



## SEWICKLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# June 2019 Minutes

### *From The Pastor's Heart*

We are all on a journey. Hopefully...prayerfully... our journey involves growth in all aspects of our lives. Let me be honest, there are several areas of my life where I obviously need to grow. One area that I continue to be very conscious of is being "**politically correct.**" I don't want to say the wrong thing and be offensive. I am a work in progress and admit I am not always "*politically correct*" and when I slip up someone will look at me with a raised eyebrow or call me out on it, which I appreciate because it helps me learn and grow.

I recently came across an article stating the following...

*They were just kidding, I'm sure, but at a gathering of students I overheard one student say to another, "Back off, mister. She's already spoken for."*

*A male student had attempted to engage a young woman in conversation. His buddy wheeled around and claimed her as his girlfriend.*

*"I didn't know we were boyfriend and girlfriend," said the young woman in amazement, "How sweet."*

Some might say that is indeed kind of sweet. Others might see it as being offensive because it seems to suggest a sense of possession or ownership. Maybe, just maybe, we take being "*politically correct*" to the extreme. I certainly appreciate the offensiveness of "*belonging*" to someone else. In fact, in the marriage ceremonies I conduct I never ask, "*Who gives this woman to be married to this man?*" No one is property to be GIVEN to another. I always ask both sets of parents to give their blessing to the marriage of their children.

Yet there is something endearing about being spoken for. If I am speaking about my daughters, I might say: MY Lee Ann, MY Amy or MY Melanie. When referring to my wife I might also say, MY Nancy. It is not about possession or ownership but about relationship; it is all about love.

Now, aside from any concerns about "*political correctness*" of that exchange, it is important to keep that conversation in mind - "*Back off, she's already spoken for.*"

I love the way Jesus holds claim to us in John's gospel: "**MY sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.**

Do you hear it? We are spoken for! Someone has turned toward us, reached out to us, called us by name, and spoken for us. We are named and claimed by one who does not intend to allow others to name or claim us: Jesus.

No matter how hard we try, no matter which technique we use, we are incapable of climbing up to God. We are totally dependent on God climbing down to us.

And in Jesus Christ, that's just what God has done. Jesus speaks of himself as "the good shepherd." There may be some shepherds who say to themselves, when some dumb sheep wanders away from the safety of the fold, "Aw, let it go. I've got plenty of other sheep who stayed right here at home. I can do without one sheep." No. The good shepherd, Jesus insists, goes out and beats the bushes and searches for that one wayward sheep until he finds that sheep, and then the good shepherd brings that sheep back safely to the fold.

Jesus says that that same good shepherd—once he has laid hold of his sheep, once he knows his sheep on a first-name basis—will never, ever let his sheep out of his grasp. They will never, ever wander so far that the good shepherd can't find them.

We all need to hear that reassurance from Jesus. Our relationship with God is based solely on something that God has thought, felt, and done for each of us.

Please remember these strong, reassuring words when you come to your times, as we all do, of doubt,

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## *From The Pastor's Heart, continued*

uncertainty, and wandering. All of us are subject to various voices that tempt us away from our relationship with Christ. They lure:

- You are a self-made person
- Think for yourself
- Accumulate all the stuff you can to protect yourself from an uncertain future.
- Get a gun and learn how to use it well, it's your only security
- Why waste your time at church, you've got better things to do
- Faith is fantasy; stick with the facts and live your life on the basis of what you can prove to yourself

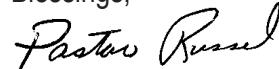
But then, even amid the seduction of the American, demonic sirens, you hear another voice: "This one is mine, and no one will snatch this one out of my hand."

That's our one, best hope. We are claimed. We have been spoken for. And once Jesus has claimed us, he will never, ever let us go.

That is the message I want to loudly and boldly proclaim each and every Sunday; we are ALL sheep that belong to Jesus, no exceptions. We are all totally dependent upon the grace of God through the living Christ. God's grace and love cannot be earned or bought, and certainly we do not deserve them. They are God's unconditional gifts to us. The Gospel is not what we do for God, but what God has chosen to do for us through Jesus.

May each of us have hope that Christ will say of us at the end, "That one's part of my flock. That one is spoken for."

Blessings,



Pastor Russel



We will honor our high school and college graduates during the worship services on June 2



**Lia Warburton** graduates on June 10 from Quaker Valley High School. In August, she will attend Penn State, University Park, where she will pursue a degree in Marketing.

**Nina Wiggins** will graduate from Quaker Valley High School on June 10. Nina will give one of the commencement speeches. In the fall, she will enter the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State, University Park. Nina will pursue a degree in Biobehavioral Health and is considering a career in the medical field.

**Noah Wiggins** graduates on June 10 from Quaker Valley High School. Noah will be studying Biobehavioral Health through the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State, University Park. He is considering a career in the medical field.

**Madeleine Bell** will graduate in July as a Physician's Assistant from Chatham University.

**Rachel Boward** graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh on April 28 with majors in English (Writing) and Sociology, and a minor in Gender and Women Studies. While at Pitt, she volunteered in and around the campus with various social service agencies, partially through Alpha Phi Omega, a campus service organization, and on her own. In her search for employment, Rachel hopes to combine her writing with her desire to work for social justice.

**James Burnett** graduated from Robert Morris University on May 11 with a BS in Informational Technology.

**Sarah Heastings** graduated cum laude from Robert Morris University on May 11 Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications with a concentration in Sport Communication and a minor in Sport Management. During her internship with the Pittsburgh Passion, Sarah created website and social media content for the team.

**Laura Honeychurch** graduated summa cum laude from Robert Morris University on May 11 with a B.A. in Social Science with a concentration in Social Studies Education. She is looking for her first teaching position at either the middle or high school level.

**Sydney Lane** graduated on May 11 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Middle Level Education with a concentration in Language Arts and a minor in Educational Psychology. In August, Sydney will begin the Master of Education Literacy program at IUP. During her graduate studies, she will be able to substitute teach at the school where she is placed as part of her assistantship.

## Worship Opportunities -June 2019



# Worship SCHEDULE

**June 2, 2019**

**Seventh Sunday in Easter  
Sacrament of Communion**

**Liturgist:** Donna Sawhill

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

### **Lectionary Readings**

Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97 (UMH 816)
Revelation 22:12-14	John 17:20-26

**June 9, 2019**

**Pentecost Sunday  
Sheltered with Love**

**Liturgist:** Nancy Plum

**A/V:** Becky Sollinger (9 am) / Kim Benjamin (11 am)

### **Lectionary Readings**

Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-24, 35b
Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17 (25-27)

**Contemporary Worship Service: 9 am**

**Sunday School for all ages: 10 am (September—May)**

**Traditional Worship Service: 11 am**

**June 16, 2019**

**Trinity Sunday  
Father's Day**

**Liturgist:** Dorothy Jadlowiec

**A/V:** Lou Ann Scott (9 am) / **Volunteer Needed** (11 am)

### **Lectionary Readings**

Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148 (UMH 861)
Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35

**June 23, 2019**

**Second Sunday After Pentecost**

**Liturgist:** Matthew McAliley

**A/V:** Susie Moffett (9 am) / **Volunteer Needed** (11 am)

### **Lectionary Readings**

1 Kings 19:1-15a	Psalm 42 (UMH 777)
Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39

**June 30, 2019**

**Third Sunday After Pentecost**

**Lay Servants will bring the morning message**

**Liturgist:** Carole Ford

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

### **Lectionary Readings**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798)
Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62



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  
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 us.**



**Church Picnic!**  
Join us at the

## NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS



**MONTHLY SALAD LUNCHEON** — Our final community luncheon of the season is **Thursday, June 6 from 11 am to 1 pm.** Proceeds support the General Fund. Please consider donating your homemade salads for the luncheon. Salads should be brought to

the Simpson Room by 10 am 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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY** — Look for the cart on June 23rd. 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.



**Hygiene Kits  
Needed**

Outreach Committee has purchased any items which were not donated in May; and your financial contribution is needed to cover those costs. You may mark your gift "Hygiene Kits" and include it with your regular offering; or you may use EasyTithe for an electronic giving.

**PUMPKIN PATCH** — It's not TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT THIS YEAR'S Pumpkin Patch. Our pumpkins are coming on September 28th at 9 am. Please mark your calendars now and invite a friend. If you know of any organizations that offer community service, please let Lou Ann Scott know.



**WPAUMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE (AC) 2019 MISSION COLLECTION – HYGIENE KITS** – To help replenish hygiene kits at Eastbrook Mission Barn, our AC UMCOR satellite, the Outreach Committee set a goal to assemble 50 hygiene kits. Hygiene kits contain a wash cloth, soap, hand towel, comb, adult toothbrush, and a nail clipper. Toothpaste is added at the time of distribution.

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### ADDICTION RESPONSE

**MINISTRY WORKSHOP** — If this topic interests you, save the date of **Saturday, June 22** for this workshop at Butler First UMC. A flyer is posted on the church bulletin board or you can see details on the WPAUMC website [wpaumc.org](http://wpaumc.org).



### GREATER PITTSBURGH FOOD BANK SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

**CORAOPOLIS** — As school ends for the summer, so does the food safety net that many children in the Greater Pittsburgh Area have during the

school months. Qualified children have received free or reduced cost breakfast and lunch at their schools. All that school support ends during the summer months. Coraopolis Youth Creations will be partnering with the Food Bank for Food and Fun, which provide much needed lunch followed by activities, free of charge to youth age 18 and younger. Sewickley UMC's Outreach Committee chair has reached out to the Food Bank to see how SUMC might help with this program. Look for updates in the coming weeks. Food and Fun will run from June 12th to August 9th at the center located at 1022 5th Avenue, 3rd Floor – no paperwork to fill out, no qualifications to meet, just eat. Find Coraopolis Youth Creations on Facebook or at [www.youthcreations.net](http://www.youthcreations.net).



Several churches from across the Pittsburgh District and Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference are joining forces to participate in this year's Pittsburgh Pride festivities during the weekend of Saturday, June

8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's celebration includes Pridefest, which features an opportunity for volunteers to table at the two-day event. At the table will be information about local churches that are welcoming and affirming. In addition to Pridefest, there is the Pittsburgh Pride Equality March on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> that steps off at 12:30 pm. If you are interested in tabling or marching, please reach out to Mitch Hortert (412-538-7267 / [Mitchell.Hortert@outlook.com](mailto:Mitchell.Hortert@outlook.com)) or Susie Moffett (412-445-3715 / [susie.fhnc@gmail.com](mailto:susie.fhnc@gmail.com)).

### 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's collection ends June 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 bag with paired shoes to church. Collection boxes are be available in Simpson Room and in the church basement. Feel free to share a collection kit (or 2 or 3) with friends, neighbors, and family. The more unwanted shoes cleared from closets, the more mission support is generated!





Many thanks to all the contributors and workers who donated furniture, decorated the pieces, made the vinegars, and worked at the May Mart: Marilyn Evans, Pat and Bill Ferguson, Dorritt Field, Margie Fiscus, Jenine Furry, Pat and Steve Grossarth, Pam Honeychurch, Mary Jablonski, Chris Jezzi, Dorothy Jadlowiec, Sandy Kuriger, Nancy Plum, Pastor Russel, Donna Sawhill, and Nancy and Larry Young. The Angels will have plenty of creations for sale at Sewickley's Harvest Festival in September. Feel free to donate items that can be decorated. Also, helpers are welcome throughout the summer. Contact Nancy Plum or Donna Sawhill.

Members of the United Methodist Women (UMW) thank everyone who helped to make the May Sale for Missions a success. Every dollar we raise is important to people here in our own town, or somewhere in our country or in another country. We are thankful for everyone's contributions, whether it is donating items to sell, helping with set up or clean up duties, purchasing items, making signs, sweeping the floor or hauling tables around the large basement room. Thank you for your help.

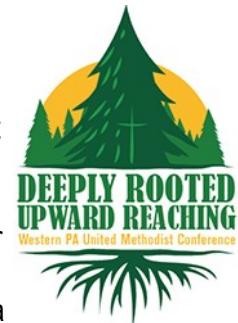
For those who may not be aware.....every May for the last 8 years, under the leadership of Bill Utterback and Pamela Mayo, the FOTC youth have planted flowers at the Union Aid apartment building at 511 Centennial Ave. This year, on May 19th, after the traditional service, 14 youth (ages 4-19) planted 100 impatiens on our center terrace and 60 plus vinca on our back patio terrace, along with snap dragons, marigolds, lobelia, and dianthus. In addition, they filled nine planters with begonias, coleus, geraniums, and petunias, etc. Afterwards, these young gardeners had lunch in our Community Room, joined by some of the residents. Then, in mid-summer, all are invited back for an ice cream social and to see the flowers in full bloom..... flowers that bloom and "delight" from spring to fall! I want to thank all church friends and family who planted and all who donated the beautiful plants.

Blessings,  
Dorothy Jadlowiec (511 Centennial Ave. Resident)

## THE DEEPLY ROOTED, UPWARD REACHING CAMPAIGN FOR WPAUMC CAMPING & RETREAT MINISTRIES

Camping and Retreat Ministries serves over 20,000 people each year through camps, programs, retreats and other ministry opportunities. These ministries are broken out between six unique locations - At The Lake Ministries, Camp Allegheny, Healthy Village Learning Institute, Jumonville, Olmsted Manor Retreat Center, Wesley Woods - that serve faith development. To increase participation, a capital campaign has been started to raise no less than \$2.5 million and challenge goal of \$5 million.

If you have yet to make a contribution or pledge to this campaign, the forms can be found at the back of the sanctuary. You may learn more at [wpaumc.org/DRURCampaign](http://wpaumc.org/DRURCampaign).



PEACE IS A COMMUNITY PROJECT

Holocaust Survivor  
**Shulamit Bastacky**

WILL TELL HER STORY OF BEING HIDDEN AS A CHILD DURING WORLD WAR 2

**Sunday, June 2, 2019  
3:30 p.m.**

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
823 MAPLEWOOD AVE  
AMBRIDGE

An Afternoon of Learning, Conversation, and Community

Hosted by  
United Presbyterian,  
New Hope Lutheran, &  
Beth Samuel Jewish Center

Community welcome!

Discussion and Refreshments to follow Program.

Questions: (412) 337 3434

Shulamit's story includes a stuffed animal. She invites everyone who attends to bring a new teddy bear to be given to a child who has suffered a traumatic event.



## WESTERN PA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 6—9, 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 6 – 8 at Grove City College. We will be represented by Pastor Russel and our Lay Member to Annual Conference, Donna Sawhill. Lay Equalization Members from our congregation are Martha Boward, Wilma Hamilton, Mitchell Hortert, and Roger Thomas. Lay Equalization members help balance out the number of laity with clergy.

Please be in prayer for our Annual Conference and all present as they meet at Grove City College.

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



Willa Herman	6/10
Zoe Fishter	6/11
Marjorie Fiscus	6/12
Johnathan Burnett	6/14

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

What can a child do with an Operation Christmas Child shoebox after the gifts have been removed?

Dariya, a 13-year-old girl living in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, put a shirt for her father in the re-purposed box and gave it to him for his birthday. Her gift came with an offer to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

"He was excited to receive a gift from me ... I want to be like the girl who gave me a shoebox," Dariya said in a story on the OCC website. "I want to help a lot of people believe in God."

When Dariya received her shoebox at a church function, it included a hat, a scarf, a sketch book and colored pencils, school pencils with erasers and a sharpener, and a letter from an unidentified girl.

"It was my first letter," she said.

The shoebox and gifts, and the 12 Bible lessons she accepted and attended after receiving the gifts, taught her about the love of Jesus. She was drawn to one particular component of His love: "Children are important."

The girl who sent the shoebox and the letter brought His light to Dariya, who then shared the Light with her father.

Anyone, regardless of age, can reflect His light through Operation Christmas Child.



The Sewickley United Methodist Church family, in an effort coordinated by the Fellowship of the Cross youth, has packed 800 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child over the past eight years, at least 100 in each of the past seven years. Our goal is to fill and share another 100 boxes this year.

In June, FOTC is targeting contributions of health and personal items such as bar soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, adhesive bandages, combs, hairbrushes, hair accessories, socks and sunglasses.

In July, target contributions will include "wow" gifts such as toys, balls, stuffed animals and jewelry.

In August, we will target school supplies. FOTC is also collecting T-shirts, which will be cut into strips and used to create gifts such as jump ropes, head bands and tote bags. T-shirts may include words or designs.

Any gifts, and shoeboxes, can be donated at any time through September. Some gifts, such as toys and stuffed animals, may be "very gently used." Our collection box is on the pew in the narthex.

Operation Christmas Child does not accept toothpaste, any liquids (including shampoo), candy or war-related items such as toy guns or knives.

FOTC will again host a packing party on a Sunday morning in the Fall.

## COME TO THE PARTY

Here's your first invitation to a Christmas party this year: Join the Fellowship of the Cross youth on **Thursday, June 13** to create hand-made gifts for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

We will be gathering from 6:30 to 9 pm to create jump ropes, backpacks/day packs and other gifts from T-shirts donated by the church family. Drop in any time, for as long as you can or want to stay.

We need at least three people who can bring portable sewing machines, and several people to bring and use fabric scissors. Please place your name on your scissors.

We will also have plenty of simple tasks for people who come without sewing machines and scissors. The T-shirt fabric must be scissored, stretched and braided. Sewing skills are not necessary. We will find a job for everyone.

We intend to include at least one hand-made gift in each of the 100 shoe boxes we hope to fill and contribute this year.

For more information, or to let us know you are bringing a sewing machine, please contact Pamela Mayo, Bill Utterback or any member of The FOTC team.



During the week of June 16—22, 6 members of Sewickley United Methodist Church will serve at the Red Bird Mission in the rural southeastern corner of Kentucky.

This will be the 13th consecutive year a team from SUMC has gone to serve at Red Bird Mission, where groups come from all over to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. Jenine Furry, Pat Grossarth, Laura Honeychurch, Pam Honeychurch, Sandy Kuriger, and Kristine Swaney will spend the week working at a home where they will work in the kitchen to replace the sink and faucet, cabinets and countertop. They will also replace a broken window, and clean and paint the exterior ramp and deck. Please keep the team and all others serving at Red Bird in your prayers, for safety and for a life changing and affirming experience.



Melissa Kasula & Erin Kelly	6/2
Shawn & Kim Bullock	6/5
Aimee and Chris Thornton	6/10
Jason & Jennifer Frye	6/15
Michelle & Jason Garofalo	6/16
Gordon & Debbie Chesney	6/18
Eric & Lindsey Day	6/21
Jenine Furry & Paul Clifford	6/24
Laura & Steven Powell	6/25
Doug & Belinda Resler	6/25
Bill & Lindsay Merryman	6/26
Brad & Jan Jones	6/29
Jill & Scott Matthews	6/30



A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY comes on **Sunday, June 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 loan, which is currently at \$172,368.65. Mark your special offering “BOF,” use a Building Fund envelope or give via easyTithe. When giving extra to the sanctuary loan, please don’t do it at the expense of your regular giving to the church.

## SOUP & HUMMUS SALE FOR THE BUILDING OF FAITH



Nearly 3 years ago, this grassroots effort was started by Donna Sawhill, Sandy Kuriger, Sandra Lane and Pam Honeychurch to help raise funds to pay down the debt on the sanctuary loan. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who made soup during our 2018-2019 season (Donna, Sandy, Pam, Jenine Furry, Bill Kuriger, Jr., Jeff Moore, Susie Moffett, Belinda Resler and Nancy Shuluga) and hummus (Sandra), and to the many wonderful supporters of this sale, to date \$13,478.89 has been raised and applied to the loan principal!!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



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



	2019 Budget	Budgeted to Date	April	Year-to-date
Expenses	272,479.40	103,728.88	20,552.55	94,644.38
Receipts	272,479.40	87,574.66	23,878.56	91,900.84
Overage (Deficit)	0.00	(16,154.22)	3,326.01	(2,743.54)



## Prayer Requests

John A.  
Dick B.  
Sally Barton  
Betty Beaman  
Margaret Cable  
Frank Cannister, Sr.  
Jack Certain  
Family of Linda Dawson  
Susan Dobbins  
Pat Dougherty

Lou Egenlauf  
Beth Ellisher  
Jim Fisher  
Pat Fulton  
Atleah Grubb  
Jennifer H.  
Jerry Hagadorn  
Lois Hiles  
Mary Huber  
(Roberta Davis' sister)  
Linda Idecker  
Wayne Johnson  
Jan Jones  
Jessa Kaufold and family  
Dr. John Keriotis  
Joe L.  
Dixie Lemasters  
(Debbie Chesney's mom)

Michelle Malito  
Family of Barbara McCarthy  
(Krista Ream's mom)  
Sara McCullough  
Lindsay Merryman  
Family of Mary Ann Moore  
(Jeff Moore's mother)  
Tony Morgan  
John and Sandy Nelson  
Jim O.  
Doris Mason  
Steve Powell  
Margaret Pedee  
Family of Mary Pedee  
(Mike Pedee's grandmother)  
Jim Rogansky  
Dave S.  
Ed S.

Mary Sava  
Linda Shortz  
Bill Seifried  
Linda Sollinger  
Frank Sopko  
Chris Speanburg  
Pam Squires  
Will Stewart  
Tamara  
Family of Celie Tanner  
Don Walker  
Laura Youngblood  
Rich Z.  
Dennis Zeveny  
Jacob Zickefoose



## CAMPERSHIPS READY FOR YOUTH

Fantastic camp experiences are available for children, youth and families at the three wonderful United Methodist Camps in Western PA: Camp Allegheny, Wesley Woods and Jumonville. Brochures for each are available in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks to the generosity of those who came to the Lenten dinners, camperships are available for our children and youth who plan to attend a United Methodist camp this summer. Please contact the church office to arrange for your child's campership.

## 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday falls this year on June 9. But many people, including Christians, may not know why the day is special or what is celebrated. Unlike Easter and Christmas, when colorful eggs, Easter bunnies, Christmas trees and Santa Claus are harbingers of the upcoming Christian holidays, there are no such social markers by secular society ahead of Pentecost. For those who need a quick and basic understanding of what Pentecost Sunday is, here are 10 things you should know about the holiday:

1. Pentecost Sunday marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles
2. Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days after Easter
3. The Bible records the Pentecost in Acts 2:1-13
4. Pentecost comes 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus Christ
5. Pentecost is also known as "the birthday of the Church"
6. Pentecost fulfills Jesus' promise to send the "Counselor" and "Spirit of Truth" in John 16:5-15
7. Pentecost launches the large-scale spreading of the Gospel after Jesus' ascension. Acts 2:41 records that after Peter spoke to the crowd after receiving the Holy Spirit, some 3,000 people were baptized
8. The Pentecostal movement derives its name from the New Testament event in Acts 2
9. Jews also celebrate Pentecost, but not for the same reason as Christians. The celebration by Jews of Pentecost is to observe God giving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai 50 days after the Exodus. The Pentecost in Jewish tradition takes place 50 days after Passover.
10. In Western Churches, Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit



Let's pray for summer.

Together.

On a Sunday evening in early June.

From a chair on your porch, from a sidewalk stroll with your dog, from the family van, the riding lawn mower, the playground, the ball yard, the pool, the garden ... let's create a shared prayer.

We won't use a clock. We will let the sky prompt our prayer.

As the sunset begins to spill its glorious colors on June 2, let's pause to ask God for his Blessing through summer. Pray as a family. Invite a neighbor or a friend to join you. Pray alone, if you prefer. We won't be together physically, but we will be united spiritually, and He will receive it as a shared prayer. And there is power in shared prayer.

June 2 is significant because it precedes Pentecost Sunday, and Luke reminds us through the Acts of the Apostles that shared prayer preceded the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

We will ask God to guide us and grow us. We will ask for His protection, His Light, His nourishing, encouraging Love. And we will ask Him to show us how we can reflect His Light and share His love through opportunities that blossom only in summer.

Make your prayers as expansive or specific as your heart suggests.

Pray for children and teachers as school ends, and for youth in summer jobs and internships. Pray for their parents as the end of a school year brings new challenges. Pray for graduates facing new opportunities.



Pray for vacations, summer camps and VBS.

Pray for Pride events.

Pray for mission trips, the preparation before them and the sharing that follows.

Pray for God to reveal Himself at the swimming pool, the ball fields, the golf courses and the bike trails. Pray for Him to reveal opportunity at family reunions, weddings, graduation parties, block parties, fireworks nights, baby showers and pool parties.

We have a listening God, a responding God, a willing God, so let's invite Him into our summer.

And, over the summer, while sitting on the porch, walking on the beach, waiting for the fish to bite, think about other ways we can unite in shared prayer. Throughout the year. Can we unite again before the children return to school? During Advent and Lent? In response to tragedy, challenge or opportunity? Can we pray daily as a mission team is in the field, or as children are gathering at our VBS?

Can we grow opportunities for shared prayer in our Sunday morning services, and then between Sundays? Can we use technology to connect and pray?

There is power in shared prayer. Let's pray together for summer on June 2, and then seek ways to continue a shared conversation with a God whose love for us is demonstrated in his unrestrained accessibility. He is willing. Are we willing?

by Bill Utterback

## Mission u 2019

Mission u 2019 offers opportunities for adults, youth and children to learn, explore, grow spiritually, enjoy fellowship, and participate in hands-on mission work. Set up as a long weekend at California University of Pennsylvania, it begins on Thursday evening, but the schedule allows for participation by those who can't arrive until Friday. Families are encouraged to attend and discount rates are offered for family members who room together.

Among options for adults are a spiritual growth study examining The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship led by the Rev. Eric S. Park; a look at the rich 150-year history of mission by United Methodist Women with Mission Ambassadors Saundra McKee and Lynn Sibley; and a study exploring how we relate to money within the context of our faith.

There is also a Mission in Action option coordinated by Katie Peterson in which participants travel to work sites each morning and return to the Cal U campus later in the day.

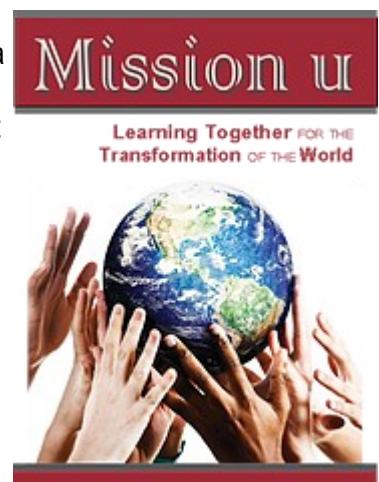
Youth Mission u for youth in grades 6-12 begins two days before the main event to allow more time for building relationships and serving neighbors through hands-on work. It will be led by the Reverends Anais Hussian and Rick Nelson.

Mission u is sponsored jointly by the Conference Global Ministries team and the United Methodist Women.

There's also a Sampler Day on Saturday for anyone who would like to try it for a day.

Scholarships are available to help offset costs for first-time attendees.

For more information, and to register, visit [wpaumc.org/eventdetail/adult-children-mission-u-12749650](http://wpaumc.org/eventdetail/adult-children-mission-u-12749650)



# June 2019

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## UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE

While arks are not quite needed, there has been substantial flooding in a number of USA areas, as well as tornados. Outreach Committee chair happened to be seeking out information about a church friend from 1976 – Lucinda's family had lived in Moon Township military housing, but then were stationed in Alaska and Kansas. Lucinda, her mom and her three sisters remain in Kansas (her father died many years ago). One of the sisters – Renee – had horrifying Facebook pictures of the flooding in her community, which was shut off by the flood waters two weeks ago. Renee's family was safe, as their farm sits on a hill. More flooding has occurred in Kansas in recent days, with dams and levees in danger of failure. Neighboring Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and other areas have been hit hard and more storms were expected over Memorial Day Weekends. Our USA neighbors will need UMCOR's help to recovery from these storms. The summer storm season has not even arrived!



A tractor trailer truck of UMCOR cleaning kits and hygiene kits went out from our Eastbrook Mission Barn in mid-May, headed to the main UMCOR depot in Sager Brown, LA. In response to the many weather-related disasters in recent weeks, UMCOR, the UMC's relief agency, has been assessing needs and has issued initial grants to a number of areas. It is only through the generosity of you and others that UMCOR is able to respond to the many needs. To aid in the long-term recovery efforts necessitated by the recent and future disasters, please consider making a donation to UMCOR, either with your regular offering or via EasyTithe (mark or select UMCOR). UMCOR is often the first agency to respond and the last to leave, many times working on recovery for years after the disaster.