

The Good News

Blessed Eastertide Sharon Church!

As we celebrate Eastertide, the resurrection of Christ from Easter to Ascension Day, we are given forty days to reflect on how our lives are changed by the resurrection. Perhaps you've never been asked this question before or quite in this way, but it is the quintessential Easter question: how is the risen Christ changing your life?

If the answer was as simple as the risen Christ is what makes us "Christian," it is what reconciles and unites us to God and one another in faith for all eternity, then we would all check the religion box, say hallelujah, and perhaps contemplate other things. Yet, we celebrate Eastertide *every year* because we are called as Christians *every year* to not just remember that we are God's people through Christ, but to recognize the activity of the risen Christ in our lives in the present tense, to assess and discern how the living God is moving and creating new life in us right now in unexpected ways.

My son and I just returned from Germany and while we were there, we worshipped at the Berlin Cathedral. Below is a picture of the sanctuary showing one of the most beautiful murals of the risen Christ. And as we worshipped, I contemplated, what unexpected things is the risen Christ doing today?

And then my son asked me how all of the people gathered in worship would pray together and understand what was happening in worship when the service was in multiple languages. I answered, the Holy Spirit will lead everyone who seeks to a place of understanding, regardless of the language barrier.



And I thought, in our lives of faith, sometimes all we see is barriers. We feel like we try and try, but progress appears to evade us. Yet, the risen Christ has been given to us as our guide through life—to give us understanding and show us how something may come from nothing; how life may come from death.

So, this Eastertide, may you seek



Sunday Worship

11:00 AM

Fellowship Rocks

10:00 AM Fellowship Hall

Christian Nurture

10:00 AM

Evergreens #202

Willows #208

Kids 3-5 yrs. #108

K-4th Grade #101

5th Grade & Older #105

Music #100

Children's Church #103

Nursery #106

Summer Schedule

June 16th

Sunday Worship &

Children's Church

10:00 am

Nursery is available



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Spring has sprung! You can look around and see NEW LIFE everywhere this time of year! Spring always makes my heart dance! I get excited as I see the flowers bloom, trees bud, hear the birds sing and feel the gentle warmth of the sun. It reminds me of God's love and how He desires that His children embrace the NEW LIFE that He has offered us as well. It's a time of renewed HOPE and the promise that our Heavenly Father makes all things New again!

Children's Sunday is May 19th!

The children and teachers will be honored that day plus the kids have a few special songs and surprises for us too! They will be greeting and taking the offerings. Come join us for a special day to honor and celebrate the children here at Sharon Community Presbyterian Church!

Children's Service Project!

Our children will be going on a service project on **May 19th** after the service. We will take the kids out to lunch and then to Ms. Zonda's house to help clean up her yard and plant a few flowers and seeds. If you are interested, please let me know.

This service project is for any adult who wants to help too!

Come, fellowship, serve and have lots of fun!

(Bring a change of clothes too!)



Email me for more information at:

scpcchildren@sharoncpc.com

Blessings, Tami



Christian Formation always has a need for volunteers.

children change the world

Upcoming Dates to mark on
your Summer Schedule:

May 19th - Children's Sunday Worship
Pocket Change Collection
Children's Service Project



(Bring a change of clothes)

May 26th- Last Sunday School Lesson

When we accept Jesus into our hearts, we are made NEW. This is my desire for the children this year at VBS. This year's theme is **Miraculous Missions** and it is "out of this world". This intergalactic theme focuses on how much Jesus loves us and what He has done for us. The children will go to different stations like they have done in the past. This also means that we need volunteers! If you are willing to serve during VBS 2019, please let me know. If you can not commit to every evening, that's ok, we still have a place for you!

This year VBS is June 23-27 from 6:30-8:30pm.

Please register your children/grandchildren for VBS 2019. [You can register online](#) or let me know at scpcchildren@sharoncpc.com. Please give me the child's Name, Age, Contact Info and t-shirt size. Also, let me know if you are interested in volunteering.



Personnel Committee – New Staff Hire

We want to take this opportunity to introduce to the congregation our newest staff hire:

Stacy Ford as Church Administrator. Stacy Ford as Church Administrator may be a new hire but she is certainly not a new face among us. Stacy, her husband Stephen and their lovely daughter Avigail are members of our congregation and bring an enthusiasm and love of the Lord that is helping to grow our church. Stacy also serves on our Session as a ruling Elder and as Chairperson of the Mission Committee.



Stacy has a Bachelor of Science degree in Family Studies and Human Services from Kansas State University. She also brings strong Microsoft Office skills to the office. But even more important she is enthusiastic about the opportunity this job gives her to use her talents and love of Sharon Church to contribute to Sharon's ongoing growth and wellbeing.

Stacy will be in the office Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Please stop in and welcome her and give her your support.



The 2019 Flowers Calendar is now in the Narthex. If you are interested in having flowers for the Chancel, please sign up.

Closer to your chosen time, you will receive a form to complete with dedication information.

One week prior to your date, return the form and a check to the church office. Any questions, call Joan Hubler 412-264-1894

Church Directory Updates Needed!

Have you moved? Changed your phone number?

Changed your email address? If so, please let the church office know at secy@sharoncpc.com or 412-264-7400

We would like the most up to date information prior to making



Worship, Music, and Arts

Committee

THANK YOU for hosting Maundy Thursday

Soup Supper and Easter Breakfast!

And also, for setting up the Sanctuary for

Easter Sunday Service!

Both Services were well attended

and enjoyed!



If you're like me, you enjoyed the food and wouldn't mind the recipe!

Well Susanne was kind enough to give us the spinach quiche recipe.

To the person who made the French toast casserole.... We'd love your recipe too!

Or any good recipes!

Crustless Spinach Quiche

1 10-ounce package frozen

chopped spinach

1 bunch chopped green onion

bulbs (without greens)

4 eggs

1 16 ounce carton cottage cheese

2 cups grated, mild cheddar cheese

1/4 cup crouton crumbs

Cook spinach according to package directions, and squeeze to remove liquid

(This takes time - I do it the night before.)

Combine spinach green onions, eggs, cottage cheese and cheddar cheese. Put into a quiche pan or 10 inch pie plate treated with nonstick spray. You may cover with foil and freeze. If you freeze now, put crouton crumbs in a qt bag and tape to a pie plate.

If frozen: to prepare for serving, thaw pie and crumbs.

Bake uncovered in preheated 325 degree oven for one hour, adding crouton crumbs the last 15 minutes

Makes 8 servings

Summary of processes: Chop 1 bunch green onions; grate 2 cups cheddar cheese, crush croutons to make 1/4 cup.

Serve with fresh sliced tomatoes * can double the recipe and place in a 9x13 pan*

Letters from Members

4/15/19

Hi "Happy Easter!"
Hope everyone has a spirit filled Easter. I have many "Blessed Memories" of Easter at Sharon Church over 40 plus years.

I miss you all,
Roger B.

Dear Sharon Church,
We wish to thank you for the consolation you offered during this sad time. The wonderful service you conducted will forever be appreciated.
The Grace Bowden Family

From Your Generosity
Committee:

Summer time gets busy with vacations, picnics and parties. Many times we forget our church is still open and serving us as we always expect it to. Please, even though we get busy, remember to support our church during these busy summer months.

God Bless all of you and have a wonderful and safe summer.

Members:

Art Christian
Katherine Roth
Joe Sergi
Cratsley Family
Henry family
Mark Mizer
Zwergel family
Jane Schuliger
Abby Zalucky
Judy Yeck
Clara Anne Schmidt
June Campbell
Family of Grace Bowden
Shane Corcoran
Jerry Campbell and Family
Pat Hersh
Gordon Hurlburt
David & Carol Gordon

Family & Friends

Ray Messersmith (Vikki Lukac)
Jack Prostko & Family
Kevin & Cathy Andres
Jim Cecille (Carol Musgrave)
Cori & her Family (Jan)
Joan (Deb Williams)
Lee Ann Perko & Family

(Cindy Zwergel)
Ann (Lorna Phillips)
George Jones (Judy Yeck)
Shannon (Judy Yeck)
Jennifer (Barb Cain)
Connie (Pam Wieland)
Carol (Sandy Hershberger)
Dave (Eonta)
Elizabeth (Cindy Zwergel)
Marty (Wade & Elaine Hoffman)
Dolores (Hamshers)
Miller Family (Judy Yeck)

THOSE SERVING IN THE
ARMED SERVICES

Donnie & Brett Gordon
(brothers of Holly Henry)
Christopher Boyer
(Prostkos' son-in-law)
Walker Loeffler
(Meanors' grandson)
Nick Thompson
(Thompsons' grandson)



**Do you know someone in
need of medical supplies?**

Please call Joe Sharkey

412-264-8847

Get To Know Our Sharon Church Family

The Prostko family joined Sharon Church in 1987, shortly after moving to Moon. Jim was an attorney and recently retired and Deb was a teacher with Moon Area Schools, retiring in 2009.

We met while freshmen at Pitt and were married at Heinz Chapel.

We have two daughters, Amy and Jessica, both graduates of Moon, grown and married.

Amy attended Allegheny College and earned her Ph.D. in neuroscience at West Virginia, where she met her husband, Richard, also a neuroscientist. Jessica graduated from Virginia Tech and is a licensed architect, married to Chris, an Air Force pilot.



People may not know that Jim was once an avid rock climber and now loves to ride his bike. Deb belongs to two book clubs. Both enjoy traveling.

Did You Know?

Did you know that there are many ways to volunteer at Sharon Church?

- 1) You can count the offering on Sunday mornings. There are teams of four who serve about every six weeks. It takes less than 30 minutes after worship. Contact Mark Killmeyer
- 2) You can join donate to the West Hills Community Food Bank.

Place non-perishables in the container in the narthex.

Cards and Our At-Home Members:

Summer is right around the corner! We send cards to a lot of people: home-bound members, in the hospital, recovering at home, folks just having a rough time, those who have lost a loved one/close friend.

Please consider helping us to spread a little this summer! We will have address labels available in the Narthex. Cards are always available in the Deacon closet where Adult Education meets each Sunday. Or, if you prefer, you can donate all of those extra cards that you get in the mail and don't know what to do with! While the **Birthdays and Blank** cards are overflowing at the moment, we are always looking for **Get Well, Sympathy, and Thinking of You/Saying Hello** cards. Please put in the Narthex and I will pick them up. (**Anniversary cards, Thank You cards, notepads, wrapping paper, and stickers ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**)

Our shoeboxes are falling apart! If you have any nice-sized cardboard shoeboxes that cards will fit in and you'd like to part with them, please bring them in and put in the Narthex.

If you have any questions or suggestions please let me know.

Thank you from your Greeting Card Coordinator!

Sharon Church Deacons, Megan Hamsher

Nominating Committee

Dear SCPC Family and Friends,

In the Book of Acts, when the church was in its infancy, the early disciples found a need to commission more leaders because the Spirit of God was leading them into more and more service in the name of Christ Jesus. In Acts 6:3, the disciples said, “Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven people of good standing full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.”

So, as we embrace the season of Eastertide and celebrate what it means to be risen with Christ, we will come together this month to select our next class of disciples or church officers for 2019. In May, your Nominating Committee is actively soliciting your recommendations for church officers—Deacons and Elders—along with future nominating committee members. You will find a recommendation form in this Good News or in the church bulletins every week in May. These forms may be submitted at church on Sunday or sent to the church office. You may submit as many recommendations to the Nominating Committee as you desire, we simply ask that you are thoughtful and discerning about who you are nominating.

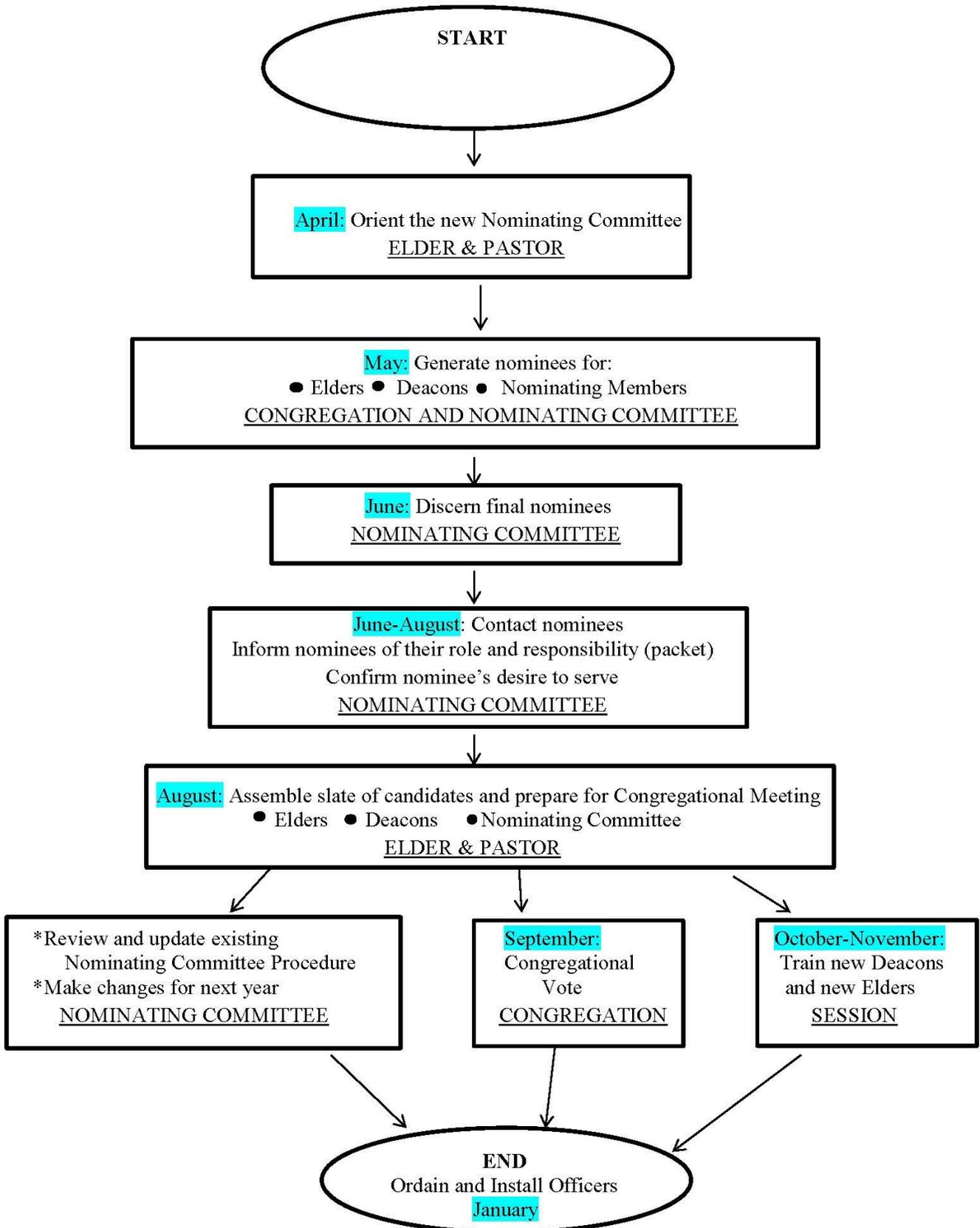
Like the early disciples, our goal is to select SCPC disciples who are “full of the Spirit and of wisdom” to serve God’s purposes here at Sharon Church. On the next page, we have given you a roadmap of the Nominating process which outlines each step of the process and timeline of events. You will notice that the congregation participates at the beginning and end of the process—to recommend nominees at the beginning and to elect a final slate of officers at the end. Our hope is that you will prayerfully consider both serving as a leader in the church as well as recommending others as leaders. Please note that you may recommend yourself. It is perfectly acceptable to let the Nominating Committee know that you believe God is calling you to serve in leadership.

Sharon Church is seeking leaders who are active members of the congregation who will bring an open heart and a fresh perspective to our church life. We are looking for people with a diversity of gifts and experiences to serve the church in various roles. As a church officer, we will continue to be formed spiritually by the Holy Spirit through the study of scripture so that our judgment and decision-making is theologically informed. We will also gather around a communion table to discern God’s presence and will be among us in our meetings, and not a poker table where individuals play to win their hand.

If God is leading you to serve as a 2019 church officer or God has placed on your heart someone who would serve faithfully, please fill out a nomination form here or in church. Most of all, pray. Pray that our church is a discerning church and pray for those whom God is calling to serve!

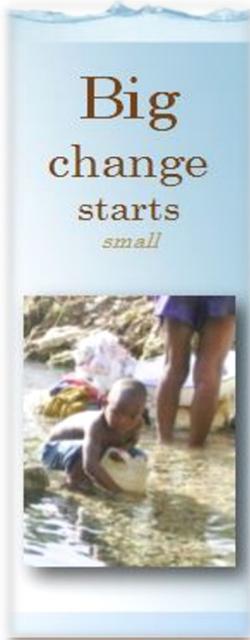


2019 NOMINATING PROCESS



Mission Opportunities

Pocket Change for Haiti... May 19th, 2019



Have you been saving your pocket change? We will receive it on May 19th. After the rioting in Haiti, Deep Springs International went back into production. Fortunately, their facilities were not harmed.

<http://www.deepspringsinternational.org>

Last year Deep Springs International (DSI) completed a project in partnership with UNICEF in Haiti's Central Plateau. The project recruited new chlorine sales agents and delivered buckets to new families. DSI has been selected to manage a larger follow-up project in the same area. The project is still being planned, but DSI will likely be serving both families who participated in the initial project as well as new families through Dec. 2019.



Ephesians 2:10, "FOR WE ARE GOD'S WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO."

Feeding Dinner at the Men's Shelter:

We have 3 dates!

June 4th – Men's group will serve

Willow's will be making cookies for dessert

Mission has been asked to prepare the meal

(Our Mission committee is looking for additional hands to help)

Please contact Stacy Ford if you'd like to help prepare the meal!

August 6th & October 11th are still available to any group who would like to get involved or work as a team with other group to provide



If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact

Stacy Ford at 316-706-1886 or swoody@ksu.edu



June 2nd
Fellowship Hall
10:00 am



Mission Formation Hour—Everyone is invited to participate!

We are hosting a shoe drive, to create community engagement, provide new opportunities for those in need AND have a positive impact on the environment.

Please bring gently used shoes or clothing to be donated!

Since 2006, Soles4Souls has diverted **47 million pounds of shoes and clothes** from landfills and instead created meaningful economic opportunities and helped provide new shoes for those in need around the globe.

During the Formation hour, we will sort, count, and prepare boxes for the donations to be shipped free of charge to Soles4Souls.

There are many ways to contribute to the church. You don't have to be on a committee to have ideas, suggestions, or volunteer. Talk to an Elder, a Deacon, or Becky



Next date: June 19th

Volunteer roles:

Afternoon van driver: 1 volunteer, approximately 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Dinner hosts: 2 - 3 volunteers, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

If you can cook, someone else can serve! There are ways to be involved no matter your time availability! Make it a group effort.

Evening hosts: 1 - 2 Volunteers, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

After dinner you play with children, help with homework, chat with adults, or simply watch a movie.

Overnight host(s): 1 - 2 Volunteers, 9:00 pm - 6:30 am

The overnight host is the go-to person in case of an emergency.

Morning van driver: 1 volunteer, approximately 5:00 am to 7:00 am

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact

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Mission Highlights



UNDIE
SUNDAY

Undie Sunday for Family Promise was
a huge success!

Your generous gifts were received &
put to use the very next day!

THANK YOU everyone!!!

As many of you learned during Mission Sunday **CHILDREN** are the new face of homelessness in America.

- Family homelessness is at an all-time high in our country. **Over 35% of the homeless population is made up of families with children.**
- **More than 1 in 5 American children live in poverty.** That's the second highest rate among developed nations in the world, just after Romania.
 - **1 in 30 American children** experience homelessness each year.
 - **Nearly half of these children are under the age of 6.**

Many programs serve only single men or single women or women with children.

In 2018 the impact with our host church was incredible!



In 2018, Family Promise served 28 families
37 adults & 57 children



Our average stay was approximately 5 weeks

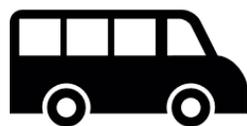


72% of the families who came to Family Promise successfully returned to housing

All Saints.... (the church we assist)



Opened their church home to 14 families
21 adults & 30 children



Volunteer van drivers
Made 60 trips to transport the families



Overnight volunteers stayed 28 nights to ensure a safe "home" for our families



Dinner/evening hosts prepared and shared 317 Meals and fellowshiped with our guests



~ WEST HILLS FOOD PANTRY ~

On February 3rd during Formation hour, the Mission Committee highlighted our long-standing mission partnership with WEST HILLS FOOD PANTRY

West Hills Food Pantry began in 1983, a time when the whole Pittsburgh area was impacted by the demise of the steel industry and the resulting unemployment. Our faithful church member, Sandy Hershberger, became the director in 1988, 31 years ago. Many ask about Sandy's salary. The answer is that this position is entirely voluntary, and Sandy has received zero financial compensation and her retirement benefits will be the same! Sandy will be the first to tell you that she has received much reward in knowing that the hungry are fed and in working with the many other volunteers over the years.

Some statistics that you may or may not know are listed below:

- The food pantry serves an average of 140 families per week.
- The food pantry received 218,627 lbs. of food from the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank in 2018.
- WHFP paid \$48,972.41 to purchase this food from Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank.
- 37% (81,696 lbs) was fresh produce
- 12% (25,939 lbs) was dairy product
- The food pantry also paid \$4,851.71 for food purchased locally.
- 477 individuals received groceries in December 2018.
- 152 of the 477 individuals were children – (0-5) 43; (6-12) 74; (13-17) 35.

Since there are many children with food insecurity, the food pantry has some special programs for children: Back packs filled with school supplies, Christmas Shop with new toys, Walmart Gift Cards and Easter Candy provided by our Willing Workers.

All of the money for all of these programs and for all of the food is provided by donations from individuals and groups.

Sharon Church holds 3 fund raisers per year for the Food Pantry:

The 2018 Giving Basket raised \$5,500 to purchase Walmart Gift Cards for Food Pantry clients, Easter Memorial Gifts raised \$1,000 and Christmas Memorial Gifts amounted to \$1,010.

The One Can Ministry is on-going. SCPC also provides significant support in terms of offering the physical plant and some of the utility costs.

It is a joy to partner with the food pantry because they help us to witness our love, compassion and

Hi Willows,

Willows Cookie Making Party - June 1st at Michaels' House @ 5:00 pm

To help the Mission Committee with dessert for the Men's Shelter
All families and children are invited to help bake and decorate.

Mission Monday - Review opportunities to coordinate/collaborate with Mission Summer Events: Discuss ideas for future Willows events (Park Party, Pirates Game, House Party, etc.)

As a reminder, we have moved to a monthly meeting, so the next meeting won't be until May 26th Room 208 at 10:00 am.



Thanks, Dave



A **HUGE THANK YOU** from the **Property Committee** for a fantastic turnout for our annual Spring Cleanup on April 27. Between church members and Cub Scouts and parents from our Cub Scout Pack 310, we had at least 30 people on hand to make this a very successful morning. A partial list of helpers includes: Doug Bush, Don Phillips, George Kovatch, Rob and Kathy Hamsher, Megan Hamsher, Mike Hubler, Stephen Ford and Avigail, Holly, Trent, Maddie and Leah Henry, Lud Reim, Dave & Terry

Doughty, Rob Doughty, Debbie Williams, Al and Abby Zalucky, Janet McGuire, Will

McGuiure, Todd Carter, Kathy Smith; and Will and Bill Brenneisen, Brennan and Joe Beene, and Luis and Matias Monterrubio from the Cub Scout pack. Together we vacuumed and cleaned the cushions and pews in the Sanctuary, cleaned windows and sills throughout the building, scrubbed registers and walls, trimmed bushes, moved our "winter supplies" into storage, and cleaned the winter debris from ditches around the campus. All of this helps to supplement the routine services that our Sexton and janitorial services provide and make our spaces more inviting.



Fantastic! Job well Done!



Adopt a Flower Bed!



Once again this spring, we're encouraging all those with green thumbs, or those who simply like to dig in the dirt a bit to help add some color to the church grounds by Adopting a Flower Bed. We'll supply the space and you supply the ideas and flowers, and maintain it until fall. This is a great opportunity for a family, organization, group of friends, Small Group or whatever to gather for some fellowship and beautify our Church grounds at the same time.

Sign up for your spot on the list that is posted in the Narthex. You can also contact Dave Doughty (d.t.doughty@comcast.net) or call the church office to arrange an adoption. *First come, first served!*

*Note: If you have been taking care of an area in the past, just let us



Sounds of Pittsburgh Chorus Performance at Sharon Church

Monday May 13th at 7:45pm

The Sounds of Pittsburgh chorus is an award-winning women's cappella chorus. They are a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization of women singers, and sing a wide variety of music from pop to country, show tunes to spirituals, comedy and inspirational - all in 4 part a cappella harmony. They have been calling Sharon Community Presbyterian Church "home" now for several months and would like to share their music with us by offering a short performance for our congregation and community.

If you are interested in singing with Sounds of Pittsburgh, please join them as a guest on any Monday night at 7:45 pm in the Sanctuary at Sharon Church. If you are interested in any information including upcoming



The Membership Committee will be
sponsoring the
annual church picnic on

Sunday, August 11, 2019



We will be asking all "professional picnickers" to help out.
Contact Deb Prostko 412-269-1908

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*"Caring People Reaching
Out To Others"*

