

Suncrest

United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024

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Traditional Worship 9:00 am

Mark Markel, Lay Leader

Angela Smith, Director of Music

Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Brickman
Piano: Graham Sterling

Welcome/Morning Prayer

(Pre-K through 5th Grade dismissed to “The Neighborhood”)

The Call to Worship

God has called us to share the good news of God’s love.

But who am I, that God should call me?

You are a beloved child of God.

But I am weak; I’m not a great speaker or preacher.

God is with you; don’t be afraid.

Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you.

Amen.

Hymn

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

158 UMH

Prayer of Confession

God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don’t have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task.

We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that you expect so much from us.

Forgive our ignorance and stubbornness, O Lord. Help us to understand the opportunities to serve you with our presence, love, and support. It is your love that makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service.

Let our work be part of the fulfillment of the playbook of Jesus Christ when he made his proclamation in the synagogue so long ago. For it is in His Name that we pray. AMEN.

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture

Luke 4:21-30

Maria Reidpath

**“The Playbook” Sermon Series:
The Message “Your Presence Is Valued”**

Rev. Larry Buckland

The Offering

Offertory “If I Can Help Somebody” arr. Brunner
Chancel Choir; Soloist: Riley Dalton

**April Noisy Offering: The Ovcharenko Family at
Harner Chapel**

Please drop your loose change in the bucket and pass through the pew to the ushers

Doxology

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn “Here I Am, Lord” (vs. 1-2) 593 UMH

Baptism and Reception of Membership: Graham Sterling

Opportunities

Benediction Response “Here I Am, Lord” (vs. 3) 593 UMH

Postlude “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” arr. Hayes
Piano: Graham Sterling

The Library Committee Requests Your Input

At Suncrest we are excited about all of the new opportunities that are being introduced, such as new Sunday School classes and new study and fellowship groups. We want to make the most of the spaces available to house these activities.

A small group has been formed to take a look at the Kelsey L. Wilkins Library, with an eye to making it a useful resource for the church as well as a welcoming meeting space, while keeping in mind the vision of the Wilkins family.

To gather input for the group, we ask that you respond to a short questionnaire, which you can access through the QR code below or by

clicking the following link:

[SUMC Library Use Survey](#)

If you would like to be part of this effort, please contact Susan Dotson at sdotson925@gmail.com or Allyson McKee at allyson.mckee47@gmail.com.



Contemporary Worship 11:00 am

Sheree Wetzel, Lay Leader; Rich Chaffins, Contemporary Music Director

“Let Revival Come”

“Rest On Us”

Morning Prayer

“Sons and Daughters”

Greeting

A Time Mostly for Children

Zach Eckert

(Pre-K through 5th Grade dismissed to “The Neighborhood”)

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Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture

Luke 4:21-30

Marybeth Chien

“The Playbook” Sermon Series:

The Message

“Your Presence Is Valued”

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Invitation to meet with God

Offertory

“All Belong Here”

- 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.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Opportunities

Sending Forth

“Everybody’s Gotta Beating Heart”

MUSICIANS:

Emily Arnett, Alise Chaffins, Rich Chaffins, Rob Chrise-Tritt,
Curtis Johnson, Lexi Mankamyer, David Nottingham

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!



General Conference of the United Methodist Church

is meeting April 23 through May 3 in Charlotte, NC.

For more information go to <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>. Watch your email, as we will be sending out conference updates as they come.

General Conference Info Meeting

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. Please join Pastor Larry in the sanctuary for a recap and info session regarding the General Conference that will be held from April 23 through May 3.



The Sermon Series Continues Next Week!

Pastor Larry gives us "The Playbook" on following Jesus and being a full participant at Suncrest United Methodist Church, where all are welcome.

April 28:	"You Have Gifts"	Luke 18:18-22
May 5:	"You Can Serve"	Romans 12:1-8
May 12:	"You are a Witness"	Acts 1:4-11
May 19:	"All are Welcome Here"	Acts 2:1-21



INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Short-Term Bible Studies
offering Spiritual Growth and Enriching Fellowship

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM

New Video Series! **The Great Courses**

Meets in the Kelsey Wilkins Library

The Catacombs class is starting a new Great Courses video series: "The Lives of Great Christians," presented by William R. Cook. For many, Christianity is the daily effort to live one's faith in every moment. This course introduces you to those who have done so over the centuries.

The Sermon on the Mount

Meets in Hartley Chapel

Join Paul and Maria Reidpath in a new study based on *The Sermon on the Mount*, by Drew Hunter. Everyone is welcome!

The Gospel of Mark

Meets in Old Drummond

This study, based on the book *The Gospel of Mark*, by A. J. Levine, will continue through May. 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 in the sanctuary.

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.

HAPPENING @ SUMC
THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, April 21

Traditional Service	9:00 am
Children's Church	9:00 am
<i>"The Neighborhood," 3rd Floor</i>	
Messy Church	10:00 am
<i>Cowan Hall</i>	
Senior High Youth	10:00 am
<i>3rd Floor</i>	
Bible Studies	10:00 am
<i>see page for studies offered</i>	
Contemporary Service	11:00 am
Children's Church	11:00 am
<i>"The Neighborhood," 3rd Floor</i>	
Rooted Youth Group	11:00 am
<i>3rd Floor</i>	
College Meal	12:00 pm
<i>Old Drummond</i>	
<i>Hosted by Kristen and Hunter Barbour</i>	
Senior High Outing	12:00 pm
Mission Team Retreat	12:30 pm
<i>Panera (private dining area)</i>	

Monday, April 22

Arthritis Fitness Class	5:00 pm
Balance Fitness Class	5:30 pm
<i>Old Drummond</i>	

Tuesday, April 23

Upper Room Discipline	10:00 am
<i>Hartley Chapel and Zoom</i>	
Middle School Youth	6:00 pm
<i>(5th - 6th Grade), 3rd Floor</i>	
Dolly Hyre Circle	6:00 pm
<i>Old Drummond</i>	
Cub Scout Pack 60	6:15 pm
Drummond Ringers	6:30 pm

Troop 65 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 24

Upper Room Zoom Study	10:00 am
Arthritis Fitness Class	5:00 pm
Balance Fitness Class	5:30 pm
<i>Old Drummond</i>	
Acolyte Practice	5:30 pm
<i>Sanctuary</i>	
Middle School Youth	6:00 pm
<i>(7th-8th Grade), 3rd Floor</i>	

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

Chinese Fellowship	7:00 pm
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Saturday, April 27

Spring Fest	10:00 am
<i>3rd Floor</i>	



Tune In Tuesdays to "The Rev. Rambles On"

Please join Rev. Larry Buckland and guests on Tuesdays for a video and audio podcast called "The Rev. Rambles On."

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



KID CHECK-IN

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

11 am on the 3rd floor
Children are dismissed with those attending Children's Church.

ADVENTURES in the Neighborhood

Noah's Animals are visiting today!



Just a reminder, parents permission must be given to hold or pet any of the neighborhood's visiting animals!



Babylon

Daniel's Courage in Captivity

SPRINGFEST '24

April 27

10am - 4 pm

All K-5th graders
are invited
to attend!

Games, Crafts, Snacks, FUN!

Please pick up a registration form today in the neighborhood.

Messy Church

April 21
10am

Happy Earth day



Join us in Cowan Hall
for an inspiring Earth Day
lesson, crafts, and snacks.

All ages are **welcome and encouraged**
to come **experience the fun!**



Babylon

Live the ADVENTURE!

Daniel's Courage in Captivity

SPRING FEST 2024

April 21
10am - 4pm
Games, Crafts,
Snacks, FUN!!

All Children in
Preschool - 5th
Grade are invited!



ROOTED
YOUTH GROUP

Christina Thomas,
Director of Children & Youth
681-285-5786 304-775-2682
christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org

TODAY
@ 11am

Noah's animals are visiting!

Parent permission needed to hold/pet any animal.

5TH-6TH GRADE
Tues. 4/23 @ 6

7TH-8TH GRADE
Wed. 4/24 @ 6

Arbor Day

Enter to Win

Cutest Pet Contest
Think you have the cutest pet?

Enter them in the Rooted in Faith Cutest Pet Contest!
\$5 entry fee per pet. Voting will be by penny-a-vote,
on select Sundays in the lobby.
(Entry fee and votes benefit SUMC youth programs).
Winner will be announced Sunday, May 26,
and will receive a trophy and gift card to Petco.
No limit on the # of pets entered per family.
Email your pet info to christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH



SUNDAYS @ 10 AM
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD (3RD FLOOR)

TODAY!

We're Going Golfing!



Dinner & Mini Golf



We plan to leave immediately after the contemporary service.



WATCH BULLETIN FOR MORE EXCITING EVENTS

Deveran George Senior High Youth
deveran.george@wvumedicine.org 304/677-9050

May 19
Peace Love and Donuts
Fundraiser



Thank you for your support this past Sunday with our first donut sale!



We are looking for acolytes!



An acolyte is a child or youth aged 8 or up who assists in the worship service. Practice will be held April 24 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Christina Thomas at christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org or 304/599-6306 for information.



April Is Stress Awareness and Move More Month

Stress is something we all experience, but it's something that everyone deals with differently. Long-term stress can start to manifest as physical issues within the body. These can include:

- Headaches
- Stomach Disorders
- Increased Blood Pressure
- Stroke
- Heart Disease

A simple online test can help you to gauge your current stress levels. You can access the test by scanning the QR code:



If your self-test results show high stress levels, you may wish to try a couple of these stress-reducing strategies:

- Practice positivity, gratitude, and mindfulness
- Meditation
- Journaling
- Yoga
- Get moving
- Take a walk
- Go for a hike
- Get enough sleep (8-10 hours per night)
- Do your best to eat well
- Reduce processed foods
- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Spend 10 minutes in prayer

Seek professional help if stress becomes too overwhelming.

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.



Please join us

as we celebrate the first-year anniversary of Andrii, Oksana, and Ruvym's arrival in Morgantown on Sunday, April 28, at 10 am in the church lobby! Come share in the excitement, grab some refreshments and catch up with all that's been happening with the Ovcharenko family. A basket will be available for those who wish to drop a card, note, or gift card for the family.



Adrii, Oksana, and Ruvym

In April 2023, the Ovcharenko family began their new life in the United States after fleeing the war in their home country of Ukraine. Over the past year, Andrii, Oksana, and Ruvym have settled into daily life in Morgantown. Andrii currently works for Lytle Construction Company, Oksana is employed by the Suncrest Early Learning Center, and Ruvym is thriving as a second grader at North Elementary School.



The family has begun the process of making Morgantown their permanent home, and Andrii and Oksana are working with a US immigration attorney to apply for asylum in the United States once their two-year parole status expires. Once asylum is granted, they will be permitted to stay in the US indefinitely.

Thank you to everyone who have offered support and welcomed Andrii, Oksana, and Ruvym to our community over the past year.





The Mission Team Retreat Is Today, 12:30 at Panera

The Mission Team is holding a retreat today, Sunday April 21, from 12:30 - 3:00 pm at Panera's. **All are welcome** to help us plan for the future. Grab some lunch and join us in the private dining room.



April Pantry Needs

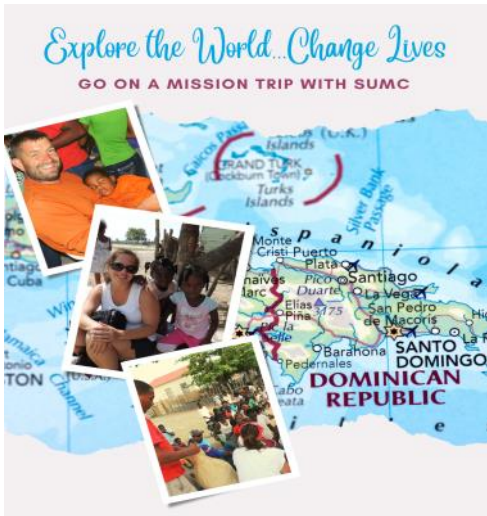
- All canned goods,
- Jelly, pasta, and pasta sauce,
- Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and razors

Mother's Day Flower Basket Sale

The Mission Team will be selling Mother's Day flower baskets for \$25. Orders will be taken ahead of time and will be available on Mother's Day, May 12. Flower choices will be available soon.

VIDALIA ONIONS!

Order your Vidalia onions today! (\$12 per bag) They will arrive in May. Please contact Jack Davis to place your order at 304/685-1852.



MISSION TRIP

Ron Lytle and the SUMC Mission Team are planning a mission trip to the Morgantown Batey in the Dominican Republic to take place during **Thanksgiving 2024**. 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.

For more information, contact Carol Rotruck at (304) 685-4833 or carol.rotruck@icloud.com.

**APRIL LOOSE CHANGE
RECIPIENTS:
The Ovcharenko Family at
Harner Chapel**



Alex, Natalia, Julia, and Mark

In April 2023, the Ovcharenko family began their new life in the United States after fleeing the war in their home country of Ukraine.

Earlier this month, Andrii's older brother Alex, his wife Natalia, her mother Julia, and their 3-year-old son Mark also arrived in Morgantown from Lithuania, where they were living after leaving Ukraine. The family is being sponsored by Harner Chapel UMC. Unfortunately, the benefits that were offered to Andrii and Oksana when they arrived, such as SNAP and Medicaid, are no longer offered by the US government to Ukrainian war refugees.

Because it will be 2 to 3 months before Alex and Natalia can receive their work permits, we are gratefully accepting gift cards in the church office and in the offering plate. Gift cards to Walmart and Kroger would be especially helpful at this time. In addition the Mission Team has designated the April loose change offering to Alex, Natalia, and their family by way of Harner Chapel United Methodist Church.

Thank you to everyone who has offered support and welcomed Andrii, Oksana, and Ruvym to our community over the past year. Now we have the opportunity to support a new Ovcharenko family as they settle in to life in Morgantown.

HEALING CARDS

Chuck Badger

(Recent Surgery)
1298 Dogwood Avenue
Morgantown, WV 26505

Jacob Smothers

(recent hospitalization)
11915 Ashbury Ave, Apt. 102
Cleveland, OH 44106

Soren Smothers

(health concerns)
1117 University Ave, Suite 209
Morgantown, WV 26505

Brad Morrison

(Health Concerns)
Autumn Care of Myrtle Grove
Room 407
5725 Carolina Beach Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

Slator Blosser

(Health Concerns: 6-yr-old boy)
PO Box 303
Pursglove, WV 26546

THANK YOU

Larry Goodwin would like to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and visits during his recent surgery and recovery.

*If you would like to sponsor
an altar candle or flowers
for an upcoming service,
please contact Cathie
in the church office at
304/599-6306 for details.*

Let's Connect



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

Attention High School and College Seniors

If you are a high school or a college student who will be graduating in May, we would like to recognize you and your accomplishments.

Please contact Cathie Falvey, SUMC Secretary, at cfalvey77sumc@gmail.com and send her the following information:

Student Name _____

Area of Study/
Diploma _____

Hometown _____

Photo (optional)

If you have additional information you would like to share with the congregation, please feel free to send it, and we will include as much as space allows.

