

# SEWICKLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## April 2017 Minutes

### *From The Pastor's Heart*

June 15, 1983, just a few weeks before we moved from our little house in Hillsville to our second appointment (our first parsonage) is a day I will long remember.

Let me set the scene: we lived only four houses away from my parents. My uncle and aunt lived next door to my parents in the old homestead.

It just happened to be my aunt's birthday. My father came home from work for lunch and saw his brother and sister-in-law sitting on their front porch and yelled across the way wishing Aunt Leona happy birthday! Not long after, I was returning from the little local grocery store when I saw my baby sister (who was 13 at the time), running as fast as she could through the yard. Her speed and the look of fear and terror on her face immediately told me something was terribly wrong. I pulled the car over and yelled, "Brenda, what's wrong?" "It's Aunt Leona," she cried. I think she's dead."

I got out of the car and ran to their front porch to find Aunt Leona unresponsive on the floor. My uncle and I administered CPR and mouth to mouth resuscitation. It seemed like the ambulance would never get there. Even though it seemed hopeless, we hoped and prayed as we followed the ambulance.

Our worst fears were realized when the doctor came out and said they did all they could, but Aunt Leona did not survive, she died on her birthday.

John's story of the first Easter is vivid, rich, and full of fascinating details. In John, the little things, the details, are often pregnant with meaning. There is an interesting detail in John's Easter account – everyone was busy running.

The mood was somber, to say the least. Grief was in the air. Hopelessness filled the hearts of the followers of Jesus. It is with this kind of emotion that Mary Magdalene made her way to the tomb to do one last loving thing for her friend, Jesus; she went to anoint his body.

When she discovered the tomb was empty, she interpreted this empty tomb as another tragedy, not only had they killed her Jesus, now someone had stolen his body. She panicked and ran as fast as she could to some of the disciples. Just as I saw my sister run with the speed of lightening and saw the fear and terror on her face, I imagine in my mind's eye that same speed and look on Mary's face. Mary didn't even consider the possibility that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Her hopeless situation grew even more hopeless, if that was possible.

And what happened next? - more running! After Mary cried out that Jesus' body was missing, Peter and the other disciple set out for the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. They saw for themselves that the tomb was empty and returned home overcome with fear and hopelessness.

Mary obviously had run back to the tomb again, because we are told when the disciples returned home (probably more running), Mary remained in the garden where the tomb was located.

According to John, that first Easter there was much running... panicked running... running out of fear and confusion.

All of that fear, confusion, panic and running came to an end when Jesus simply spoke Mary's name.

If you find yourself running (physically or mentally), if you find yourself filled with fear and confusion and panic this Easter, stop for a minute and listen, for the Risen Savior is calling your name. He replaces our fears and hopelessness with peace and life.

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Russel

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### PALM/PASSION SUNDAY — April 9

On Palm Sunday, Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. Jesus traveled to Jerusalem, knowing that this journey would end in his sacrificial death on the cross for the sins of humankind. Palm/Passion Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. The biblical account of Palm Sunday is found in Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; and John 12:12-19. Palm Sunday commemorates the fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9: *“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*



As Jesus entered the city, people threw down their cloaks on the path where Jesus rode as an act of homage and submission. They shouted “Hosanna” and waved palm branches and placed them before Jesus. The palm branches symbolized goodness and victory, and the shouts of “Hosanna” were often used to express adoration, praise or joy. In this setting, it is an appeal for deliverance...a plea for salvation. The joy and celebration of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem quickly turned ugly, and the horrific suffering (mental, emotional and physical) comes on the heels of joy and celebration. The Passion of Christ was not always tied with Palm Sunday, but because people do not often attend Holy week services, the two have been combined. The passion narratives are often read on this Sunday.

We will observe Palm/Passion Sunday at both our 9 am Contemporary Service and our 11 am Traditional Service. Both services will begin with the celebratory observance of Palm Sunday. The services will then move into the Passion of the Christ. The Contemporary Service will include the Passion Narratives with song. The Traditional Service will observe the Passion of Jesus through the Cantata: “A Service of Darkness: Seven Choral Meditations on the Last Words of Christ” by Dale Wood. The Chancel Choir will be joined by the Wesley Chorale in this performance.

### HOLY THURSDAY (MAUNDY THURSDAY) — April 13

Holy Thursday is the beginning of the three day celebration of Easter—the most important time of the year for Christians. This period (The Triduum or The Three Days) is one big celebration, remembering the Last Supper, the crucifixion and the death of Jesus, and the Resurrection to new life. On this day, Christians remember the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with his disciples. This meal was the ancient celebration of the Passover meal - the meal which Jewish people share together to celebrate the time when God delivered Moses and God’s people from slavery in Egypt.

The night of Holy Thursday is the night on which Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane. The word



“Maundy” is derived from the Latin word “mandatum,” meaning a commandment. Jesus Christ, at the Last Supper, commanded:

*‘And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.’ John 13:34-35*

This commandment was given during the Last Supper when Jesus washed his disciples’ feet, an act of servitude.

We will observe **Holy/Maundy Thursday at a 7 pm service** with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

### GOOD FRIDAY/HOLY FRIDAY — April 14

This is the day on which we commemorate the passion/suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. Many Christians spend this day in fasting, prayer, repentance, and meditation on the agony and suffering of Christ on the cross. The biblical account of Jesus’ death on the cross, or crucifixion, his burial and his resurrection, or raising from the dead, can be found in the following passages of Scripture: Matthew 27:27-28:8; Mark 15:16-16:19; Luke 23:26-24:35; and John 19:16-20:30.

Why is Good Friday referred to as “good”? Why not call it “Bad Friday” or “Sorrowful Friday”? Some believe Good Friday is derived from “God’s Friday.” Regardless of the origin, the name Good Friday is entirely appropriate because of the suffering and death of Jesus, as horrific as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God’s plan to save God’s people from their sins. What the Jewish authorities and Romans did to Jesus was definitely not good. However, the results of Christ’s death are very good! God demonstrates God’s own love for us in this: *“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8).* On Good Friday, we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins.

**Our Good Friday Service begins at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church** (616 Washington Street, Sewickley) **at 11:30 am** with a brief prayer service, followed by the procession to Saint Andrew’s, where prayers will be offered. The procession will continue through Sewickley with prayers for all of the local churches, ending at our church, where the service will continue with the dramatic reading of the crucifixion narrative. Those who do not wish to walk the procession may meet at our church at noon.



### EASTER SUNDAY — April 16

This is the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. The word “Easter” does not appear in the Bible and no early church celebrations of Christ’s resurrection are mentioned in Scripture. Easter, like Christmas, is a tradition that developed later in church history.

Most reference books say that the name “Easter” derived from the Eastre, the Teutonic goddess of Spring. For this reason some



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## Worship Opportunities - April 2017



Contemporary Worship Service: 9 am  
 Sunday School for all ages: 10 am (September—May)  
 Traditional Worship Service: 11 am

**April 2, 2017**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
 Sacrament of Holy Communion  
 Handbell Choir Plays**

**A/V:** Sandra Lane (9 am)  
 Laura Geason (11 am)

**Liturgist:** Mike Pedee

**Lectionary Readings**

Ezekiel 37:1-14      Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
 Romans 8:6-11      John 11:1-45

**April 9, 2017**

**Palm/Passion Sunday  
 Sheltered with Love**

**A/V:** Lou Ann Scott (9 am)  
 Pam Honeychurch (11 am)

**Liturgist:** Martha Boward

**Lectionary Readings**

**Liturgy of the Palms**

Matthew 21:1-11      Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**Liturgy of the Passion**

Isaiah 50:4-9a      Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)  
 Philippians 2:5-11      Matthew 26:14-27 or 27:11-54

**April 13, 2017**

**Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday**

**A/V:** Volunteer Needed

**Lectionary Readings**

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14  
 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)  
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26      John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 14, 2017**

**Holy Friday/Good Friday**

**A/V:** Volunteer Needed

**Lectionary Readings**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12      Psalm 22 (UMH 752)  
 Hebrews 10:16-25      John 18:1-19:42

**April 16, 2017**

**Easter Sunday**

**A/V:** Laura Geason (9 am)

Volunteer Needed (11 am)

**Liturgist:** Carole Ford

**Lectionary Readings**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12      Psalm 22 (UMH 752)  
 Hebrews 10:16-25      John 18:1-19:42

**April 23, 2017**

**Second Sunday of Easter  
 Wesley Chorale**

**A/V:** Sandra Lane (9 am)

Volunteer Needed (11 am)

**Liturgist:** Genevieve Moffett

**Lectionary Readings**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32      Psalm 16 (UMH 748)  
 1 Peter 1:3-9      John 20:19-31

**April 30, 2017**

**Third Sunday of Easter  
 Native American Ministries Sunday**

**A/V:** Volunteer Needed (9 am)

Kim Benjamin (11 am)

**Liturgist:** Bola Nicholson

**Lectionary Readings**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41      Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)  
 1 Peter 1:17-23      Luke 24:13-35

prefer to use the term "Resurrection Sunday" rather than Easter. In Western Christianity, Easter Sunday can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25. Easter is a movable feast, always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the Paschal Full Moon.

### EASTER CELEBRATIONS

**Ecumenical Sunrise Service at 6:30 am** in the chapel at the Sewickley Cemetery.

**9 am Contemporary and 11 am Traditional....** Easter is the celebration of the Good News of God's never ending love, demonstrated in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The traditional service will feature the chancel choir and a brass ensemble under the direction of Brad Jones. The *Halleluiah Chorus* will climax the Easter Celebration.

Come celebrate Him, as we lift our hearts and voices in uplifting music and preaching.



## NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

**BUNKO FUNDRAISER** for the Honduras Mission Team — Come join the fun and games on **Saturday, April 1**. Doors open at 6:30 pm, with the games starting at 7 pm. \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door; includes food, drinks, prizes and fun! The games are easy to learn and fun to play! See Alisa Lenhardt or any other Honduras Mission Team Member for advance tickets and other information. Come join the fun!



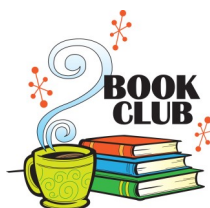
**THANK YOU FROM GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK (GPCFB)** - Due to the widespread boil water alert in the Pittsburgh area in early February, there was a need for bottled water donations. Sewickley UMC Outreach Committee sent a \$250 donation to GPCFB to help provide bottled water to its local agencies in the affected areas. The church received a thank you letter from GPCFB. Funds for this donation came from the Outreach budget, which the congregation supports with its weekly tithes and offerings. Thank you for your faithful giving to Sewickley UMC, which allows your church to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



**MONTHLY SALAD LUNCHEON** — Our community Salad Luncheon will be **Thursday, April 6, from 11 am to 1 pm**. Proceeds from our community luncheons support the General Fund. Please consider donating your homemade salads for the luncheons. Salads should

be brought to the Simpson Room by 10 am on the day of the luncheon. Want to volunteer to help? Volunteers are always welcome! We'd love to see some new faces. If you haven't donated a salad in the past and need some guidance, or would like to volunteer, please contact Belinda Resler.

The **BOOK CLUB** has two more meetings until we break for the summer. On **Monday, April 3rd**, we will meet at 7 pm in the parlor. We will discuss the books of our choice we read from the UMW reading list. Our May meeting will be a dinner tea on **Tuesday, May 9th**, at 6 pm at Donna Sawhill's home. More details to follow. "All the Light We Cannot See," by Anthony Doerr, will be our September book. All book lovers are welcome to attend.



### EASTER FOOD BAGS FOR SEWICKLEY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

— Sewickley UMC is collecting Easter Bags for the food pantry. You are asked to take a bag with a grocery list attached, purchase the non-perishable items, and return the filled bag with the list attached. In addition, SUMC is accepting cash donations in order to provide each family with a Giant Eagle gift card, with which the family may purchase perishable items such as ham and eggs. **Completed Easter Bags and cash donations are needed by Sunday, April 2th.** Grocery bags with lists are in the back of the sanctuary. You may include your cash donation with your regular offering – please it mark "Easter Bags."



**Bethany House Academy**  
"BUILDING TOWARDS EXCELLENCE"



**FILM CLUB** — *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* will be shown on **Saturday, April 8 at 6 pm (this is date change due to Easter)**. When their relationship turns sour, a couple undergoes a procedure to

have each other erased from their memories. But it is only through the process of loss that they discover what they had to begin with. We meet in the parlor, and enjoy fellowship and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

**HERITAGE SUNDAY** will be **April 30** and the theme is "*Tip your Hat to Heritage Sunday Derby.*" Don't put those Easter bonnets away because you'll never know how soon you might be wearing them again. As we celebrate our heritage, we will have a fellowship luncheon after the 11 am service. Everyone is invited to bring a dish from their heritage. More to follow....Becca, Dorothy and Bola



### BETHANY HOUSE ACADEMY (BHA) MEAL PROGRAM

**SUSPENDED** – Unfortunately, Sewickley UMC has suspended our Thursday evening meal program. To date, this ministry has been organized by Diane Bartley and Belinda Resler, with some assistance, but due to work constraints Diane is unable to assist at this time. We would like to restart the meals, but need your help! Minimally, a second person is needed each week to go with Belinda. Persons who would accompany Belinda must be able to carry items down steep stairs into BHA, and must be able to fully commit to whatever weeks they volunteer (we do know that unavoidable issues do occur and would hope to have back-up persons for those situations). As the meal volunteers do interact with the children, volunteers must obtain clearances and follow Safe Sanctuary practices. Kim Benjamin is the contact for clearances and Safe Sanctuary questions. If you feel a call to this vital ministry, please speak with Martha Boward, Pastor Russel or Belinda Resler.

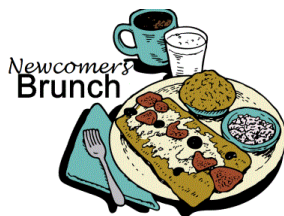
## NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS



**FAMILY PROMISE ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SUPPORT –** Sewickley UMC has agreed to support St. John's Lutheran Church in Carnegie. Martha Boward will be selecting a day during the week of April 30th to visit St.

John's to see how that church operates their hosting; let Martha know if you would like to visit, as well. Sewickley UMC would then pick a day during the week of July 30th to support St. John's - driving the van from Carnegie to pick up the guests in Crafton; providing dinner; being dinner, evening and overnight hosts; taking the guests back to Crafton; and returning the van to Carnegie. The specific date has not been decided. If you wish to volunteer, contact Martha.

Newcomers to SUMC are invited to a **NEWCOMERS BRUNCH** on Sunday, **April 23, at 10 am**, in the Simpson Room. Please come enjoy hospitality and learn about church activities and ministries. Children are welcome to attend.



**FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION –** Look for the cart in the sanctuary on **April 23rd** or in the Simpson Room at other times. Your generous donations help local families served through the Sewickley Community Center Food Pantry.

**SUMC AT CREATION MUSIC FESTIVAL –** A trip for those interested in attending the Creation Music Festival, June 28 - July 1, in Mount Union, PA is being planned. Come enjoy fellowship, worship, speakers and music. Estimated cost is \$110 per person for the entire event. For more information, visit [creationfest.com](http://creationfest.com) and contact Johnathan Burnett or Susie Moffett.



### POST IT MONTH

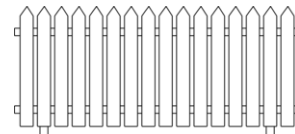


Each month, the SUMC Witness Committee is challenging our congregation to live their faith more fully every day. We begin by challenging you to share things you love about SUMC with others, particularly through social media.

- Check in on Facebook when you come to church
- Tweet a line from the sermon that resonates with you
- Post a picture of your Sunday School class on Instagram
- Tell your friends at work about Church Family Feud

Use the hashtag #SewickleyUMC in your post or share with our social media accounts. By posting your involvement at SUMC, you let others know that our church is an important part of your life. Also, let us know how sharing your faith makes a difference in your life by emailing Susie Moffett at [susie.fhnc@gmail.com](mailto:susie.fhnc@gmail.com). We are hoping to share testimony in the newsletter in coming months to encourage others to take up the Witness Challenge!

**PLAYGROUND PICKETS FOR SALE –** We are offering an opportunity to leave a lasting sign of your support toward the Learning Tree preschool/SUMC playground. Leave an impression on an individual fence picket that will be installed this spring. Engraving is limited to 20 characters, including numbers and spaces. Complete an order form, found in the back of the sanctuary, and return it with a check made to "Learning Tree Playground Fund" for \$50 per picket. All contributions to the Fund are tax deductible as a charitable donation. For more information call Sandra Lane 412-741-6724. Please return to Sandra no later than April 7.



### Church Directory

#### UPDATE

- NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHY APRIL 19 - 22 –** Lifetouch will be once again produce
- a new church directory for SUMC – we want to include all of our congregation in the new directory (you do NOT have to have joined the church for inclusion). Not only will each family receive a free 8x10 portrait and directory, each receives a \$10 credit toward the purchase of additional photos. There is also a 20% discount for those over 60, military and first responders (make sure to mention your eligibility to the Lifetouch team). If you bring a non-perishable item for the Sewickley Community Food Pantry, you will be given an additional coupon for \$5 off of your portrait order! You may sign up for your photography session via the link on the events page of [sewickleyumc.org](http://sewickleyumc.org), using the sheets available in the Simpson Room on Sunday mornings, or by contacting Martha Boward (724-457-0708). Your promptness is greatly appreciated, as calls will be made to those who have not made appointments.

### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY FAMILY INFORMATION

To ensure that our new directory is complete and accurate, please take a moment to check your information on the sheets available at the back of the sanctuary and in the Simpson Room. If your information is incorrect, incomplete or missing, please fill out the provided form or email your information as requested on the form to the church office at [secretary@sewickleyumc.org](mailto:secretary@sewickleyumc.org).



## SUNDAY SCHOOL — CLASSES FOR EVERYONE!

Sunday School, under the direction of Christian Education Directors Rev. Jim and Wilma Hamilton, is held each Sunday at 10 am. Everyone, preschool through adult, is encouraged to join in study, discussion and fellowship. Below is a list of the classes, along with locations and leaders. All of the children and youth classes meet in the Sunday School rooms in the basement, with the preschool meeting in the nursery.

<b>Preschool</b> Susie Moffett	<b>Kindergarten &amp; 1st and 2nd Grade</b> Bill Utterback & Kara Briggs	<b>3rd, 4th and 5th Grade</b> Roberta Davis & Wilma Hamilton	<b>Middle School</b> Barry Lewis
<b>High School</b> Sandra Lane & Jack Moffett	<b>Young Adults</b> Johnathan Burnett Discusses topics geared toward adults up to age 35; meets in the classroom next to the choir room	<b>"Explorers"</b> Roger Thomas, Jim Hamilton and Mark Benjamin Meets in the library and focuses on Biblical study	<b>"Searching for Jesus"</b> Bola & Willie Nicholson Focuses on contemporary Christian issues and meets in the parlor



Elijah appointed Jehu King over Israel to expunge the House of Jezebel and Ahab from the land. He appointed Hazael King over Syria to stabilize that land. He appointed Elisha his successor prophet to prepare the people for the coming revolution. All three of these men died in 800 BCE. Moses spent 80 years teaching slaves the law and forming them into a nation. Joshua delivered them the land and started the cycle of jubilees. David unified the clans into a kingdom. Each had done his job. Now, by the end of 2 Chronicles/Kings the people understood three doctrines; life exists under YHWH's immutable moral order, worship is vital to the community, and Elohim's revelation continues past, present & future. 14 years after Elisha died, Amos realized that that YHWH was not just the God of Israel. There is only one God. This was a revolution in human thinking. The monarchy had served its purpose by establishing order and stabilizing the borders. Amos does not focus on kings and priests. He talks to individual people about injustice, sinfulness and false piety. Progressive revelation has just taken a huge leap forward. Come join us in the library between services and share how God's revelation progresses through the Testaments.

Welcome to  
**Lucia Louise Martinez**



Lucia was born in Pittsburgh on March 15, 2017. She was 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 19½ inches long. Lucia is the daughter of Ashleah and Nick Martinez, and sister of Noah and Emilia. Among her many relatives are also great-grandparents Bill and Sandy Kuriger, and grandparents, Bill and Laura Kuriger.

**Jessica & Jeff Moore** 4/8  
**Matt & Amy Hurst** 4/9  
**Bill & Sandra Kuriger** 4/10  
**Shirley & Howard Graham** 4/13  
**Warren Kinneer & Pat Leiphart** 4/15



*Remember Our Shut-ins*

Marge Anderson	Joe & B.J. Manzinger
Paul Collier	
Mignon Emmert	Helen & Bill Smouse
Renee Gittins	Shirley Sye

Please write to our Shut-Ins and keep them in your prayers. The church office can provide you with contact information.





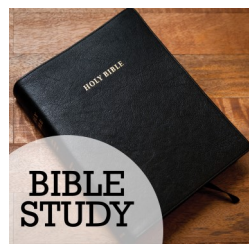
## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017

**Celebrating OUR GRADUATES** We are looking for our church family High School and College graduates. We will honor them during a worship service in June. Please inform the church office, or Sandra Lane, of anyone not listed below who is a 2017 graduate.

Our high school graduates are **Quinn Boyle, Anissa Erkert, Zoe Fishter, Grant Lane, Jacob Leonberg, Jordan Martin** and **Grace Rogansky**.

**Gareth Canfield, Colin Canister, Aura Escobar** and **Solange Fairlie** are graduating from college.

If a name is misspelled please notify us immediately so we can make the correction. Best wishes to all students.



## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Led by Pastor Russel Shuluga, this group meets in the church library. We are currently studying Max Lucado's "He Chose the Nails." After Easter, we will begin a study on love, forgiveness and connecting with God, based on the book and movie

"The Shack." For the convenience of those participating, there are two meeting times: **9:30 am and 7 pm**. We meet September through May. Join us anytime!

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

**Sunday, June 4, War Memorial Park, Shelter #1  
by the parking lot**

12:45 to 1:15 setup/1:30 break bread

Mark your calendar for our annual picnic with our friends from the St. Matthews AME Zion church. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken wings, drinks and paper products will be provided. **Please bring your favorite side dish to share.** In addition to the fellowship, friendship and food, there will be games for the kids and adults. Be sure to pack water shoes, towels, and maybe a change of clothes for some exploring in the nearby creek!! **Please come join us.**



**Please note the new location:  
this is the park next to the  
Sewickley YMCA.**



## A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

comes on **Sunday, April 30**, which is a "5th Sunday." Each time there is a 5th Sunday in a month, it is our opportunity to give extra to help to pay down the principal on the sanctuary debt, which is currently at nearly \$242,000. Mark your special offering "BOF" or use a Building Fund envelope.

The United Methodist Women will meet on **April 2, at 4 pm**, in the Simpson room for a business meeting.

Doing some Spring cleaning? Your **RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS** are very much welcomed and appreciated and can be placed in the "potato room" for the May 12 & 13 rummage sale. **Donated clothing should be clean and fresh. Your donations of jewelry are welcome; please give them to Wilma Hamilton or the church office.** Please, no exercise equipment, electronics or large pieces of furniture. All proceeds from the rummage sales go to missions. The UMW is most thankful to the congregation for their donations and support!



## WINGS OVER PITTSBURGH RETURNS

The Air Show hosted by the 911th Airlift Wing returns to Coraopolis for the first time in 6 years. Sewickley UMC has the chance to earn \$1440 by providing 12 volunteers to work a concession booth on **Saturday and Sunday, May 13 & 14**, from 8 am until about 6 pm.



If you are able to donate your service with a firm commitment, either or both days, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Contact Pam Honeychurch with any questions.

## CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH!!!

**KID'S NIGHT OUT** is held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 5:30 pm for dinner and 6 pm for study, singing and crafts. All children and youth, kindergarten through high school are welcome. Bill Utterback and Susie Moffett lead the children, and Aimee Scott, Johnathan Burnett and Pastor Russel lead the youth. Invite a friend and come and be prepared for an evening of . . .

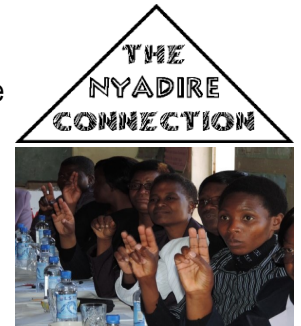
The schedule is as follows:

### KID'S NIGHT OUT



	Elementary aged kids	Middle School Youth	High School Youth
<b>F</b> un, food and fellowship	5:30—6:00	5:30—6:00	5:30—6:00
<b>A</b> ctivities and recreation	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
<b>I</b> nspiring dialogue	6:00—6:45	6:00—7:15	6:00—7:15
<b>T</b> eaching God's Word	Bible Study	Youth Group / Bible Study	Youth Group / Bible Study
<b>H</b> oly experiences	6:45—7:30	7:15—8:00	7:15—8:00
	Crafts and games	Wesley Chorale	Wesley Chorale

**LENTEN FINES 2017** - The Western PA Annual Conference has a strong connection with the Nyadire Connection in Zimbabwe. This year, Lenten Fines will be collected and applied to the Hearing Impaired Program at the Nyadire United Mission. From [umczea.org](http://umczea.org), "Deaf people can do anything that hearing people can do...except hear." Singing praises with no words but through the demonstration of gestures they have proved that "Disability is not inability" is not a cliché for the HI (Hearing Impaired) choir at Nyadire CPS (Central Primary School) but a reality. In 2014, the Hearing Impaired program was only at Primary School and not yet implemented in the High school curriculum. The Hearing Impaired (HI) unit that has operated since 1994 came as a response by the United Methodist Church to the plight of the "hard of hearing" children in the Nyadire community. The department is manned by four specialized teachers. Many children either come from disadvantaged families or families who do not see the necessity for educating a deaf child.



The Lenten Fines collected will help continue the work begun to enable all children to fully participate in schooling. Lenten Fines should be brought to church by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lenten Fine Calendars are available [here](#) and in the back of the sanctuary and help us count our blessings and how we can help others.

### Pastor Russel's Easter Bread

(benefits the General Fund)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I will: pay now ☐ pay when I pickup my bread ☐ (Bread will be ready to pickup in the afternoon/evening on the day it is made)

Payment: ☐ Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ or ☐ Check (made to SUMC) # \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Loaves (1 pound loaf / \$6 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want icing? Yes / No

Number of Loaves (2 pound loaf / \$10 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want icing? Yes / No

*Order by April 3 for April 7 pickup*







## COME JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY DURING LENT

Our church family honors the importance of Lent, the 40 days before Easter, with fellowship every Sunday evening. Every week, we meet for **dinner at 5 pm**,

with various church groups providing the entrée and beverages. **April 2 is our final covered dish dinner; please bring a side, salad or dessert to share. \*\*\*Don't bring a covered dish on April 9.\*\*\* Programs begin at 6 pm.** The schedule of dinners and programs is listed to the right.

Date	Entrée	Program
4/2	Ham Barbeque	4th Annual Church Family Feud
4/9	Seder Dinner ( <i>not a covered dish dinner; entire meal is provided</i> )	The Seder is a Passover ritual involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt

Our love offerings, collected at the dinners, benefit our kids with financial aid to go to summer camp and on mission trips.

Guy Caley 4/2  
Michael Jehle 4/2  
Winston Clifford 4/3  
Nancy Shuluga 4/3  
Katherine Flaherty 4/6  
Eva Houser 4/7  
David McCombs 4/7  
Rebecca Lewis 4/8



**APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS**

Ed Cymbalak 4/9  
Greg Lane 4/14

Jack Moffett 4/14  
Eric Miller 4/20  
Quinn Boyle 4/24  
Tracey Canfield 4/24  
Sydney Lane 4/27  
Jeff Moore 4/28  
Andrew Hurst 4/30  
Ed Sawhill 4/30

## NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY — APRIL 30

The Native American Ministries Sunday offering helps United Methodist congregations open doors. One ministry supported by this offering is the outreach ministry at the 25-member Grace Indian UMC Church in Hartshorne, OK. For five years, members of the rural, mostly Native American congregation have dedicated themselves to helping meet the spiritual and emotional needs of students at a nearby Native American boarding school. Jones Academy, founded and supported by the Choctaw Nation, serves about 200 students, K-12, from about 30 different American Indian tribes.

According to the Rev. David Warden, pastor of Grace and a missionary from the Holston Annual Conference, "Many of the students come from struggling families who cannot offer their children a stable home environment or education due to challenges such as lower socioeconomic areas, single parenthood or addiction." Warden says the children at Jones Academy are "priceless; and with the help from Gwen Parish, our children's coordinator and member of the Choctaw tribe, we do our best to continually love them and include them."

Once a month, Grace Church hosts elementary-school students for Sunday worship, which usually includes traditional Choctaw hymns, and fellowship. The children serve as acolytes and ushers, and participate in Holy Communion and sharing joys and concerns. "Children are taught church etiquette and respect and are seated in



the sanctuary according to Indian tradition," says Parish, who notes that VBS curriculum inspires the sermon and after-church activities. After worship, church members lead students in crafts, Bible lessons and recreation activities, including cake and ice cream to celebrate monthly birthdays. In September, church members provide a back-to-school dinner and lead the students in games, crafts and worship. In December, they provide a dinner, read them a Christmas story, lead them in songs and worship, and offer them Christmas gifts.

"These kids don't have a family to come home to when they're at the boarding school," says Parish. "We try to fill

in the family gap and serve as the students' spiritual aunts, uncles (and) grandparents while they are away from home," Parish says. "They need role models beyond what they learn in school. We want to plant spiritual seeds. They are our future tribe as well as our future church. We want to set the standard for how a church treats others."

When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh, new ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love. Special envelopes will be available in the bulletin and in the back of the sanctuary, or mark your check or envelope "Native American."

## SOUP & SPREAD SALE FOR THE BUILDING OF FAITH

All proceeds from this sale will go toward the principal on the building loan.

Give your order to the office or put in the offering plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus.**

Payment: ☐ Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ or ☐ Check (made to SUMC) # \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



Choices (Orders due by April 23 / Pickup at church May 4—7)	Indicate quantity below	
	\$9 Quart	\$6 Pint
Stuffed Pepper Soup		
Wedding Soup		
Lentil Soup (vegetarian/vegan)		
Sandra's Hummus (vegetarian/vegan)	\$5 for ½ pint	

## EASTER PAGEANT

The kids of SUMC are putting on an Easter pageant on **April 23rd** at both services. "Building Easter" is a Lego inspired explanation of the Easter story, including scripture readings, skits and songs. The pageant is being directed by Genevieve Moffett for her Girl Scout Silver Award project.



Alice  
Lisle B.  
Marcy B.  
Hurst Bartley  
Ruth Beshero  
Barb Beukema  
Darrel Black  
Dee Connelly  
Donna Cymbalak  
Melody Dean  
Jodi Dolin  
Julie Donaho  
Edward  
Family of Donald Ellisher  
Lou Egenlauf  
Duane Emerson  
Don Evanchko

Marcee Evans  
Evelyn  
Sarah Gladwell  
Allen Gleason  
June Graham  
Atleah Grubb  
Nate Hatfield  
Laura Hertrick  
Janna  
Jeff and Jodi  
Kristen Johns  
Katherine Johnson  
Wayne Johnson  
Rev. Sandy Jordan  
Janet Kallan  
Lee Kneppshield  
Clark Leiphart



Pat Leiphart  
Dixie Lemasters  
Garrett Lemasters  
Joe Lombardo  
Donna Macaul  
Michelle Malito  
Sara McCullough  
Scott McDonough  
Brian McKay  
Mary Ann Moore  
John Nelson  
Sandy Nelson  
Gary P.  
Family of Bob Painter  
Cleo Pfeifer  
Cori Reasoner  
Jim Rogansky

Ryan  
Karen S.  
Ed Sawhill  
Jeremy Schiable  
Renee Shutak  
Gale Siddall  
C.R. "Bob" Simpson  
Bonnie Stoicov  
Sandy Stroebel  
Renate Tabet and family  
Family of Phyllis Thomas  
Renee Tobias  
Philip Tolorica  
Family of Lyn Vasiladiotis  
Bob Yant  
Dennis Zeveny  
Jacob Zickefoose

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Bunko (Honduras Mission Team Fundraiser)
<b>2</b> <b>9 AM</b> Contemporary Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>10 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11 AM</b> Fellowship of the Cross <b>11 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>12 PM</b> Honduras Mission Team Meeting <b>12 PM</b> UMW Meeting <b>5 PM</b> Lenten Dinner & Program	<b>3</b> <b>7 PM</b> Book Club	<b>4</b> <b>7:15 PM</b> Wesley Chorale <b>8 PM</b> AA	<b>5</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Leap of Faith <b>7 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>6</b> <b>11 AM - 1 PM</b> Salad Luncheon <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> <b>7 PM</b> AA	<b>8</b> <b>6 PM</b> Film Club
<b>9</b> <b>9 AM</b> Contemporary Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>10 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11 AM</b> Fellowship of the Cross <b>11 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>5 PM</b> Seder Dinner	<b>10</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Finance Committee <b>6:30 PM</b> Trustees <b>8 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>8 PM</b> AA	<b>12</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Leap of Faith	<b>13</b> <b>7 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service	<b>14</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Good Friday Service <b>7 PM</b> AA	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Ecumenical Sunrise Service <b>9 AM</b> Contemporary Worship <b>10 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11 AM</b> Fellowship of the Cross <b>11 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>12 PM</b> Honduras Mission Team Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>5 PM</b> Kid's Night Out <b>7:15 PM</b> Wesley Chorale <b>8 PM</b> AA	<b>19</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Bible Study <b>2 PM - 9 PM</b> Directory Photos <b>6:30 PM</b> Leap of Faith <b>7 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>2 PM - 9 PM</b> Directory Photos <b>6:15 PM</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Confirmation Trip to Conference Center <b>2 PM - 9 PM</b> Directory Photos	<b>22</b> <b>10 AM - 5 PM</b> Directory Photos
<b>23</b> <b>9 AM</b> Contemporary Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>10 AM</b> Newcomers' Brunch <b>10 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11 AM</b> Fellowship of the Cross <b>11 AM</b> Traditional Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>5 PM</b> Kid's Night Out <b>7:15 PM</b> Wesley Chorale <b>8 PM</b> AA	<b>26</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Leap of Faith <b>7 PM</b> Bible Study	<b>27</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>11 AM</b> Funeral Service for Phyllis Thomas
<b>30</b> <b>9 AM</b> Contemporary Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>10 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11 AM</b> Fellowship of the Cross <b>11 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>12 PM</b> Heritage Fellowship <b>12 PM</b> Honduras Mission Team Meeting <b>4 PM</b> Pittsburgh District Conference						

Here's a summary of the latest Treasurer's Report:  
Pam Honeychurch,  
Treasurer



	2017 Budget	Budgeted to Date	February	Year-to-date
<b>Expenses</b>	261,574.27	43,809.78	24,875.73	45,475.94
<b>Receipts</b>	261,574.27	43,446.32	21,803.16	44,903.67
<b>Overage (Deficit)</b>	0.00	(363.46)	(3,072.57)	(572.27)