or in the parade. Look for more information in church bulletins and social media in May, or 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
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am Contemporary Service 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Fellowship of the Cross 11am Traditional Service 1pm Sundaes on Sunday 2pm Town Hall Meeting	7pm AA	←Rummage Sale Setup→		12pm Learning Tree: Mother's Day 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm SUMC Singers	12pm Learning Tree: Mother's Day 3pm –7pm Rummage Sale for Missions 6:30pm AA	9am –1pm Rummage Sale for Missions
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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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](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)).