



Cross Talk

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

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**SACRED BREATH:
PRAYING THE PSALMS FOR LENT
HOLY WEEK**

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES TO EXPERIENCE HOLY CONVERSATION WITH GOD AND WITH OTHERS.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10 AM AND CATERED BRUNCH @ 11 AM: SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Join the celebration march from the Fellowship Hall to the Sanctuary at 10 AM. Following the service, a catered brunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations requested.

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE: APRIL 14 @ 7 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

Lean into the final hours of Jesus here on earth as we celebrate Holy Communion and remember the witness of the cross as a community.

GOOD FRIDAY MISSION @ OPEN M IN AKRON: MOUNTAIN OF FOOD: APRIL 15 @ 9-11 AM

Meet at the church at 8:15 AM to travel to Open M to help distribute over 200,000 pounds of food to the community of Akron. Volunteers are requested to pre-register and be 12 years old or older.

EASTER VIGIL: APRIL 16 @ 10:30 PM - 12:30 AM @ UNIONTOWN UMC ON CLEVELAND AVENUE

Experiential Service of Word and Light as we welcome the first hour of Easter. Led by Vicar Derek Kubilus and Rev. Katie Osier.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE: APRIL 17 @ 10 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

Gather together for the celebration of the risen Christ!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Kristen & Mitch Booth
- 6 Faye & Hugh Shahan
- 8 Brenda & Gary Cook
- 14 Chris & Mike Koprivier
- 18 Jenny & Boris Nastoff
- 28 Kelly & Ray Witsaman

THANK YOU FOR MAKING AN IMPACT

Thank you all for your many prayers for my sister, Linda Bethel. Your prayers were much appreciated, and she had a successful heart surgery. Thanks to all my church family.

Eileen

NEW ADDITIONS AT GUMC

We want to welcome Girl Scout Troop 91412 from Green. These young ladies are led by Kristina Jennings (Dana Stevens daughter) & Megan Leopardi. They meet twice a month on Monday evenings in room 112. They appreciate finding a permanent location and want to thank the church.

In addition to the scouts we now have a Dementia Support Group that meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6pm. They will meet in the library or gathering area depending on attendance. It is open to anyone that has a loved one with Dementia/Alzheimer's. The group starts with a relevant educational topic about Dementia, care giving, etc. and ends with an open forum to discuss the attendee's struggles, needs or questions. The group is facilitated by Homestead Hospice Chaplain Billy Kremer and Homestead Hospice Social Worker Anita St. John, both who have years of experience working with individuals with dementia and their families. They are pleased to be in the community of Green and are thankful for GUMC's hospitality. The support group is open to everyone.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We want to thank the congregation for donating to our Towel Drive we received over 29 sets, plus a shopping cart full from Marilyn Mackasak and her sister from Arizona!

Join us on Thursday, April 21st at 3:30 for a missional speaker guest.

MASTER KEYS NEEDED

Greensburg UMC has been blessed with facilities built to be used for God's honor and glory. Coincident with the privilege of using the church building to accomplish the Lord's work is the obligation to ensure that it is properly secure at all times. As stewards of God's resources, this is the responsibility of us all.



At this current time, the office is running extremely low on Master Keys and needs them to distribute to rental groups of all kind. We often forget to return keys after our assigned responsibilities at the church change or end. To help keep track of keys it takes everyone's help. If you have a key, please contact the church office. We would like to get a better handle on the key situation at the church. Thanks for your help!

FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
February 2022	\$ 18,702.35	\$ 24,952.06	\$ 26,445.00
Year to Date	\$ 41,343.43	\$ 49,789.29	\$ 52,201.50
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
February 2022	\$ 1,483.80	\$ 1,901.19	\$ 82,285.97

FAMILY AND CHILDREN MINISTRY: MESSY CHURCH AND GUM CLUB!

Another month has come and gone, we can't believe how quickly this year is going! In March we switched gears to focus on Lent and we started learning that "When life is sad, God is good!" Thank you to everyone who came to our Messy Church, we had 14 kids and their amazing families there! We learned that during Lent we should focus on praying, fasting, and giving. Through this, each family was able to take home strips of paper to make a prayer chain. They could write one thing on each strip and every day tear off a link and pray for what is written on it. We also decided as a group that we are going to fast from unkind thoughts and words and to switch our focus on always being kind. To give, we are bringing in non-perishable foods each Sunday that we will then give to Green Good Neighbors after Easter. In addition to learning about Lent, we also learned about Jesus feeding the 5,000 and the woman who had enough faith to reach out and touch Jesus' robe to be healed. The kids are doing an amazing job learning how to read their Bibles and looking up a new verse each week.



April will look slightly different for G.U.M. Club with an adjusted schedule for Palm Sunday and Easter.

April 3 - Normal G.U.M. Club class.

April 10- No G.U.M. Club. instead, we are asking you to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am for donuts and then we will wave our palms and parade around the church, ultimately ending in the Sanctuary for Worship at 10am.

April 17- No G.U.M. Club, but we hope you can join us for Easter Worship at 10am.

April 24- Messy Church! If the weather is nice we will be outside!

We have been having a blast each week. Thank you all for the donations of juice and snacks, it is very much appreciated and the kids love the food! Enjoy your spring breaks and spring weather and we will see you soon at G.U.M. Club!

Miss Amy, Miss Beth, Pastor David

STUDENT MINISTRY

April 3: 4:30 – 7:30 PM

Student Ministry Sunday Work, followed by Bonfire and Games

April 9: 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Chocolate Making Day for Fundraiser

April 10: 9:30 AM

Palm Sunday Service @ 10 AM + Church Meal @ 11 AM + Service Rally following

We will be part of the grand procession into the Service. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. Doughnuts and drinks provided. Following the meal, we will head out for our Service Rally



April 15: 8:15 – 11:30 AM

Mountain of Food at Open M (all family) – Meet at the church to caravan

Open M serves the Akron community. As part of our sacrifice in honor of Christ, we will go there to help hand out over 200,000 pounds of food that day!

April 17: 10:00 AM

Easter Service – No Student Ministry meetings

April 24: 4:30 – 7:30 PM

Student Ministry Sunday Work and Rehearsal

This is crucial to our Student/Scout Sunday on May 1. We need all students there!

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION—SUNDAYS @ 10 AM

As community built around conversation, this provides an opportunity to talk with others of all ages about the scripture and lesson of the day. Bring your morning beverage with you—any one is welcome. There are 2 ways to connect:

Online via Zoom | Meeting: 892 6692 8296 | Password: 977418

The group meets in the Fellowship Hall, inside the church.
Masks and distancing are strongly encouraged while indoors.

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LOVE, ENGAGE, SERVE OPPORTUNITIES: COME BE PART OF THE GUMC COMMUNITY!

Donate funds to support the Students to Youth Annual Conference and Reach Out Camp.

Serve at Open M's Mountain of Food on Friday, April 15. Meet @ church @ 8:15 am.

Come to UMW on Thursday, April 21st @ 3:30 PM

Engage with Messy Church or Student Ministries on April 24 by participating or volunteering

Sing in the choir and praise band to praise the Lord during worship

Participate in the Trex Plastic Recycling Challenge—drop off plastic and become a bag dropper : New Bench for Green Good Neighbors starting Tuesday, February 1

Support the transformational ministries of the church by your

Prayers (pray for ministry and people)

Presence (come and participate)

Gifts (Donating items and/or Providing a Financial Gift)

Service (Lead or Volunteer to make gathering a success!)

Witness (Tell others about it and invite)



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

STUDENT MINISTRY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: APRIL 3—APRIL 17

Students this summer will be venturing out in the world once more! They will be attending Youth Annual Conference—June 17-19—at Walsh University, joining hundreds of others students from around East Ohio Conference. They will also be serving at Reach Out Camp at Lakeside July 17-23. They need your help in getting there, though. Various fundraisers will be available this Spring and Summer. You can start by supporting the Chocolate Fundraiser.



Preorder: Now till April 3

Chocolates will be ready for pick up on April 10 and April 17

Pretzel Stick: \$1 per stick

4 Buckeyes (peanut butter balls covered in Chocolate): \$2

Please order through the church office or at worship. Extras will be available for both April 10 and 17. Donations are also welcomed. Please mark donations for Student Summer Mission. Thank you for supporting our students!

TREX BAG RECYCLING PROGRAM: BENCH FOR GREEN GOOD NEIGHBORS



Thank you to all who have been bringing in bags for the Trex Recycling project. Our first bench has brought some renewed energy to our collection, but our efforts continue! Please bring in plastic grocery bags, mailers, clean food bags from fruits, bread, or veggies, and other such products. These plastic bags are used to recreate material to build siding, benches, deck materials and the like. Your help is repurposing plastic that more than often goes into landfills and creates havoc in our environment.

We would love to have 1 more person to help with the process of weighing and dropping off the bags. It is a simple task that can be easily managed by a few hands. Please see Rev. Katie or call the church office if you would like to assist further!

HARMONY RINGERS CONCERT: APRIL 10 @ 6:00 PM

Faith United Methodist Church—300 9thSt NW, North Canton

Come listen to this wonderful handbell choir perform a wide variety of songs from popular movies over the ages. You'll hear everything from a medley from Les Misérables to "I'm a Believer" by the Monkeys, not to mention songs from Mission Impossible, Aladdin, The Greatest Showman, and many more. It's a concert that every movie lover is sure to enjoy. The concert is FREE, but a goodwill donation would be greatly appreciated to help us maintain our bells.



2022 VBS IS GOING TO BE MONUMENTAL!

We are going to celebrate God's greatness through awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch!

Science-fun Gizmos, games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. We will also help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life, something we call God Sightings. The main Bible points we will learn this year are "God loved you no matter what, God is with you everywhere, God is in charge, God is stronger than anything, and God is surprising! We will learn all of these through the story of Joseph. Mark your calendars July 31-August 4, 6-8

pm. We welcome all children ages 3 years old- entering 6th grade. Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated! For more information and to register please visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/greensburgunitedmc> or contact Miss Amy at advorak102@gmail.com. Registration will open online May 1. We look forward to seeing you there!





CARE PACKAGE PUT TOGETHER : APRIL 3 @ 10 AM

We have collected the items—now the fun begins! Gather in the Gathering Area by the Offices on Sunday, April 3 at 10 am to help assemble care packages that are going to both our shut ins as well as our college students.

All ages are welcome. The more hands we have the faster we can accomplish our task!

If you have any additional items, please bring them with you on Sunday, April 3.

APRIL MISSION FOCUS: OPEN M

MOUNTAIN OF FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: FRIDAY, APRIL 15 @ 8:15–11:30 AM

OPEN M is a Christian non-profit organization that serves more than 40,000 individuals annually with food, health and employment services—all intended to create pathways out of poverty. Located in the Summit Lake Neighborhood of Akron, OPEN M leverages a community alliance of churches, businesses and more than 1,000 volunteers to offer programs to those in need residing in the Greater Akron Area and Summit County. Here is how you can participate this month:

WALK: [Pray for volunteers and recipients of Open M](#)

JOG: [Support Open M by donating through Vanco or the church office.](#) Make checks out to the church and mark them for Open M in the Note.

RUN: [Ages 12+ Volunteer at the Mountain of Food on Friday, April 15.](#) Those volunteering (Ages 12+) will meet at the church at 8:15am and head up to Open M to be part of the distribution of over 200,000 pounds of food. We will return to the church at 11:30 am. Sign up is required. There is an online form to be completed for each volunteer before we go.

Want to know more about Open M? Check with Rev. Katie or Dr. Dick Stratton. Or come hear Christine Curry, Chief Executive Officer speak about Open M in worship on Sunday, April 10.



2022 SEED PROJECT: GREENSBURG GROWS!

We are again doing a seed project this year....Greensburg Grows....producing vegetable plants for the community. This year we will just be growing tomatoes and peppers. 12 pack Jiffy pots and seed were handed out Sunday, March 27, to those who signed up.



If you have not had a chance to sign up and would like to participate in growing peppers and tomatoes to be given through Green Good Neighbors to transform lives in our community, please contact the church office or see Diane Oplinger, Kelly Witsaman or Marilyn Cogansparger. Thank you for making a difference in our community by providing a sustainable source of healthy food.



THE BED BRIGADE UPDATE: FIRST BUILD MAY 21

With prayer and conversation, our first Bed Build for Greensburg UMC will be Saturday, May 21. There will be 5 beds made to be given out to children in our community who currently do not have beds that weekend. Here is how you can participate.

- Pray: for the ministry, volunteers, resources, and recipients. God does wonders!
- Look for our donation board for things you can contribute to the beds.
- Donate financially toward the Bed Build (Checks made to Greensburg UMC, note: Bed Brigade)
- Look for details in the bulletin and May Newsletter for our May 21 bed build. All ages welcome and needed.