



13th Sunday after
Pentecost
August 18, 2024



- Opening Worship Song.....*"Hallelujah"*
- Welcome & Invocation.....*Jim Loeffler*
- Prelude.....*"Love the Lord"*.....*Linda Morey*
- Old Testament Reading (1 Kings 3:1-14).....*Linda Stewart*
- Praise & Worship.....*"Love the Lord"*
"Hungry"
- Blessing of the Backpacks, Students Teachers,
Administrators, and School Staff
- Prayer.....*Sue Fuller*
- Kids' Talk.....*Gary Faulhaber*
- Hymn.....*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*
- Apostle's Creed
- Offertory/Offering.....*"Immortal, Invisible"*.....*Linda Morey*
- Doxology/Blessing of Gifts
- New Testament Reading (Ephesians 5:15-20)
- Message **WISDOM, NOT HARD TO GET**
- Responding to God's Love.....*"Good Good Father"*
- Benediction/Blessing
- Exit Song.....*"We Are"*



In Loving Memory

Our dear friend, Kim Peters, has entered the arms of Jesus. Kim was the kindest woman who wanted nothing more than to be a helper, a friend, and a witness of the cross. She lived her life with Jesus as her goal and she ran her race so very well. We will be honoring and remembering her life this upcoming Tuesday, Aug 20, here at South Harborcreek UMC. Her family will be having visiting hours from 1-3pm and again from 4-6pm. At 6pm we will have Kim's funeral service. All are welcome to come and gather in remembrance of the beautiful soul of Kim, that we had the privilege of knowing on this side of Heaven.

District Youth Beach Gathering

Our District Youth are gathering at Beach 9 (Pine Tree) 2 in Presque Isle **today**. Those of us going into 6th-12th grade will be joining them from 2-4:30pm for games, fellowship, swimming and a time to be fed both physically and spiritually with food and worship! We will meet at the church at 1pm to ride there together. Please wear your swimsuits and bring a snack to share. Parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged to join us!

2024 Erie-Meadville District Church Conferences

South Harborcreek UMC is registered for our 2024 church conference. Our scheduled date and time is Thursday, October 3rd, 6 PM PPRC/6:30 PM Full Conference. If you would like to attend it will be held here, at SHUMC, in the sanctuary. Please direct questions to Pastor Tim.

SHUMC Afternoon At The Ballfield

Today is the SeaWolves game at 1pm. If you need to get your tickets ahead of time please find Jerry before you leave the church. He will also meet us at the gate of the game to pick up tickets there as well. Jerry can be reached at (814)-873-9722.

Ride For The Refuge

As you briefly heard Sandy mention last week, we are going to be in need of volunteers here soon for EUMA's Ride For The Refuge on Labor Day. This is an excellent way for families to volunteer together, even if it's only for a few hours and not the entire event. We will also be in need of volunteers who can comfortably lift things. Youth, this is a great opportunity for you to come out and support both the church and EUMA! Sandy Shaffer will be helping us coordinate teams of volunteers. There is a job for everyone! If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sandy (814-873-8635).

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it along!



SHUMC Prayer Chain

Do you have an inherent gift of caring/praying for others? We have a Prayer Chain ministry here that you are welcome to join! Contact the church and give Katie your email so she can add you to the list. You will receive email alerts throughout the week with prayer requests from SHUMC as well as our prayer partner (All Saint's).



Follow Us On Spotify!

As our church secretary, Katie, receives the order of worship each week, she has been compiling playlists on Spotify with the song list in them. She's also in the midst of compiling youth and children's playlists with Christian music for the whole family to enjoy! Follow us @South Harborcreek United Methodist Church to enjoy the special curated playlist she has created for us.

Ready To Ride?

Next Sunday, August 25 we will be going out for our church motorcycle ride after church. If you are interested in joining us please sign up in the narthex. Questions? Contact Dave Poeta (814-450-9590) or Gary Faulhaber (814-881-7308). Everyone's welcome, so invite your friends and let's ride!

Parsonage Renovation Project

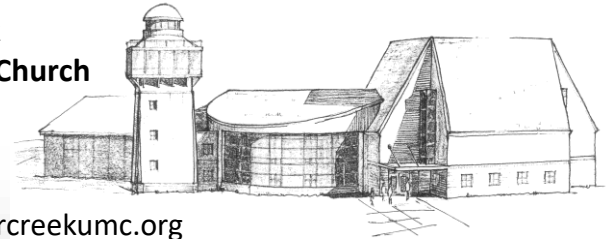
As we begin renovating our parsonage we are going to be in need of volunteers for various projects. At the moment we are in need of hands that are willing to paint! If you are interested in painting, days or evenings, please contact Jim Loeffler ((814-450-4981). Painting may not be something you can help with, and that is okay! There will be plenty of other ways you can serve and donate your time and skills during this process. Stay tuned!

Parsonage Renovation Commitment Cards

If you are interested in financially supporting the Parsonage Renovation Project, please fill out a Commitment Card found in the narthex. By filling out this card you are saying "Yes Lord" to making an impact for our church in a big way! Your commitment will end in May of 2025.

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Welcome! If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome. Each guest is considered special here at South Harborcreek Church and we are thankful you chose to be with us! We hope this will be a meaningful time of worship for you.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world. God uses the church to save persons, heal relationships, transform social structures, and spread spiritual holiness, thereby changing the world.

We make disciples as we:

PROCLAIM the gospel, seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ;

LEAD persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;

NURTURE persons in Christian living through worship, and the sacraments, spiritual disciplines;

SEND persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, free the oppressed being and becoming compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel;

CONTINUE the mission of seeking, welcoming, and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ.



“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4: 8-9

At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder. We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for all. Be with each of them as they face the challenge of new tasks, the fear or failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self. In their learning and their teaching, may they grow in service to others and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

We have asked our students to bring their backpacks they will be using for school this year. These backpacks will contain work to be done, work that's been returned, books to be studied, tools to complete homework. Notebooks, pencils, pens, protractors, compasses, crayons, rules, scissors, glue sticks and other items used for school work will find their way in and out of these backpacks.

Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that the student may find it difficult to walk. Other days, they will be light and nearly empty. But on each and every day, these backpacks represent work required of the students gathered here. And, as in every aspect of our life, we bring these before God for blessing at this time.

Let us pray together:

Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.

Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well.

We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.