March 3, 2024 Sunce Sunce Sunce States United Methodist Church

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Traditional Worship 9:00 am Mark Markel, Lay Leader Angela Smith, Director of Music

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Prelude arr. Nevue Piano: Angela Smith, Director of Music Welcome/Morning Prayer (Pre-K through 5th Grade dismissed to "The Neighborhood") The Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 19) If you ask the sky who God is, the sky will tell you of God's reach. If you ask the day who God is, the sun will tell you of God's warmth. If you ask the night who God is, the moon will tell you of God's comfort. "The heavens are telling the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). Are you listening? We are listening! We will sing of God's glory. Let us worship Holy God.

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

185 UMH

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness. Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith. Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers. Forgive us for losing sight of you. Some days we are quick to trust your blessings trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference. Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in. Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves. We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith. But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace. Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20

Mark Double

Sermon Series: Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter The Message: "Praise the Mount" Rev. Larry Buckland

The Offering

Offertory

"Like a Tree" arr. Beery Women's Choir; Solo: Raia Redick

March Noisy Offering: Scott's Run Settlement House Please drop your loose change in the bucket and pass through the pew to the ushers

Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving (bread is gluten-free)

Communion	
"Come to the Table of Grace"	
"How Can I Keep From Singing?"	2212 TFWS

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Opportunities

Benediction Response	"Through It All"	507 UMH
Postlude	"Revive Us Again" Piano: Angela Smith	arr. Hayes , Director of Music

Contemporary Worship 11:00 am

Sheree Wetzel, Lay Leader

Rich Chaffins, Contemporary Music Director

"Holy Water"

Morning Prayer

"I Got a Light"

Greeting

A Time Mostly for Children Shari Burgess (Pre-K through 5th Grade dismissed to "The Neighborhood")

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Invitation to meet with God

Offertory

"This I Believe"

- Prayers for others light a candle and pray for someone on your heart today. Come to the prayer rail and spend time with God.
- Prayers for you meet Pastor Larry at the prayer rail for anointing and prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving (bread is gluten-free)

Communion **"The Kingdom Is Yours"**

Opportunities

"My Feet Are On The Rock"

MUSICIANS:

Alise Chaffins, Rich Chaffins, Curtis Johnson, Greer Lambert, Drew Mackey, Raia Redick, Issac Ridgely

SUMC PLAYLIST

Scan the QR code if you enjoy the music the worship team brings us each week. We've made a Spotify playlist that is updated every Tuesday and features the music for the coming week's service!





All families with youth who have not been confirmed are invited to be a part of the 2024 confirmation class. Pastor Larry will hold a parent meeting on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:00 pm on the 3rd floor. Confirmation Class will be held on Friday, April 19, or Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm with lunch provided. Confirmands will need to attend only one class. Confirmation Sunday will be May 19, 2024. If you are interested in being a part of the confirmation journey, please contact Christina at media@suncrestumc.org or call/text 304-641-7862.

Congratulations Emily Arnett!



SUMC Praise Band member Emily Arnett, a senior at University High School, has the honor of being chosen as first chair percussion for the 2024 West Virginia All-State Band, which performed in Charleston Saturday. Emily represents the best of the best in our state! She also performed Thursday as a member of UHS's Honor Percussion Ensemble.



3/10 "I'm Fixed Upon It" Matthew 16:21-23

For everyone, there comes a time when your faith is tested and you will have to face difficult and inconvenient truths. We may want to take the easier path, the path with less pain. We may want to cling to easy or simplistic answers. Instead, what does it look like to welcome complexity? Can you stay fixed upon your convictions while also expanding your perspective?

3/17 **"Teach Me"** Matthew 18:15-22

3/24 (Palm Sunday) "Songs of Loudest Praise" John 12:12-16

3/31 (Easter) "And I Hope" Luke 24:1-12

Would you like to help serve communion in worship?

If so, please call or text (304) 642-7862 or email media@suncrestumc.org and Pastor Larry will follow up and explain the details.

Thank You Lenten Luncheon Volunteers and Attendees!:



More than 50 people attended last week's Lenten Luncheon. A delicious meal was provided by the SUMC Choir. Rev. Dr. Matthew Paugh was the guest speaker, and his message, titled "On the Way," was based on Mark 10:46-52. Music was lead by Frank Williams.



Please consider joining us Wednesday. The Rev. Steve Lightner will be our guest speaker.





LARRY BUCKLAND

Tune In Tuesdays to "The Rev. Rambles On"

Premiering Tuesday, March 5th, join Larry Buckland and guests for a video and audio podcast called "The Rev. Rambles On." A new episode will be released each Tuesday.

You can listen on Spotify or Apple Podcasts, or on the Suncrest YouTube channel. Search for "The Rev. Rambles On," or see links to the podcast on the Suncrest Facebook page Tuesday mornings.

The Middle School Youth Group

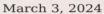
will be in the lobby today after both services selling bracelets to help **Jazlynn Hughes** with ongoing medical costs as she remains in Ruby Memorial Hospital. The suggested donation is \$2 per bracelet, but any amount is appreciated. They will also have Easter basket gift items for purchase for \$1 and \$3.

Please stop by and help the Middle School Youth Group



Our own Bella Dodd and her Girl Scout Troop #55860 of the Black Diamond

Girl Scouts will be in the lobby on Sunday, March 17, with all your favorite Girl Scout cookies. Make sure to stop and grab a box or three to support Bella and her troop as they raise funds for this year's activities.







Today, Sun., March 3

Traditional Service 9:00 am Children's Church 9:00 am *"The Neighborhood," 3rd Floor*

Christian Education 10:00 am Senior High Youth 10:00 am *3rd Floor*

Contemporary Service 11:00 am Children's Church 11:00 am *"The Neighborhood," 3rd Floor*

Rooted Youth Group 11:00 am 3rd Floor

College Brunch 12:00 pm Old Drummond Meal provided this week by Stephen and Amanda Schoenberger

Mon., March 4

Arthritis Fitness Class5:00 pmBalance Fitness Class5:30 pm3rd Floor (location change this day)

Service League 5: Old Drummond

5:30 pm

SPRC Committee 6:00 pm *Hartley Chapel*

Tues., March 5

Upper Room Discipline 10:00 am Hartley Chapel and Zoom

Suncrest Singers 3:45 pm

Middle School Youth 6:00 pm (5th - 6th Grades, 3rd Floor)

Cub Scout Pack 60	6:15 pm
Drummond Ringers	6:30 pm
Troop 65	7:00 pm
Peace With Justice	7:00 pm
Old Drummond	-

Wed., March 6

Upper Room Zoom Study 10:00 am Sunny Day Seniors 11:30 am *at Eureka Café, Wiles Hill*

Lenten Luncheon Series 12:00 pm Old Drummond Guest Speaker: Rev. Steve Lightner

Arthritis Fitness Class 5:00 pm Balance Fitness Class 5:30 pm *Old Drummond*

Middle School Youth 6:00 pm (7th-8th Grade, 3rd Floor)

Thurs., March 7

Men's Breakfast (Zoom)	7:15 am
Suncrest Ringers	4:00 pm
Chancel Choir	6:30 pm

Fri., March 8

Chinese Fellowship

7:00 pm

Sun., March 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Please remember to "Spring Ahead" for Daylight Savings Time by setting your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed next Saturday. Spring is almost here!



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Spiritual Growth

Enriching Fellowship

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM Second Coming of Christ

Meets in Hartley Chapel

Paul and Maria Reidpath are offering a Bible study based on the study by Dr. Timothy Paul Jones.

The Great Courses

Meets in the Kelsey Wilkins Library

The Catacombs class is utilizing the Great Courses video series, The Story of the Bible, presented by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. .

The Gospel of Mark Meets in Old Drummond

A study based on the book, The Gospel of Mark, by A.J. Levine will be offered through March. The book features an in-depth study of select passages and illuminates the Gospel in its historical context and as a source for the other gospels. Please call the church office to obtain a copy of the book.

TUESDAYS Hybrid Study with Pastor Larry Meets in Hartley Chapel and ZOOM

This weekly study meets Tuesdays at 10 am and will begin using the 2024 Upper Room Disciplines book and will adapt materials to different seasons and relevant topics.

WEDNESDAYS Upper Room Bible Study Meets on ZOOM

All are invited each Wednesday at 10 am for Upper Room Zoom. We will read the scripture and devotion and then discuss the message for the day. Be sure to grab a copy of the Upper Room available at the back of the sanctuary and join us.

Meeting ID: 824 3971 4940 **Passcode: 803713**

THURSDAYS **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** Meets on ZOOM

Open to men of all ages. This study group meets on ZOOM Thursdays from 7:15 am to 8:00 am. Please call the church office for the Zoom link.



TRUSTEE NOTES 1st Quarter 2024

The Trustees recently met to establish the facility needs that need to be addressed in 2024. We have listed them below, along with the funding source. It is important that the congregation know that there are no funds required of the 2024 Suncrest UMC Operating Budget, which primarily comes from your gifts. The projects are not listed in priority order.

- New HVAC system: Work is nearly completed, with final installation expected by April. Funding is from the proceeds of the Trinity property sale.
- New sanctuary lighting: The installation is complete with the exception of a minor problem with the LED lights behind the cross. Funding came from a federal ERC grant.
- New sanctuary emergency exit: Bids are expected in the next two weeks, with work to start in the spring. Funding is from the ERC grant.
- New sanctuary-level restrooms: Initial architect drawings are being evaluated. The new women's restroom will be relocated to the old nursing office area, which will allow us to combine the existing men's and women's restrooms to create a new men's restroom. Our goal is to complete this badly needed project by the end of summer. Funding is from the ERC grant.
- Replacement of the concrete pad/steps and new railing for the exit from the sanctuary to Van Voorhis Road (the original entrance to the church): This project is required because the concrete has deteriorated and will become a safety issue. We will seek bids in late spring; the goal is to complete the project in 2024. Funding will come from the ERC grant and memorial funds.
- **Replacement of the steps and deck at Old Drummond:** We will remove the deck and replace the steps and ramp with new concrete/block steps and a handicap ramp. There safety issues with the flooring of the deck and steps plus the pavilion allows us to eliminate the deck. We plan the undertake this project over the summer. Funding will come from memorial funds.
- Addition of speed humps: Vehicles are speeding through the parking lot, using it as a shortcut to avoid the traffic light. This creates a major safe-ty hazard for everyone, especially for childcare kids, who walk the parking lot to the church entrance or from the playground to the childcare entrance. We are studying the best options with plans to install them before summer. We will also add new low-growing landscaping in the circle in front of the main entrance to improve visibility from the either direc-

tion. Unfortunately, this will require removing the existing pine trees in the circle. Funding will come from the football parking fund.

- **Installation of steeple lights:** New lights will be installed to light up the steeple. Plans include a timer to turn them off at midnight. We will also install a new floodlight near the roof overlooking the childcare entrance sidewalks and the sanctuary entrance/exit facing Van Voorhis Road. Funding will come from the Trustee discretionary account, which includes revenues from the leasing of spaces in the parking lot during the week.
- Construction of a site to display Suncrest's historic bells: The bells from Trinity UMC and the Star City UMC have been in storage since the formation of Suncrest UMC. The Trustees want to display these bells in an enclosure to be built near the main entrance to the church. It will include an informational plaque telling the history of the bells. We are presently studying the architect's proposal. Work would be done over the summer. Funding will come from the Trustee's discretionary account.
- **Pressure washing the main building and Old Drummond:** The Trustees have entered into a contract to have both buildings and sidewalks pressure washed this spring. Funding will come from the Trustee's discretionary account.
- Holding a church-wide clean-up day: The Trustees will be sponsoring a church-wide cleanup on a Saturday in late April or early May from 9 am to noon. We will undertake a deep cleaning of the church, including discarding of materials and furniture in storage closets and storage rooms that are no longer needed. We will rent an additional dumpster for the day. Lunch will be provided for everyone. More information to follow.
- Sealing the parking lot by the pavilion: The Trustees have contracted to have the parking lot nearest the pavilion sealed and striped this summer. This process helps to prolong the life of the lot. Funding will come from football parking revenues.

We conclude this report by thanking Jerry Buckland and David Watkins for their past service on the Trustees and welcoming Mark Cottrill and Jim Collins as our newest Trustees. The returning Trustees are Jim Harris (secretary), Rachel Kitzmiller, Elaine Dougherty (treasurer), Jeff Stenger, April Messerly, and Judy Lightner.

As you might expect, the Trustees have a number of other maintenance and facility issues and concerns, including moving to a paperless records storage system, addressing additional storage issues, repair of the playground fence, enhancing the Narthex as a welcoming center to guests, and more. We felt it important that you be informed of our facility plans for 2024. We, as a church, are blessed with having revenue streams beyond the traditional giving by the congregation to enhance, expand, and maintain our facilities.

Submitted by Lyn Dotson, Chair

Church Center Check-In for Nursery and Children's Church

CHECK-I

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES Please stop by the Check-In Center, where one of our friendly Children's Ministry staff, will assist you with your first Check-In.

CHURCH CENTER APP

Download the "Church Center App" from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Follow the following prompts on screen. a. "Get Started"

b. "Use my location" or "Search Manually" if you would like to not give the app location access.

c. Search for "Suncrest UMC" in the search bar of the app. This will be at the top.

d. "This is my church"

e. Enter your phone number and hit "Next."

f. Enter the code from your text messages and hit "Next."

g. "Log in as"

h. You may enable biometrics as needed/ wanted.

i. Disable or enable notifications.

You have now successfully completed all of the steps for the Church Center App.

REGULAR ATTENDEES

Step 1:Using the Church Center App

a. Launch Church Center App

b. Select Check-In on the bottom bar of the app (the middle button, ' shows a circle with a checkmark) in the middle and says "Check-In" as the icon.

c. Make sure it shows everyone in your household.*

d. Select the household members you would like to check in.

e. Tap the "Next" button in the bottom right hand corner.

f. Scan QR Code upon arriving at the Church at the Check-In kiosk.

g. Grab name tags from the printer below the IPad.

Step 2: Using the kiosk

a. Enter your phone number.

b. Select the members from your household* that you would like to check in.

c. Select "Checked in by" in the bottom left hand corner.

d. Grab name tags from the printer below the IPad.

Suncrest Kid'z



Make sure to check in today on your way into worship.

You must be checked in to attend Children's Church.

Nursery Care

is available for infants through age 2 during all worship services and the Christian Education Hour. Please check in.

Children's Church Age 3 to 5th Grade 9:00 am:

Pastor Larry will dismiss children.

11 am:

Children are dismissed to the 3rd floor following the children's message.

Preschool Sunday School

Ages 3 and 5 Il am on the 3rd floor Children are dismissed with those attending Children's Church. DVENTURES Come to the Neighborhood each week,

CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

@ 9 am and 11 am and fill up your passport with fancy stamps!

THIS WEEK

Wandering Hearts "Jesus knows who" we are at our very bes Christina Thomas, Director of Children & Youth 681-285-5786 304-775-2682 christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org

'11am

5TH-6TH GRADE

Tues. 3/5 @6

TH-8TH GRADE

Wed.3/6@6

Make your own

Bible covers!

Don't forget your Bibles!

Bible Study This Sunday: Wandering Hearts

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ROC

Praise the Moment.

Snack donations needed! Rooted Youth is in need of snacks for our weekly gatherings. If you can help, please bring your donations to the church office.



SENIA HIGH YOUTH All 9th - 12th grade

All 9th - 12th grade students are invited! Bring your friends!

SUNDAYS 10AM

Join Pastor Larry & Deveran for a time of learning, fellowship, & yummy refreshments.

<u>THIS WEEK</u>



Lent Study & Breakfast Service Project: Stuffing Easter Eggs

Please note location change. We will NOT be meeting in Old Drummond.

All College Students are invited to

Gollege Lunch Today@noon

in Old Drummond

Come on over; you'll find more than just lunch! Find new friends, build relationships, and make lasting memories.

Ways to Support College Ministry

Invite students to a mission event or Bible Study class.

HOST COLLEGE LUNCH

with your friends or group! Sign up in the church office at 304/599-6306.

PRAY

Pray for our students & WVU staff. Greet each student with a smile & invite them to College Lunch. Provide a gift card for a pizza to your favorite pizza place.



Lunch Outing Planned!

Sunny Day Seniors will meet Wed., March 6, at 11:30 a.m. at **Eureka Café in Wiles Hill** for a time of fellowship and food. Lunch costs are on your own.

Please contact Libby Davis at (304) 599-5993 if you are coming so that reservations can be made in advance.

THANK YOU!

to Ron Allen and the group studying *The Gospel of Mark* for preparing last week's College Lunch Meal.

And thank you to Stephen and Amanda Schoenberger for volunteering to provide today's College Lunch Meal.

Please contact the church office at 304/599-6306 if you would like to volunteer to sponsor, prepare, and/or provide a future College Lunch Meal.

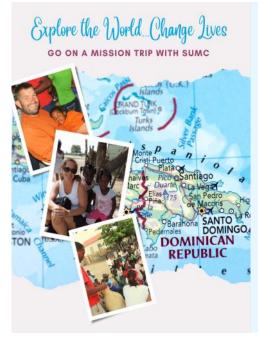




- Toilet paper, baby wipes, and diapers and pull-ups (sizes 5, 6, or 7)
- Jelly, pasta, and snacks (such as

Stamp Ministry

Please don't forget to bring your canceled stamps to the church office to help the Missions Team with this vital ministry. Volunteers sort and sell the stamps, with all proceeds going to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). We appreciate Linda A. Lilly for trimming the stamps to specification, and we thank you for bringing in the stamps.





Our next Feeding the Soul meal will be Monday, **March 18**, at the Rosenbaum Family House, and volunteers are needed. Please consider lending a hand. It's an excellent opportunity to meet new people!

The planned menu for March 18th is ham, scalloped or au gratin potatoes, green beans, dessert, drinks, and rolls.

Please contact Clarke Ridgway (304/282-2791) or Allyson McKee (304/276-0327) if you would like to help provide food or assistance.

UMCOR Offering

In response to the numerous natural disasters in our world, we will be receiving a special offering on the first Sunday of each month for UMCOR. 100% of every gift goes directly to providing assistance.

Ron Lytle and the Mission Team are planning a mission trip to a batey in the Dominican Republic to take place during **Thankgiving.** (Please note the date change.) They hope to include WVU students, SUMC members, and friends.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,500/person. The Mission Team plans to assist with some of these expenses.

An informational meeting is being planned for Palm Sunday, March 24, in Old Drummond immediately following the College Meal. Everyone interested in learning more about the trip is invited to join us for lunch. Contact Carol Rotruck at (304) 685-4833 or carol.rotruck@icloud.com for more info.



March Health Awareness: Colorectal Cancer

Colorectal Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths worldwide.

What is Colorectal Cancer?

Colorectal cancer is also called colon cancer. Colon cancer occurs when there is abnormal growth of cells in the colon. These abnormal growths are called polyps. Over a period of time, polyps can turn into cancer.

Lifestyle Risk Factors:

- Physical inactivity
- A diet low in fiber and high in fat
- A diet consisting of few fruits and vegetables
- A diet high in processed meats
- Being overweight or obese
- Alcohol and/or tobacco use

Other Risk Factors:

- Colorectal cancer risk increases as you get older
- Family history of colon cancer or polyps
- Genetic syndromes, including Lynch syndrome or familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP)

The faith community nursing department at SUMC is expanding and evolving to align with statewide initiatives for promoting faith community locations as access to care points for rural community members.

Please watch your email, Facebook, and bulletin for upcoming events.

Feel free to reach out to the nurses with questions using the contact information below:

Dr. Angel Smothers 304-952-4316

asmothers@hsc.wvu.edu



Dr. Stephanie Young 724-413-4642

sayers1@hsc.wvu.edu



WVU EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

Arthritis Foundation & Balance Classes

Mondays & Wednesdays

in Old Drummond Chapel

Arthritis Foundation 5:00 - 5:30 pm Balance Class 5:30 - 6:00 pm

All ages, skills, and fitness levels welcome!

This program is offered by the WVU Exercise Physiology in conjunction with the SUMC Faith Community Nursing Team.





Blood Pressure Screenings Are Available Today Between Services in the SUMC Health Office (formerly the Parish Nurse Office).

Praise the Mount

If you had to speak your faith in one sentence or phrase, what would you say?

Write your statement on a heart and place it in the basket in the back of the Sanctuary. You do not need to add your name.

When life gets rocky, we lean on mountaintop moments and our deepest convictions to see us through.



Please take a moment and fill out the form below so that we can know you are in our midst and offer a prayer for you this week by name. If you are new, we want to get to know you, please share the information you are comfortable with.

Name:	 	 	 	 	 	 	-	 	-

Address:	 	 	 	 	 	

E-Mail address: _____ Do you want added to our weekly Happenings email? ____YES ___NO ___Let me think about it

Phone: Home _____Cell _____

Are you visiting today? How many times have you worshipped at Suncrest? ____1st ___2nd ____a few times

Would you like more information about:

Jesus ____ Baptism ____ Membership ____

Serving ____ Mission Opportunities ____

How can we pray for you or someone you know?

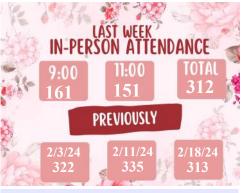
Would you like

A call from Pastor Larry_____

A meeting with Pastor Larry _____

Other: _____

You may also stop by our website or mobile app and fill out the digital Connect Card. Suncrestumc.org/contact



HEALING CARDS

Reita Marks

(recovering from a fall) 1429 Anderson Ave Morgantown WV 26505

Aimee Harris

(recent carpal tunnel surgery) 165 Bakers Drive Morgantown WV 26505

Wandalee Watkins

(health concerns) Suite 2203 Heritage Point Morgantown WV 26505

Conner Funke

(sympathy, former teammate) 606 Jefferson Street Morgantown WV 26501

Emmileigh Blosser

(recent surgery) PO Box 303 Pursglove WV 26546

Sandie Overbey

(recent surgery) 4010 Morningside Way Morgantown WV 26505

Mary Charmain Belcastro (health concerns) 22 Clock Street

Osage WV 26543