

# SEWICKLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## June 2017 Minutes

### *From The Pastor's Heart*

I recently read of a rather strange proposal: Jake Hess said his wife laughed at him the first time he asked her to marry him. She explained how he asked her, "Would you like to be buried with my people?" (Certainly a unique proposal.)

Yesterday my mother and I took our annual trek to various cemeteries to plant flowers, place flowers, and to remember our people. We went to the Bessemer Cemetery to the graves of my father, brother and sister. We went to the west side of Youngstown to the graves of my father's people: my paternal grandparents, and two of my dad's brothers and their wives. My last stop was at Westfield Cemetery to Nancy's people's graves: her parents, and our nephew and Godson. Saturday, Nancy and I will travel to Sandy Lake Cemetery to Nancy's mother's people: Nancy's maternal grandparents and her maternal grandmother's siblings.

We are blessed to have people come into our lives, and sadly, the day comes when all we have are our memories and we give thanks for the opportunity of loving them and being loved by them.

Death is a great teacher; it teaches us that some of the most important things in our lives are the relationships we have with others.

The following story explains what I am trying to say...

*Ron was a fifteen-year-old, tenth-grade student at Granger High School. It was game day, and he was the only sophomore suiting up with the varsity team. Excitedly, he invited his mother to attend. It was her very first football game, and she promised to be there with several of her friends.*

*The game finally ended, and she was waiting outside the locker room to drive Ron home.*

*"What did you think of the game, Mom? Did you see the three touchdown passes our team made and our tough defense, and*

*the fumble on the kickoff return that we recovered?" he asked. His mother replied, "Ron, you were magnificent. You have such presence, and I was proud of the pride you took in the way you looked. You pulled up your knee socks eleven times during the game, and I could tell you were perspiring in all those bulky pads because you got eight drinks and splashed water on your face twice.*

*I really like how you went out of the way to pat number nineteen, number five, and number ninety on the back every time they came off the field."*

*"Mom, how do you know all that? And how can you say I was magnificent? I didn't even play in the game."*

*His mother smiled and hugged him. "Ron, I don't know anything about football. I didn't come here to watch the game. I came here to watch you!"*

The moral of the story is: PEOPLE COUNT MOST OF ALL! Football is fine. Football is fantastic for some people. But people are supreme!

Here is another way to look at it:

One time the popular actress Sophia Loren sobbed to her Italian movie director, Vittorio De Sica, over the theft of some of her jewelry. And he said to her, "Listen to me, Sophia. I am much older than you and, if there is one great truth I have learned about life, it is this: NEVER CRY OVER ANYTHING THAT CAN'T CRY OVER YOU!"

What a lesson! People are more important than things! People are more important than cars and computers. People are more important than our iPhones; so many of us miss out on face-to-face conversations with the people in our lives because we are so addicted to our Smart Phones.

*From The Pastor's Heart, continued*

People, our people are far more important than things.

But this my brothers and sisters is the most important thing: **"Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people..."**  
1 Peter 2:10

Is there any better news? God's claims us as God's people!!! Which means, of course, everyone is our people! We can no longer say, my people or your people. Because God claims us as God's people, we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

I am so thankful that you are my people and I am your people.

Blessings,



Pastor Russel



We will honor our High School and College graduates during the worship services on June 4.

**Dominic Bell** is graduating from Moon Area High School. In the fall, he will attend Allegheny College to study English and writing, with theater as a side interest.

**Madeleine Bell** graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from St. Vincent College. She will be entering the Physicians' Assistant graduate program at Chatham University.

**Quinn Boyle** is graduating from Quaker Valley High School. She will be attending Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont, with a dual major in French and Biology.

**Gareth Canfield** will be graduating from Pittsburgh Technical College with an Associate's Degree in Computer Science. He hopes to work at the software company where he is currently interning.

**Collin Cannister** will graduate in August from Kent State University with a degree in Marketing and will seek employment after graduation.

**Anissa Erkert** will graduate from Quaker Valley High School. In the fall, she will attend Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, while also taking continuing education classes at Parson's School of Design in NYC.

**Aura Escobar** graduated in May from the Columbus College of Art & Design with a degree in Industrial Design. In June, she will begin working for Mycroft AI, located in Kansas, as a User Experience Designer.

**Solange Fairlie** is graduating from the University of Pittsburgh with a BS in Electrical Engineering. She is looking for a position in the industry.

**Zoe Fishter** is graduating from Quaker Valley High School and will continue her education in the fall at Juniata College, majoring in secondary Spanish education and business.

**Noah Hiles** graduated from the University of Mount Union in Alliance, OH on 13 May, with a degree in Communications and a focus in Integrated Media. He plans on working in the sports broadcasting industry.

**Grant Lane** is graduating from Quaker Valley High School. In the fall, we will begin studying engineering at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

**Jacob Leonberg** is graduating from Freedom Area High School, where he has been a member of the Marine Corps JROTC for three years. He has enlisted the Marine Corps. In September, he will report to Paris Island for Boot Camp, followed by training to become a helicopter crew chief.

**Jordan Martin** will graduate from Quaker Valley High School. In the fall, he will attend Bethany College in Bethany, WV, where he will study International Business and play on the school's football team.

**Grace Rogansky** graduates from Quaker Valley High School. She will be attending Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA, and is still undecided about her course of study, but is considering environmental science.

**Worship Opportunities - June 2017**



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

**June 4, 2017**

**Day of Pentecost**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Recognition of Graduates and Blessing of our Red Bird and Honduras Mission Teams during both services**

**A/V:** Sandra Lane (9 am)  
 Pam Honeychurch (11 am)

**Liturgist:** Kim Benjamin

**Lectionary Readings**

Acts 2:1-21  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)  
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 7:37-39

**June 11, 2017**

**First Sunday After Pentecost**

**Peace with Justice Sunday**

**Sheltered with Love**

**Hurst Bartley will bring the message during both services**

**A/V:** Laura Geason (9 am)  
 Kim Benjamin (11 am)

**Liturgist:** **Volunteer Needed**

**Lectionary Readings**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 (UMH 743)  
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

**June 18, 2017**

**Second Sunday After Pentecost**

**Father's Day**

**A/V:** Lou Ann Scott (9 am)  
 Andrea Lewis (11 am)

**Liturgist:** **Volunteer Needed**

**Lectionary Readings**

Genesis 18:1-15  
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)  
 Romans 5:1-8  
 Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

**June 25, 2017**

**Third Sunday After Pentecost**

**Baptism of Lucia Louise Martinez during 11 am service**

**A/V:** Sandra Lane (9 am)  
**Volunteer Needed** (11 am)

**Liturgist:** **Volunteer Needed**

**Lectionary Readings**

Genesis 21:8-21  
 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
 Romans 6:1b-11  
 Matthew 10:24-39

**PEACE WITH JUSTICE OFFERING – SUNDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>** - The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. Our congregation lacks the resources alone to effect change in a broken world; your giving is vital for the denomination to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds, and yielding fruit of peace. Annual conferences keep half of the Special Sunday offering to fund local peace with justice programs. The other half goes to the General Board of Church & Society (to help fund U.S. and global work in social action, public-policy education and advocacy). When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world.

Because you give:

- Young people and young clergy ministries receive support in the Rocky Mountain AC
- A museum dedicated to Palestinian storytelling art is supported in Maryland
- Robin Wertz, an ex-convict, found love and support at the Exodus House in the Oklahoma AC

Please support Peace with Justice Sunday. Empower local Christians — around the world — to build the kingdom of peace that Jesus ushered in. Special envelopes will be included in the bulletin on June 11th, or mark your gift "Peace with Justice."



**NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS**



**MONTHLY SALAD LUNCHEON** — Our community Salad Luncheon will be **Thursday, June 1, 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. This is our last luncheon until we resume in September.

**CAMPERSHIPS** — Many camp experiences are available for the young people.



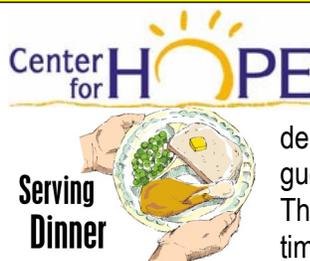
Every child who attends a United Methodist camp is entitled to financial aid from the church. Please contact Pam Honeychurch or Donna Sawhill for information. Brochures for the three camps in Western PA are available in the back of the sanctuary.



**UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF** – Once again, many areas of the United States have been hit by devastating storms. Our relief agency, the United Methodist Commission on Relief (UMCOR), is busy reaching out to affected communities. UMCOR has also been

responding to disaster needs around the world. Every dollar you donate to disaster relief goes directly to helping those areas. Please consider donating to UMCOR Disaster relief. Mark your gift **UMCOR Disaster Relief** – special “blue” envelopes are in the back of the sanctuary, or include your donation with your regular offering.

**100%**  
UMCOR DONATIONS  
GO TO THE CAUSE

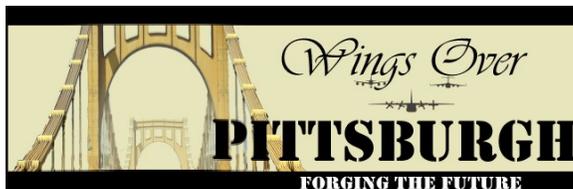


**HELP WITH THE CENTER FOR HOPE MEAL** — Please join our volunteers who will cook and serve a delicious home cooked meal for the guests at Center for Hope in Ambridge. The date is Thursday, June 30th, and the time is 4-6 pm. You can donate a cake, milk, juice, green salad makings, or fruit. Please contact Donna Sawhill to help.

Serving Dinner



**FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY** – Look for the cart in the sanctuary on June 25th. Children are out of school for the summer – consider purchasing peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, juice, and other nutritious, kid-friendly foods for June's collection.



Thanks again to all of the wonderful, generous volunteers who donated their time for the church the weekend of May 13 & 14 during the “Wings Over Pittsburgh” Air Show. Our volunteers were CJ Jones, Jennifer Taylor, Pamela Mayo, Grace Rogansky, Ed Sawhill, Donna Sawhill, Kris Swaney, Martha Boward, Mark Benjamin, Willie Nicholson, Bola Nicholson, Otis McAliley, Bill Ferguson, Barry Lewis, Wendy Shepard, Nancy Plum, Pat Grossarth, Steve Grossarth and Hank Graham, with Belinda Resler, Kandace Kramer, Jack Morrow, Sandy Kuriger, Bill Kuriger and Pam Honeychurch volunteering both days. Thanks to your service, we raised \$2160, which will be used to help fund the replacement of the very worn carpet in the hall outside the Simpson Room.



Confirmation Visit to Conference Center on April 21, 2017  
(front row) Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, Austin Hiles, Addison Shaffer & Katheryn Karwoski; (back row) Lou Ann Scott, Jenine Furry, Spencer Clifford, Blair McCombs and Pastor Russel

Welcome

Spencer Clifford

Austin Hiles

Katheryn Karwoski

Blair McCombs

Addison Shaffer

who joined Sewickley UMC  
through confirmation on May 14, 2017



**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.**



**CELEBRATE YOUR IDENTITY**

BECAUSE WE ARE "ALL" CLAIMED  
AS GOD'S BELOVED CHILDREN

The Sewickley United Methodist Church will host a worship service on Saturday,

June 24, at 6 pm, in the sanctuary, celebrating diversity and God's unconditional love for all. The theme is "**Loving Out Loud.**"

Friends and allies are encouraged to attend, supporting our LBGQT community.

Jeff Miller, former United Methodist pastor, will bring the evening message. Our praise band, Leap of Faith, will bring the celebratory music for the evening.

A time of refreshment and fellowship will follow the service.

**WPAUMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE (AC) 2017 MISSION COLLECTIONS**

**RELIEF KITS** — Help support Eastbrook Mission Barn, our Annual Conference



UMCOR satellite, by purchasing items from its wish list or by donating money for Outreach to do your shopping – **items must be brought to church by June 4th.** We are collecting the following items, which must be new. A box is in the Narthex for the items. Wish list:

- ⇒ Household cleaner (12-16 oz. bottles – no spray containers)
- ⇒ Liquid laundry detergent (42-50 oz. bottles)
- ⇒ Finger nail clippers
- ⇒ Cloth diapers
- ⇒ Baby onesies

Or, mark your financial gift "UMCOR Kits" and include with your regular offering.

AT THE LAKE  
ministries



**AT THE LAKE MINISTRIES (ATLM)**

**FUNDING** - ATLM is dedicated to offering our brothers and sisters in Christ who live with a disability a space in which to foster relationships and build community while on a retro-fitted charter fishing boat. Repurposing of the boat, JoAnn M, is already underway, but there is much more that needs to be done. To support this new ministry, SUMC will be accepting monetary donations, which will be taken to AC. As donations are received at AC, water will be added to a 20-gallon tank – a full tank will mean that the \$19,000 goal has been met! HELP BE A FISHER OF "MEN" by marking your donation "At the Lake" and including it with your regular offering by June 4th. Goldfish bowls are also in the back of the sanctuary for your donation of coins.



**ANNUAL SHOE DRIVE** – It is not too late to bring your new and gently used CLEAN shoes (pairs only) to help EUMA (Erie United Methodist Alliance) with its Annual Shoe Drive. Sewickley UMC will collect until June 4th. For ease of collection, kits are available at the information table at the back of the sanctuary. Either tie laces of shoe pairs or use the included rubber bands to match pairs. Place up to 25 pairs in the provided bag. Return your bag with paired shoes to church. Collection boxes are available in the Narthex and in the church basement. Feel free to share a collection kit with friends, neighbors, and family. The more unwanted shoes cleared from closets, the more mission support is generated!

Our church is supporting a number of charitable organizations. By donating these things, you are able to help a worthwhile cause by collecting and donating things you might already have around your home. **Collection containers for each of these items are in the Simpson Room.**

- **Labels for Education**, which are found on products from Campbell's and their affiliated brands, get sent to help the Red Bird Mission School earn free educational resources.



**Since 2008, the Box Tops SUMC has sent to the Red Bird Mission have added \$991.80 to their educational programs. Thanks for clipping and collecting!**

- **Box Tops for Education**, from General Mills products and their affiliated brands, also go to help the Red Bird Mission School earn free educational resources.
- **Tyson Project A+**, labels from specially marked Tyson products help the Red Bird Mission School earn free educational resources. Each label earns the school 24¢.
- **Pop tops** from drink cans go to the local Order of the Eastern Star to aid their Scholarship Fund.



Coca-Cola has ended their "My Coke Rewards" program and Campbell's is ending their Labels for Education program in August 2017. Thank you to everyone who supported the Red Bird Mission through the collection of the Coke bottle caps and Campbell's labels.

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



	2017 Budget	Budgeted to Date	April	Year-to-date
<b>Expenses</b>	261,574.27	97,982.95	22,584.51	100,807.80
<b>Receipts</b>	261,574.27	88,880.03	24,349.43	91,951.48
<b>Overage (Deficit)</b>	0.00	(9,102.92)	1,764.92	(8,856.32)

The Board of the Union Aid Society and the residents of our apartments wish to extend grateful thanks to the young women of the Fellowship of the Cross, their advisors and their ministry. And to Dorothy Jadowiec, SUM Church member and apartment resident, a very special thank you for helping to coordinate the planting with Pamela Mayo and hosting a delicious indoor picnic for the gardeners.

On Sunday, May 21, members of the FOTC came with joyful hearts and arms filled with colorful annuals ready to plant in the flower beds and planters at the apartments at 511 Centennial Ave. Fortunately, the heavens held back until the last annual was in the ground, and then a gentle rain began to fall.

The residents will enjoy watching the flowers grow and bloom throughout the summer, adding a bit of color to their surroundings.

Blessings to you for your caring hearts,

Gretchen Burnham

Union Aid Society Board Member



During the week of June 11—17, 8 members of Sewickley United Methodist Church will serve at the Red Bird Mission in the rural southeastern corner of Kentucky. This will be the 11th consecutive year a team has gone to serve at Red Bird Mission and our largest group yet. Jenine Furry, Pat Grossarth, Laura Hess, Pam Honeychurch, Sandy Kuriger, Belinda Resler, Donna Sawhill and Kristine Swaney will spend the week in the home of widow, jacking up the corner of the house, and painting the walls and replacing the floor in a bedroom. Please keep the team and all others serving at Red Bird in your prayers, for safety and for a life changing and affirming experience.

### Sewickley Town Clock

Sewickley's most visible landmark is the town clock in the steeple of the United Methodist Church. Located in the geographic center of Sewickley Borough, it has been marking time since 1884.

This classic timepiece was purchased in 1883 from the E. Howard Clock Co. of Boston, suppliers of tower clocks throughout the United States. The bell in the tower was purchased from Clinton H. Meneely and Co., Troy, N.Y. Cost of the timepiece and the bell was \$1067.

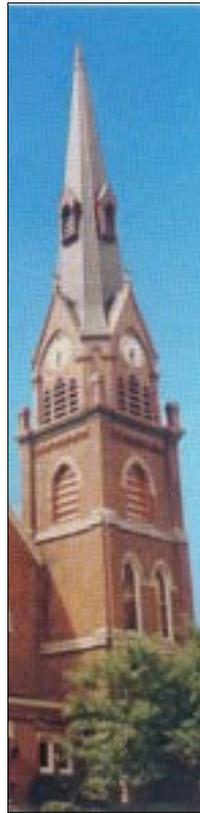
When first installed, the clock was operated by weights that were cranked up manually once a week. In 1919, when AC current became available, it was converted to electricity. Night illumination was installed in 1949.

In 1953, when Sewickley Borough assumed responsibility for maintenance, it became the official town clock. New dials replaced the originals, and the tower was sheathed in aluminum. Lost in the process were the turrets in the high steeple.

A major renovation was completed in 1996 with funds raised by a committee led by Thomas Wright. This \$350,000 project was supported by donations from church members and hundreds of citizens of Sewickley and surrounding communities. In this renovation, the charming details of the tower and steeple were replaced.

The steeple of the Methodist Church rises to 172 ft and has been struck by lightning many times. In the process of modernization in 1996, a manually actuated sprinkler system was installed.

The clock was first lighted in 1949. Except for the period 1950-1953, the clock and bell have operated 24 hours a day since 1884 with only occasional interruptions.



### Heritage Sunday 2017 -Tip Your Hats to Heritage Derby

Ekunise o. Modupe. (job well done and thank you- in Yoruba)



The hats were many and we thank you so much for the great show of color and all the various hats. An exceptional thank you to the youth and adults who helped create the hats for the parade. These hats will become part of our annual decorations so you will see them again! We look forward to doing this again next year with another theme. Be on the lookout! Many thanks to the Nurture Committee members who came in to decorate, setup and clean up. We doff our hats to you,

The Heritage Sunday Committee,  
Becca Greggs, Dorothy Jadlowiec & Bola Nicholson



*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.

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

Jessica Moore	6/1
Nancy Wiggins	6/1
Amanda Lewis	6/4
Genevieve Moffett	6/5
Amie McCombs	6/6
Katie Lyon	6/7
Jade Burnett	6/8
Janice Jones	6/8
Linda Flaherty	6/10
Clara Herman	6/10



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Willa Herman	6/10
Zoe Fishter	6/11
Johnathan Burnett	6/14

Grant Lane	6/18
Pamela Mayo	6/18
Scott Spencer	6/19
Patrick Williams	6/19
Lindsay Merryman	6/20
Mike Pedee	6/20
Sylvia Bajsec	6/25
Pete Hiles	6/26
Emmelia Gaebel	6/29
Brenda Smith	6/29

*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.*

# Bethany House Academy

*"BUILDING TOWARDS EXCELLENCE"*



## **Make Bethany House Your Personal Ministry and Make a Difference in the Lives of Children Living in Northview Heights**

Bethany House Academy is an agency of hope and compassion focusing on educating and nourishing children in one of our city's most at-risk communities. Because Bethany House relies upon grants and gifts, your financial support is needed to ensure these efforts continue.

Children who benefit from Bethany House programming enter the public school system prepared and advanced in literacy, technology, arts, math, science, and citizenship. Without your financial partnership, the children of Northview Heights would remain entrenched in the vicious cycle of poverty and unable to realize their full potential.

### **What We Do:**

- A Pre-K program serving 20-25 kids daily providing academic enrichment.
- An After-School program providing 30-35 children and youth with academic support, training, arts & crafts and curriculum-based clubs.
- A Summer Program combining academic reinforcement, physical activity, and fun for 30-35 children.

With competition for funding and reduced contributions from UMC Missions Support, we need new partners. In spite of successful and measurable outcomes, Bethany House must continuously secure new resources to sustain programs.

### **What You Can Do:**

Make a gift directly to Bethany House via our website at [bhaweb.org](http://bhaweb.org) or through your church offering, by marking your memo or envelope "BHA."

Participate or sponsor our upcoming events:

- Sporting Clays Tournament, June 26, 2017, Seven Springs
- 5th Annual Golf Outing, Sept. 11, 2017, Diamond Run

Visit our website, [bhaweb.org](http://bhaweb.org), to learn more about our 50-year history and the grass-roots efforts of Bethany House, a shining light in one of Pittsburgh's most distressed communities.

Blessings,  
Keith Murphy, BHA Executive Director



**THE POWER  
of a  
SIMPLE  
GIFT**

Roselyn and her brothers spent much of their time waiting for the rain and then playing in the mud. Their only toys were the ones they shaped from the wet earth outside their home in Malawi, in east Africa.

“We would go outside after it rained and mold the (mud) into figures. I used to have pretend clay tea parties ... but you couldn’t play without getting muddy.”

At 6, she received an Operation Christmas Child shoe box.

“It contained my first real toys, including not just one doll, but two! Having two dolls to play with was perfect because that meant I could pretend the dolls were having conversations ... I played with those dolls so much that I wore them out.”

Her favorite gift was a picture book.

“It has such bright colors and pretty settings. It spoke to my imagination. More than that, it was mine,” Roselyn, now a student living with her family in Michigan, said in a story she wrote for the Operation Christmas Child website.

The church that distributed the boxes also shared lessons about Jesus and His love.

“The shoe box helped me realize that God is for children, too, not just adults.”

Sewickley United Methodist Church has provided 600 shoe boxes to children like Roselyn over the past six years.

The Fellowship of the Cross youth group, which has coordinated SUMC’s shoe box campaigns each year, is targeting gifts for girls in June. Toys and games, books, small stuffed animals, simple jewelry and hair ornaments, and socks are welcome.

In July, we will target gifts for boys, and in August we will target school supplies.

Our May target was health supplies - toothbrushes, soap, wash cloths, combs, adhesive bandages, for example - and there remains a need for those gifts. SUMC includes toothbrushes, soap and wash cloths in each box we pack. We are not permitted to pack toothpaste, liquid soaps or shampoo.

Any gifts can be delivered any time to the collection box in the narthex. Financial gifts, to help with shipping costs, are also accepted throughout the year.

In the past, SUMC shoe boxes have been delivered to children in several African countries, Ukraine, Honduras, and the Bahamas. Some have gone to nations that cannot be identified because of political tensions. Each shoe box is delivered along with an opportunity to attend Bible classes.

“I tell people that this little gift of a shoe box changed my life,” Roselyn wrote. “I want to thank all the people who have a sincere dedication to this ministry ... they are impacting so many children in ways they can’t even fathom.”



Jeroboam II is King of Israel. Prosperity reigns. Amos begins preaching as the first writing Deuteronomic prophets. A new understanding of the law has matured from obedience to ethics. Israel is being prepared for exile. There will be no more kings and priests between YHWH and the individual. Amos wants justice to flow like a waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream! Jonah has survived long enough to convert Nineveh, and has scolded the Lord for not destroying the city anyhow! Now, Good King Hezekiah will see Israel disbursed, and will survive because of Isaiah's counsel. Micah and Hosea will change Judah's relationship with YHWH from obedient servant to bride.

Come join us in the library between services. Watch the hand of the Holy Spirit reveal YHWH's will one step at a time.

**WESTERN PA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 8—11, GROVE CITY COLLEGE**

When you hear the term “annual conference,” it could be referring to any one of three things. The annual conference is a regional body, an organizational unit AND a yearly meeting.

**Regional body**

The annual (sometimes referred to as ‘regional’) conference is described by the church's Constitution and (other parts of the) Book of Discipline as the “basic unit” of the church.

In the United States, an annual conference may cover an entire state, only part of the state, or even parts of two or more states. There are also three missionary conferences in the United States, which rely upon the denomination as a whole for funding.

The United States has 57 annual conferences, supervised by 46 bishops. There are 76 annual conferences in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, which are supervised by 20 bishops.

**Organizational body**

In the U.S., the annual conference has a central office and professional staff that coordinate and conduct ministry and the business of the conference. It likely has a director of connectional ministries, treasurer, directors of program areas (such as camping), communications director, and other staff as deemed appropriate for the annual conference and as required by the Book of Discipline. Clergy and laypersons may also serve on conference boards, commissions and committees.



**Annual Conference sessions**

Each year an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend their conference's Annual Conference session for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference, which may last 3-5 days. During these sessions, members of the conference hear reports of past and ongoing work; adopt future goals, programs and budgets; ordain clergy members as deacons and elders; and elect delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (every 4 years). The bishop presides over these meetings.

Sewickley United Methodist Church is part of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, which includes all of the UMCs of Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia. Within

the Jurisdiction, we are part of The Western Pennsylvania Conference, which is made up of about 800 local churches in 23 western Pennsylvania counties. The Western Pennsylvania Conference is further broken down into 10 districts, Sewickley UMC being part of the Pittsburgh District.

The Annual Conference of the Western Pennsylvania Conference is taking place June 8 – 11 at Grove City College. We will be represented by Pastor Russel and Martha Boward, our Lay Member to Annual Conference. Lay Equalization Members from our congregation are Wilma Hamilton and Roger Thomas. Lay Equalization members help balance out the number of laity with clergy.

Please be in prayer for those our Annual Conference as they met at Grove City College.

<p>Alice Lisle B. Marcy B. Hurst Bartley Family of Judy Benjamin Ruth Beshero Barb Beukema Darrel Black Dee Connelly Donna Cymbalak Melody Dean Jodi Dolin Julie Donaho Edward Lou Egenlauf Don Evanchko</p>	<p>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 Knepshield Clark Leiphart</p>	 <p><b>Prayer Requests</b></p> <p>Pat Leiphart Dixie Lemasters Garrett Lemasters Joe Lombardo Donna Macaul Michelle Malito</p>	<p>Sara McCullough Scott McDonough Brian McKay Mary Ann Moore Family of Norma Moore John Nelson Sandy Nelson Gary P. Patty Payne Cleo Pfeifer Cori Reasoner Jim Rogansky Ryan Karen S. Ed Sawhill Jeremy Schiable</p>	<p>Renee Shutak Gale Siddall C.R. “Bob” Simpson Dorothy Smith Family of Bill Smouse Bonnie Stoicovy Sandy Stroebel Renate Tabet and family Renee Tobias Philip Tolorica Emil Valsimidis Michael Woods Bob Yant Dennis Zeveny Jacob Zickefoose</p>
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 11 AM - 1 PM Salad Luncheon	<b>2</b> 7 PM AA	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9 AM Contemporary Worship 11 AM Fellowship of the Cross 11 AM Traditional Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8 PM AA	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal 7 PM AA	<b>10</b> 2:30 PM Wedding
Annual Conference 8—11 June						
<b>11</b> 9 AM Contemporary Worship 11 AM Fellowship of the Cross 11 AM Traditional Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8 PM AA	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7 PM AA	<b>17</b>
Red Bird Mission Trip 11—17 June						
<b>18</b> 9 AM Contemporary Worship 11 AM Fellowship of the Cross 11 AM Traditional Worship	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Finance 6:30 PM Trustees 8 PM Council Meeting	<b>20</b> 8 PM AA	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7 PM AA	<b>24</b> 6 PM Pride Celebration
<b>25</b> 9 AM Contemporary Worship 11 AM Fellowship of the Cross 11 AM Traditional Worship 12 PM Fellowship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8 PM AA	<b>28</b> 6:30 PM Leap of Faith	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 PM AA	

**Melissa Kasula & Erin Kelly 6/2**  
**Shawn & Kim Bullock 6/5**  
**Guy & Erika Caley 6/11**  
**Gordon & Debbie Chesney 6/18**  
**Eric & Lindsey Day 6/21**



**Jenine Furry & Paul Clifford 6/24**  
**Doug & Belinda Resler 6/25**  
**Bill & Lindsay Merryman 6/26**  
**Brad & Jan Jones 6/29**  
**Jill & Scott Matthews 6/30**