



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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Over the months of the pandemic, several persons have mentioned “apocalypse” and “end times,” asking me what I thought. Yes, this season has been an apocalyptic time. It has been an end to the ways in which we used to do things. It has been an end to the various ways we use the grocery store or how we entertain ourselves. It has been an end how we participate in this thing called life.

This time has been an end to the old ways, but now, breaking open, as Revelation puts it, is a type of “new heaven and a new earth.” From this apocalyptic time, we are emerging from a chrysalis state. Time has been given to us to realize what is important to us and what we need to shed. The world we enter is not the same as it was before—both personally and corporately. The church we enter is not the same as before—both personally and corporately.

There is renewed possibility in this budding dawn. What will we grow into from what we have come to learn about ourselves and the world? Have we come to appreciate the beauty of relationships? Have we come to know places where light needs to overcome darkness that has been sitting in the shadows too long? Did we yearn and learn to seek something greater than ourselves? Has Christ, the Alpha and Omega, been our status quo? Have we recognized the potential in the shift from “going to church” to “being the church?”



Status Quo by: Hannah Garrity

It has been almost a year since we first moved worship online and had to close the building. Lent to Lent—it has been an apocalyptic time. So, as Easter approaches, as we anticipate resurrection and new life, as we experience the genesis from a chrysalis—how is God calling us to love, engage, and serve in this new world?

So, challenge time... I know you are not surprised...

On Maundy Thursday, traditionally, we celebrate Christ washing the disciples’ feet. In order to honor this servant call to all disciples in a fresh (and safe) way, how can you and your family assist a family member, a neighbor, a friend, an enemy, or even a stranger over the weekend **of March 26-28?** Maybe it is by repairing a broken relationship or baking something and sharing it with someone. Maybe it is by assisting with lawn work or being courageous enough to become a voice for those who have none. Maybe it is making cards or a phone call. Maybe it is a driveway visit. The choice is yours as to how you wish to interpret it. The hope is that you serve and engage not because you have to, but out of the place of love and desire to share love with one another. Take pics or video—send them in so we can celebrate how we are witnessing God calling us to be part of this budding promise of resurrection and LIFE!

God is with us all the way, Again & Again. *Rev. Katie Osier*



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MARCH

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VIRTUAL AND IN PERSON WORSHIP

One Board has decided to include an in person option for those who are ready. Starting Sunday, March 21, services will change to

9 am virtual only
11 am virtual and in-person

For those choosing to be in person, please note masks and social distancing will be required at all times in the building. Due to the virus being an airborne contagion, there will not be congregational singing: hymns will be offered by a soloist.

One Board wishes to remind the congregation that COVID is still in our midst. Your help is crucial in maintaining a safe space for worship and to offer an in person service while keeping one another safe. The goal is to keep everyone healthy to the best of our ability.

AGAIN & AGAIN: A LENTEN REFRAIN—HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

FRIDAY—SUNDAY, MARCH 26-28: LOVE, ENGAGE, SERVE CHALLENGE: Choose a family member, neighbor, church member, or stranger—find a way to demonstrate love through Christ’s service that weekend. Make cookies, clean up the yard, make and send cards, driveway visit... the choice is yours. Take pics and send them to rev.katie.osier@gmail.com so we can celebrate how God holds us together on Holy Thursday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28: PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 9 am Virtual Service, 11 am in Person and Virtual

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 25

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



GUMC LAWN CARE TEAM NEEDS YOU IN 2021

Spring is just around the corner and with that comes the need for a 2021 Church Lawn Care Team. Last year the team did an amazing job keeping the church and fields looking sharp, even with the Covid shut down.

Last year, we had solid team of rotating volunteers that made the job easier. We hope the same for this year, too. Each new volunteer will go through training of the equipment to keep everyone informed and safe. Those that volunteer will be placed on a rotating schedule. Rotation depends on the number of volunteers.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to this ministry and call Pam at the church office or email her at pam.moore@greensburgumc.net before **March 15!**

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Starting Wednesday, February 17, children of all ages are welcome to participate in the virtual Kid’s Lent Event: Again & Again! Each week, through GUMC’s Facebook and YouTube pages, children will spend time with Amy Dvorak, Rev. David and Beth Weyrick in fun, songs, puppetry, “Words of the Day,” visits to GUM Avenue, Bible readings, crafts, and explanations of Lent.

TO SIGN UP: please contact Rev. David Weyrick at davidspc@icloud.com or contact the church office (office@greensburgumc.net or 330.896.1936). Once signed up, you will be given information on how to pick up crafts and other goodies for the season as well as the link for the season’s videos.



Feb 17— April 4

Share this with neighbors, children, and grandchildren as well. This is a quality online event—one not to miss! Sign up today!

STUDENT MINISTRY

Here is what is coming up in February. 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!

Wednesday, March 3 @ 7 PM: Fellowship: Family Feud, Karaoke Battle, and Jackbox! Get some snacks and come prepared!

Wednesday, March 10 @ 7 PM: Missions Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, March 17 @ 7 PM: Fellowship—St Patrick’s Party: Let’s see what Luck of the Irish we have

Wednesday, March 24 @ 7 PM: Questions: Who do you say I am?

Wednesday, March 31 @ 7 PM: Holy Week (School Spring Break): No Meeting— but please take time this week to participate in the various services throughout the week—Thursday, Friday, Saturday...

Leaders are trying to determine how we can consider meeting safely in person in the near future. We are excited to see you soon. Please pray for warmth and potential for coming together!

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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Flower Sale for Troop 7335

Troop 7335 has supported Greensburg UMC in so many ways. Here's how you can support the Troop in return!

Hanging Baskets: \$25

Flats: \$22

Half Flats: \$11

Orders taken by calling the church office (330.896.1936) by **Friday, March 25.**

Hanging Baskets will be delivered to the church before Mother's Day.

Flats will be delivered to the church after May 21.

Those who have ordered will be contacted for pick up.

For more info, call Troop Leader Jodie Amiot (330.983.3272).

URBAN GROWERS Garden Center
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SPRING 2021 FLOWER SALE

FULL SUN BASKETS

PETUNIAS



Hang or plant in full sun. Avoid over watering, keep well fertilized for best performance. Occasional cut back will rejuvenate plants.

GERANIUMS



Performs best in full sun, in fertile, well-drained soils. Average moisture. Drought tolerant, once established. Deadhead regularly.

CALIBRACHOA



Heat tolerant, easy care

SHADE

DRAGON WING BEGONIA



Hang or plant in partial sun.

FUCHSIA



Keep moist but not soggy, fertilize occasionally

FLATS

GREEN LEAF BEGONIAS



Partial Sun - Maintenance free, season-long performance and handles stressful conditions well.

MARIGOLDS



Full Sun - Excellent garden performer under a wide range of conditions.

IMPATIENS



Shade, Partial Sun Shows many flowers in a traditional shade plant that is a low-maintenance, must-have plant for shade gardens.

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