



Cross Talk

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

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As we are leaning into the series called “We are Witnesses,” I have taken the time to be more aware of how I am seeing Christ work in and through Greensburg UMC. The bulletin reflects this readily. I do not know about you, but in these past 3 months, the engagement in service with our neighbors has skyrocketed. Treasure after treasure of Good Work that God prepared in advance for Greensburg UMC is opening – do you see it?

- Plants as a sustainable food source for the community.
- Beds for children who have not had one.
- Handing out over 200,000 pounds of food in Akron
- Lifting up students and scouts in their endeavors as they grow in Christ and share in experiences so they can know Christ better
- Community Conversations to discuss environment and climate and working with students in our community to do so
- Reestablishing hospitality through greeting and connecting
- GUM Club Children’s Ministry growing through Messy Church
- Fellowship opportunities to love and connect
- Coffee and Conversation that builds community and trust in one another—leaning on shared values even though perspectives may be different
- Finding confidence in prayer that God will provide

As Greensburg UMC, we are choosing to celebrate a life not by titles but by labors. To celebrate the good fruit of transformation – this becomes the story of Greensburg UMC. So, celebrate the ripples that radiate out from one life and intersect with many others.

This is a celebration of community, the village that it takes to raise a child or make a disciple. That’s how we raise those who have gone before (not physically, but in terms of influence). Those who were mentored now mentor others; in so doing, we say to the one who has gone before, “Get up!” Maybe it isn’t as dramatic as Resurrection, but it’s important, all the same.

So, let these next months be one of celebration of community. Look beyond your pastor – because I am one of many ministers in our church. Find someone to thank, someone who might have been overlooked—perhaps the nursery workers, both those who serve now and those who have served in the past. Celebrate kitchen workers, or cleaners, VBS team, children’s leaders or directors and volunteers of student ministries. It is a good time to say “thank you” to those who have helped to raise up disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Rev. Katie Osier



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Abby Kuwatch
Lennon Lawson
Shannon Miller
- 4 Jan Babbo
Madison Lawson
- 7 Lydia Corle
Amanda Sopher
- 8 Clarence Moore
- 10 Carol Moore
Kristina Rossiter
- 11 LB Keller
Alyssa Laterza
- 12 Tim Jones
- 17 Kristen Booth
- 21 Connie Leonard
- 23 Maylee Lawson
- 24 Jeffery Hayat
Margo Holmes
- 25 Connor Prater
- 26 Sharley Greer

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you so much for my basket of treats! I love it and cannot wait to snack on it while I study for finals!

~Paige Rossiter

A college gal is thankful! (YUM) I will surely enjoy these goodies and think of you all!! Thank you GUMC.

~ Carly Rossiter

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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Please join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:30pm in the library. We look forward to seeing you!

Dana Stevens,
Pres. UMW

SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Due to holidays and the transition of pastors, One Board has decided to make 4 special Sundays as 1 service each. All services will be in the Sanctuary.

Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Sunday, May 22: 10 AM Service in the Sanctuary, followed by Reception for the Osier Family in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 29: 10 Am Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, July 3: 10 AM Service in the Sanctuary—Welcoming Rev. Harlen Rife and family

Sunday, July 10: 10 AM Service in the Sanctuary, followed by Reception for the Rife Family in the Fellowship Hall

CELEBRATE REV. KATIE AND FAMILY

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 22nd. You are invited to come, say goodbye and share your stories with Rev. Katie, Eric, Ryan & Emma. There will be one service at 10 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall, where we will eat cake and wish them well.

Your SPR Committee



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Nick & Amanda Sopher
- 18 John & Lori Myers
- 21 Craig & Carolyn Chaffinch
- 25 LB & Shelly Keller

FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
March 2022	\$ 15,240.11	\$ 23,202.03	\$ 22,532.50
Year to Date	\$ 56,583.54	\$ 72,991.32	\$ 74,734.00
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
March 2022	\$ 1,488.80	\$ 1,901.19	\$ 80,583.62

FAMILY AND CHILDREN MINISTRY: MESSY CHURCH AND GUM CLUB!

Wowie Wow Wow the year is almost over! We are so pleased to announce that G.U.M. Club has grown this year from 6 kids at the beginning to 16 kids!! Amazing! Thank you kids for coming and parents/grandparents for bringing them. It has been our privilege to teach the children each week, and even better, to get to know them and for everyone to develop new relationships and friendships. God is good!

We have been learning each week about how good our God is. Now, in our last month, we will learn that “when life is good ... God is good!” We will learn about Jesus’ Ascension and about how He gives us all amazing and unique gifts.

Here is our Schedule for MAY:

May 1 Normal G.U.M Club

May 8 Last Messy Church. We will be letting the children help plan this Messy Church so think of some suggestions you might want to learn about and/or activities you would like to do. We will be outside weather permitting.

May 15 Last official morning of G.U.M. Club. We will be letting the kids take home their Bible’s this day. We are so proud of them and how quickly they have learned to use and read their Bibles.

May 22 If you haven’t heard yet, our wonderful Rev Katie will be moving on to a new church this summer. This day will be all about celebrating her and the amazing work she has done for our church. More information will be available soon, but we hope you can join in the celebration!

We have had such a great time at G.U.M. Club that we don’t want the fun to end! We will be planning some pop-up Messy Church events over the summer (including a puppet magic show), so be on the look out for the newsletter and our Facebook Group for more information. Also, please join us for Monumental VBS July 31-August 4 from 6-8pm. Miss Amy is back for another year as Director. Registration is now open online at www.vbsproevents/p/greensburgunitedmc Thank you for a great year of learning and fun! See you this summer and next August when G.U.M Club returns!

Miss Amy, Miss Beth, Pastor David

STUDENT MINISTRY

We have some exciting events planned for May and the youth and friends are invited.

Thursday, May 5 @ 6 PM Community Conversation - Fellowship Hall

Open to all ages, this discussion will be centered on the environment. Your voice matters in this since the earth is your future. Invite friends and family to see how we can put our hearts together to help our planet.



Weekend of May 6 - Doctor Strange and the Multiverse of Madness

Bring your calendars this weekend so we can determine the best time to go see this crazy movie together.

SATURDAY, May 14 @ 2 - 4 PM Student Ministry Family Fun Zone

Last student evening gathering with Rev. Katie (minus Youth Annual Conference). Come and celebrate at Family Fun Zone.. One round of golf, one round of go karts and an ice cream cone is covered for every student that afternoon. If you want to do anything additional, please bring extra money. Friends are welcome to come.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our youth! Andrea Rossiter and Marilyn Nibling

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!

BED BRIGADE!! - Come Saturday, May 21 from 9 am to 12 pm to participate in this new ministry.

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

Come to UMW on Thursday, May 19th @ 3:30 PM

Engage with Messy Church or Student Ministries on May 8 by participating or volunteering

VBS Volunteers needed and Registration opens May 1st!

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

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

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT



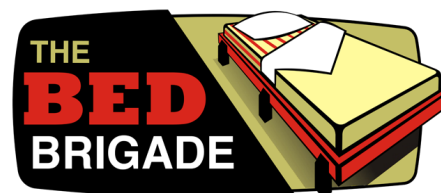
How much are environmental regulation, gas pipelines, roundabouts and tornadoes costing your pocketbook and peace of mind? Without a doubt, weather is changing, and meanwhile efforts to reduce pollution are affecting the way we drive, dispose of our garbage and even wash the slime that grows on our houses. Let's talk about the future of our environment, our weather and our lifestyles. What do we need to do to protect ourselves, the children and our community? Join us in a community conversation, sponsored by Greensburg United Methodist Church, at 6 p.m. Thursday May 5. We'll have food and beverage available. For planning purposes, please email Doug Oplinger if you would like to attend. oplingerdoug@gmail.com

MAY MISSION FOCUS: BED BRIGADE

FIRST BED BUILD AND PREPARATION: SATURDAY, MAY 21 @ 9 AM TO 12 N IN THE GYM

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 and 15 beds given out to struggling families in Canton 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!
- Bring in your donation board for things you can contribute to the beds.
- \$1000 is needed to be raised to create 10 beds. You can donate financially toward the Bed Build (Checks made to Greensburg UMC, note: Bed Brigade or you can make a donation through VANCO online)
- Come to the Gym on May 21. You do NOT need to know about power tools or how to put them together. You are simply needed to come and support through packaging bedding together or designing the head boards or praying or volunteering to drop off a bed to a family. And, yes, we will need persons to put beds together and get the system going. All ages welcome and needed.



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.



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!



LOVE, ENGAGE, and SERVE

2022 VBS IS GOING TO BE MONUMENTAL!

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 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!



Love, Engage, Serve...
... in Action!

