

Amazing
Ps. 139:14

Strong
Phil. 4:13

Always Loved
Rom. 8:39

YOU

Beautiful
Eccl. 3:11

Victorious
Rom. 8:37

ARE

Chosen
1 Thess. 1:4

Enough
2 Cor. 12:9

Never Alone
Matt. 28:20

Suncrest

United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Rev. Larry Buckland, Pastor

Angela Smith, Director of Music

Christina Hostutler, Congregational Life Director

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Traditional Worship 9:00 am

Mark Markel, Lay Leader

Angela Smith, Director of Music

Prelude “To God Be the Glory *with* Great is the Lord Almighty”
arr. Tornquist
Piano: Graham Sterling

Welcome/Morning Prayer
(*Pre-K through 5th Grade dismissed to “The Neighborhood”*)

The Call to Worship

We come from all walks of life: the rich, the poor, the struggling, and the secure.

And God calls us all.

We bring our hearts to this time and place: hearts holding joy and sorrow, questions and wonders.

And God knows us.

We offer what we have to give: our talents and our imperfections, our faith and our doubt, our hope and our hands.

And God loves us. Let us worship God.

Hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King” (vs. 1-3) 62 UMH

Prayer of Confession

God, you have given each of us many gifts,
**but sometimes we cannot recognize what gift we have to share,
so we hide it under a bushel.**

God, you remind us that all gifts are needed,
**but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts are more
special than others.**

God, you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body,
**but sometimes we decide that membership in the body is limited by our
understandings.**

God, for the times we have ignored or mislabeled Your gifts,
**For those times we have cut another off from the body,
we offer words of repentance,
we ask for forgiveness and grace.
Help us to share our gifts so others may know of your abundant grace.
Amen.**

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Understanding

**“The Playbook” Sermon Series:
The Message “You Have Gifts”**

Rev. Larry Buckland

The Offering

Offertory

“Reap What You Sow”

arr. Choplin

Chancel Choir; Soloist: Ed Lewis;

Conductor: Allie Berze (Music Intern)

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

“I Surrender All (vx. 1-2, 4)

354 UMH

Opportunities

Benediction Response “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (vs. 1)

2153 TFWS

Postlude

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Endstrom

Piano: Graham Sterling

***Please join us today in
the lobby at 10 am***

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 is working with an immigration attorney to apply for asylum in the U.S.

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

as we celebrate the first-year anniversary of Andrii, Oksana, and Ruvym’s arrival in Morgantown. 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 off a card, note, or gift card for the family.

In April 2023, the Ovcharenko family began their new life in the U.S. 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



Adrii, Oksana, and Ruvym

Contemporary Worship 11:00 am

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

“You Are Good”

“Honey in the Rock”

Morning Prayer

“So Will I (100 Billion X)”

Greeting

A Time Mostly for Children

Marybeth Chien

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

April Noisy Offering: The Ovcharenko Family at Harner Chapel

Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture

Luke 18:18-22

Ron Lytle

**“The Playbook” Sermon Series:
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Invitation to meet with God

Offertory

“Teach Us Your Ways”

- 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

“Sing Wherever I Go”

MUSICIANS:

Alise Chaffins, Rich Chaffins, Curtis Johnson, Greer Lambert,
Drew Mackey, Raia Redick, Isaac 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!



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, 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. Childcare will be available.



SERMON SERIES

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

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

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 page Tuesday mornings.



INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Short-Term Bible Studies
offering Spiritual Growth and Enriching Fellowship

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM

The Great Courses

Meets in the Kelsey L. Wilkins Library

The Catacombs class has started 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 28

Traditional Service	9:00 am
Children's Church	9:00 am
<i>"The Neighborhood," 3rd Floor</i>	
Ovcharenko Family Celebration	
<i>Lobby</i>	10:00 am
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>	

Monday, April 29

Tuesday, April 30

Upper Room Discipline	10:00 am
<i>Hartley Chapel and Zoom</i>	
Staff Meeting	12:00 pm
Middle School Youth	6:00 pm
<i>(5th - 6th Grade), 3rd Floor</i>	
Cub Scout Pack 60	6:15 pm
Drummond Ringers	6:30 pm
Troop 65	7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 1

Upper Room Zoom Study	10:00 am
Sunny Day Seniors	11:30 am
<i>Lunch Outing at Mountain Mama's</i>	

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

Thursday, May 2

Men's Breakfast (Zoom)	7:15 am
Suncrest Ringers	4:00 pm
Medicare Seminar	6:00 pm
<i>Old Drummond</i>	
Chancel Choir	6:30 pm

Friday, May 3

Chinese Fellowship 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 4

Mary Adkins Memorial 11:00 am



Lunch Outing Planned!

Sunny Day Seniors will meet Wednesday, May 1, at 11:30 a.m. at **Mountain Mama's** 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.

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.



Neighborhood News

KID CHECK-IN

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

Lilly Lane Nursery

is available for infants through age 2. 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

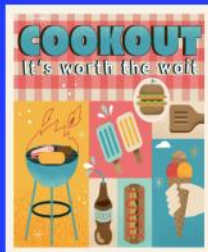
Ages 3 and 5

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

ADVENTURES in the Neighborhood



Pre-K
"Let Your Light Shine"



K-5th Grade

When you think you can't wait, think twice!



Parents:

Make sure to pick up your weekly bulletin for at-home ideas to continue this week's lesson.



TODAY @ 11am

*You don't
 have to face
 injustice
 alone!*



5TH-6TH GRADE

Tues. 4/30 @ 6

7TH-8TH GRADE

Wed. 5/1 @ 6



May Youth Lock-In postponed!

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)

Join Deveran
for a time
of learning,
fellowship,
and, yummy
breakfast!!

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

May 19
Peace Love
and Donuts
Fundraiser



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

WATCH BULLETIN
FOR MORE
EXCITING EVENTS

Deveran George Senior High Youth
dlgeorge@comcast.net 304/677-9050

Fint-Clark Named Buswell Award Winner



Rebecca “Becca” Fint-Clark has spent much of her life involved in community and civic engagement. She grew up in West Virginia’s 4-H program, and that experience helped shape the person she is today, igniting a passion to continue a life of service.

In recognition of her outstanding accomplishments, Fint-Clark received the Mary Catherine Buswell Award on April 24 from the WVU Council for Gender Equity.

Fint-Clark has served as a WVU Extension 4-H agent and associate professor in Monongalia County for more than 16 years. In this role she has helped thousands of youth, including girls and young women, gain valuable experiences and build a strong foundation for future success.

Fint-Clark received a grant from the Women’s Giving Circle of North Central West Virginia in 2021 where she led The Girls Group. This initiative focused on empowerment through journaling, mindfulness and interactive activities. Becca expanded these efforts into a virtual group during the pandemic for those who were isolated and wanted continued support.

Each year, the county hosts more than 350 youth at 4-H camp. Fint-Clark’s work to secure \$6,000 in scholarship funds annually has enabled low-income and underserved youth to attend a camp and benefit from this unique experience. She is committed to making the camp experience safe and fun for participants, but also places a strong emphasis on education. She works with the local

community, as well as WVU, to identify speakers and mentors who bring vast perspectives and experiences to these events.

Fint-Clark and her team have developed strong partnerships in the community. She and her team regularly visit local schools to provide educational programs on a host of topics, including STEM and nutrition. You can also regularly see Fint-Clark and her team in the community where they highlight service and civic engagement for youth. Whether youth are participating in a local fair, visiting a senior living center or sorting food, Fint-Clark shares her passion for giving back to the community and commitment to “making the best better.”

In addition to her work with local youth, Fint-Clark also works with volunteers for WVU Extension including Community Educational Outreach Service clubs, 4-H volunteers and others who support activities. Under her mentorship and leadership, she helps ensure that all Monongalia County residents can engage with Extension programs.

Fint-Clark’s late mother, Stacy, instilled in her a strong work ethic and a passion for empowering women. Becca is an active member in the WVU Women’s Leadership Initiative where she supports fostering positive relationships and professional development. She mentors young women by identifying scholarship opportunities, internships and career placement that will help them achieve their fullest potential. Outside of her work with Extension, she is actively involved in identifying opportunities for her daughter and other young women to learn and discover.

As one of her nominator’s noted, “Becca goes above and beyond to ensure that youth are provided with valuable resources to help them grow into positive, service-minded young adults and adults.”

Source: [Enews.wvu.edu](https://enews.wvu.edu)



FAITH COMMUNITY

Nursing Program at Suncrest United Methodist Church

May Is Physical Fitness Month Let's Get Fit!

Being physically active has many benefits. It can improve your brain health, reduce the risk of disease, strengthen your bones and your muscles, help you manage your weight, and improve your ability to complete daily tasks.

The American Heart Association recommends we get 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity per week.

Some examples of aerobic activities include:

- walking,
- jogging,
- running,
- hiking,
- biking,
- swimming,
- jumping rope, and
- dancing.

Something as simple as walking for 30 minutes a day can help to decrease the risks of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, and some cancers



MEDICARE SEMINAR

Learn About Medicare and
Get Your Questions
Answered By Experts

May 2 | 6 pm-7pm

Suncrest United Methodist:
Old Drummond
479 Van Voorhis Rd,
Morgantown, WV 26505

HOSTED BY THE FAITH
COMMUNITY NURSING
TEAM

No RSVP required

Light refreshments will be
provided

Contact Angel Smothers
with questions 304-952-4316

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.



SUMI'S FOODS

Sumi's homey but authentic Indian cuisine will be in the SUMC parking lot today from 9 am - 1:00 pm.

Dishes available will be masala dosa, chicken keema dosa, air fried chicken tandoori kabab, chicken sheek kabab, butter chicken, naan, poori masala and two desserts: gulab jamoon and mango lassi.

They accept cards, cash, or ZELLE. You can find more information on their Facebook page: Sumis Foods Morgan Town





APRIL LOOSE CHANGE RECIPIENTS: The Ovcharenko Family at Harner Chapel



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

Alex, Natalia, Julia, and Mark

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.

MORGANTOWN BATEY



In order to maintain support and awareness, a red wagon will be in the Narthex for monetary collections today. A

mere \$2.00 donation per person will help offer rice, beans, and eggs to those living in the batey. Please help the Missions Team provide basic necessities to suffering people in the Dominican Republic.

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.



May Pantry Needs

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



Welcome New SUMC Youth Employee, Maggie Price

My name is Maggie Price. I am from Westerville, Ohio. I am currently a sophomore at WVU studying elementary education and special education. I am in the Pride of West Virginia, where I play tenor saxophone. I like to read and cook in my free time. I also love to spend time with kids.

HEALING CARDS

Hilda R. Heady

(recent surgery)

146 Southern Galloway Lane
Morgantown WV 26508-7008

Peggy Tustin

(recent surgery)

433 Pennsylvania Avenue
Hundred, WV 26575

Bob and Sheree Wetzel

(sympathy, Sheree's mother,
Margaret "Louise" Henderson)
1338 Dogwood Ave
Morgantown, WV 26505

Robert Rowley

(sympathy, mother)

318 Morgantown Ave., Apt A
Morgantown, WV 26501

James and Christy Fisher

(sympathy, his father,

James Fisher)
664 Villa Place
Morgantown, WV 26505

Sean and Ashley Wheeler

(sympathy, Ashley's uncle,
James Friend)
27 Friend Drive
Morgantown, WV 26508

Ryan and Samantha Taylor

(sympathy, Samantha's uncle,
James Friend)
51 Friend Drive
Morgantown, WV 26508

Scott and Kacey Friend

(sympathy, Scott's uncle,

James Friend)

93 Friend Drive
Morgantown, WV 26508

*The altar candle is presented today to
the Glory of God by Julia Bartlett in
loving memory of her sister,*

Jean Walker,

who passed away April 27, 2023.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Tiffany Swafford

Tiffany Swafford, a friend of Debbie Spiker, was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing aggressive treatment. Prayers are requested for Tiffany, her husband, Robbie, and their three boys for continued faith and strength, and for the WVU physicians and nurses as they provide Tiffany with direction and care.

Karline Bohne

Karline Bohne, a coworker and friend of Debbie Spiker, will be having surgery and beginning treatments in May. Prayers are requested for Karline for peace of mind while she awaits surgery, patience while she heals, support for her father, and guidance for her health care providers in the weeks to come.

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.

