



Suncrest

United Methodist Church

Second Sunday of Easter, April 14, 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 “God of Grace and God of Glory” arr. Mallory
Drummond Ringers; Flute: Dorothy Skidmore;
Director: Mary Morrison

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

The Call to Worship

Let us come before God with thanks and praise.

We praise God for God’s unfailing love and faithfulness.

Let us bow before God in worship.

We worship God, for the glory of the Lord is great.

Let us lift up our prayers to God with confidence.

We have faith that God hears our prayers and increases our strength.

Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” (vs. 1-3) 577 UMH

Prayer of Confession

Ever faithful God, we confess that we quickly forget the gifts we have received in answer to our prayers.

Instead of giving thanks, we ask for more.

We seek material wealth and worldly power rather than trust your generosity.

We do not share our daily bread and refuse other the forgiveness we have received.

Forgive our insatiable desire and selfish ways.

Transform our hearts, and by your Spirit, reshape our desires to reflect your goodness and generosity. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture Luke 11:1-13 Andrew Sheets

Anthem “God Be in My Head” Rutter
Chancel Choir

The Message **“The Playbook” Sermon Series:**
“Teach Me How to Pray”
Rev. Larry Buckland

The Offering

Offertory “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” arr. Atteberry
Drummond Ringers; Flute: Dorothy Skidmore

**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

Hymn “Sweet Hour of Prayer” 496 UMH

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Opportunities

Benediction Response “Seek Ye First” 405 UMH

Postlude “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” arr. Keveren
Graham Sterling

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

Contemporary Worship 11:00 am

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

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

“I Got a Light”

Morning Prayer

“Jesus, Strong and Kind”

Greeting

A Time Mostly for Children

Joni Jones

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

April Noisy Offering: The Ovcharenko Family at Harner Chapel

Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture

Luke 11:1-13

Ethan Elswick

“The Playbook” Sermon Series:

The Message

“Teach Me How to Pray”

Rev. Larry Buckland

Invitation to meet with God

Offertory

“One Day”

- 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

“All the People Said Amen”

MUSICIANS:

Alise Chaffins, Rich Chaffins, Makenzie Falor, Curtis Johnson,
David Nottingham, Isaac Ridgely, and the Suncrest Singers

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!



The New Sermon Series Continues Next Week!

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

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

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 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 today!

Meets in Hartley Chapel

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

Wednesday, April 17

Upper Room Zoom Study 10:00 am
 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

United Methodist Men 6:00 pm
Hartley Chapel

Thursday, April 18

Men's Breakfast (Zoom) 7:15 am
 Friendship Circle 1:00 pm
3rd Floor

Ruth Hartley Circle 1:00 pm
Hartley Chapel

Suncrest Ringers 4:00 pm
 Spring Seniors Night 4:30 pm
Old Drummond

Chancel Choir 6:30 pm

Friday, April 19

Confirmation Class 10:00 am
Old Drummond

Chinese Fellowship 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 20

Confirmation Class 10:00 am
Old Drummond

**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 who want to learn about God's love. For more information, please contact Angel Smothers at 304/952-4316.

Today, Sunday, April 14

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

Senior High Youth 10:00 am
3rd Floor

Bible Studies 10:00 am
see page for studies offered

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

Rooted Youth Group 11:00 am
3rd Floor

College Meal 12:00 pm
*Old Drummond
 Provided by Judy Hurst*

Monday, April 15

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

Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm
Kelsey L. Wilkins Library and Zoom

Tuesday, April 16

Upper Room Discipline 10:00 am
Hartley Chapel and Zoom

Suncrest Singers 3:45 pm
 Middle School Youth 6:00 pm
(5th - 6th Grade), 3rd Floor

Cub Scout Pack 60 6:15 pm
 Drummond Ringers 6:30 pm

Troop 65 7:00 pm



APRIL 19/20
CONFIRMATION CLASS
OFFERED BOTH DAYS 10AM-2 PM
ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE



APRIL 27
NEIGHBORHOOD
SPRING FESTIVAL
BABYLON
10AM-4PM

Babylon
Daniel's Courage in Captivity



APRIL 21
NOAH'S FURRY FRIENDS
Noah's furry and scaly friends will be stopping by the neighborhood for a visit from 9am - 12:00.
Parent need be present to hold animals.



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Children and Youth Ministries



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



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. Contact Christina Thomas at christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org if you have any questions.



We are looking for acolytes!

An acolyte is a child or youth aged 8 or up who assists in the worship service. Practices will be held April 17 and April 24 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Christina Thomas at christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org or 304/599-6306 for information.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOTED 5TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

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MAY 3-4

ROOTED LOCK-IN
6:00 pm Fri.
through 9 am Sat.

PAJAMA
PARTY

Games, snacks
fellowship
and tons of fun!



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Confirmation

JOIN THE 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS!

I want to invite the youth in your care for an exciting one-day Confirmation Class.

They have the option of Friday, April 19 (no school in Mon County), or Saturday, April 20, 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be provided.

What is Confirmation in The United Methodist Church? It is where youth make their first public statement professing their faith. This occurs after youth are instructed in the basics

of faith and opportunities to ask questions exploring their faith.

The Confirmation Class will be confirmed during worship on Sunday, May 19th. If the youth has not been baptized yet, they will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on this day and all will become full professing members of Suncrest United Methodist Church.

If you would like to register for Friday or Saturday's class, please contact us at media@suncrestumc.org and let us know if anyone has any diet restrictions for lunch.

Hope to see you soon!
Pastor Larry



Neighborhood News

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

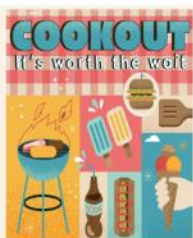
11 am on the 3rd floor
Children are dismissed with those attending Children's Church.

ADVENTURES in the Neighborhood



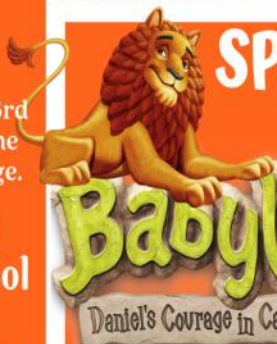
Pre-K This Week:

I Can do
What Jesus Says!



K-5th Grade This Week

Waiting Can
Make You Wise!



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.



Sunday @ 11am
Bible Study



This Sunday:
 Where can you move
 toward Justice?"

5TH-6TH GRADE

Tues. 4/16 @ 6

7TH-8TH GRADE

Wed. 4/17 @ 6

Special Guests



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

**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.

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.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH SUNDAYS @ 10 AM

TODAY

Peace Love
and Donuts
Fundraiser



MAY 19

Peace Love
and Donuts
Fundraiser



APRIL 21

Let's Go
Golfing!
Dinner &
Mini Golf



WATCH
BULLETIN
FOR MORE
EXCITING
EVENTS

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

Explore the World...Change Lives

GO ON A MISSION TRIP WITH SUMC



MISSION TRIP

Ron Lytle and the SUMC 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.



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	Balance Class
5:00 - 5:30 pm	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.



April Pantry Needs

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



The 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.

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 12th. Flower choices will be available soon.



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.

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.



Andrii, Oksana, and Ruvym

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.

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



Alex, Natalia, Julia, and Mark

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.



The Mission Team is organizing a Feeding the Soul meal for Wednesday, April 17. Volunteers will be serving dinner to approximately 25 individuals with Abundant Life 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 contribute food/goods, or provide assistance, please text or call Carol Rotruck at 304-685-4833.

HEALING CARDS

Brad Morrison

(Health Concerns)

Autumn Care of Myrtle Grove
5725 Carolina Beach Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

Slator Blosser

(Health Concerns: 6-yr-old boy)

PO Box 303
Pursglove, WV 26546

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.

