



# 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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Close to home: lingering in the candlelight of the past season, I am filled with hope, peace, love, and joy. Light has been established in the world through Jesus Christ. As we work through our homesickness, to be called to lay a foundation to revel in what it could mean to be part of a home for all and create spaces for those seeking sanctuary—and that we are all invited to lead and to receive, there is an audacious ask on God’s part to step out of our comfort zone. As it says in Isaiah 54: 2, 4 (WEB):

Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your habitations; don’t spare: lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. Don’t be afraid, for you will not be ashamed. Don’t be confounded, for you will not be disappointed.

Opening doors and creating space so all may be close to home comes with expansion and risk. This movement into a community where we are called to invite our neighbors to know Jesus Christ by engaging in acts of service challenges us to rethink and relearn patterns of ministry, while also encouraging us to dream in wonder and awe at what the Lord is doing in and through Greensburg UMC.

In the weeks to come, the leadership of Greensburg UMC will be gathering to pray, to dream, to venture, and to set three year goals. As we all step into 2022, I invite you to share in the journey—to pray for the church and its ministries—for its calling and potential. Dream and listen as to how God is calling us to expand our tent and open wide a place for home for all.

May we step into the next year with a spirit of invitation and transformation as we seek God’s direction to love, to engage, and to serve our neighbors.

*Rev. Katie Osier*

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Denny Hartong
- 15 Jeremiah Campbell  
Sally Fosnight
- 17 Jill Lehman
- 20 Greg Randles
- 22 Ken Selbee
- 24 Kelly Witsaman
- 25 Alexander Nibling  
Ashley Scolaro
- 26 Shelly Keller  
Scott Waseman
- 27 Faye Shahan
- 30 Donna Nicol
- 31 Bradey Lipscomb



**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Joe & Janice Conley
- 25 Mike & Hazel Trinko
- 31 Vince & Jill Lehman

**How Do You Live Out the Vision? LOVE, ENGAGE, SERVE**

The mission and vision of Greensburg UMC is  
 Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by loving,  
 engaging, and serving our neighbors

So how can you participate in this vision? Here are some ways to connect:

**LOVE:** loving God through worship and love neighbor through fellowship and invitation  
 Leading worship through the Praise Band, running sound and video, singing in the choir and  
 leading hymns and liturgy—inviting someone with you to worship

**ENGAGE:** Connecting to God and others through discipleship  
 Coming to Coffee and Conversation, Messy Church, or Sunday School, sharing what you  
 learned through the Word, meeting in a small group, participating in the UMW

**SERVE:** Offering our gifts and skills to honor God through assisting our neighbors  
 Learning and considering Bed Brigade, serving at Green Good Neighbors, Monthly mission  
 events, calling on a neighbor, writing cards, joining the care team, leading a mission week

**THANK YOU**

The kindness of others is a true reflection of the kindness of God. Thank you that I would be  
 worthy of your gift. Love in Christ, Pam Moore, Admin Assistant

The love gift from all of you is greatly appreciated! As we make music together as well as  
 worship is what our church family does so well together. Keep singing and praying as we  
 worship together our Lord and Savior! Love and Peace, Betty Gross, Organist

Humbled by your generous gift this season, I thank you. It is a joy to be called to serve in  
 this nook of the body of Christ. Thank you for blessing me and my family so richly. Grace  
 and Peace, Rev. Katie Osier

I would like to say thank you for the Christmas gift. This has always been my church, even  
 before I became the Choir Director here, and I am always amazed by the generosity of our  
 congregation. It is truly an honor to be part of such a caring and giving church. Thank you all  
 very much. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
 Brian Lawson, Choir Director and Website Manager

I want to THANK YOU so much for your generous gift. It continues to be my honor being  
 associated with GUMC and with all of my friends here. Blessings to you all in the New Year.  
 Margo Holmes, Financial Administrator

**FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC**

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
November 2021	\$ 16,336.13	\$ 18,947.36	\$ 23,197.94
Year to Date	\$ 209,082.59	\$248,842.35	\$274,725.67
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
November 2021	\$ 1,468.80	\$ 1901.19	\$ 87,309.76

## FAMILY AND CHILDREN MINISTRY: MESSY CHURCH AND GUM CLUB!

There is no G.U.M. Club on January 2 which means we get to start out 2022 with a Messy Church on January 9. Our theme to start out this New Year will be “when life changes... God is good!” It’s been fun learning about different times in life when we know that God is good such as when life is scary, when life is unfair, when we need hope, and when life is joyful. A few of the people we will learn about are Noah, Moses, Ruth and Peter.

We hope to see you at **Messy Church January 9, 10 am in the Fellowship Hall**, and each other Sunday for G.U.M. Club.

We wish you all the most wonderful happy, safe, and healthy New Year!

*Amy, Beth, and Pastor David*



## STUDENT MINISTRY

**Sundays in January @ 10 AM:** January 2—Worship and Cookies following in Sanctuary  
January 9—Messy Church (We will assist with this)  
January 16, 23, 30—Sunday School: When Life Changes... God is Good

### January 9 @ 5-7 PM—New Start Sunday: working on the Student Ministry Room

New year, new you, new room. We will be working together to add finishing touches to the room as well as discussing and celebrating covenant.

### Jan 23 @ 5–7 PM—Student Ministry Sunday Planning

Yes—you read that correctly. This year, our students will be creating and leading worship in the Spring. Our planning starts now. Come with your ideas for themes and how we desire to lead and who we can invite to participate!



### Jan 29—Blanket and a Movie Saturday @ 1-4 PM

Check out the insert for more details. All ages and abilities are welcome. This is a great way to make an impact in the community.

### Jan 30 @ 5–7 PM — Make Your Own Pizza and Prepping the blankets and layettes for delivery

Cheese Fairies Unite! If you have a favorite topping for pizza, bring it with you. Cheese, Sauce, and Dough will be provided. We will make pizza and then finish up the blankets and layettes, then package them for delivery.

## 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!**

Blanket Saturday - Pray for the NICU, Bring in fabric or offer a financial gift, join in the sewing fun

Come and see about the Bed Brigade, January 11

Engage with Messy Church or Student Ministries on January 9 by participating or volunteering

Sing in the choir and praise band, or ring bells to praise the Lord during worship

Participate in the Trex Plastic Recycling Challenge—drop off plastic and become a bag dropper

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)

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**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

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