

Suncrest

United Methodist Church

Do you
love me?

Check
Yes or No

First Sunday of Easter, April 7, 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 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. Shackley
Pianist: Graham Sterling

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

The Call to Worship

Jesus said,

“Follow me.”

Jesus said,

“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Jesus said,

“Forgive seventy times seven.”

Jesus said,

“Feed my sheep.”

In response, we say:

“Here’s my heart.

Take and seal it.

Seal it for thy courts above.”

Let us worship God with all our hearts.

Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” 327 UMH

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink.

You tell us your truth and we push it away.

We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance.

We profess our faith and deny it three times.

We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence.

Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith.

Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination.

**Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you.
With humble hearts we pray, amen.**

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture
Stenger

John 21:1-19

Randy

**Wandering Heart Sermon Series:
*Figuring Out Faith with Peter***

The Message “Here’s My Heart”

Rev. Larry Buckland

The Offering

Offertory

“My God, Accept My Heart This Day”

arr. Helvey

Chancel Choir; Conductor: Allie Berze (Music Intern)

April Noisy Offering: The Ovcharenko Family

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

Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion:

“More Love to Thee O Christ”

453 UMH

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

172 UMH

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Opportunities

Benediction Response “O How I Love Jesus” (vs. 1) 170 UMH

Postlude

“To God Be the Glory”

arr. Edstrom

Pianist: Graham Sterling

Contemporary Worship 11:00 am

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

“Lion and the Lamb”

“Blessed Assurance”

Morning Prayer

Greeting

A Time Mostly for Children

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

April Noisy Offering: The Ovcharenko Family

Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture

John 21:1-19

Ann Zitney

Wandering Heart Sermon Series *Figuring Out Faith with Peter*

The Message **“Here’s My Heart”**

Rev. Larry Buckland

Invitation to meet with God

Offertory

“You Have Me”

- 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.

Communion

“Jesus Does”

Opportunities

Holy Baptism: Olivia Shae Leon
Daughter of Jessica Lynn Leon and John Anthony Leon Jr.

“From the Day”

MUSICIANS:

Emily Arnett, Alise Chaffins, Rich Chaffins, Greer Lambert,
Drew Mackey, Raia Redick, Jim Snyder

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!



A New Sermon Series Beginning April 14th!

In Pastor Larry's next series of messages, he will give us “The Playbook” on following Jesus and being a full participant at Suncrest United Methodist Church, where all are welcome.

April 14:	“Teach Me How to Pray”	Luke 11:1-13
April 21:	“Your Presence is Valued”	Luke 4:21-30
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

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

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.

*New study
begins April 14!*

The Sermon on the Mount

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

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 7

Traditional Service	9:00 am
Children's Church	9:00 am
<i>"The Neighborhood," 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>Provided by Bertha Romine and Judy Hurst Old Drummond</i>	

Monday, April 8

Brainstormers	1:30 pm
<i>Old Drummond</i>	
Arthritis Fitness Class	5:00 pm
Balance Fitness Class	5:30 pm
<i>Old Drummond</i>	

Tuesday, April 9

Upper Room Discipline	10:00 am
<i>Hartley Chapel and Zoom</i>	
Suncrest Singers	3:45 pm
Middle School Youth	6:00 pm
<i>(5th - 6th Grades, 3rd Floor)</i>	
Cub Scout Pack 60	6:15 pm
Drummond Ringers	6:30 pm
Troop 65	7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 10

Upper Room Zoom Study	10:00 am
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Arthritis Fitness Class	5:00 pm
Balance Fitness Class	5:30 pm
<i>Old Drummond</i>	

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

Thursday, April 11

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

Friday, April 12

Chinese Fellowship	7:00 pm
Men's Breakfast Group	1:00 pm
<i>Eat 'N Park</i>	



Spring
SENIORS NIGHT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME CANDLE PAINTING AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

APRIL 11TH, 2024
@ 430-6P
IN OLD DRUMMOND

Please **WELCOME** Kayla to the **SUMC** Family:



Kayla Aracich,
Children's and
Pre-K Aid

My name is Kayla Aracich and I'll soon be guiding your children on their journey with Christ!

I'm from Hundred, WV, and am currently a student at Morgantown Beauty College. My goal at SUMC is to help your children thrive in the church, in their faith, and in their lives. I look forward to not only building relationships with them, but watching their relationship with the Lord grow as well.



We are looking for **acolytes!**

An acolyte is a child or youth aged 8 or up who assists in the worship service. Please contact Christina Thomas at 304/599-6306 or christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org. A training will be held in the near

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 with you and explain the details.



Matthew for Beginners with Angel Smothers

The Bible is not especially easy to understand and this Bible study starts at ground zero. Once you know how to read and **understand** God's word, it will transform your life.

This study is open to ALL those who want to learn about God's love. For more information, please contact Angel Smothers at 304/952-4316.



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.

Finance Update

Church Family,

The Church Council recently approved the 2024 general operating budget for Suncrest United Methodist Church (this does not include the Trustees account, which oversees the general upgrades and maintenance of the church buildings and related facilities, or the budget for the Early Learning Facility).

Income

General Budget Income	759,000
Trustees Housing/HR Supplement	13,125
Room Rentals	2,000
Employee Retention Credit Reserve Transfer (ERC)	50,000
Total Income	\$ 824,125

Expenses

Apportionment	204,509
Utility and Maintenance	76,300
Office and Administration	60,900
Ministerial Support	122,494
Staff Support	274,453
Ministry Teams	30,000
Music	34,221
Technology	19,500
Education	11,900
Total Expenses	\$ 834,277

Net Profit/(Loss) \$ (10,152)

You will note that we will be operating under a deficit budget, but we are hopeful this will be offset as the year progresses.

The income that supports the general operating budget comes from several sources, but primarily from the tithes and offerings of the congregation. Other income originates from the Trustees to support the housing allowance provided to our senior pastor and administrative

support, room rentals, and a one-time transfer from the employee retention credit reserves that the church received during the pandemic.

There are so many positives that our church is currently experiencing – growing attendance, spirited participation, and expanding youth programs. We felt it was important not to reduce our investment in the programs and personnel that supports these changes; thus, the recommendation and approval to use a one-time transfer from the ERC reserves.

Clearly, to continue to support our church at the current level, or to expand in the future, we need to grow the financial support from the membership. The projected income is based upon the actual contributions made in 2023, so as we look forward to this new year, we are hopeful that the many, many positives that we are experiencing will be favorably supported.

Should you like to review a more detailed budget, it is available at the church office. We also welcome any questions that you may have.

Good things are happening at Suncrest United Methodist Church. Pastor Larry and the church staff and many volunteers have us pointed in an exciting direction. It is up to us as members to support this growth.

Mike Parsons
Chair, SUMC Finance Committee



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.



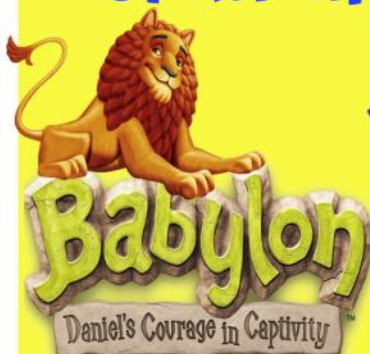
ADVENTURES

in the Neighborhood

This Week:

"Jesus loves us and wants us to love him to."

SPRINGFEST '24



April 27

10am - 4 pm

All K-5th graders are invited to attend!

Games, Crafts, Snacks, FUN!



Christina Thomas,
 Director of Children & Youth
 681-285-5786 304-775-2692
christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org

Sunday @ 11am Bible Study



This Sunday:
 "Here's my Heart"

5TH-6TH GRADE

Tues. 4/9 @ 6

7TH-8TH GRADE

Wed. 4/10 @ 6



**AUTISM
 AWARENESS**



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 10AM
ON THE 3RD FLOOR



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

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

Golf Outing 4/21



Breaking News

CHOIR DIRECTOR SEEKS TENOR

for **FUN** Thursday
evenings.

Interests include:

- sightreading
- mocking basses

See Angela for more
info, or simply come at
6:30 pm
on a **Thursday**.

Angela.b.smith@gmail.com



ALTO TAKE CHURCH BY STORM

MUSIC PROGRAM # 1



April Is Stress Awareness and Move More Month

Stress is a feeling of worry or mental tension caused by difficult circumstances. Stress is a normal human response. However, uncontrolled stress can cause other health issues. Research shows those who experience chronic stress are at a higher risk of heart disease and stroke.

Stress can also lead to unhealthy behaviors, such as:

- Unhealthy eating habits
- Smoking
- Inactivity
- Failing to take medications as prescribed

Stress Busters to Focus on Your Physical and Mental Health

- Take a walk. Get outside and out of the house. Be present and enjoy the sights and sounds around you.
- Create a regular bedtime and wake-up routine. This will help to make sure you're getting adequate sleep every night. Limit the use of electronic devices before bed.

- Connect with the people around you. Reach out to friends and family.
- Focus on your present experiences without interpretation or judgment. This is called **mindfulness**.
- Spend time with your pets. Pets are shown to sometimes help reduce physiological reactions to stress.
- Work out: This can include 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous activity or a mixture of both per week. Exercise is shown to relieve depression, anxiety, and tension.

Source: <https://newsroom.heart.org/events/april-is-national-minority-health-month-stress-awareness-month-and-move-more-month-featuring-national-walking-day>

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
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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.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**"Not all of us can do
GREAT THINGS.
But we can do
SMALL THINGS
with great LOVE!"**

-Mother Teresa



SETTLEMENT HOUSE

- All canned goods
- Jelly, pasta, and pasta sauce

APRIL PANTRY NEEDS

STAMP MINISTRY

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. We appreciate Linda A. Lilly for trimming the stamps to specification, and we thank you all for your stamp donations.

MISSION TEAM RETREAT IS APRIL 21

The Mission Team will be holding a retreat on 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.

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. (United Methodist Committee on Relief). 100% of every gift goes directly to providing assistance.



The Mission Team is organizing a Feeding the Soul meal for Wednesday, April 17. Volunteers will be serving dinner to approximately 25 individuals with Celebrate Recovery at 6:30 pm at Westover United Methodist Church. The menu will include: Mississippi pot roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert and drinks.

If you would like to provide food/goods, or assist please text or call Carol Rotruck at 304-685-4833.

Explore the World...Change Lives

GO ON A MISSION TRIP WITH SUMC



MISSION TRIP

Ron Lytle and the Mission Team are planning a mission trip to a 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 for

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.



New (or Like-New) Stuffed Animals Needed for the Children's SpringFest

Please bring your new or slightly used stuffed animals to the church office.

If you have any questions please contact Christina Thomas at christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Wendy Hewett who donated more than 10 pounds of soda pop can tabs (and to Peggy Filios who carried them all into to the church!). All tabs will be donated to
The Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you to Judy Hurst and Bertha Romine, who are preparing and serving today's college meal.

If you would like to sponsor a college lunch or 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 College Seniors

If you are a college student who will graduate 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.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE

9:00	11:00	VIRTUAL	TOTAL
269	301	536	1,166

7:00
60

PREVIOUSLY

3/10/24	3/17/24	3/24/24
356	404	416