



# 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, March 5, 2026

Pastor - J. Tim Hoover  
Youth Director - Sue Tiegs  
Music/Media Director - Linda Morey  
Administrative Assistant - Katie Sadler  
Building Facilitator - Mary Montgomery

Council Chair - Jim Loeffler  
Secretary - Stephanie Kraft  
Finance - Chuck Myers  
Trustees - Joel Stewart  
Staff Parish - Diane Senger

Council on Ministries - LeAnne Morton  
Youth - Lia Hackenberg  
Treasurer - Linda Stewart  
Young Adults -  
Lay Leader -

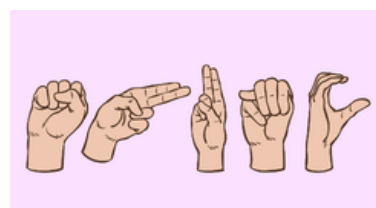
## The Kingdom of Heaven: Hidden Treasure & Pearl | Sunday Service 03/08/26



In the 1960's and 1970's one of the favorite activities of young boys was to collect and trade baseball cards. There would be hours spent on a porch with buddies huddled around looking to trade one or two cards for one's favorite player. We never really understood that one day a Roberto Clemente card would be worth anywhere from \$12.00 to \$11,000.00 depending on age and shape of the card itself.

The farmer and the merchant in this week's parables each find something very valuable and each decides to take all they have to acquire it. The Kingdom of God needs to be that for us. Jesus asks the disciples and us today what are you willing to give up for the Kingdom? How valuable is it to you? As kids we were willing to sacrifice a couple of cards for one we wanted, but are you willing to "drink from the cup and be baptized with the baptism" that Jesus must suffer. Are we willing to give it all for Jesus?

## You Are Always Welcome Here! Check Out Our Resources!



We welcome everyone and that includes both the Hard-of-Hearing and Deaf. Sign language interpretation during our Sunday service is available upon request. Please let the office know by the Thursday prior to your attendance and we will have arrangements made.



In our push toward total inclusion, we have Sunday 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!



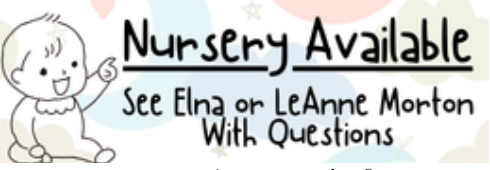
We have small groups for you to join here at South Harborcreek. There's a group here that meets your needs! Check out our calendar or ask around to find out where you fit. You belong here!



We would like to gather updated contact information from you for our membership services! We have contact cards available in the Narthex if you'd like to update your info. We also have new information regarding our transition to Servant Keeper. Please see the letter attached later in the Blast. If you have any questions, please see Chuck Myers or Brenda Rodland.



This Sunday's Pre-k through 4th grade lesson is titled "Trust Text", and will teach us that God will always take care of us and will focus on Matthew 14:22-33.



Our Nursery is open! If you have a child that is between birth and 3 years old, you may take them to the Nursery which is found at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Parents must be present to sign them in and out. If you have any questions, please see either LeAnne or Elna Morton.



We are looking for volunteer who would be willing to be either a Teacher or and Aid for both our Nursery and Pre-K ministries. Please see either Elna or LeAnne Morton if you are interested or if you have questions!



We are looking for SATB singers for an Easter Anthem for the 10:00am service on Easter, April 5. Practices begin on March 1 after church for about 20 minutes. Please plan to make as many practices as possible. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Any further questions can be directed to Linda Morey.



The Administrative Board meeting that had been previously scheduled for Monday, February 16, is now being postponed until Monday, March 16. Please plan on attending. If you are unable to, please reach out to Pastor Tim, Jim Loeffler or the church office. Thank you.



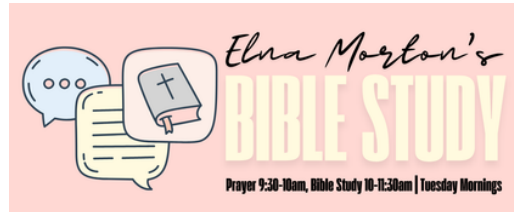
Join us Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for our Women of Worship's annual dessert auction! This years "Cabin Fever Buster" event will be fun for the whole family! We ask that you bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share and come ready to bid on some yummy treats! This years proceeds will go towards the SHUMC Mission Trips. Questions about this event or anything W.o.W related can be directed to Kris Loeffler or Diane Senger.



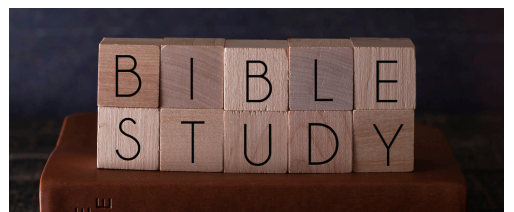
The 2026 Erie-Meadville District Conference is on Saturday, April 25 at 2pm at Saegertown UMC.



Are you looking for spiritual encouragement in your fitness journey? Join Bethany Brady and Julia Stranahan in their new Bible study group that meets on Mondays at 6:45pm at the church. This group will meet weekly as they read "The Body Tithes" devotional book. If you're interested, please reach out to Bethany or Julia.



Elna's Bible Study is currently reading through "Imagine The God Of Heaven" by John Burke. They meet at 9:30am in the multi-purpose room on Tuesdays. All are welcome!



Christa Craven is hosting a Bible study on Tuesdays at 6pm where they will read "Why Did Jesus Have To Die?" by Adam Hamilton. This group is open to all.



**2026 Winter Youth Activities**

DATE	EVENT	STUDENT	SCHOOL	TIME
3/15/26	Jr. Philharmonic	Jonny Shaffstall	Strong Vincent	3PM
5/3/25	Jr. Philharmonic	Jonny Shaffstall	Strong Vincent	3PM



If you have any updated schedules for upcoming sports and activities, please send them to the office so we as a church can support our children and youth.

# A Glance At The Next Two Months..

## MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  <b>Communion</b> 11-11:30AM Easter Anthem Practice	2 6:45-8PM Julia Stranahan and Bethany Brady Bible Study	3 9:30AM Elna's Sm Grp 5:30PM Pastor Tim's Wesleyan Sm Grp 6PM Christa Craven Bible Study 6:30PM Band of Brothers	4 6:30AM Men's Study	5 6PM Praise Rehearsal 6:30PM Sweet & Salty Bible Study	6	7 1-3PM Shawl Ministry  6:30PM W.o.W. Cabin Fever Buster
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South Harborcreek UMC Parishioners

Subject: Transition to Servant Keeper Online Giving Platform

We hope this message finds you well. We are excited to announce that South Harborcreek United Methodist Church is upgrading our giving platform to better serve our congregation and community. As part of this upgrade, we are transitioning from our current online giving platform Push Pay to the new Servant Keeper Online Giving Platform.

The main reason for this change is that we currently use two separate programs. We use Servant Keeper for our record keeping and we use Push Pay for our Online Giving. Servant Keeper has recently introduced an Online Giving Feature that will allow us to use one program for both purposes and save the church over \$2,100 dollars a year in the process.

Servant Keepers Fees per are 1% plus \$0.45 per ACH transaction and 2.9% plus \$0.45 per credit card transaction. While this is slightly higher per transaction than Push Pay. Push Pay charges an annual fee of \$3,600.

Our transition dates will launch on March 9, 2026 with the goal of having everyone switched from Push Pay to Servant Keeper by March 31, 2026. After that date Push Pay will no longer be available.

We will have handouts available with instructions for cancelling your Push Pay account and opening your servant keeper account. We will schedule meetings at the church to help with this transition, and we will also have people available to help you with this transition if needed.