



# Cross Talk

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

We want to Welcome  
Rev. Rife and his Family  
to Greensburg UMC

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Friends and Family of Greensburg United Methodist Church,

In July we are welcoming a new Pastor to Greensburg United Methodist Church. We know that everyone handles change differently. We encourage you during this transition to stay connected to God through prayer, His word, talking to congregation members, and serving where you can.

*The word of God equips us and lights our path through change  
Psalm 119:105*

To make this transition smoother we have been coming up with ways for you to get to know Pastor Harlen a little bit before he starts at GUMC.

Pictures and brochures are located at entry points entering the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary.

Recently some One Board members and Pastor Harlen had a zoom conversation about his early life, family, school, ministry journey, etc. We have posted this conversation link onto the GUMC website and Facebook.

Some information from the Zoom conversation is also located in this Cross Talk issue.

Pastor Harlen will bring us his first service at GUMC beginning at 10am on Sunday, July 3rd in the Sanctuary.

On Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a lunch for the Rife family to welcome them to GUMC & the community of Green. This will start around 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, following the 10am service.

Look for other things we will be planning and encourage your participation later this summer and fall.

If there is anything we can do for you, please let one of us know how we can help.

One Board



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Shirley Billups
- 4 Nick Hayat
- 6 Chloe Borland
- 7 Joshua Lehman
- 9 Theron Cowgar
- 10 Katara Lawson  
Judy Martin  
Sharon Schwertfeger
- 12 Evna Selbee
- 14 George Cormany  
Chelsea Sing
- 16 Dale Bittner  
John Flanders
- 18 Blaine Harp
- 21 Tracy Campbell
- 23 Robert Hodges  
Scott Rossiter
- 25 Baylor Huff



**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 Norm & Shirley Billups
- 9 Matt & Madison Lawson
- 11 Jake & Rachel Huff
- 16 John & Colleen Flanders
- 18 George & Dorothy Cormany
- 25 Scott & Kristina Rossiter

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE—BED BRIGADE UPDATE**

On May 21 more than 30 people gather in our gym to build 20 beds for needy families. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE INVOLVED and all the bedding donations!!!

Five beds were delivered to families here in the Southern Summit County. Fifteen beds will go to Cross Roads UMC (Canton Church of All People) in Canton.

Many of us were so moved by the experience that we are going to continue the work and are looking forward to another build day later this summer. Keep your ears and eyes open for details to come. We will be needing helpers, more bedding, and other donations to make this happen, but we are confident that God will provide!

The Bed Brigade leadership team consists of Patti Barrett (bedding), Judy Martin (Outreach and communications), Doug Oplinger (materials), Roger Herbst (financials), Mike Trinko (build day), and Dick Stratton (mattresses and coordination).

**If you want to be a part of this exciting and rewarding ministry, talk to anyone of us for more details.**



Bed Brigade leadership team

**NEWS FROM UMW—NOW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

On March 2nd, the UMW announced that it is now known as United Women in Faith. Our name changed but our purpose and mission focus remain unchanged. To remind our congregation, we will identify ourselves as United Women in Faith (UWF).

This summer our meeting times will be announced in the weekly bulletins once they are established.

We would like to “Thank Everyone” who made donations to us for the Women of the Canton YWCA as they transition into housing.

**SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

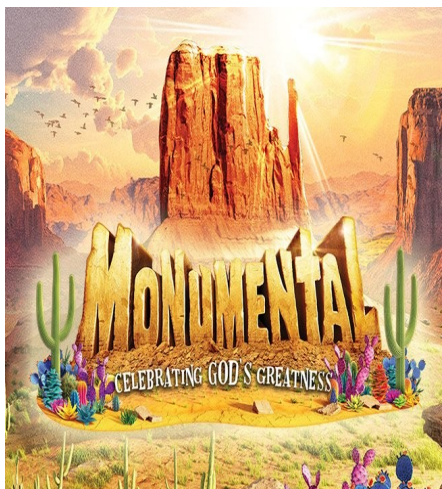
Due to holidays and the transition of pastors, One Board has decided to make these special Sundays as 1 service each. All services will be in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

- Sunday, July 3** 10 AM Service in the Sanctuary—Welcoming Rev. Harlen Rife
- Sunday, July 10** 10 AM Service in the Sanctuary, followed by Reception for the Rife Family in the Fellowship Hall

**FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC**

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
May 2022	\$ 18,598.49	\$ 22,344.20	\$ 24,387.50
Year to Date	\$ 104,971.24	\$ 115,220.02	\$ 121,219.00
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
May 2022	\$ 1,378.80	\$ 1,901.19	\$ 77,201.10

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN MINISTRY**



**MONUMENTAL—CELEBRATING GOD’S GREATNESS— VBS**

**JULY 31—AUGUST 4 @ 6-8 PM | AGES 3—6TH GRADE**

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 happening. Kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life, God Sightings. The Bible points 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! From the story of Joseph. We welcome all children ages 3 years old-entering 6th grade. Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated! VBS Volunteer Training will take place on Sunday July 10th at 9:30am following the Safe Sanctuary training in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us! For more information and to register please visit: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/greensburgunitedmc> or contact Miss Amy at [advorak102@gmail.com](mailto:advorak102@gmail.com).

**STUDENT MINISTRY**

REACH OUT CAMP—July 17-23 at Lakeside, Ohio

Six of our youth will be attending REACH OUT camp at Lakeside. Part of their camp experience will be volunteering during this week. Andrea Rossiter and Marilyn Nibling are working with our youth program. Andrea will be in touch with the youth with information about departure and return when the time grows closer.

Her email is [andrea.rossiter1662@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.rossiter1662@gmail.com).

**LUNCHEON TO WELCOME THE RIFE FAMILY**



Please come and join us in the Fellowship Hall to meet the Rife family. On Sunday, July 10th following the one service at 10am. We will be serving a light lunch and have a kids table set-up with some activities. If you would like to donate toward the lunch you can give to Charlotte Borland, Marilyn Rossiter, church office or the offering plate. Please indicate donations for “LUNCHEON”.

Thank you, SPR Committee



**NEWS FROM ONE BOARD**

Noisy Sundays: We will be reinstating our practice of Noisy Sunday. You will remember once a month we used to pass metal containers during church in which to collect change which went to children’s programs, mainly Sunday School. During the pandemic when we did not meet, this stopped. We will also begin passing the offering plates which were also stopped for health reasons.

Landscaping: The lovely weather of spring and summer while enjoyable promote the chores that come with these seasons. We have flower beds that need weeding, trimming to do and mulching. Some members have helped already but we need more help. Feel free to come and pull weeds anytime. Lots to do! Stay tuned for a work day soon!

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

- Attend Safe Sanctuary Training on Sunday, June 26th @ 10am OR July 10th @ 9am
- Donate funds to support the Students to Reach Out Camp
- VBS Volunteers needed and please tell someone you know about our VBS!
- Participate in Trex Plastic Recycling Challenge—drop off clean stretchy plastic for Green Good Neighbors Bench
- Invite someone to attend church with you!
- Pray for Pastor Harlen and his family as they transition to us!
- Help with the landscaping around the church or be on the lawn mowing team!
- Join Chancel Choir or Hand Bells!
- Attend Services weekly in person!
- Mark your calendar to attend our Luncheon for Pastor Harlen and family!
- Be an Usher or Greeter for one of our weekly services
- Call the church for other opportunities to Love, Engage and Serve!

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR SUMMER**

MONDAY—THURSDAY THE OFFICE IS OPEN FROM 9AM UNTIL 2PM. WE ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS.

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 4TH FOR THE HOLIDAY!

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