

SEWICKLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2019 Minutes

From The Pastor's Heart

Most, if not all of us, have at least one. Some are very visible to the public's eye; others are visible only to us personally. Some may not be visible at all. Scars — I am talking about scars. Webster defines “scar” as “1. A mark left on the skin following the healing of a surface injury or wound. 2. A lingering sign of damage or injury, either mental or physical.” Scars are a hazard, if you will, of living. Each and every scar has a story to tell. My scars have their stories to tell, just as your scars have their own personal story.

The stories of our physical scars are sometimes easier to tell than our internal scars. They, too, have their stories to tell, but often times are far more painful because they are mental, emotional, or spiritual, and these scars do not heal quite so easily. The pain from these kinds of scars does not evaporate as quickly or maybe the pain never goes away.

These scars are often the result of someone we once trusted betraying us in some fashion and leaving us scarred for life. I am sure most, if not all of you, have these kinds of scars, as well, with their own story to tell.

Tragically, we often allow our scars to define who and what we are. Scars paint with an awful broad brush, coloring our whole world...coloring our whole world with fear, anger, resentment, and low self-esteem and self-worth.

The scar of grief often robs us of a joy filled life. The scar of divorce or betrayal robs us of trust and fills us with fear of loving again. The scars of abuse, physical and/or verbal, often leave us struggling to find ourselves. The laundry list of scars and their stories go on and on.

What I wish to convey to you in this pastor's letter is the importance of allowing scars to define us, not our scars however, but the scars of Jesus. Jesus' scars have their own story to tell.

A poet, looking at a painting of the hands of Jesus wrote:

They nailed those beautiful, blessed hands to the cruel, bitter cross.

And there in agony untold, He bore our shame and loss.

Beautiful hands of Jesus!

I hope someday to see.

On that first Easter morning, Peter and John gathered with the other disciples in the Upper Room to talk about the empty tomb and the “possibility” of the resurrection. As they were talking, Jesus came and stood among them. They were frightened, but Jesus reassured them by showing them his scarred hands and feet.

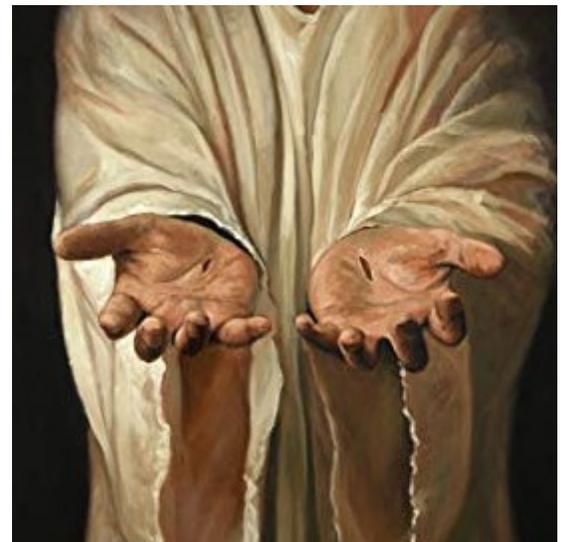
Jesus' scars tell a love story. His scars reveal how much you and I are loved by our Creator.

Scars are reminders that we have been wounded in our living. So it is with the scars of the living Christ, but they tell so much more. He makes himself known to us through the scars of his woundedness and reaches for us where it hurts, inviting us to believe and to see ourselves through His scars, leaving each of us as victors, not victims.

May your Easter be blessed!

Pastor Russel

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“Do this ...”

When I was young, we made it to church most Sunday mornings, but we never missed either of two evening services: Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday.

The church was always packed for the evening services. Sometimes I helped my Dad and the other men, all of us in jackets and ties, set folding chairs around the edges of the sanctuary. Sometimes, we had to raise a garage-door-like panel that separated the sanctuary from the parlor. We placed more chairs in the parlor for the overflow gathering.

“Do this ...”

I understood Christmas Eve. *O Come, All Ye Faithful. Joy to the World. Silent Night, Holy Night.* Lights glistening on every house as we drove to church. Food and cookies and a gift exchange when we returned. With Santa’s visit approaching, we needed to stop and plant Jesus at the center of the celebration.

“Do this ...”

Maundy Thursday confused me. Wasn’t Good Friday a more significant day? We didn’t have a Good Friday service in our church. And Easter was completely understandable. We needed to be in church on Easter Sunday. Empty Tomb. Christ is Risen. Hallelujah.

“Do this ...”

I understood the events that took place on the night before the crucifixion. I knew of the bread and wine, the garden and the guard with the severed ear, the betrayal and the trial. I knew he washed their feet. I knew Judas betrayed him and the others fell asleep. I know he prayed.

But it was all just a prelude to the life-changing, world-changing events of Friday, and then Sunday. Why church on Thursday?

“Do this ...”

Perspective changes when you begin to teach Sunday school, when you want to be prepared for questions from the children, and, perhaps, their parents. You read and re-read, consider context and commentaries.

Seventeen years ago, when I reluctantly agreed to lead my son’s first grade class at another church, I immediately joined a Bible study with two gentlemen who were absolutely delighted at the opportunity to dissect scripture. I was inside that circle when I was asked to teach the confirmation class to children ready to take their first Communion.

“Do this ...”

Bread and wine, body and blood, the new covenant, the forgiveness of sins, the new commandment, love one another ... so much to consider. So many layers, so much theology. What does he want the children to know? Why does he call us back to the table?

And, then, somewhere in my studies, maybe, I saw the answer. Perhaps it wasn’t as complicated as it seems.

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

Jesus made this request before the events of Friday and Sunday. Isn’t that significant? Jesus didn’t say “remember my commandments” or “remember my promises” or “remember my miracles” or “remember my words.” Surely, he knew would remember his words.

Jesus didn’t ask us to remember the cross or the empty tomb. Surely, he knew we would remember his sacrifice and his resurrection.

Me. He said “me.”

Could he have been asking us to remember the man who loved and listened, who stopped for the children and worried over the widows, who cried when his friends cried, who honored his mother at the wedding, who talked into the night with Nicodemus, who touched the leper and said, “I am willing.”

Me. He said “me.”

Could he have been asking us to remember him as he was on that Thursday evening, a burdened man seeking solace in the company of friends?

Jesus seems to be giving us a choice. “Do this in remembrance” doesn’t come with detailed instructions. Should we do it on Holy Thursday, once a month, every Sunday, daily? And as we’re standing in line before the bread and wine, what should we remember?

We get to choose.

I will be there on Thursday evening, remembering the man who turned to find the woman who touched his robe, hoping to be healed. He wanted to see her face. He wanted to hear her voice. He wanted to see her, and he wanted her to see him, to remember him, as he was ...

I will be in church on Maundy Thursday, letting him see my face, letting him hear my voice. I will be there, remembering him, honoring his request.

My choice.**Because of His choice.**

by Bill Utterback



Worship Opportunities - April 2019



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

April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Lent
 Handbell Choir, 11 am
 Sacrament of Communion
 Liturgist: Mitchell Hortert
 A/V: Lou Ann Scott (9 am)
Volunteer Needed (11 am)

Lectionary Readings
 Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 (UMH 847)
 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

April 14, 2019
Palm/Passion Sunday
Sheltered with Love

Liturgist: Carole Ford
 A/V: Lou Ann Scott (9 am)
 Pam Honeychurch (11 am)

Lectionary Readings
 Luke 19:28-40 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)
 Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 839) Philippians 2:5-11
 Luke 22:14-23:56, or Luke 23:1-49

April 18, 2019, 7 pm
Holy Thursday

Liturgist: *Volunteer Needed*

A/V: *Volunteer Needed*

Lectionary Readings
 Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35



April 19, 2019
Good Friday, 12 pm

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 21, 2019
Easter Sunday

Liturgist: Martha Boward

A/V: Susie Moffett (9 am)

Volunteer Needed (11 am)

Lectionary Readings

Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)
 John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday in Easter

Liturgist: Carolyn Lunt

A/V: Sandra Lane (9 am)

Kim Benjamin (11 am)

Lectionary Readings

Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150 (UMH 862)
 Revelations 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

- **Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:00 pm**
- **Ecumenical Good Friday Worship, April 19,** — We will gather at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 616 Washington St, Sewickley, **at 11:45 am**, then at noon we will begin the procession with the cross to Sewickley UMC for the remainder of the service. If you do not want to participate in the carrying of the cross, you may come to SUMC's Sanctuary at noon for prayer and meditation.
- **Easter Sunday, April 21**
 - 6:30 am — Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Sewickley Cemetery Chapel
 - 9 am — Contemporary Service
 - 11 am — Traditional Service



NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS



MONTHLY SALAD LUNCHEON — Our community luncheon is **Thursday, April 4, from 11 am to 1 pm**. Proceeds 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 or the evening before during LOF practice. 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.

ABOLITIONIST TOUR — The Wrestling with Racism Team of Warren and First UMCs is sponsoring an Abolitionist Tour of the Pittsburgh area and Washington County on May 4th! Those who have taken previously this tour have given it rave reviews! Registration will be open to churches affiliated with the Wrestling with Racism Team and United Methodists until April 1st. Forms are in the back of the sanctuary. In April, other groups will be invited to join the tour! Since space is limited, the tour is expected to fill up very fast. Please register soon!



Film Club Due to technical difficulties, our movie for last month was held over for April. We will be watching *Wild*, a true story in which the main character embarks on an inner journey of the heart. Everyone is welcome as we gather in the church parlor on **Saturday, April 13 at 6 pm**. Driven to the edge by the loss of her beloved mother, the dissolution of her marriage and a headlong dive into self-destructive behavior, Cheryl Strayed (Reese Witherspoon) makes a decision to halt her downward spiral and put her life back together again. The film is rated "R" for violence, profanity & nudity.

The **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will hold a business meeting on **Wednesday, April 10 at 7 pm** at the church. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the May Rummage Sale scheduled for May 10-11.



RELAY FOR LIFE OF SEWICKLEY VALLEY - While the "relay" is no longer planned, the Relay for Life group plans other activities in lieu of that fundraiser. The next event is a Havana-themed "Cooking for a Cure" on **April 27th**. You may follow Relay for Life of Sewickley Valley on Facebook for this and future events.



Donate GLASSES & HEARING AIDS **EYEGASSES & HEARING AID COLLECTION** — Any hearing aids and prescription eye glasses you no longer need or want are being collected for the Nyadire Connection. There are collection boxes in the Simpson Room and Narthex.

LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCH!!!! The next get together for the Birthday Lunch will be on **Tuesday, April 16 at 12 pm**. We meet in the Church Library. Bring your lunch and drink. Share with us in good conversation and help fill up our pig, "Eleanor." Hope to see you there.



BUNCO! **SUM ANGELS SPONSOR BUNCO NIGHT!!** **Wednesday, April 10 at 7 pm** at The Maddest Hatter Tea Room (551 Beaver St, Sewickley). The cost is \$10 play and we need 12 people or more to play. **Make your reservation now to play this fun game** by calling Sandra Kuriger - 412-741-9473.

PRAYER ROCKS - The SUMC Youth Group will be creating & selling prayer rocks as a fundraiser to support our various activities before and after each service April 7 & 14 for \$10 each. Buy a prayer rock to help you focus your prayers this Lenten season, to use as a daily reminder of God's love in your life, or to add to the SUMC rock garden. You may also commission a personalized prayer rock in honor or memory of a special person or with a particular theme. Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary or see Susie Moffett (susie.fhnc@gmail.com) for more information.



COME TO THE EASTER EGG HUNT!
Easter Sunday, April 21 at 10 am

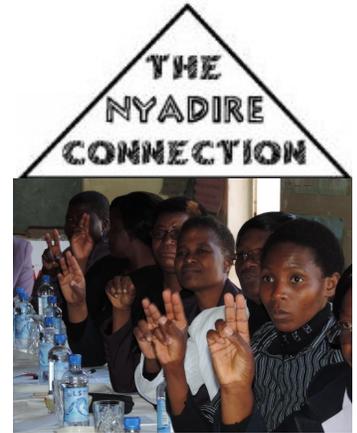
The Education Committee is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for all children up through fifth grade. Any and all youth are welcome to help with the hunt. The congregation is asked to bring bagged candy and/or plastic eggs. Bring a basket or bag and meet downstairs in the big room. Weather permitting, we will hunt eggs outside, so dress accordingly per temperature. If it rains, we will have the hunt throughout the basement.

We hope to see you there! Cameras and parents welcome!

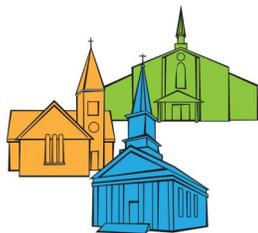


LENTEN FINES

Lenten Fines provide us with a great opportunity to count our blessings. 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 (HI) Program at the Nyadire United Mission. From 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 choir at Nyadire CPS (Central Primary School), but a reality. In 2014, the HI program was only at Primary School and not yet implemented in the High school curriculum. The 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 the families do not see the necessity for educating a deaf child.



The Lenten Fines will help continue the work begun to enable all children to fully participate in schooling. Lenten Fines should be brought to church by April 28th. 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.



Pittsburgh District Conference

The Pittsburgh District Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 13, 10 am at Bakerstown UMC** (5760 William Flynn Hwy, Gibsonia). Everyone is welcome to attend.



Dear Sewickley Methodist Family,

I wish to thank each and everyone for all the love, prayers, calls and food. Your support helped us through a very difficult time. Thanks too to Pastor Russel, Warren and Dorritt for the visits in the hospital.

God Bless and Thank You,
Janice H. Jones

COME JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY DURING LENT

Our church family honors the importance of Lent with fellowship every Sunday evening. We meet for **dinner at 5 pm.** with various church groups providing the entrée and beverages.

April 7 is our last covered dish dinner - Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share. *Don't bring a covered dish on April 14.*****

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

Programs begin at 6 pm. The schedule of dinners and programs is listed below:



Date	Theme	Entrée	Program	Host
4/7	Mexican	Tacos	6th Annual Church Family Feud	Trustees and Finance
4/14	Seder Dinner (sign up in the back of the sanctuary so we know how many to prepare for; a free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the meal)	ENTIRE DINNER provided at church	Seder Dinner (A Passover ritual; retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt)	Nurture Committee

EASTER UNDIES



“A period should end a sentence, not a girl’s education.”

Los Angeles teacher Melissa Berton made that statement after the documentary, “Period. End of Sentence,” won an Academy Award in February for exposing the struggles girls and women in India had obtaining feminine hygiene products, including underwear.

The film estimated that a third of Indian girls miss school during their periods.

Berton served as producer of the documentary after her students created a service project to help meet the need in India. In part, the film recognized a group of young people in who America rallied to address a problem on another continent.

The Fellowship of the Cross has created its “Easter Undies” campaign to meet similar needs for girls and young women in Africa, where the struggle leads girls and young women to miss school, and sometimes drop out of school.

Our collection will continue through Easter Sunday. There is a brightly-decorated Easter basket in the narthex or the back of the sanctuary to collect underwear donations.

We will provide underwear for older girls in Zimbabwe through the Nyadire project, and we will provide underwear for boys and girls in Zimbabwe, Uganda and Zaire, and possibly Haiti, through Missions and More projects connected with the Olive Branch fair trade store in Wexford (who had a pop-up booth in the Simpson Room during our Cookie Walk in December). Some of the African children have never had underwear.

We are looking for donations of girls sizes 10-16 and women's sizes 5 – 7 in briefs style, and any sizes underwear for younger boys and girls. We will also accept financial donations to purchase underwear. Please see Pamela Mayo, Bill Utterback or any member of the FOTC team.

The FOTC thanks everyone who has already contributed to the campaign.

Guneet Monda, a film executive in India who served as executive producer of the award-winning documentary, said the film helps shatter “a glass ceiling” in places such as India and Africa. “Periods are normal and in no way do they stop us from achieving anything ... Here's to more girl power...I really want every girl to know that each one of them is a goddess.”



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our precious cargo of **Pumpkins** arrive Saturday, September 28th at 9 am. The Pumpkin Patch coordinators have taken an extra precaution to hopefully avoid the driver being late. Also, if you know of any organizations that do community service, please give Lou Ann a call. The more help we have unloading, the less time it should take. Reminder, this is SUMC’s biggest fundraiser and an outreach to our community. They love our **PATCH!!!**



<i>Jessica & Jeff Moore</i>	4/8
<i>Matthew & Amy Hurst</i>	4/9
<i>Bill & Sandy Kuriger</i>	4/10
<i>Shirley & Hank Graham</i>	4/13

Winston Clifford	4/3
Nancy Shuluga	4/3
David McCombs	4/7
Rebecca Lewis	4/8
Ed Cymbalak	4/9
Erin Kelly	4/13
Greg Lane	4/14
Jack Moffett	4/14



Lauren Roebuck 4/14

Quinn Boyle	4/24
Tracey Canfield	4/24
Sydney Lane	4/27
Paul Clifford	4/28
Jeff Moore	4/28
Andrew Hurst	4/30
Carrie Patterson	4/30
Ed Sawhill	4/30

If you or a family member is missing from our birthday or anniversary list, please let the office know. We don’t want to leave anyone out of special wishes.



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 the 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 14th.** Grocery bags with lists are available in

the back of the sanctuary or use one of the lists below on your own bag. You may include your cash donation with your regular offering or via EasyTithe – please indicate “Easter Bags.”

FOOD PANTRY EASTER BAGS GROCERY LISTS

Print out at home and attach to your own bag.

EASTER BAG – SMALL FAMILY
Serves 2-4 people
All items must be non-perishable

- 2 cans of vegetables
- 1 muffin or roll mix
- 1 large or 2 small boxes of Jello
- 1 can of fruit
- 1 cake mix
- 1 can of Icing
- 1 boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin, etc.)
- 1 egg dye kit
- 1 small bottle of vinegar (for dyeing eggs)
- 2 bags of Easter candy
- 1 dozen plastic Easter eggs

EASTER BAG – LARGE FAMILY
Serves 5-8 people
All items must be non-perishable

- 4 cans of vegetables
- 2 muffin or roll mix
- 2 large or 4 small boxes of Jello
- 2 cans of fruit
- 1 cake mix
- 1 can of Icing
- 2 boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin, etc.)
- 1 egg dye kit
- 1 small bottle of vinegar (for dyeing eggs)
- 4 bags of Easter candy
- 2 dozen plastic Easter eggs

What’s Your Story?



Welcoming Everyone and the Sewickley Public Library invite you to

SUBMIT A STORY*

about a life struggle or a triumph over adversity

Several entries will be selected and read at

Many Stories, One Community

an evening of storytelling similar to *The Moth*

Sunday, April 28th, 5:30 to 7:30 PM, Sewickley Public Library

* Submit your story to welcoming15143@gmail.com by April 17th

Guidelines at sewickleylibrary.org/welcoming-everyone

Questions? Contact Joan at welcoming15143@gmail.com

Come, socialize, and listen! Hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be served
Admission is FREE with pre-registration by April 25th or \$5.00 at the door

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, Sandra Lane or Warren Kinneer, of anyone not listed below who is a 2019 graduate.

Our high school graduates are **Lia Warburton, Nina Wiggins** and **Noah Wiggins**.

Madeleine Bell, Rachel Boward, James Burnett, Katherine Burnett, Sarah Heastings, Erik Hess, Laura Honeychurch, and **Sydney Lane** are graduating from college.

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



LAY LEADER THOUGHTS FOR APRIL

I hope you're ready for Spring to arrive as we're only three weeks away from the most important part of the Christian year. Easter brings flowers, bunnies, and the resurrection of our Lord. As a church family we feast together every Sunday in Lent. Come join in the food and fun; bring a dish for the buffet at 5:00. If you need a ride, call me.

Donna 412-916-0854

Matthew 18:20 *"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them."*



Confirmation is not a sacrament in The United Methodist Church, but it is an important step in our spiritual journeys. Confirmation is an opportunity to respond to the grace of God available to us, as acknowledged in baptism, and to promise to live as a person of faith. At baptism, we are initiated into the new covenant in Jesus Christ and membership in the Church, Christ's body in the world. For many, this

happens when they are very young. What God offers us must be accepted in repentance and faith. Confirmation and reaffirmation are our responses of commitment, profession of faith, and rededication.

Those eligible to be confirmed this year are: Winston Robert Clifford, Sebastian Michael Cymbalak, Benjamin Edward Heinzl, David William McCombs, Sean Robert McCombs, Victoria Rachelle Reardon, and Madeline Sollinger. Confirmation will be celebrated on April 7 during the Traditional Service.

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

Circle the date you would like your bread:

Monday, April 8
(order due 4/5)

Thursday, April 11
(order due 4/8)





Prayer Requests

John A.
Susan Aye
Dick B.
Sally Barton
Betty Beaman
Margaret Cable
Jack Certain
Johanne Charlery

Linda Dawson
Susan Dobbins
Pat Dougherty
Lou Egenlauf
Beth Ellisher
Pat Fulton
June Graham
Atleah Grubb
Jennifer H.
Laura Hertrick
Mary Huber (Roberta Davis' sister)
Linda Idecker
Wayne Johnson
Jan Jones
Jessa Kaufold & family

Dr. John Keriotis
Joe L.
Michael L.
Sam L.
Michael Labasik
Leigh Ann
Dixie Lemasters (Debbie Chesney's mom)
Michelle Malito
Family of Barbara McCarthy (Krista Ream's mom)
Sara McCullough
Lindsay Merryman
Tony Morgan

George Neiman
John and Sandy Nelson
Dominic and Josh Odom
Steve Powell
Margaret Pedee
Anne Robinson
Jim Rogansky
Mrs. Arlene Rucker
Dave S.
Ed S.
Morgan S.
Regina S.
Sam S.
Mary Sava
Robert Schlemmer

Linda Shortz
Linda Sollinger
Pam Squires
Will Stewart
Tamara
Don Walker
Jack Wilfong
Barry Yant
Laura Youngblood
Rich Z.
Dennis Zeveny
Jacob Zickefoose

SUNDAY SCHOOL, WITH CLASSES FOR ALL AGES, IS HELD ON SUNDAYS AT 10 AM.

Everyone, preschool through adult, is encouraged to join in study, discussion, fellowship, and have the opportunity to gain increased understanding of scripture and to grow closer to Jesus and each other. Children and Youth classes meet in the Sunday School rooms in the basement. Below is a list of the classes, along with the leaders.



Come, join in! Christian Education Co-Directors Barry and Andrea Lewis

Preschool (in the nursery) Susie Moffett	Kindergarten & 1st and 2nd Grades Bill Utterback & Beth Zeanchock	3rd, 4th and 5th Grades Roberta Davis & Wilma Hamilton	Middle School Rev. Barry Lewis & Rev. Jim Hamilton
High School Jack Moffett & Mitch Hortert	"Explorers" Roger Thomas and Mark Benjamin Meets in the library and focuses on Biblical study	"Searching for Jesus" Willie Nicholson, Sandy Kuriger, Donna Sawhill Focuses on contemporary Christian issues and meets in the parlor	

Bible Study



Bible Study meets in the church library and is led by Pastor Russel. For the convenience of those participating, there are two meeting times on Tuesday: 9:30 am and 7 pm. Join us anytime!

SOUP & HUMMUS SALE FOR THE BUILDING OF FAITH

All proceeds go toward the principal on the building loan. Give your order to the office or put it in the offering plate.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Cash Amount: _____ or Check (made to SUMC) # _____ or EasyTithe

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Choices	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	



Orders are due by Sunday, April 21 & will be ready for pickup May 2 thru 5. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus. *If using easyTithe, please include the 3% transaction fee.*

Easter Flowers Order Form



To sponsor flowers to adorn the chancel on Easter, please return your completed form to the church office on or before Sunday, March 18. Please print when filing out the form.

DO NOT PUT MONEY FOR EASTER FLOWERS IN WITH YOUR OFFERING. PLEASE WRITE A SEPARATE CHECK OR PUT YOUR CASH PAYMENT IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE MARKED "EASTER FLOWERS"

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Payment: Cash Amount: _____ or Check # _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Indicate below what type of plant(s) you will order:

<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Mum @ \$ 9.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Colors: <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Purple	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Easter Lilies @ \$10.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Color: White—1 stem, 3 blooms & up
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Hyacinths @ \$10.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Colors: <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Pink <input type="checkbox"/> Blue	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 1/2" Pot Tulips @ \$10.00 ea. # _____ of Plants Colors: Assorted Colors

To be published in Easter Sunday's Bulletin:

In Honor of: _____ In Memory Of: _____ Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____ In Memory Of: _____ Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____ In Memory Of: _____ Given by: _____

Do you wish to keep plant (s)? Yes No Plants not taken will continue to be used on the chancel.

UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR) CURRENT DISASTER RESPONSE

UMCOR and its partners are responding to disasters in the United States and around the world. Please join us in prayer for the affected areas and consider giving to UMCOR Disaster Response to support these efforts.

**Current
Disaster Response**



The United Methodist Committee on Relief is in close connection with the annual conferences responding to severe weather in the Midwestern United States. The Great Plains Conference was awarded a \$10,000 solidarity grant, and assessments have begun on how to best support relief efforts as they develop. Assessments are ongoing in the Iowa Conference, as well. Once weather permits, assessments will begin in the Dakotas, Wisconsin and Mountain Sky conferences. UMCOR awaits reports from other partners as they work with other district and state response teams. Meanwhile, recovery efforts in the Alabama-West Florida Conference continue after the March 3 tornado outbreak. UMCOR sent a trailer of supplies and issued a \$10,000 solidarity grant immediately after the storm.

Recovery efforts continue in areas hit by storms in 2018, as UMCOR's work goes beyond immediate relief efforts. [WPAUMC](#) and [UMCOR](#) websites give up to date information on all responses and on opportunities to volunteer.

Internationally, UMCOR is also working with partners in the Mozambique area and in the Congo.

UMCOR Sunday, celebrated on March 30th, provides the operating funds for UMCOR, allowing every dollar donated for a specific cause to be directed to that. To give to assist with current disaster response and recovery efforts, please indicate "UMCOR" on your giving (if you want your gift directed specifically to Domestic (USA) or International relief, please mark accordingly; otherwise, the Outreach Committee will decide on designation). You may include with your regular offering, or you may use EasyTithe.

April 2019

	1 7 PM Lenten Book Study	2 9:30 AM Bible Study 7 PM Bible Study 8 PM AA	3 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	4 11 AM - 1 PM Salad Luncheon 5:45 PM Handbell Choir 7 PM Congregational Meeting	5 7 PM AA	6 12 PM - 3 PM Bridal Shower 12 PM Girl Scout Event
7 9 AM Contemporary Worship 10 AM Confirmation Class 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Fellowship of the Cross 11 AM Traditional Worship 12 PM Youth Choir 5 PM Lenten Dinner & Program	8 6:30 PM Finance Committee 6:30 PM Trustees 8 PM Council Meeting	9 9:30 AM Bible Study 12 PM Sewickley Music Club 7 PM Bible Study 8 PM AA	10 6:30 PM Leap of Faith 7 PM UMW Meeting	11 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	12 7 PM AA	13 10 AM Pittsburgh District Conference 6 PM Film Club
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Thursday, April 4 at 7 pm, there will be a SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING in response to the proposal that Sewickley UMC become an official Reconciling Church. A Reconciling Church seeks the inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in both the policy and practices of the United Methodist Church. (This is in place of the originally scheduled **Special Church Conference, which has been cancelled by the District Superintendent.) **The meeting is open to everyone.** Jan Lawrence, Executive Director of Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN), will address the council at the beginning of the meeting, giving further information about RMN and will answer any questions.**



Remember our Shut-ins

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

Paul Collier
Mignon Emmert
Renee Gittins
Virginia Harriger
Jerry Hagadorn
B.J. (Elizabeth) Manzinger
Pat Rudy
Doug Rummens
Patricia Smith
Bonnie Stoicovy
Shirley Sye

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, June 2, Walker Park, shelter # 3
setup begins at 12:30 / we will break bread at 1:30 pm

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**



Church Picnic!

Join us at the