



South Harborcreek United Methodist Church

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In-Person & Online Service @10AM | Children's Sunday School @10:30AM | Nursery Available For Parents & Children

Thursday February 20, 2025

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Music/Media Director - Linda Morey
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Building Facilitator - Mary Montgomery

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Lay Leader -

Retribution Is Not The Answer | Sunday Service 02/23/2025

SOUTH HARBORCREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



RETRIBUTION IS NOT THE ANSWER



FEBRUARY 23, 2025
REV. J. TIM HOOVER

In the book of Exodus, God speaks to Moses and tells him the rules for retribution. In chapter 21:23-24, the rule is as follows; "But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise." While this may seem rather drastic, it certainly allowed for equal retribution for ones injuries. This is also provided a viable deterrent by individuals who desired harm to another.

But that is not the rule we live by today. In Luke 6:31, Jesus says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." In other words, if you desire to

be treated fairly and nicely, then you are to treat everyone else the same way. It sounds easy enough, but life does not always work that way. And while we have a justice system that works most of the time, often the victims may feel the need to exact some form of revenge on their own.

Last week we talked about trusting the Lord, and this week we will put that trust to the test as we look at situations we find difficult and disturbing, and ask God to show us the way to trust His ways and not our own.

You are always welcome here! Check out our resources!

ASL INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE AT



SOUTH HARBORCREEK UMC BY REQUEST.

South Harborcreek UMC is a space that welcomes everyone and we are so happy that this even includes our Hard-of-Hearing and Deaf brothers and sisters. Sign language interpretation during our Sunday service is available upon request. Please make your request known by the Thursday prior to the service you or your loved one will be attending and we will have arrangements made.

NUESTROS BOLETINES DOMINICALES SE



IMPRIMIRÁN A PARTIR DE AHORA EN ESPAÑOL.

In an effort to continue striving towards total inclusion of all of God's children, we have bulletins available in Spanish now. We ask that you only take one if needed so those who are in need can have plenty available. Gracias!



Are you new at South Harborcreek or just looking to get plugged into a community? We have so many small group opportunities for you to join together with like minded believers. Check out our calendar (attached), the table displays in the Narthex or simply ask around! There's a group here that fits your needs no matter who you are or where you're at in life. You belong here!



This Sunday, our K-3rd Grade Sunday School classes lesson is called "Who's The Greatest". They will be focusing on how God wants us to serve others and will be discussing Mark 10:35-45.

Our Preschool Sunday School will begin on March 2! Thank you to all who have volunteered! Our order of service will be changing to accomodate their need for extra time. Thank you for understanding.

EUMA's homeless shelter, Our Neighbors Place, is currently in great need of many items. At their latest meeting the following was requests: Men's boots (sizes 9-11), women's boots (sizes 8-10), unisex sweatpants (sizes S-L) and decaf coffee. If you would like to donate and have questions, please speak with Sandy Shaffer.

Want to Get Involved? Here's How!



We will be having a fellowship dinner immediately after the church this Sunday. Lunch will be provided! We just want to gather and fellowship with you. Everyone is invited!



Are you interested in becoming a prayer partner? Beginning at Lent and ending in January 2026, you will be assigned someone to pray for. While you're praying for them, they're praying for someone else, and someone else is praying for you! This is an amazing opportunity to support those in our congregation year round. Qustions can be directed to Judy Faulhaber.

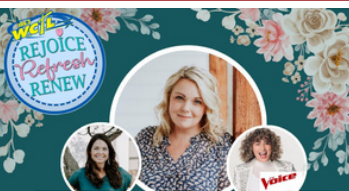


Sunday, March 2nd is Faith & Family Night with the Erie Otters. The game starts at 4:00pm and tickets are \$14. If you haven't signed up yet, do so now! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Payments can be given to Kris Loeffler via cash or Venmo (@Kris-Loeffler).

We Need Your Help!



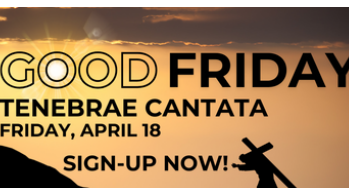
Our Trustees are looking to add 1-2 new trustees. This is a 3 year long commitment. Please prayerfully consider joining the team. If you think you may be interested please contact Dane Charlton, Pastor Tim Hoover or our church office. Thank you.



March 22nd our Women of Worship will be attending WCTL's Rejoice, Refresh, Renew Women's Conference. Purchase your tickets NOW at wctl.org. Scholarships are available. Contact Kris Loeffler (814-450-4574) with questions.



The Sacraments and Spiritual Practices Retreat will be taking place at Jumonville March 21-23. It counts as an advanced course for Lay Servant Ministries. Rates vary based on occupancy of your room, so please consider before registering.



We are hosting a Good Friday Tenebrae Cantata on April 18. We are looking for singers to present this cantata of 7 songs & 7 readings. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Practices will begin on Thursday, February 27 and will be from 7-8PM.



Losing friends and family is never an easy thing to go through. We have the opportunity to serve and uplift those we care about as they experience loss. We have a ministry team here at SHUMC that is responsible for cooking/baking as well as serving funeral dinners for our church families. Our funeral dinner ministry is currently in great need of volunteers. We ask that you please prayerfully consider joining our funeral dinner ministry team. If you have questions about what the ministry looks like and what your role would be, please see Sandy Shaffer.



We are looking for singers and people to work in the sound booth on Sunday mornings. If you are looking for a place to serve and think you would enjoy being apart of a praise or media team, please speak with Linda Morey. There is also an opening on the youth team! Must be SHUMY age and above. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

Winter Blast

AN ERIE-MEADVILLE DISTRICT YOUTH RETREAT AT WESLEY WOODS CHRISTIAN CAMP GRAND VALLEY, PA

February 21-23, 2025

This year our winter Retreat will be at Wesley Woods. We are combining with other Churches in the district! Please be praying for us this weekend!

Tomorrow we will be leaving for the Erie-Meadville district youth retreat at Wesley Woods! The Winter Blast retreat is an amazing opportunity for us to combine with other churches in the district for a fun filled weekend as we gather for a time of fellowship. As our 5-12th graders and volunteers embark on their journey to Winter Blast, please keep them in your prayers. Prayers that the weather will be friendly to them and their travels, that the students would make friends and meet Jesus. Thank you for your support, SHUMC!





Winter Youth Schedules





DATE	EVENT	STUDENT	SCHOOL	TIME
2/22/25	PMEA Regionals	Jonny Shaffstall	Richalnd HS (Johnstown, PA)	11:00 AM
03/13-03/15/25	Guys And Dolls Musical	James Crosby	Iroquois High School	7:00 PM
3/23/25	Erie Junior Phil	Jonny Shaffstall	Strong Vincent	3:00 PM
5/18/25	Erie Junior Phil	Jonny Shaffstall	Strong Vincent	3:00 PM

If you have a student in a WINTER sport or activity, or have your schedules available for SPRING sports and activities, please send us their schedule! Being the Church can also look like randomly popping in to a swim meet or wrestling match. Let us be the Church and surround your students with support! Either send your schedule to Pastor Tim or to our office (shumhh@aol.com).

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9  Donut Sunday W.O.W Souper- Sale! SHUMC Ministry Fair	10	11 9:30AM Elna's Sm Grp 5:30PM Wesleyan Sm Grp 6PM Christa Craven Sm Grp 6:30PM Band of Bros	12 6:30 AM Men's Study	13 6:30PM Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	14	15 6:30PM Valentine's Gathering
16 6-9PM SHUMY 5-12th Grade	17	18 9:30AM Elna's Sm Grp 5:30PM Wesleyan Sm Grp 6PM Christa Craven Sm Grp 6:30PM Band of Bros	19 6:30 AM Men's Study	20 6:30PM Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	21 12-4PM Fellowship Hall Occupied Winter Blast Youth Retreat →	22
23 Fellowship Hall Occupied After Church Winter Blast Youth Retreat	24 6:30PM Administrative Board Mtg 6:30PM Victoria Brady Sm Grp (Panera Bread)	25 9:30AM Elna's Sm Grp 5:30PM Wesleyan Sm Grp 6PM Christa Craven Sm Grp 6:30PM Band of Bros	26 6:30 AM Men's Study	27 6:30PM Sweet & Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal	28	March 1 1-3 PM SHAWL MIN

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