



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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The hum of machines. The sounds of scissors cutting. The laughter and giggles of young children. The conversations with friends old and new. Music enveloping the echoes of community in the Fellowship Hall. This was the scene from our Blankets and Movie Saturday. If you were there, you know the power of connection and celebration that filled the room. There was Spirit that poured into the spaces in between each person, reminding us that, though many, we are one in the body of Christ—to live out our gifts and talents for the common good.



Those three hours enveloped this sermon series “You are the Body” to a tee. We are all part of the divinely beloved community of Jesus Christ. We are all needed. We all have a part to play within the whole. At the center of it all? Love—a power that risks to embrace everyone, warts and all—all for the glory of God. When we come together as a divinely beloved community, love pulses and draws us into a rhythm that brings the body to life.

The pandemic has challenged this connection—that is no secret. Now, that we have learned and are trying our best to practice measures of safety, there is potential to rediscover this idea of one body, one Spirit, one Lord that has been central to Greensburg UMC.

As your pastor, I personally want to invite you to take a step to remember the beauty of what the fellowship of Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, is. I challenge you to make or renew your commitment to find a way to love, engage, and serve within the body of Greensburg UMC—it longs for your presence and for your beauty. There are a variety of ways and levels to reconnect to be part of the living body of Jesus Christ. Take a peak at the insert to learn how.

If you have any questions or want to chat, please let me know. We will be reaching out to the body of Greensburg UMC in the next months. I look forward to seeing, chatting with, and praying for each of you in the days ahead.

Rev. Katie Osier



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Nick Sopher
- 7 Reese Cowgar
- 10 Caleb Smesko
- 12 Alaya Johnson
- 13 Cassidy Chaffinch
- 14 James Kocsis
- 16 Gina Laterza
- 17 Margery Aller
Pete Peterson
- 18 Ryan Osier
- 20 Sydney Rossiter



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Robert & Pam Milhoan

HOSPITALITY TEAM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 @ 7:00 PM—CHURCH LIBRARY

Are you looking for a way to serve your church and your community? Do you have A LOT of great ideas and can't wait to share them? Then we have a team for you! This team will lead the church in strengthening connection between members and visitors—expanding the church's concept of community in new and fresh ways. Bring your wonderful ideas—Tuesday, February 8th at 7pm in person in the library or via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89518646970?pwd=VGtra2tZcGxYM25lcnNTYXkyMmxTZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 1864 6970 Passcode: 193259

If you have questions or need more information, contact Nancy Claytor (330)687-3385.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 @ 3:30 PM—CHURCH LIBRARY

We are ready to reconvene our unit. Pastor Katie encouraged and nudged us to return to active mission work. The 4 main areas of focus for UMW are contained in our purpose: To be a community of Women, to know God, to develop a creative and supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission. How can we accomplish our purpose?

Come and see: be a part of the Sisterhood of Grace! We are meeting Thursday, February 10th at 3:30pm in the library. Women of all ages are warmly invited to join us.

Dana Stevens, Vice President of UMW

THANK YOU NOTES

To My Church Family at GUMC,

My love and many thanks to each of you for the most generous love gift. My service to GUMC is using the musical gift God gave me by providing organ music for each service. We praise our Lord and Savior by singing hymns of Glory! The organ is the aristocrat of instruments and it must be played as such.

Organist, Betty Gross

We would like to thank the church and members for the prayers, meals and visits for Blaine. Happy to say after many rounds of chemotherapy he is now cancer free and has gone back for his 3rd year at Akron University and is delivering pizzas.

Again, very appreciated and God Bless,

The Rossiter Family

FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
December 2021	\$ 25,120.65	\$ 24,032.11	\$ 23,580.33
Year to Date	\$ 234,203.24	\$272,874.46	\$298,306.00
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
December 2021	\$ 2,298.80	\$ 1901.19	\$ 85,634.62

FAMILY AND CHILDREN MINISTRY: MESSY CHURCH AND GUM CLUB!

*When life changes . . . God is good.
That's the theme for the kids' G.U.M. Club
throughout January and February.*

Life changed for Noah when he was told to build an ark and God was good. Life changed for Moses even at his birth when he was adopted into the palace, grew up, became a shepherd, and answered God's call to get the Israelites out of Egypt. God was good. God was also good to Ruth, whose whole life changed when she went with her mother-in-law, Naomi. Job's life changed when all sorts of things happened to him and his family, yet God was good. And God showed goodness to Gideon, Zacchaeus, and Peter when life changed for them.

The G.U.M. Club has been learning about these persons in the Bible through stories, crafts, games, tasks, and trips to Gum Avenue where puppet friends like Tubber, Spotty, and Wowzer visit. These residents of GUM Avenue ask the same kind of questions kids ask like, "How can God help me?" and "Does God see me?" and they share their own struggles with changes in their lives.

Amy Dvorak, along with Pastor David and Beth Weyrick, lead the G.U.M. Club each week.



Attendance has doubled since September and there is still room for more.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Sundays in February @ 10 AM: February 6, 13, 20, 27—Sunday School JAM: When Life Changes... God is Good

February 6 @ 5-7 PM—PARENT MEETING AND Student Ministry Worship Work
Parent Meeting—to discuss Youth Annual Conference, 2022 potential events, and a possible Student Ministry Mission Week in July. Following our meeting, we will be working a little more with Student Ministry Sunday—including shirts and pieces parts.

Feb 13 @ 5:30—end of Halftime—Superbowl Party @ Andrea's House
Bring a snack and a drink to share as we come together for a night of fun, football, games, and food. Friends are always welcome! Address will be coming through emails.

Feb 27 @ 4:30—6:30 PM — Mardi Gras Pancake Party FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
Get your gang together and head to the church for a fun night of pancakes and celebration. We will also be sharing in a time of burning the palms for Ash Wednesday—YES OUTDOORS. Invite friends and family to come and play and share in a time of community together.



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 New Towels and Washcloths during February to support Green Good Neighbors through UMW

Serve on the Hospitality Team (February 8) or join the group going to Bed Brigade on Saturday, February 12

Come to UMW on Thursday, February 10 @ 3:30 PM

Engage with Messy Church or Student Ministries on March 6 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

MARDI GRAS PANCAKES AND BURNING OF THE PALMS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 @ 4:30—6:30 PM



Ash Wednesday is March 2 this year. In order to prepare for the Lenten season, you are invited to gather as the faith community along with friends and family of all ages to a night of specialized pancakes and other breakfast goodies. Each person will fill out an order slip, then pancakes will be prepared by a safe crew of cooks, after which they will notify you when your order is ready. In the meantime, Rev. Katie will be leading fellowship and games in the Fellowship Hall. Masks are strongly recommended.

Once our meal is over, we will move outdoors at 6 PM for a special service to burn last year's Palm Sunday palms to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Be sure to dress accordingly.

Don't like pancakes—no worries, just come and be part of our time together. We will have gluten free pancake mix available. We will try to accommodate allergies and special diets as best as possible.



Not ready to eat in a group—that's okay. Come masked and we will make your meal to go.

We will be spread out in the Fellowship Hall in our best efforts to help people feel safe as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rev. Katie.

Contact friends or members of the church to invite them personally to this wonderful opportunity to connect with one another!

HOW CAN I BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY OF GREENSBURG UMC?

PRAY:

Hold the persons, the staff, and the ministries of Greensburg UMC in your prayers.

Be part of the prayer chain community—contact Pat Stiles (email...)

GIVE:

Sign up through Vanco (greensburgumc.net) to give regularly

Contact Margo Holmes (margo.holmes@greensburgumc.net), financial administrator, for envelopes to give regularly

Bring in donations for various missions throughout the 2022 year: February is new towels and washcloths

PARTICIPATE:

There is something for everyone at Greensburg UMC:

UMW, Hospitality, Green Good Neighbors, Choir, Worship, Coffee and Conversation, GUM Club, Student Ministries, Mission opportunities for the month—you are welcome here. You belong here!

Got an idea that connects people to the mission of Greensburg? Let Rev. Katie know and we will start.

UMW TOWEL DRIVE—FEBRUARY MISSION DONATION

Essential items are often in short supply at Green Good Neighbors. In order to lend a hand, United Methodist Women is inviting you to join them in bringing in donations of:

- new bath towels
- New hand towels
- New washcloths



Place your donation in the wicker baskets marked UMW outside of the worship venues. UMW looks forward to donating them to GGN on behalf of the church at Greensburg UMC.

THE BED BRIGADE EXPERIENCE: FEBRUARY 12 @ 6:00 AM—4:00 PM

To gain perspective on Bed Brigade, a group will be headed to Grove City, Ohio and participate in building and delivering beds on Saturday, February 12. This is open to all adults and parent/guardian accompanied youths. Here is how the day will go.

6:00 AM: Meet at the church—Pray and depart

8:30 AM: Arrive at Grove City, Ohio and help construct bed packages to be delivered

11:30 AM: Eat lunch with a representative from Bed Brigade

12:30 PM: Deliver a bed to local family

2:00 PM: Depart Home to Greensburg UMC

4:00 PM: Return to Greensburg UMC



We will set a date for follow up and further conversation with regard to this possible ministry. Please let Rev. Katie Osier (rev.katie.osier@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend so she can coordinate with the Columbus Bed Brigade to know how many are coming. If you have a pick up truck or a van and can drive that down, it would be greatly appreciated.

GREENSBURG UMC CHOIR— THE LENTEN SEASON OF PSALMS

The Greensburg UMC Choir has been back in session as of this past fall. The gift of praising God with shared voices is a blessing to the congregation, but most importantly an act of love to God.

With the focus on Psalms for Lent, music becomes a big part in understanding the poetry of the Psalms. Would you consider offering your talent of singing during this 6 week season (March 2 through April 17)? More voices allow for a greater variety of music as well as a fellowship and community of singers who have a heart to share their gift together.

Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30—8:30 PM in the sanctuary. The choir director, Brian Lawson, works with the choir to create a safe space for singing.

If you would like to be part of the choir during this season or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brian Lawson (brian.lawson@greensburgumc.net). Let the praises raise in love and adoration of our Lord God!

