



# Our Family Newsletter

## May 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  
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Member-at-Large.....Ken Morton

### Upcoming Church EVENTS

May 12 Mother's Day Brunch  
May 19 Mexican – Trivia Night

### Look Inside for :

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

**I MUSTACHE  
YOU A QUESTION**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**Mexican Dinner**  
**May 19**  
**5:00 p.m.**

# *From the Pastor's Pen*

I love May! Particularly this year – May 2018!

I am writing this letter on Friday morning, April 20. The sun is shining, the temperatures remain in the high 20's but the forecast is into the 50's by Sunday, and the snow that is melting away is glistening like beautiful crystal sparkles --- it's a day full of good prospects and May (one of my favorite months) is just around the corner!

Why is May so special and remarkable?

Of course, there is the expected bursting forth of spring flowers!

AND there is the traditional celebration of Mother's Day and Memorial Day...both commemorating the significant contributions and love of our mothers and the precious lives of our loved ones who have passed from this world to the next. **The MOTHER's DAY BRUNCH on May 12 is always a GRAND CELEBRATION!**

ALSO at SHUMC --- we'll be celebrating the WELCOME of another NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS AND then on **Saturday evening, May 19**, we'll be enjoying **a CHURCH FAMILY Fun Night in the fellowship hall for a first ever "TRIVIA NIGHT" designed for the fun of our entire church family and to raise money for CAMPERSHIPS** to help send every one of our children to 'church camp'.

AND, another VERY REMARKABLE celebration occurring in May --- is my birthday! ☺

BUT ---- EVEN MORE than all of these REMARKABLE celebrations & recognitions --- this year --- we'll be celebrating **ASCENSION SUNDAY and PENTECOST !!!!**

Officially, **ASCENSION DAY** is Thursday, May 10 (always 40 days after Easter). We'll preach about ASCENSION DAY on April 22 BUT THEN RECOGNIZE IT AGAIN on the official date of ASCENSION SUNDAY, on May 13. ASCENSION DAY celebrates the earthly life of Christ AND the commissioning of the disciples to GO AND BE WITNESSES OF JESUS CHRIST and TO WORK DILIGENTLY, AS THE CHURCH, TO PREPARE ONE ANOTHER AND THE WORLD FOR THE PROMISED "SECOND COMING" OF JESUS!

THEN – 10 days later (50 days after Easter) we'll be recognizing the CELEBRATION OF **PENTECOST** ... for us, as New Testament Christians, this is a most REMARKABLE & special day ... a day that we celebrate the **GIFT OF GOD'S SPIRIT, the HOLY SPIRIT, COMING UPON ALL WHO BELIEVE. With the commitment to be a Christian believer also comes the responsibility and the privilege TO SHARE and TO BE A PART OF GOD'S REDEEMING AND RESTORING WORK --- to help prepare the world for Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> coming!**

PENTECOST was an Old Testament Feast known as the HOLY FEAST OF THE WEEKS, which later included "PENTECOST" as a way to commemorate God's gift of the 10 Commandments at Mount Sinai as well as God's gift of the first harvest of the season. It was set to occur exactly 7 weeks or 50 days after PASSOVER.

Isn't it cool that God would pick this established and remarkable Jewish holiday celebrating God's gifts to the world to also recognize God's gift of the Holy Spirit to every Christian believer.

I encourage each of us, as Christians, and as a part of the SHUMC family ... to add readings, thoughts and reflections upon the significance of: 1) **THE LIFE & WORK OF CHRIST**; 2) Christ's **COMMISSIONING OF ALL BELIEVERS TO BE CREDIBLE WITNESSES** to the life & ministry JESUS; and 3) the **WONDER, POWER, PRESENCE, PEACE and PROMISE of the HOLY SPIRIT UPON US, IN US AND THROUGH US.**

Truly, I am looking forward to preaching and teaching from the Book of Acts this month as we ask God to open our lives and our church to the REMARKABLE PRESENCE AND WORK OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT --- IMAGINE --- WE ARE able to know and experience God, thru the Holy Spirit upon us just as the 1<sup>st</sup> century Christian believers! ... and may our world be forever CHANGED AND IMPACTED as was theirs in the 1<sup>st</sup> century!

**I pray that each of us may realize and experience this HOLY PRESENCE of GOD in OUR LIVES IN A NEW WAY THIS MONTH ...**  
**MAY 2018 is indeed a most REMARKABLE MONTH!**

Blessings, prayers, love and care.

Your Pastor, ☺

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith", written in a cursive style.

## Ella Cochran Food Pantry

SHUMC participates in the local Harborcreek-based food bank.

Each month, we will have a recommendation for just one item that you can contribute to the cause. Items may be placed in the designated area in the narthex.

Many of our friends and neighbors depend on these food items to help stretch their food dollars for the month. Please be the hands and feet of Jesus to those most in need.

This is especially significant during the summer months when the children are not in school and having some of their nutritional needs met there.

Thank you! You are the best!

May's Food: Peanut Butter



## Sweet & Salty Bible Study

The Sweet and Salty Sisterhood are laughing, loving and growing together again. Ladies, there is always an open invitation to join this lively group of sojourners. For those of you who wanted to join the Wednesday night Sheila Walsh Study, In The Middle of Mess, and couldn't, here's your chance.

We will be doing the 6-week study starting April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Cost is the price of the book.

# *Mother's Day Brunch*



*May 12, 2018*

*10:00 am*

SHUMC Fellowship Hall  
No Cost

Bring a dish to share equal to your group size  
There will be skit for you to enjoy!

Fun, Fellowship, Full Hearts and Beautiful Memories

Ladies, bring your daughters, mothers, granddaughters, nieces, grandmothers, great granddaughters, friends...or just come yourself and enjoy a lovely brunch celebrating all things female.

Our annual Mother's Day Brunch is May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost, but we do ask that each group bring a dish to share that will feed your intended group.

The best part, we get to be served by the men of the church and NO CLEANING UP!

# **Mexican - Trivia Night**



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*Fun*

SHUMC does two things well, HAVE FUN and EAT.

Well here's another opportunity to join in...

**Come to Trivia Night and nosh on nachos, munch on Mexican and challenge your friends and family to good-natured Trivia competition.**

Knowing this congregation like we do this should be a blast.

We promise no one will go home hungry and someone will go home a winner.

Here's the stuff you need to know:

**It's May 19th**

Everyone is welcome, and we mean everyone.

Grab your friends, neighbors, strangers (they'll soon be friends) and people walking down the street.

The event is free but we are hoping to raise money for camperships.

HINT: Guys, this is a GREAT date night!

**It begins at 5:00 p.m.**

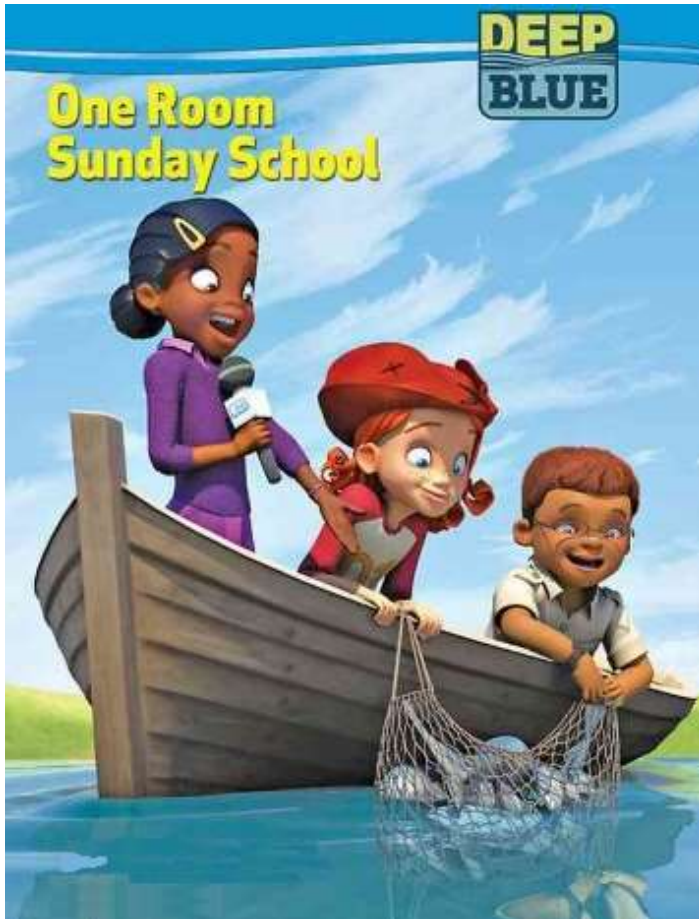
**In the Fellowship Hall**

**Children welcome**

**Sign up** in fellowship hall to attend and to donate food if you would like. Did I say sign up? Sign up TODAY, you don't want to hear all about it in church the next day.



# Sunday School



**Parents:** We like to change things up in the Summer,, and yes, it IS coming. We use a one-room schoolhouse model.

SHUMC has a history of a fun, lively and sometimes messy summer Sunday school. Dress children for play.

Our hope is to keep the kids growing in their love of God but still provide a more laid back (think more like VBS) time. To that end, we would like to share some information:

All children should be picked up in the multi-purpose room.

Also, if you would be willing/able to supply a snack that would be awesome. Just bring them downstairs anytime. Any pre-packaged item would be fine.

Thank you for allowing us to enjoy the blessing of your children. They really are a joy.

## SHUMY News

Please join us for SHUMY- South Harborcreek United Methodist Youth Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Games, bible study, prayer and just a great time! If you have never come before give us a try. There is a place for you if you are in 6-12 grade!

### Schedule for May:

May 6 - SHUMY talent open mic night from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

May 13 - SHUMY missions night

May 27 - No SHUMY- Memorial Day weekend

June 3 - End of School kick off to Summer Bonfire/Picnic

## Rummage Sale

Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>

Time to be announced.

Held in SHUMC fellowship hall

Will accept gently used (not broken) items for resale

Items should be brought to church on June 4-7

Lunch items will be available for sale

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DE clutter, discard and delight

Start your spring-cleaning now!

DE clutter, discard and delight someone else with your gently loved, no longer needed items. Let them find a new home where they can be cherished and at the same time help the church raise money to support groups or special projects within the church such as the Youth, Ramps of Hope, and/or District projects such as the Refuge, Liberty House, Rainbow Connection, etc.

Items may be brought to the church on June 4-7.

Thank you for your help. Let's fill our tables with treasures.

*Save the date*





**Save the Date:**

**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

In an effort to connect our families at the church we are hoping to hold various family, fun, friendly events that parents and children of all ages can enjoy together.

In this effort our first ever event is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Watch for further details.

This first event will be a simple introduction to the idea.

We are looking to see what the interest level is.

Even if you cannot attend please indicate if this is something you would enjoy at another more convenient time.

# SAVE THE DATE

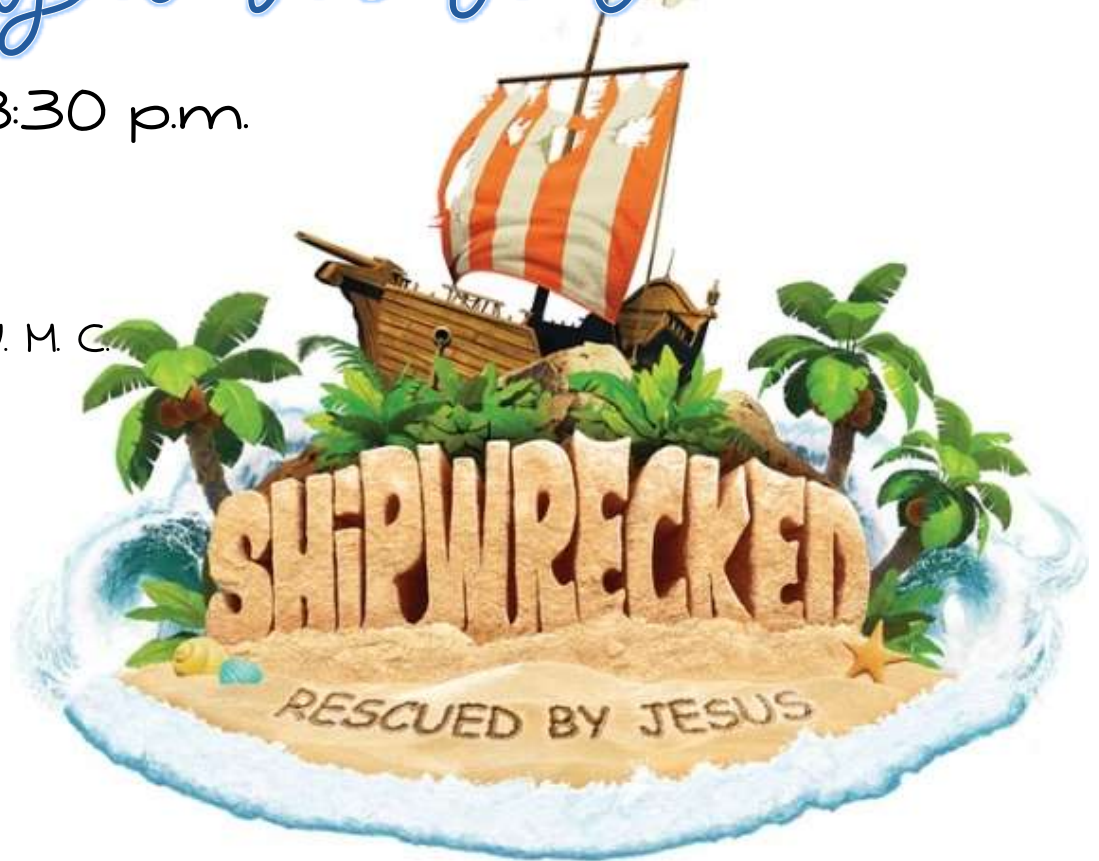
July 23-27

## VBS

# Shipwrecked

6:00-8:30 p.m.

S. Harborcreek U. M. C.  
7929 McGill Road  
Harborcreek, PA



*You are invited to join us as we venture into uncharted islands where kids are rescued by Jesus! We'll anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. There will be crafts, snacks, skits and Bible stories.*

*Check out more details on our website:*

*[www.southharborcreekumc.org](http://www.southharborcreekumc.org)*

# Noah's Ark



animals  
Ararat  
ark  
covenant  
dove

flood  
Genesis  
gopher  
Ham  
Japheth

Noah  
rain  
rainbow  
raven  
Shem



## Wesley's Words

"Do all the good you can, by  
all the means you can, in all  
the ways you can, in all the  
places you can, at all the  
times you can, to all the  
people you can, as long as  
you ever can." -John Wesley

## May Dates

### SPECIAL DATES ON THE CALENDAR

**May 1 - U. M. Women:** 7:00 p.m.

Making favors for Mother's Day Brunch  
Making plans for the Rummage Sale

**May 12 – Mother's Day Brunch:** 10:00 a.m.

**May 15 – Book Club:** 6:30 p.m.

Selections for May: *A Gentleman From Moscow* by Amor Towles & *Here On Earth* by Alice Hoffman  
*New members are always welcome. We meet at the church in the lounge downstairs.*

**May 16 – Wednesday Luncheon**

Plans TBA

**May 19 – Mexican-Trivia Night:** 5:00 p.m.

**May 20 – Donut Sunday!**

**May 22 – Craft Club:** 6:00 p.m.

This month's project is a Fairy Garden. So, collect those terra cotta pots, clay pots – even if they are broken – we'll use all the pieces.

We are going to “bowl” you over with the next project! We are looking for discarded bowling balls – so if anyone has one out there and no need for it, please let Linda McGarvey know.

Communion– May 13 & 27

Chimes – May 14 & 28

Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month

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

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

Men's Hitting Practice & Devotional – every Tuesday  
@ 6:30 p.m.

Sweet & Salty Bible Study – every Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.

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

Praise Rehearsal – every Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.  
See Linda Morey if you would like to audition.

9:30 a.m. Bible Study – every Tuesday @ 9:30 a.m. The last day will be  
May 22.

Wednesday Evening Small Group Studies – every Wednesday (for 6 wks.) @  
6:15 p.m. Last day is May 16.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH:**

U. M. Women – May 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

Council on Ministries – May 8 @ 6:00 p.m.

Finance Meeting – May 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – May 21 @ 6:30 p.m.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Bible Stdy 9:30 am Men's Hitting Prac. 6:30 pm U. M. Women 7 pm <i>Jeff Lijewski</i>	2 Small Group Studies  <i>Phil Gotham</i>	3 Sweet & Salty Bible Stdy 6 pm Dance Class 6:30 pm Praise Rehearsal 7:30 <i>Melanie Smith</i>	4	5
6 Adult S.S. 9 am Worship 10 am Music Recital L. Morey Bible Study 6 pm SHUMY 6 pm <i>Dave Schiemer</i>	7 CR Service 6:30 pm Chimes 7 pm <i>Debbie Lemke Mallory Flowers Kirk McFadden</i>	8 Bible Stdy 9:30 am Council on Min. 6 pm Men's Hitting Prac. 6:30 pm	9 Small Group Studies  <i>Kayla Carpenter Joe Anderson Lori Williams</i>	10 Sweet & Salty Bible Stdy 6 pm Dance Class 6:30 pm Praise Rehearsal 7:30 <i>Don Malmgren</i>	11 Set up for Mother's Day Brunch	12 <i>Mother's Day Brunch 10:00 a.m.</i>
13 Adult S.S. 9 am Worship 10 am Communion  SHUMY 6 pm	14 CR Service 6:30 pm Chimes 7 pm  <i>Sean Gotham</i>	15 Bible Stdy 9:30 am Finance Mtg. 6 pm Book Club 6:30 pm Men's Prac. <i>Colleen Poeta</i>	16 Luncheon  Sm. Group Study	17 Sweet & Salty Bible Stdy 6 pm Dance Class 6:30 pm Praise Rehearsal 7:30 <i>Shirley Boyd</i>	18  <i>Don VanSlyke Jamison Wallace</i>	19 5:00 p.m. Mexican-Trivia Night <i>John Neenan Natalie LaFuria Valeri Doleski Kathy Senita</i>
20 Worship 10 am Donut Sunday SHUMY 6 pm L. Morey's Bible Study 6 pm  <i>Dan Kane</i>	21 CR Service 6:30 pm  Admin. Council 6:30 pm  <i>Tim Wallace</i>	22 Bible Stdy 9:30 am  Craft Club 6 pm  Men's Prac. 6:30 pm <i>Leona Thompson</i>	23   <i>Louis LaFuria</i>	24 Sweet & Salty Bible Stdy 6 pm Dance Class 6:30 pm Praise Rehearsal 7:30	25  <i>Kay Conkling</i>	26  <i>Martha Brady</i>
27 Worship 10 am  SHUMY 6 pm	28 CR Service 6:30 pm  Chimes 7 pm  <i>Lyle Carnes Harold Kuffer</i>	29  Men's Hitting Prac. 6:30 pm	30   <i>Amy Hall</i>	31 Sweet & Salty Bible Stdy 6 pm Dance Class 6:30 pm Praise Rehearsal 7:30  <i>Bob Snyder Charles Peters</i>		