



Cross Talk

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by loving, engaging, and serving our neighbors

FROM YOUR PASTOR

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In planting seeds and preparing for a spring and summer on its way, it has me wondering what God has planted and is working to bud in this new season before us. While we have named the pandemic time apart a place of frustration and seclusion, God continued to work in our congregation—again and again—pruning and preparing for new growth. The hardest part is waiting for the seed to release its hull and a new plant to break through the ground and rise.

Celebrating new life in Christ gives us the momentum to dream what this new life may look like in the context of the body that is Greensburg UMC. New ideas and estimates are underway to renew the Sanctuary, the current gymnasium, and even the courtyard and pavilion. With this physical change and update, this becomes a chance for the church to start dreaming and implementing ministry that impacts our community—to invite our neighbors to know Jesus Christ by engaging in acts of service. New or renewed ministries can be birthed to help transform our community into the ideal place to find connection and welcome.

Will you take the risk and start dreaming and wondering as we look at a new series on dreams and visions and their impact on God’s people and the people around them? Starting April 11, we will begin our journey in listening, praying, and risking what God has in store for the people of GUMC and for the people in our communities surrounding us and the church building.

So, dream with me. Get lost in the wonder of new life. God has already planted what is needed for this to take root. All we do is listen, dream, and obey—again and again.

In the wondrous name of Christ,

Rev. Katie Osier

WORSHIP NEWS

Modern Service @ 9 am—Online

Traditional Service @ 11 am—In Person and Online

Easter Worship

Modern Service @ 9 am—Drive-In and Online

Traditional Service @ 11 am—In Person and Online

One Board will meet again in April to discuss the next step for the Modern Service. Stay tuned for the latest news as it comes forth. Please continue to wear masks and keep distancing. Each week helps our community to be in better standing with regards to health.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Robert Milhoan
- 5 Amy Prater
- 6 Matt Lawson
Reese Lipscomb
- 7 Hugh Shahan
- 12 Lisa Nicol
- 13 Gracie Langenfeld
Marilyn Mackasek
- 14 Josh Dimengo
Karen Hodges
- 17 Roger Martin
- 20 Kaitlyn Schleis
- 21 Kathy Jones
- 22 Ashleigh Keller
- 23 Emma Nibling
- 25 Brent Kuwatch
- 26 Hazel Trinko
Torri Miller
- 27 Becky Dando
Kevin Hodges
- 29 Marilyn Nibling



APRIL

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Mitch & Kristen Booth
- 5 Hugh & Fay Shahan
- 8 Gary & Brenda Cook
- 14 Jim & Bonnie Kocsis

AGAIN & AGAIN: A LENTEN REFRAIN—HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

All Virtual Services will be available on Facebook and YouTube. You can subscribe to either.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1: HOLY THURSDAY 7 pm Virtual Service, including picture montage.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2: GOOD FRIDAY Prayer Stations: Weather permitting—stations will be available at the pavilion starting at 9 am, ending at 3 pm. Masks required. Stations will be virtual if too cold or wet.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3: INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL EASTER VIGIL: Clergy from across East Ohio will be sharing in a pre-recorded Easter Vigil. The Vigil will be posted at 7 pm on Saturday, April 3. You are invited to join the Osier family for a Live Vigil watch party at 10:30 pm that evening. This will give those watching the chance to proclaim Christ alive at Midnight!

SUNDAY, APRIL 4: EASTER Drive-In Service @ 9 am and In-Person Service @ 11 am

Welcoming new members, sharing in Holy Communion, and celebrating Christ’s resurrection! Bring the family and let’s celebrate! Both services will also be available virtually.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4: EASTER EGG HUNT FOR AGES 1-18 : 10:30 am in the back parking lot. Please arrive by 10:20 am for instructions. Sign up your family by calling the church office (330.896.1936). BYO Easter Basket or bag. Outdoors and distanced—masks required. Goodie bags will be handed out in case of rain. **Registration Deadline: March 26**

Special Music Needed

Now that our Traditional Service has returned to In-Person Worship, we are in need of Special Music for our service at 11:00. The choir will not be singing until at least the fall so we need soloists, duets, trios or instrumentalists to help us provide music for the service.

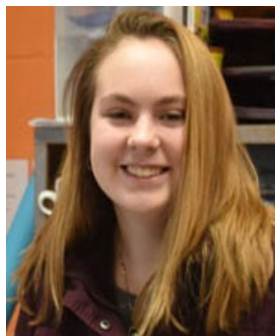
If you play an instrument, or would be willing to sing either as a soloist or with a small group, please contact our Choir Director Brian Lawson at brian.lawson@greensburgumc.net or call him at 330-256-3462. Your help and talents are greatly appreciated.

SCHOLARHIP GIVING

Thank you to all who have been generous in supporting the scholarship fund in the past. It has enabled us to give small awards to our graduating seniors and post high school students. Because of the extraordinary circumstances of the past year we have been unable to do any fund raising for this effort. Any contributions to further this mission would be greatly appreciated. Please mark your gift for “scholarships” so the office staff knows to direct your dollars to the correct place. And thank you again for your continued support!

FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
January 2021	\$ 22,485.17	\$ 25,325.23	\$ 27,217.90
Year to Date	\$22,485.17	\$25,325.23	\$ 27,217.90
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
January 2021	\$ 1,323.80	\$ 1901.19	\$103,793.56



PRAISE AND GRATITUDE FOR EMMA NIBLING

Greensburg UMC wishes to thank Miss Emma Nibling for her service and leadership for the preschool students that have visited the church on Sunday mornings these past 2 years.

Emma has blessed these children with her humble and caring presence. She has also provided excellent teaching moments in person and online.

Emma has been accepted to the Nursing Program at Kent and has asked to step down to focus on her studies. She will truly be missed in the Preschool room on Sunday mornings, but continues to offer her heart and love for little people in the various ministries of the church.

The church will be honoring her service as Preschool Attendant on a Sunday to be determined.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Once again, may we extend a HUGE thank you to Rev. Dave, Ms. Beth, and Ms. Amy for their tremendous work in film and fun for GUMC’s Lent Event! If you missed it, check out the GUMC YouTube Channel, as the videos are still there. They offered great teaching, song, craft, and inspiration for this Lent! Thank you for being wonderful gifts for GUMC!

So what’s next?!? Leaning into Spring and Summer, we will be offering outdoor gatherings for families. Our first one—

SUNDAY, APRIL 18: FAMILY MINISTRIES BASEBALL DAY @ 12:00–2:00 PM at the Pavilion and Baseball Field

Bring your own lunch, and if you have it, your own baseball gear. We will have a tee or two available, as well as bases and some extra drinks and snacks available. We will eat at the pavilion and have a quick game of baseball.



Please RSVP by calling or emailing the church office. ALL AGES are welcome! This is a great time to invite someone!

STUDENT MINISTRY

Here is what is coming up in April. The zoom meeting ID is **829 2413 8941**. Look for the password online through email or Remind. Andrea, Marilyn, and Rev. Katie look forward to seeing you!

GUMC SM CHOPPED COMPETITION—Saturday, April 10 @ 5:30 PM Pick up your bag of random food items on Easter morning. We will hop online and open our bags at 5:30 PM Sat, April 10, and with 3 additional items, you will create an edible meal of your own making. Tally sheets will be used by families and we will see who wins! Prizes will be awarded when **we meet outdoors on April 14 at the Osiers @ 7 PM.**

Sunday, April 18: Family Ministries Baseball Day See information listed above.

Wednesday, April 21 @ 7 PM: Meet outdoors at the Osiers (if raining, online)

Wednesday, April 28 @ 7 PM: Meet outdoors at the Osiers (if raining, online)

YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE—SAVE THE DATE! One day event—Saturday, June 12.
More information is on its way!



EAST OHIO SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp is Happening! What do you need this summer?

- *Friendship and Laughter
- *Praise and Worship
- *Exploring and Relaxing
- *Horses and Nature
- *Spiritual Growth
- *Challenge and Skills
- *Fun and Adventure

There is something **special** for you and your family at Camp!

Explore an adventure of Faith, Fun, and Friendship

For more information, please check out the EOC Camps Website: www.EOCsummercamps.org

Scholarships are available



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GUMC CHURCH CLEAN UP DAYS

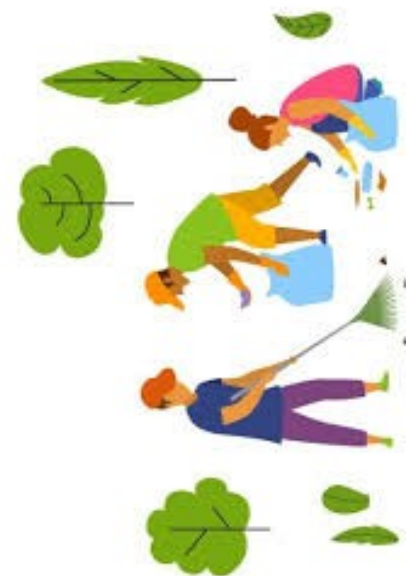
Please mark the following dates on your calendar so you can assist the church in preparing for its spring, summer, and fall events.

Saturday, April 24: 9:00 am to 1 pm

- Working in the beds outdoors—weeding, edging.
- Picking up the grounds
- Courtyard work
- Sweeping off the sidewalks and doing small repairs

Saturday, May 22: 9:00 am to 1 pm

- Working in beds outdoors—weeding, planting flowers, mulching
- Courtyard work
- Small Indoor Repairs and Building clean up



CROSS TALK DEADLINE

All articles for the Newsletter need to be submitted to the Office, no later than the 20th. If you wish to be included in the birthdays and anniversary lists or wish to volunteer for an activity or group, please contact the office. Volunteers are always welcome. Thank you, Pam Moore ~ Admin Asst
