



Suncrest

United Methodist Church

March 10, 2024

Rev. Larry Buckland, Pastor

Angela Smith, Director of Music

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Traditional Worship 9:00 am

Mark Markel, Lay Leader

Angela Smith, Director of Music

Prelude

“Near the Cross”

arr. Raney

Drummond Ringers; Director : Mary Morrison

Welcome/Morning Prayer

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

The Call to Worship

On our worst days,

God is good.

On our best days,

God is good.

When life is consistent,

God is good.

And when life turns on its head,

God is good.

Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

God is good. God is here. God is love.

Hold tight to that good news.

Let us worship God!

“How Firm a Foundation”

529 UMH

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

We often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense.

Like Peter, we want to yell out, “This should not happen!”

We want to control scenarios beyond our reach.

We want to hold your world in our hands.

Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations

instead of curiosity.

Forgive us for arguing when we could listen.

**Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open
ourselves up to many.**

Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen.

With hope in our hearts we pray, Amen.

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture

Matthew 16:21-23

Ed Prugh

Anthem

“Our Faith in God Alone”

McDonald
Chancel Choir

Sermon Series:

**Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter
The Message: “I’m Fixed Upon It”**

Rev. Larry Buckland

The Offering

Offertory:

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

arr. Waldrop

Drummond Ringers

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

“Are Ye Able” (vs. 1-2)

530 UMH

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Opportunities

Benediction Response

“Through It All”

507 UMH

Postlude

“Standing on the Promises”

arr. Raney

Contemporary Worship 11:00 am

Sheree Wetzel, Lay Leader

Rich Chaffins, Contemporary Music Director

“Come Thou Fount”

“Rest On Us”

Morning Prayer

“The Jesus Way”

Greeting

A Time Mostly for Children

Shelly Quance

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

March Noisy Offering: Scott’s Run Settlement House

Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture

Matthew 16:21-23

Jim Harris

**Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter
The Message: “I’m Fixed Upon It”**

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Invitation to meet with God

Offertory

“Fix My Eyes”

- 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.

Opportunities

“I’m So Blessed”

MUSICIANS:

Emily Arnett, Alise Chaffins, Rich Chaffins, Curtis Johnson,
Greer Lambert, Drew Mackey, Raia Redick

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!





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.



Thank You Volunteers and Attendees!

Sixty-one souls attended Wednesday's Lenten Luncheon to hear Rev. Steve Lightner's message, titled "Holy Chaos." It was our largest turnout to date!

Please be sure to join us next Wednesday, March 13. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Lawrence Rebelo. His message, titled "Eat Your Vegetables," is based on John 12:20-33.



**LENTEN
LUNCHEON SERIES**

**Wandering
Heart**

Figuring out faith
with Peter

**Wednesdays
12:–1:00pm
in Old Drummond**

The series
will feature
guest speakers,
special music,
and
delicious food.



MAUNDY THURSDAY LOVE FEAST

with Holy Communion

March 28, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Cowan Hall

Love Feast Menu

Your choice of:

Mediterranean Yogurt Chicken,
Lamb, or Falafel (vegetarian)
Served with rice and vegetables

RSVP main course choice by 3/25 to
media@suncrestumc.org, TEXT 304/641-7862
or stop in the church office.

See you there!

A wooden cross is the central focus, illuminated from the side against a black background. A crown of thorns is wrapped around the intersection of the cross. In the bottom left corner, there is a small, dark, leafy plant.

GOOD FRIDAY

TENEBRAE SERVICE

March 29, 2024

at 7:00 pm

Sanctuary



Easter Worship

at Suncrest UMC

Sunrise Service



7:00 am

Breakfast following
in Old Drummond

Traditional Service

9:00 am



Featuring musical selections
with strings, Drummond
Ringers, and Chancel Choir



Contemporary Service

11:00 am

Featuring the SUMC Praise Band

HAPPENING @ SUMC
THIS WEEK

Thurs., March 14

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

Today, Sun., March 10

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

Christian Education 10:00 am
 Contemporary Service 11:00 am
 Children's Church 11:00 am
"The Neighborhood," 3rd Floor

Rooted Youth Group 11:00 am
3rd Floor

Mon., March 11

Brainstormers 1:30 pm
Old Drummond
 Visitation Team 5:30 pm
Kelsey L. Wilkins Library

Tues., March 12

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 13

Upper Room Zoom Study 10:00 am
 Lenten Luncheon Series 12:00 pm
Old Drummond
Guest Speaker: Rev. Lawrence Rebelo
 Middle School Youth 6:00 pm
(7th-8th Grade, 3rd Floor)
 Confirmation Meeting 6:00 pm
(3rd Floor)

Fri., March 15

Chinese Fellowship 7:00 pm



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.

Please Note: The Senior High Group, which normally meets on Sundays, and the Arthritis Fitness and Balance Fitness Classes, which normally meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, will not be meeting this week. These classes will resume their regular schedules next week. College Lunches will resume on Sunday, March 24, following WVU's spring break.

NEW
SERMON SERIES

Wandering Heart
Figuring out faith with Peter

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

Forgiveness is abundant; grace is not earned. In your own faith, do you find comfort in theological formulas? Do you wish for straightforward answers? Can you let go of black-and-white thinking and instead embrace the infinite colors of grace?

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

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

WITH
the Rev.
rambles on
LARRY BUCKLAND

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.

Invitation from the WV Conference Delegation

As The United Methodist Church approaches our General Conference meeting, scheduled for April 23 to May 3, the West Virginia delegates extend a warm invitation for you to join us in prayer and worship.

The closest regional gathering for Morgantown is **Sunday, March 17th, at 3pm** at Bridgeport United Methodist Church. The gathering offers a space for learning, worship, prayer, and communion, followed by informal conversations and refreshments.

To all my friends, we are hosting
the first
SINGLE SENIORS NIGHT

Ages: 55+

Enjoy some: Bingo, prizes,
food, socializing, and music!

March 21st @5pm
in Old Drummond

NEW CHECK-IN



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



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.

- "Get Started"
- "Use my location" or "Search Manually"
if you would like to not give the app
location access.
- Search for "Suncrest UMC" in the search
bar of the app. This will be at the top.
- "This is my church"
- Enter your phone number and hit "Next."
- Enter the code from your text messages
and hit "Next."
- "Log in as"
- You may enable biometrics as needed/
wanted.
- 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

- Launch Church Center App
- 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.
- Make sure it shows everyone in your
household.*
- Select the household members you
would like to check in.
- Tap the "Next" button in the bottom right
hand corner.
- Scan QR Code upon arriving at the
Church at the Check-In kiosk.
- Grab name tags from the printer below
the iPad.

Step 2: Using the kiosk

- Enter your phone number.
- Select the members from your house-
hold* that you would like to check in.
- Select "Checked in by" in the
bottom left hand corner.
- Grab name tags from the printer
below the iPad.





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

Visit to the Neighborhood
each week, @ 9 am & 11 am
and fill up your passport
with fancy stamps!



THIS WEEK:



Wandering Hearts

"God's way is
the BEST way!"



Easter Egg Hunt
& Barnyard Animals
Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 am





Easter Egg Hunt



Story Time



Crafts



Snacks

Live Animals



Egg Hunt



Easter Sunday, 3/31 @ 10am

WE NEED YOUR HELP



with Donations

We are asking for your help with the following items:



Easter Egg Hunt
Plastic Easter Eggs
Candy & Trinkets to fill Easter Eggs

Snacks for youth group



If you can help, please bring your items to the church office. Thank you for your support.

YUP. IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME.



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.

ROOTED

YOUTH GROUP



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

Sunday 11am @ Bible Study



This Sunday:
Wandering Hearts



**I'm Fixed
Upon It**

Road Trip!



Journey to the Cross

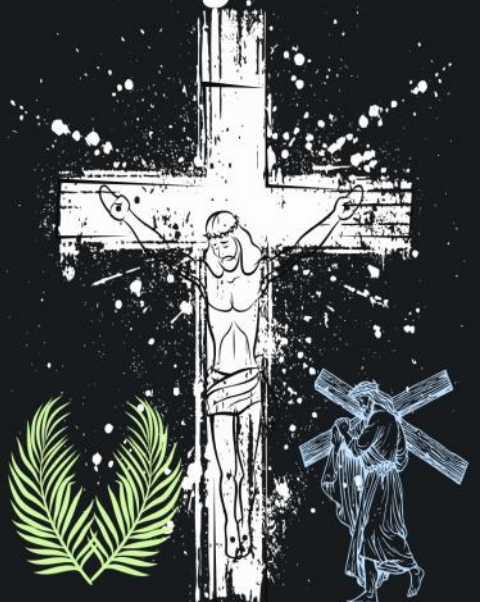
Playing at the Met Theater

March 16, 2024 at 2:00 pm
Please RSVP to Christina T.

**5TH-6TH GRADE
Tues. 3/12 @6**

**7TH-8TH GRADE
Wed. 3/13 @6**

**Journey
to the Cross
Scavenger Hunt**





Feeding the Soul

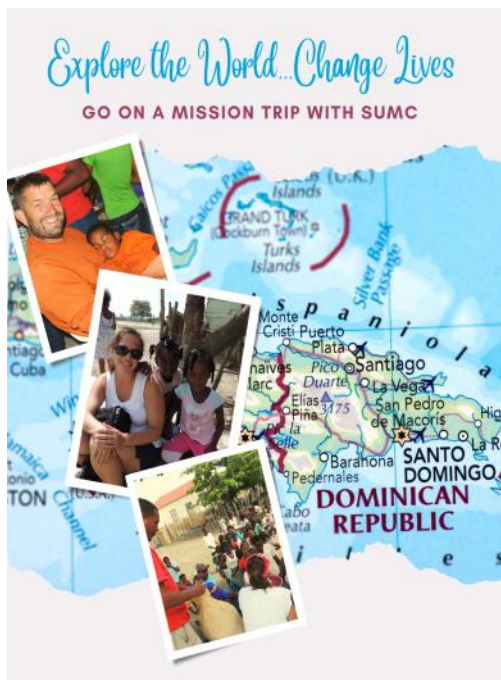
On Monday, **March 18**, the Mission Team will be providing dinner to the residents of the Rosenbaum Family House. Please consider lending a hand. It's an excellent opportunity to meet new people!

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



MARCH PANTRY NEEDS

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



Ron Lytle and the Mission Team are planning a mission trip to a bay in the Dominican Republic to take place during **Thanksgiving**. (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. For more information, Contact Carol Rotruck at (304) 685-4833 or carol.rotruck@icloud.com



For more information about the Rise Against Hunger Organization, visit <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>

Rise Against Hunger's Impact:

In 2022 - 44.5 million meals packed, 4.4+million lives impacted. 67.6+ million meals distributed worldwide.

Volunteers are needed to help pack meals on Saturday, April 6th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Wesley UMC. Nearly half a million meals have been packed in Morgantown over the last 15 years. Meals of rice and beans will be weighed and packaged for distribution around the globe with 70% being distributed through schools.



If you are interested in participating, please contact Cathie Falvey in the church office (304) 599-6306 or Carol Rotruck (304) 685-4833 or carol.rotruck@icloud.com.

Volunteers weighing food packages at Rise Against Hunger's event in Morgantown at Wesley UMC last spring.

March 3, 2024

Breaking News

CHOIR DIRECTOR SEEKS ALTO

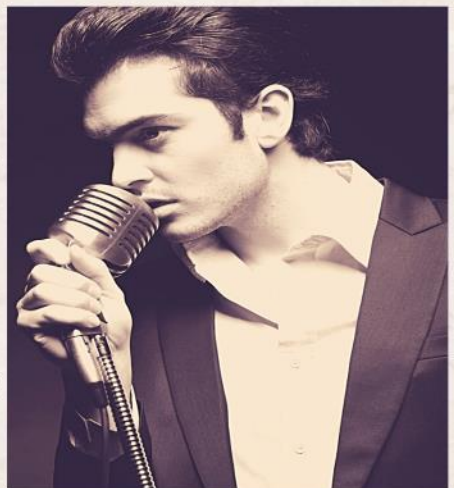
for FUN Thursday evenings.

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



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.

Symptoms of Colorectal Cancer:

- Change in bowel habits
- Blood in or on your stool
- Diarrhea or constipation
- A diet high in processed meats
- Feeling of the bowel not fully emptying
- Abdominal aches, pain, or cramps that are constant and consistent
- Unexplained weight loss

Reducing the Risk of Colorectal Cancer:

- Getting screened routinely, beginning at age 45
- A diet high in whole grains, fruits, and vegetables and low in animal fats

- Increasing exercise and maintaining a healthy weight
- Restricting alcohol consumption and tobacco use

Source: http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/basic_info/what-is-colorectal-cancer.htm

SUMC's Faith Community Nurses Request Your Help

Hello Friends,

The SUMC faith community nurses are working with the local health department to learn more ways we can support our communities through vaccination.

Below is a link to a survey so that we can learn more about why people in Mon County do or don't get vaccinated. The survey will take just a few minutes, but could make a big impact across Monongalia County and around the state.

Would you please take time to complete the survey? We will be collecting them through March 14th. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact the church office.

<https://mchdforms.wufoo.com/forms/m1kyl5q1xl66kc/>



Blood pressure screenings are available today between services in the SUMC



WVU EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

Arthritis Foundation & Balance Classes
Mondays & Wednesdays

No classes this week due to WVU Spring Break. Classes will resume Mon., March 18.

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



Blood Drive
Suncrest United Methodist Church

Third Floor

Monday, March 18
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



American Red Cross

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 _____

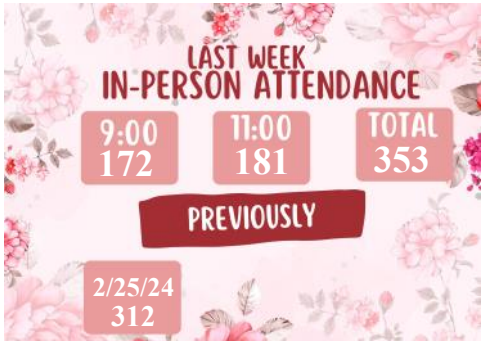
A meeting with Pastor Larry _____

Other: _____

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We are happy to announce that Reva Halloran has transferred her membership from Lewisburg UMC to Suncrest UMC.



HEALING CARDS

Reita Marks

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

Wandalee Watkins

(health concerns)
Suite 2203 Heritage Point
Morgantown WV 26505

Family of Margaret Schirloff
(sympathy)

Emmleigh 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

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Clark McKee

Please lay your hands on Clark's quilt and offer prayers for a successful surgery and quick recovery.

Hayden Woyen

Please pray for strength, healing, and a quick recovery from a recent serious surgery