

SEWICKLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 2017 Minutes

From The Pastor's Heart

While visiting my mother at the hospital recently, I was very troubled by something I witnessed. As I walked Lee Ann and Victoria out to their car, I noticed a woman in a wheelchair. She was dressed in her pajamas and was accompanied by a hospital employee. The woman had no bag of belongings, just the pajamas on her back. They were both perusing the cars as they pulled up to the hospital. I heard the employee ask the woman as a vehicle approached, "Is that your ride?" The woman stretched her neck looking to see if that was the person to deliver her from the hospital. It was not. I silently prayed for her.

I walked Lee Ann and Victoria to their car and returned to the hospital and the woman and hospital employee were still waiting and watching. I silently offered another prayer for this woman.

After visiting with my mother for about another hour, I walked out of the hospital and was surprised to see the woman in her pajamas still sitting there in the wheelchair. Another hospital employee had joined them along with a security guard. The three looked frustrated and the woman just sat there. I overheard a bit of the conversation between the security guard and the transport team, "She checked herself out and I don't think anyone is coming for her," she said. The other employee asked, "Now what do we do?" I slowed my pace and watched as they turned her wheelchair around and disappeared back into the hospital. I offered yet another prayer.

I wonder if it was my imagination or was the woman in the wheelchair wearing her pajamas as lost and alone as I perceived her to look? I can't help but wonder what has become of her. I can't help but wonder what her story is. I can't help but wonder what her future will be. I can't help but wonder if she needs a kind and compassionate listening ear. I think I will offer another prayer for her.

So many around us need nothing more than a little of our time, our compassion and kindness, and a listening ear.

I recently read a story about the late Erma Bombeck. Erma

Bombeck, before her death, shared this incident in one of her columns. She tells about a really bad day she had once, a day when she was in a bad mood and didn't want to see anybody. She really would have liked to run away. Yet, it seemed that everyone needed to talk with her. Even on her way to the airport, a taxi driver talked the entire way about his son who was away at college. Finally, she was about to board her plane. She thought, at last, a few beautiful moments with my own thoughts. It was then that the voice next to her, belonging to an elderly woman said: "I'll bet it is cold in Chicago."

Stone-faced, Erma Bombeck replied, "It's likely."

The woman persisted: "I have not been in Chicago for nearly three years. My son lives there, you know."

"That's nice," Erma said, her eyes intent on her book.

Again the elderly woman spoke: "My husband's body is on this plane. We have been married for 53 years. I do not drive, you know, and when he died, a nun drove me home from the hospital...the funeral director let me come to the airport with him."

Erma Bombeck said, "I do not think I have ever detested myself more than I did at that moment. Another human being was screaming to be heard, and, in desperation, had turned to a cold stranger who was more interested in a novel than she was in the real-life drama at her elbow. She needed no advice, money, assistance or expertise. All she needed was someone to listen. She talked numbly and steadily until we boarded the plane, and she took her seat. As I put my things in the overhead compartment, I heard the woman's plaintive voice say to her seat companion, "I'll bet it's cold in Chicago," and I prayed, "Please God, let her listen."

What a stark reminder that just a little of our time, some kindness and compassion and a listening ear can make all the difference in the world to a person who is hurting.

We are also reminded that we have a Savior who is evermore ready to listen than we are, to come and share with the One who loves us unconditionally and cares

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From The Pastor's Heart, continued

for us in all seasons of our lives.

The hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" gives us a glimpse into the One who is always ready to listen with a loving and compassionate ear. The words to this beloved classic were written by Joseph Medlicott Scriven. Growing up in Ireland, Scriven hoped to follow in the footsteps of his father's prestigious military career, but his poor health prevented it.

After graduating from Trinity college in 1842, Scriven fell in love and prepared to get married. The night before his wedding, his wife-to-be accidentally drowned. As if that's not heartbreaking enough, years later he was engaged to another woman who contracted pneumonia and died.

In light of these experiences, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" becomes even more poignant. When someone with Scrivener's experiences tells you that our peace is forfeited when we neglect to carry our burdens to God in prayer, we should listen.

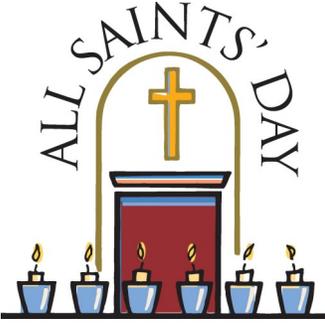
*What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge!
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise forsake Thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield Thee;*

Blessings,

Pastor Russel
Pastor Russel



ALL SAINTS' SERVICES AND LUNCHEON

All Saints' Day is a day of remembrance for the saints. During both services on November 5, we will celebrate the communion of saints, as we remember those who transitioned to life eternal, both from the Church universal and our local congregation. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our honored Saints are: Ronald Dabney Barber, David M. Basler, Sr., Judith Lynn Rakow Benjamin, Matilda Jane Bowers, Elizabeth "Mary" Greenwald, Rella Pauline Guzan, Dennis William Hoovler, Rev. Sandra Joan Jordan, Patricia Ann Leiphart, Barbara Shriver McCullough, Norma Weber Moore, Robert "Bob" Glen Painter, Audrey "Eleanor" Proud, William Lawrence Smouse and Phyllis Jean Thomas.

Following the 11 am service, a luncheon will be held in the Simpson Room. Hot sandwiches and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish for the table. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**



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

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

Remember Our Shut-ins

A Thanksgiving Worship service will be held on Sunday, November 19 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.



Worship Opportunities - November 2017



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



*Worship
Schedule*

November 5, 2017

**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints' Sunday**

Liturgist: Carole Ford

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

Lectionary Readings

Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830)
 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12
 Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (UMH 769)
 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

November 12, 2017

**Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Handbells Play / Sheltered with Love**

Liturgist: Barry Lewis

A/V: Lou Ann Scott (9 am) / Laura Geason (11 am)

Lectionary Readings

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH 799)
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

November 19, 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgist: Carole Ford

A/V: Sandra Lane (9 am) / Kim Benjamin (11 am)

Lectionary Readings

Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH 797)
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

**November 19, 2017, 6:30 pm
Thanksgiving Service**

Liturgist: **Volunteer Needed**

Lectionary Readings

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65 (UMH 789)
 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 17:11-19

November 26, 2017

**Christ the King Sunday
Youth Choir Sings**

Liturgist: Mitchell Hortert

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

Lectionary Readings

Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

UM STUDENT DAY SPECIAL GIVING – NOVEMBER 26TH - Across the country, the people of the United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. We're doing it at home, but so often we'd like to do more.

- We want to serve those in other places who are suffering.
- We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life.
- And we want to be well-equipped to do both!



But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don't allow us to engage with every need we'd like to meet. Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are support these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

You may give to this special offering through the special envelopes available on November 26th or simply mark your gift accordingly and place with your regular offering.

NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

MONTHLY SALAD LUNCHEON — Our community Salad Luncheon will be **Thursday, November 2, from 11 am to 1 pm.**

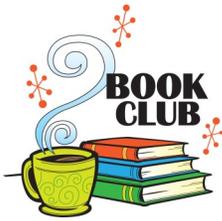


Proceeds from our community luncheons support the General Fund. Please consider donating your homemade salads for the luncheons. Salads should be brought to the Simpson Room by 10 am on the day of the luncheon. Want to volunteer to help? Volunteers are always welcome! We'd love to see some new faces. If you haven't donated a salad in the past and need some guidance, or would like to volunteer, please contact Belinda Resler 412-708-9966.

BIRTHDAY LUNCH — HELLO LADIES! LUNCH TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS



— On **Tuesday, November 21 at noon**, all ladies of the church are invited to celebrate the birthdays of ladies born in November and December. Bring your own lunch and meet Eleanor, our birthday pig. Page 7 of this newsletter shows November and December birthdays.



BOOK CLUB will meet on **Tuesday, November 7th at 7 pm**, in the parlor. Please come even if you have not had a chance to read "Ordinary Grace" by William Krueger. We will discuss many life topics besides the book. We will also receive

copies of "A Christmas Carol" which is the December book selection. Rides are available. Contact Donna Sawhill for details.



Continuing our Pittsburgh theme, our **November 18, 6 pm**, film "The Valley of Decision" is a film set in Pittsburgh in the late 19th century. It tells the story of a young Irish house maid who falls in love with the son of her employer, a local steel mill owner. The romance between Paul and Mary is endangered when Mary's family and friends, all steel mill workers, go on strike against Paul's father. Besides being a romance, the film has messages about social issues surrounding Pittsburgh at the time. (Normally we meet the 2nd Saturday, but this meeting is the 3rd Saturday due to the Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner). We meet in the parlor, and enjoy fellowship and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

LEFTOVER CANDY — If you have leftover Halloween candy, and don't know what to do with it, you can donate it to FOTC and we'll use it in the care packages we send to the college kids during exams. Just leave it in our donations box in the narthex. Thanks!



BETHANY HOUSE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS — We will once again provide gifts to the children of Bethany House. Please watch for details in mid- to late-November.



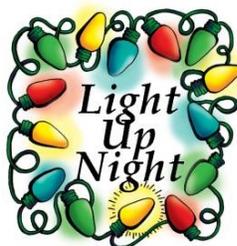
Our 4th **CENTER FOR HOPE DINNER** of the year will be **Thursday, November 30th**. We will serve a hot meal to over 100 men, women, and children. Please volunteer if you want to provide a cake, milk, fruit, or money. There is also room for volunteers to serve. Contact Donna Sawhill.



Thank you for the generous response to the September October Bag-a-Breakfast for the Sewickley Community Food Pantry. Patrons will be able to select from a wide range of breakfast options thanks to your generosity. Thank you for your donations to the Girl Empowerment Project (GEP) - 2 adults had a great time helping to prepare kits that were shipped to The Nyadire Connection. You may continue donate soap and underpants (girl's size 14-16 and women's size 5-7) as GEP is an ongoing ministry. A collection box in the narthex.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES — The Fellowship of the Cross (FOTC) kids will be sending small care packages to our college kids early in December, just before/during exams. If you have someone in college, and would like for them to receive one of the care packages, please either let the church secretary know or email their name(s) and address to: fotc@sewickleyumc.org. If you would like to contribute to this ministry in some way, we will be collecting \$5 Starbucks gift cards, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate mixes, and candy to include in each box. Donations may be left in the FOTC box in the narthex. Monetary donations may be given to any of the FOTC kids, Bill Utterback, or Pamela Mayo. Thanks!



Our church will be very busy on Friday, December 1st which is Sewickley's Light Up Night. Come join our family as we create the Live Nativity, sing carols, and welcome hundreds of visitors to our church. We will serve cookies and pretzels in the sanctuary and hot cocoa on the lawn. There's definitely a place for you all!

NURTURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS, Continued



CHRISTMAS GREENERY — Items from the Christmas Greenery Fundraiser will be available for pick up on **Sunday, November 26th** between 10-10:30 am and directly after the traditional worship service in the parsonage garage. Due to ordering in case quantity, there are some extra items available to purchase. Please reach out to Jessica Moore if you would like to purchase the extras.

It's the right time to plan for the **ANNUAL COOKIE WALK!** This very popular fundraiser will be **Saturday, December 16th**, from 9 am to noon. The public loves buying all of our homemade cookies and candies. Will you please consider making as many cookies as you can? Our bakers include men, women, teens, and children. Our cookies range from shortbread, chocolate chip, snickerdoodle, buckeyes, and many others. Our candies include peanut brittle, fudge, and hardtack. **EVERY KIND IS APPRECIATED AND NEEDED.** Look for a sign up in the back of the sanctuary. This fundraiser is being coordinated by Donna Sawhill and benefits the church's General Fund.



Cookie Walk

The Administrative Council (aka Church Council), Trustees and Finance Committees meet the second Monday of each month. As with all church committees, with the exception of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (PPRC), the meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend and participate in the discussion. Only official committee members are authorized to vote. Minutes from the meetings are also available in the church office.



- Murch & Grace King 11/5
- Van & Karen Nickell 11/25

SUNDAY SCHOOL — CLASSES FOR EVERYONE!

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



Preschool Susie Moffett	Kindergarten & 1st and 2nd Grades Bill Utterback & Rev. Jim Hamilton	3rd, 4th and 5th Grades Roberta Davis & Wilma Hamilton	Middle School Rev. Barry Lewis & Johnathan Burnett
High School Jack Moffett & Mitch Hortert	"Explorers" (in the Library) Roger Thomas and Mark Benjamin Focuses on Biblical study	"Searching for Jesus" (in the Parlor) Bola & Willie Nicholson Focuses on contemporary Christian issues	



Isaiah is the most sophisticated Deuteronomic writers. He is the John of the Old Testament. He is the one who brought bubonic plague on three Assyrian armies after Good King Hezekiah cleansed the Temple — a miracle as great as Moses' parting of the sea. He's the one who made the clock run backward as a proof to Hezekiah that Elohim was in his presence. Eighty years later, Isaiah's grandson would gather everything that had been learned, and write a supplement that dominates the whole Old Testament, and paves the way for the New. Come join us in the library between services and follow the hand of the Holy Spirit moving through human affairs. We have fun there!

(Bill Utterback met Elena Hagemeyer at an Operation Christmas Child event in Greensburg in October and then shared her story with SUMC Sunday school and Kids Night Out children. He provided this profile for the newsletter. The SUMC family, in campaigns coordinated by Fellowship of the Cross, has been an OCC participant for seven years, and some of our boxes have reached children in former Soviet Union republics, perhaps influencing stories such as Elena's. In October, the SUMC family filled 100 shoe boxes. On November 19, the boxes will be blessed before being sent to a distribution center to be shipped to yet to be known locations.)



For toys, they tied dandelions to sticks and pretended they were people. They constructed dandelion families. “Those were our Barbie dolls,” she said. “We had no toys, that’s why I always ask people to put something fun in the shoeboxes they pack.”

Through the windows of the orphanage, Elena could see children attending a nearby public school.

“At my lowest point, I felt beat down, I felt lonely, I felt unloved. I felt like a nobody. I saw kids at the public school being dropped off by their parents and grandparents. I saw them being hugged. I saw them being loved. What’s wrong with me that I don’t deserve that too?”

As she clutched a new pink Teddy bear, and wore new warm pink socks, Elena began to fill chilly nights in the orphanage with prayer. “God, can you help us find a family?”

The bear, the socks, and the window to prayer arrived in a gift-wrapped shoe box from Operation Christmas Child. The response to her prayer came through a family in Missouri, who adopted Elena and younger sister Yulia from an orphanage in the Soviet Union in 2004.

The shoebox included a booklet introducing Elena to Jesus and his all-encompassing love.

“Cinderella was my favorite fairy tale because she was a nobody who was loved at the end,” Elena, now 25 and a college graduate, said as she visited western Pennsylvania churches to encourage Operation Christmas Child drives. “That booklet showed me a bigger fairy tale because I was the nobody in the story and I learned how much God loved me.”

Elena spent her earliest years caring for her younger sister. Both were neglected by their parents, who were alcoholics. There was often no food in their home, so the girls went outside to search for apples. When apples were not in season, they climbed trees and ate leaves. “If it wasn’t for the apple trees and the things we found in nature, we would have starved to death,” she said.

The children’s father was often angry and abusive, and the girls hid outside until he fell asleep each night. They remember him striking and choking their mother, and looking at them and saying, “You’re next.”

When their parents were imprisoned for stealing, the girls were housed in an orphanage with more than 100 other children. They had no personal possessions, shared clothes and ill-fitting shoes, and attended school together in the orphanage.

Elena doesn’t know how old she was when the shoebox arrived – “maybe 10 or 12” – because her parents never celebrated her birthday or sent her to school. She didn’t know her age until she was adopted.

On the day the shoeboxes arrived at the orphanage, Elena waited to open her box. She wanted to see if Yulia was happy with her gifts. “If she didn’t like her gifts, I was going to give her my box. I didn’t want her to be disappointed.”

Yulia loved drawing and received crayons, markers and colored pencils in her box. “God knew exactly what she needed,” Elena said.

When Elena opened her box, she was thrilled to see that everything was pink. “The brightest pink you can think of ... God knew my favorite color before I did,” she said.

Aside from the bear and the socks, there was a pink toothbrush and bubble gum toothpaste. “I knew it was bubble gum because I ate half the tube,” she said.

There was also a pink novelty pen that included a pink feather. Sparkling lights ignited when the pen was pressed to a page. “I went ballistic when I saw the lights,” she said.

When they read of Jesus’ death and resurrection, the girls in the orphanage began drawing crosses around their beds. “We knew he would protect us.”

While visiting western Pennsylvania, Elena wore bubble gum pink shoelaces in her Chuck Taylor Converse sneakers and bright pink nail polish. “I wear something pink every day to remind me of what God has done for me.”



YOUTH SERVICE FUND (YSF) SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 5TH

The YSF has assisted many youth programs in our Conference, our Nation, and our World. Two-thirds of the offerings received remain in WPA for distribution by the Conference Youth Ministry. Through the UMC's global YSF, United Methodist teens raise money for other

teens doing ministry in their churches and communities impacting poverty, illiteracy, absenteeism and social justice.

The YSF is a unique ministry because it is run completely by, with and for youth. Youth contribute the money, they decide what projects receive money, and the projects supported are youth-designed, youth-led, and youth benefited. If you would like to support youth missions through this special offering, please use one of the special envelopes located in the back of the sanctuary. Be sure to mark your check or envelope “YSF.”

SOUP & HUMMUS SALE FOR THE BUILDING OF FAITH

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



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Orders are due by Sunday, November 26 and will be ready for pickup December 7—10. Include payment with your order or pay when you pickup your soup or hummus.

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

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Choices (Pickup at church December 7—10)	Indicate quantity below	
	\$9 Quart	\$6 Pint
Hearty Bean & Barley (vegetarian)		
Chicken Noodle		
Sweet Sausage & Tortellini		
Sandra's Hummus	\$5 for ½ pint	

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) TRAINING



Want to learn what it takes to be a UMC ERT member? Those are the people who are first on the scene, primarily when natural disasters strike, locally and around the country. It is these specially trained people who lead disaster relief teams in the early stages of recovery and throughout the often times long-term recovery. This is an UMCOR certified training for Disaster Response ministries of Volunteers in Mission. Non-United Methodist participants are welcome but will not be badged or deployed through the UMCOR-UMVIM ministry network. Clearances are required from UMs on the day of the training. Early Response Team trainings will be offered from 9 am - 5 pm at the following locations. Visit wpaumc.org/disasterresponse to register.

- ◆ Saturday, Nov. 4th at First UMC in Kane, PA
- ◆ Saturday, Nov. 11th at Garden City UMC in Monroeville, PA

- Melissa Kasula 11/3
- Terry Karwoski 11/5
- Erik Hess 11/7
- Kandace Kramer 11/8
- Amy Napierkowski 11/9
- Jim Rogansky 11/9
- Arthur Savulchak 11/9
- Esmirna Matos 11/11
- Pam Smith 11/11
- Maddie Sollinger 11/13
- Charlotte Flaherty 11/17



- Bill Brenneisen 11/18
- Sandra Lane 11/19
- Bob Jordan 11/20
- Carole Ford 11/21
- Dottie Price 11/23

- David Flaherty 11/24
- Kimberly Jehle 11/24
- Marjorie Anderson 11/25
- Barry Lewis 11/25
- Van Nickell 11/26
- Wendy Brenneisen 11/28
- Dorritt Field 11/29
- Harper Walls 11/29
- Laura Kuriger 11/30
- Leo Reardon 11/30

- Renee Gittins 12/2
- Ruth Painter 12/2
- Chris Karwoski 12/3
- Jennifer Taylor 12/3
- Jack Morrow 12/6
- Brad Jones 12/7
- Mark Wiggins 12/9
- Laura Geason 12/10
- Kathryn Karwoski 12/11



- John Sotirakis 12/16
- Paul Collier 12/17
- Sophia Geason 12/17

- David Malarik, Jr. 12/17
- Jacob McCoy 12/18
- Willie Nicholson 12/19
- Kristen Ryerson 12/21
- Evarett Briggs 12/22
- Nick Martinez 12/25
- Jessica Leety 12/28
- Barb Bower 12/29
- Gail Hiles 12/31

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.



The Sewickley United Methodist Church will hold a church family Thanksgiving Dinner. If you would like to attend, please complete an RSVP card so we can get an accurate count of the number attending. Please place the completed card in the offering plate or give to the office no later than November 7.

**Church Family—Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday, November 11 at 6 pm Simpson Room**

Chef for the Evening: Rev. Shuluga



Name: _____

Number Adults Attending: _____ Number of Children Attending: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

I will help with _____ set up _____ cooking _____ clean up

A Free Will offering will be received to help defray the costs.
Please feel free to invite a family member, neighbor or friend to this dinner.
Place card in the offering plate or give to Pastor Russel or the office.



UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) recently approved grants to boost hurricane relief efforts: More than \$7 million in grants for hurricane and other disaster-relief work, and \$1.86 million for global health responses. UMCOR already had received some \$15 million from donors in recent months to respond to U.S. disasters – 100% of those donations will be used in those disasters’ recovery efforts.

Puerto Rico Bishop Hector Ortiz stated partnership with UMCOR and Global Ministries is of utmost importance. Luis Morales, disaster coordinator for the South Georgia Conference, was traveling to Puerto Rico on Oct. 13 as an UMCOR consultant. “They (Puerto Rican Methodists) already have distribution centers in 20 local churches and are trying to stand with the people in Puerto Rico,” he said.

UMCOR sent a \$100,000 grant to the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico, and assessments are still in process for a larger grant for relief and recovery work. Ortiz finally was able to purchase a generator so the Puerto Rican church office can reopen, Kemper told United Methodist News Service. It’s important to view the United Methodist response in Puerto Rico as a long-term program.

UMCOR also will look to some of the other island nations affected by hurricanes this fall. Several of the larger grants approved relate to Hurricane Harvey, which dumped 40 to 52

inches of rain and caused catastrophic flooding in southeastern Texas and part of Louisiana, and Hurricane Irma.

The Texas Conference will use its \$1 million grant for the first phase of a long-term recovery process to assist 300 households. Rio Texas will use its \$816,418 grant to support two field offices and one satellite office for initial recovery efforts.

Louisiana has received no FEMA assistance for flooding caused by the downgraded Tropical Storm Harvey. A \$500,000 grant will allow the Louisiana Conference to “fast-track recovery operations,” UMCOR said. Winds, rain, flooding and loss of power caused by Hurricane Irma had a widespread, catastrophic impact on Florida. A \$1 million grant to the Florida Conference will initiate the church’s long-term recovery operation with the establishment of five regional centers.

Most of the \$1.86 million in grants from the Global Health unit of the Board of Global Ministries was directed to United Methodist health boards in Sierra Leone, Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Sierra Leone Conference also received \$613,209 for an Imagine No Malaria Project and Global Refuge, an organization working with South Sudanese refugees in Uganda, was given \$118,852 for emergency medication and supplies.

You may still donate toward UMCOR relief efforts, either by including your gift with your regular offering (and marking UMCOR) or online at umcor.org/Search-for-Projects/Search-for-Projects. You may select US (includes Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands), International, or Relief Supply Network (cleaning kits, school kits, hygiene kits) on that donation page. You can even indicate that your church is Sewickley UMC. Further information about UMCOR is found at the homepage umcor.org.

FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BAGS

To help patrons of the food pantry prepare Thanksgiving dinner, Outreach is asking that you fill a grocery bag with the non-perishable items that are traditionally used at Thanksgiving. Please take a bag with “grocery list” attached (see display table in sanctuary) or use a list from below – some are for small families, some for larger families. Purchase the items listed and return the filled bag to church.

Thanksgiving Bags must be returned no later than November 12th. Monetary donations are also asked so Outreach can purchase Giant Eagle gift cards so the families may purchase perishable items. Mark those gifts “Thanksgiving Bags” and include with your regular offering .



FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BAGS GROCERY LISTS

Print out at home and attach to your own bag.

THANKSGIVING BAG – SMALL FAMILY

Serves 2-4 people

All items must be non-perishable

- 2 cans vegetables
- 1 package muffin or roll mix
- 1 can fruit
- 1 package/box stuffing mix
- 1 small can pumpkin or pumpkin pie mix
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 large or 2 small boxes of Jello
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 small can yams/sweet potatoes
- 1-2 cans or jars turkey gravy
- 1 small box instant mashed potatoes

THANKSGIVING BAG – LARGE FAMILY

Serves 5-8 people

All items must be non-perishable

- 4 cans vegetables
- 2 packages muffin or roll mix
- 2 cans fruit
- 2 packages/boxes stuffing mix
- 1 large can pumpkin or pumpkin pie mix
- 2 cans cranberry sauce
- 2 large or 4 small boxes of Jello
- 2 cans evaporated milk
- 1 large can yams/sweet potatoes
- 2-3 cans or jars turkey gravy
- 1 large box instant mashed potatoes



SAVE THE DATE – HOLIDAY SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY – On **Saturday, December 16th,**

The Olive Branch, a fair trade shop, run in part by Salem UMC, will bring a pop-up store to Sewickley UMC. From 9 am to 2 pm, you may purchase items from the display in the Simpson Room. Items range from tea and chocolate to spices, jewelry, decorations, purses, scarves, and so much more. Some items are made with recycled auto parts! This will be a wonderful opportunity to pick unique gifts for friends and family, or perhaps purchase something for you. The Olive Branch store is located on Perry Highway in Wexford. In addition to the shop, the shop recently expanded to better accommodate mission project sewing. The Olive Branch also hopes that small groups will rent this new space for meetings, small groups, or even baby or bridal showers. Check out their website: olivebranchwexford.org.

The Fellowship of the Cross youth will be hosting an Ornaments4Orphans Christmas tree at church **from November 5 through December 1.** Church family and visitors will be invited to purchase ornaments hand-made by artists in East Africa. Proceeds from ornament sales are returned to orphanages and schools in the communities where the artists live and work. Ornaments4Orphans is an initiative of Birmingham, Alabama-based Pearl Ministries, which partners primarily with organizations in Uganda, but is not limited to Uganda. “Ornaments4Orphans’ mission is to empower indigenous artisans through fair trade practices (and) invest in the holistic care of orphaned children through our partners,” according to its website statement. “When you purchase products from Ornaments 4 Orphans, you can be certain that you have made a difference in the lives of the men, women, and children where Ornaments 4 Orphans is present.” The Fellowship of the Cross youth discovered Ornaments4Orphans while attending CreationFest, a Christian music festival, in June.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH!!!

KID'S NIGHT OUT is held on Tuesdays with dinner at 5:30 pm and activities starting at 6 pm. All children and youth, kindergarten through high school are welcome. Bill Utterback and Susie Moffett lead the children, and Aimee Scott and Johnathan Burnett lead the youth. Wilma and Rev. Jim Hamilton also help lead the programming and Donna Sawhill leads the dinner crew. Invite a friend and come and be prepared for an evening of . . .



- F**un, food and fellowship
- A**ctivities and recreation
- I**nspiring dialogue
- T**eaching God's Word
- H**oly experiences

We are looking forward to another great year!

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on October 29, 2017 was Jackson James Parrish. Jackson was born on June 26, 2017, in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Aaron and Jessica Parrish. Jackson's grandparents are Gregory and Julia Billigen, and Ronald and Cynthia Parrish. He is the great-grandson of Beverly Stewart. Jackson's godparents are Nathan Parrish and Mindy Gordon.



Elementary aged kids	Middle School Youth	High School Youth
5:30—6:00 Dinner	5:30—6:00 Dinner	5:30—6:00 Dinner
6:00—6:45 Bible Study	6:00—7:15 Youth Group / Bible Study	6:00—7:15 Youth Group / Bible Study
6:45—7:30 Crafts and games	7:15—8:00 Wesley Chorale	7:15—8:00 Wesley Chorale

Lisle B. Marcy B. Hurst Bartley Ruth Beshero Barb Beukema Darrel Black Rhonda Coles Dee Connelly Donna Cymbalak Susan Dobbins Jack Dolin Jodi Dolin Steven Dolin Chuck Dougherty Lou Egenlauf	Sarah Gladwell June Graham Josie Greco Atleah Grubb Nate Hatfield George Hartman Sr. Cathy Herron Laura Hertrick Janna Jeff and Jodi Kristen Johns Katherine Johnson Wayne Johnson Lemasters Family Marian Lippert	 <p>Prayer Requests</p> Joe Lombardo Donna Macaul Michelle Malito Mary Sara McCullough Brian McKay	Rev. Bruce Merritt Don Moore John and Sandy Nelson Gary P. Family of Katie Parish Patty Payne Margaret Pedee Cori Reasoner Jim Rogansky Ryan Doug Rummens Mary Sardello Ed Sawhill Rachel Shuluga Renee Shutak	Gale Siddall C.R. "Bob" Simpson Linda Sollinger Bonnie Stoicovy Sandy Stroebel Don Thomas Renee Tobias Philip Tolorica Don Walker Michael Woods Bob Yant Dana Yant Dennis Zeveny Jacob Zickefoose
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Here's a summary of the latest Treasurer's Report:
 Pam Honeychurch,
 Treasurer



	2017 Budget	Budgeted to Date	September	Year-to-date
Expenses	262,074.27	202,145.52	22,019.41	201,092.20
Receipts	261,574.27	183,285.78	16,387.53	181,720.36
Overage (Deficit)	(500.00)	(18,859.74)	(5,631.88)	(19,371.84)

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rummage Sale Setup 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Leap of Faith 7 PM Bible Study	2 Rummage Sale Setup 11 AM - 1 PM Salad Luncheon 6:15 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	3 Rummage Sale Setup 5 PM - 8 PM Rummage Sale 7 PM AA	4 8 AM - 12 PM Rummage Sale
5 Ornaments for Orphans sale 9 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Youth Choir 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Fellowship of the Cross 11 AM Traditional Worship 12 PM All Saints' Luncheon	6 7 PM Book Club	7 5:30 PM KNO Dinner 6 PM Kid's Night Out 7:15 PM Wesley Chorale 8 PM AA	8 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Leap of Faith 7 PM Bible Study	9 6:15 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	10 7 PM AA	11 6 PM Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner
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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are currently studying "The Storm Inside: Trade the Chaos of How You Feel for the Truth of Who You," by Sheila Walsh. It is a study of stories from the Bible of people who faced seemingly insurmountable problems — regret, shame, insecurity, and heartbreak — and how to redefine our failures as a new beginning instead of an end, replace the words *always* and *never* in our lives with positive declarations of hope, and know with confidence how to help a friend in chaos or crisis.

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



Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4. We return to Standard Time on November 5.

