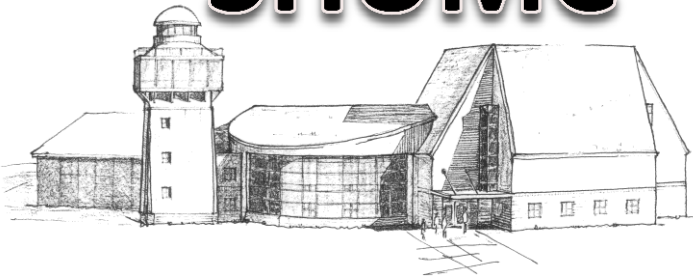


SHUMC

Our Family Newsletter April 2018



Adult Sunday school
9:00 a.m.

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday school
10:30 a.m.

Staff

Pastor.....Keith McGarvey
Secretary.....Barb Black
Worship Director.....Linda Morey
Congregational Care....Sue Fuller
Youth.....Sue Fuller

Laity

Lay Leader.....Jim Loeffler
Council Chair.....Bruce Clark
Finance Chair.....Chuck Myers
Trustee Chair.....Dane Charlton
Ministries Chair...Mary Kobylinski
SPRC.....Dennis Scalise
Treasurer.....Joan Bindeman
Member-at-Large.....Ken Morton

ServErie

East
April 21, 2018
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Upcoming **Church** EVENTS

April 11 Small Groups Begin
April 21 ServErie - East

Look Inside for :

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR
YOUTH
SMALL GROUPS
U. M. WOMEN
SPECIAL EVENTS



**Harborcreek Churches Working Together
to Clean-up Harborcreek!**

From the Pastor's Pen

Whew! Its Holy Week --- just days before Easter and I have just come in from shoveling accumulated snow off of our back porch!

A tangible reminder that there are not many things in this world that are predictable and normal. As much as ever the world is changing.

As I consider our younger generations --- they are changing too.

And the world that they are facing as they mature and grow into adulthood is as unsettled, violent, and self-consumed as ever. Less and less concern for the 'good of the whole' and more and more concern for self-interest and self-indulgence.

Linda and I saw the recently released motion picture in theaters called PAUL – APOSTLE OF CHRIST.

The 1st century was also a scary time ... in many ways it was more imposing and more threatening than today. Like today there were many self-driven agendas and excesses. In addition, there was also a ocean of fear, persecution, and anger imposed by a series of notoriously evil Caesars of the Roman Empire --- Nero, Caligula, Domitian and others.

Christians – the exploding movement of people following “the Way” --- people who believed in the Apostle’s persuasive and life -changing witness of JESUS, the CHRIST, were being singled out --- being blamed, persecuted, and too often martyred. Yet, the ranks of Christian believers grew faster and faster --- WHY?

I believe that the Christians of the first century experienced undeniable life change --- they saw in the who ‘believed’ a different kind of life --- a life that they wanted ... and when they opened their lives to the belief that Jesus lived, died, and rose again their lives exploded with life changing hope, possibility and promise.

Paul, Luke and the other leaders of the 1st century church persistently taught and lead these earliest followers of Jesus that they needed to join together --- become a community --- and live a life remarkably different that the threatening world all around them. LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, and SELF-CONTROL --- not in their own natural abilities but super-naturally, in the ways of the SPIRIT (Galatians 5:13-22 & Romans 8).

The 1st Century church – the early Christians --- grew incredibly fast. Their core beliefs and existence have persevered and grown over the past two thousand years ... while the Roman Empires fell and crumbled under the self-destructive consumptions of all sorts ... and an enumerable number of societies and cultures have come and gone ... YET CHRISTIANITY continues on ---

THE DISTINCTIONS OF JESUS-CENTERED BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY CHANGES LIVES, OFFERS HOPE and LIFTS US TO NEW LEVELS.

My challenge to us this Easter Season --- 1st if you have not yet opened your life to the presence & belief in God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit --- please consider doing it today. 2nd if you are a believer, renew and recommit to live your life in his power and his presence --- let the LOVE OF GOD be seen in your life. 3rd please consider renewing your desire and commitment to be a part of SHUMC and may the world that we know through our spheres of influence – the lives and people who we know and touch every week --- may they see the LOVE OF GOD in us and through us --- may this community, that we call South Harborcreek Church be a beacon of hope and light that God may use to ignite His church in this community as He did in the tumultuous times in the 1st Century church.

May we care for one another and may the world see us as Easter People living with Easter hope.

May we be recognized, as were the 1st Century Christians, by our love for one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Blessings, prayers, love and care.

Your Pastor, 😊

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



ServErie – East – April 21

We are excited to announce that on Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. we will be serving our community focusing on improvement projects within the Harborcreek area.

The launch site is South Harborcreek United Methodist Church. There will be child care for those under 7 yrs.

We need lots of volunteers, so please sign up. If you have any questions, please see Denny Scalise.

IT'S NOT JUST A MEETING.
LIVING UNITED
IS A CALL TO ACTION. TO LEAD. PARTICIPATE.
CONNECT.
THEY AREN'T ONE MORE THING TO DO.
SMALL GROUPS
ARE THE THING TO DO.
SMALL GROUPS ARE DOING LIFE TOGETHER.



Wednesday Evening Small Group Studies

These 6-week courses will start on Wednesday, April 11:

Here is the schedule:

6:15 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 – 7:15 p.m.	Praise & Worship with Prayer
7:15 – 8:15 p.m.	Topic Study

Courses:

Pastor Keith	<i>A Disciples' Path</i> – Intended for newer attendees looking to make connections and for those that are considering membership
Linda Morey	<i>Getting Started</i> (part 2)
Diane Senger	Shelia Walsh's Bible Study – <i>In the Middle of the Mess</i>
Sue Fuller	<i>12 Women of the Bible</i>

U. M. Men

Tuesday Night Devotional & Hitting Practice

Softball team members are encouraged to attend indoor hitting starting on April 3 at 6:30 p.m. We will be doing a short devotional followed by some hitting in the basement. Don't worry we have netting!

Softball Season

The season is scheduled to start the week after Memorial Day. Please see Brad Hall or Gordon Conkling if you are interested in playing and commit to regular participation.

Preachers in the Bleachers

Men's ministry is planning a teaching series on Jesus' parable at Gravel Pit Park starting in June. The plan is to meet every other Wednesday to discuss a parable(s) spiritual and personal application. The session will be followed by a pick-up softball game. You do NOT need to be a softball player to attend.

U. M. Women

The U. M. Women will meet on Tuesday, April 3 for their program, Prayer & Self Denial at 7:00 p.m.

We are also making plans for the Mother/Daughter brunch on May 12.

SHUMY News

March was a busy month for SHUMY! We have had a great season of Lent studying about sacrifice, using our spiritual gifts and service. SHUMY kids served at the warming shelter and were a blessing and were blessed by serving. We also had a really fun night at Get AIR Erie.

April 8, 15, 22 and 29 will be our normal SHUMY night. We meet Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm If you haven't given SHUMY a try and you are in 6th-12th grades, please come and join us!

Wednesday nights starting April 11th we will have young women's bible study from 6:00-8:15 (including dinner) at the Church. This 6 week study is about 12 Women of the Bible. All young women are invited to come! It's a great study that shows us a model of Godly women.

Upcoming Special Events



WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 18 @ noon

We'll meet at Eat'n Park for luncheon & then head over to Tinseltown for a movie (TBA).

Come join us! – Everyone is welcome!



Men's Retreat: The men's retreat has been cancelled.

Camperships

South Harborcreek United Methodist Church plays a supportive role in the Summer Camp Program! We believe Christian based camps provide events that have the Gospel of Jesus Christ at their heart and that Summer Camp is a place for kids to find themselves, meet new friends, and above all connect with God. With programs like horse and pony camp, adventure camps, and sports camps as well as special interest camps, mini camps for our junior campers, and exceptional persons' camp, you can be sure to find something of interest.

Financial assistance is available for most campers, so don't let that deter you from registering your camper! In fact, Wesley Woods is offering a 10% discount if you are registered by

May 1st! So please, take a look at the catalogs located on the campership table in the Fellowship Hall and **REGISTER TODAY!**

Celebrate Recovery Opportunities

The Celebrate Recovery group held on Monday evenings is looking for help in the following areas:

Preparing food

Preparing desserts

Serving food

Child Care

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for Celebrate Recovery. **Please prayerfully consider serving the people in our families and community who are struggling with life's hurts, habits and hang ups.**

District News



Bishop's Erie-Meadville District Night

The Bishop will be in our area on Wednesday, April 25. There will be a special dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by a townhall meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Saegertown United Methodist Church, 620 Euclid Avenue. Please see Keith if interested in attending.

All are welcome!



Our New

Erie-Meadville District Superintendent

Rev. Dennis W. Swineford

We will have a new District Superintendent this summer. His name is Rev. Dennis Swineford and he is a life-long United Methodist, baptized, confirmed, converted and called to

ministry among the people of Grace United Methodist Church in Indiana PA.

He is a graduate of Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary. In 1993 he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with a focus on stewardship programming.

Ordained a deacon in 1981 and an Elder in 1984, Rev. Swineford served five pastoral appointments across 36 years of ministry. The settings include rural, urban, small town and suburban areas, including the Titusville Bethel Charge (1982-1988); The Sharpsburg/Millvale Charge (1988-1993); Cabot UMC (1993-2003); Bradford First UMC (2003-2010); and Bakerstown UMC (2010 to present). They include rural, urban, small town and suburban congregations.

Our current District Superintendent, Rev. Joseph Patterson will be retiring this July.

Small Groups

How do you get started with a small group? Our church offers several Bible Study Groups. Following is a list of the group times and leaders:

- Tuesday 9:30 a.m. led by Elna Morton. Group is open to new members.
- **Wednesday 6:15 p.m. starting April 11, we have dinner, praise & worship then divide into 4 different Bible studies with a variety of topics. The groups are open to anyone.**
- Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The Senger/Shaffer Bible study meets at the parsonage. They are currently studying different books from the Bible and welcome anyone to join them.
- Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. This group is for women and is called “The Sweet & Salty Bible Study. This is open to all women.
- Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This group led by Linda Morey meets for a meal first and then a time of study. They are currently working through the Old Testament. They have been together for many years so this group is by invitation only.

Special April Dates

April 3 - U. M. Women: Prayer & Self Denial at 7:00 p.m.

April 3 – Men’s Hitting Practice @ 6:30 p.m.

April 11 - Wednesday Night Small Group Studies begin at 6:15 p.m. Don’t forget to check out the article and schedule.

April 18 – Wednesday Luncheon @ Eat’nPark

April 21 - ServErie–East: Harborcreek projects

April 25 – Bishop’s Erie-Meadville District Night

April's Weekly Events

Communion – April 1, 8 & 22

Communion will be served at Easter Sunrise only on April 1.

SHUMY – every Sunday evening @ 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery Service – every Monday @ 6:30 p.m.

Inspirational Dance – every Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – April 16 @ 6:30 p.m.

Chimes – April 9 & 22

Meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Council on Ministries – will not meet the month of April

9:30 a.m. Bible Study – every Tuesday @ 9:30 a.m.

Finance Meeting – April 17 @ 6:00 p.m.

Book Club – April 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

April selections are: *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christi & *The Cockroaches of Staymore* by Don Harington

New members are always welcome. Please join us the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Craft Club – April 24 @ 6:00 p.m.

This month we have a spring project lined up for you. Come at our new time 6:00 p.m. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Wednesday Evening Small Group Studies – every Wednesday (for 6 wks.) @ 6:15 p.m. begins April 11.

Linda Morey will have a Music Festival at SHUMC for her music students and their families from 9-noon on April 28.

April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Happy Easter! Communion 7:15 Sunrise Service 8:00 Breakfast 10:00 Easter Celebration	2 CR Service 6:30 pm	3 Bible Stdy 9:30 am U. M. Women 7 pm	4 <i>Chrissy Dougan</i> <i>Joel Morey</i>	5 PRAISE Rehearsal Dance Class 6:30 pm <i>Evelyn Luke</i>	6	7 Bldg. Reserved
8 Adult S.S. 9 am Worship 10 am Communion SHUMY 6 pm	9 CR Service 6:30 pm Chimes 7 pm	10 Bible Stdy 9:30 am	11 Sm. Group Study BEGINS	12 PRAISE Rehearsal Dance Class 6:30 pm	13	14
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22 Adult S.S. 9 am Worship 10 am Communion SHUMY 6 pm	23 CR Service 6:30 pm Admin. Council 6:30 pm	24 Bible Stdy 9:30 am Craft Club 6 pm	25 Sm. Group Study <i>Pat Montgomery</i> <i>Patty Stadler</i>	26 PRAISE Rehearsal Dance Class 6:30 pm <i>Morgan Stranahan</i>	27 <i>Chuck Myers</i>	28 Linda Morey's Music Recital 9-12
29 Adult S.S. 9 am Worship 10 am SHUMY 6 pm	30 CR Service 6:30 pm Chimes 7 pm <i>Paula Kraft</i>	31 Bible Stdy 9:30 am				

A sunset over a body of water, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the water. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The entire image is framed by a thin blue border.

Lord

Give me strength in my weakness.

Give me faith in my fear.

Give me power in my powerlessness.

I'm trusting You.

AMEN