



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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Greetings friends and family of Greensburg UMC

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity through gifts, cards, prayers, and love. Our family has been humbled by the extended love you have shown our family during this daunting time. From friends coming to water plants, mow the lawn, and care for the kids to greeting cards and gift cards galore so we did not have to worry about a single meal, your love poured through and is deeply appreciated. The Osier family journey through this could not have been possible without you! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

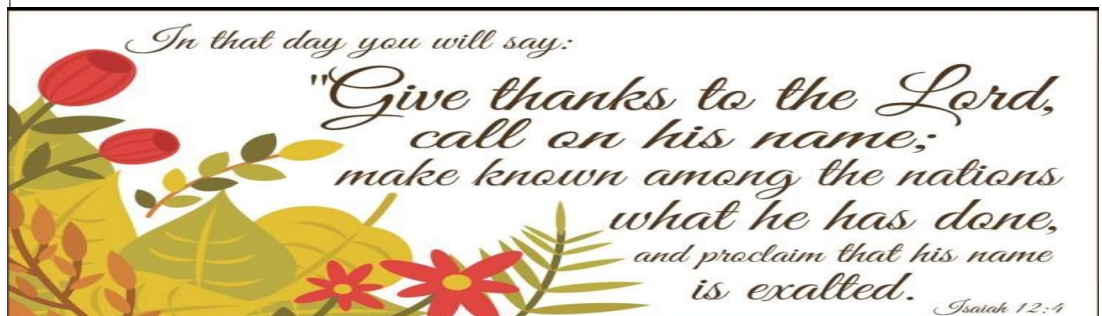
My recovery journey continues. Having been through 3 different abdominal surgeries in less than a month's time, my body has been "through the ringer." It is hard to believe I could not walk 3 steps alongside my bed just weeks ago. Thankfully, rehab helped me get back on my feet and working back to better health. I continue with physical therapy at home, now, to strengthen and build up endurance so I can return. Walking and breathing while walking is improving. I only have need to use my walking stick for long distances. This will be a work in progress and a springboard for better health. As I learned from Shelly Keller's workout group, "I am stronger today than I was yesterday." It serves as a reminder to push forward, centered in the grace of Jesus Christ.

I know many have asked when my return will be. Currently, I have my sight on Sunday, November 29 (Advent 1). In talking with Rev. Dave Gilbert, I may come a Sunday or two prior to assist to see how I will do for a full service. In the meantime, my primary focus is continue to get my health back in gear: rest, recover, and build endurance.

Finally, thank you to the leadership of Greensburg UMC – to staff, to One Board, and to ReLaunch. Their leadership through this has been astounding. God blesses this church with amazing leadership to allow God's vision for this church to unfold. Also, an equal thank you to Rev. Dave Gilbert for taking the lead in the pulpit and congregational care. You are a gift to this community – thank you!

Love in Christ to you all! Hope to see you soon!

Rev. Katie, Eric, Ryan, and Emma Osier





1 Liz Brenneman
John Campbell
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4 Kelsey Carpenter

6 Abigail Dimengo
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11 Kaitlyn Hawkins

12 Nolan Kocsis

13 Bill Spurrier

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23 Denny
Dieffenbaugher

28 Kayley Hayat
Bridget Jones
Suzanne Lindahl

30 Juliette Campbell
Denise Clay
John Clay
Jacque Miller
Caleb Smesko



16 Terry & Betsy Renninger

21 Scott & Beverly Waseman

28 Jason & Tara Beamish

RELAUNCH COMMITTEE—

If you are anything like me, I am getting tired of hearing about covid 19 and want to get back to my normal life. I am tired of wearing masks, not hugging people, and making sure that I am going down the aisle in the correct direction at Giant Eagle. I want to get back in the church to worship and have fellowship with my Church family as I did before the pandemic.

The Relaunch Committee has been busy trying to open up the church as quickly and safely as possible. Our main goal is to make sure that we reopen the church as responsible as possible. We are looking at CDC, state, and local authorities for guidance. This is a slow process so we ask everyone's patience.

To date we have been able to do the following:

We have moved from our Sunday parking lot service to indoor services. The contemporary service is located in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00. The traditional service is in the Sanctuary at 11:00. We will continue to Livestream the contemporary service. We are working on a solution to broadcast the traditional service. Once we work out the technical issues, we will let everyone know.

We have opened up the church office. We are asking that people call and setup an appointment instead of just stopping in. We are being respectful of the Loving Hands Preschool and want to make sure we can properly social distance and not interfere with their program.

Loving Hands Preschool is open. Shannon has done a great job making sure that we are following CDC, state, and local guidelines to keep the kids safe.

Green Good Neighbors are open and able to serve our community. They have made some modifications to their procedures and workspace to keep the volunteers and people they serve as safe as possible.

The following are items that the Relaunch Committee is working on:

Childcare during the services - We know there are some people that need childcare during the services. We are looking at spaces that we can use close to the services. We are hoping to have something in place sometime in the month of November.

Adult Sunday School - We are starting to work with the leaders of the classes to come up with a good solution. We don't have any news to report at this time but wanted to let everyone know we are working on this.

Children's Sunday School - We do not intend to start Sunday School before January. We are beginning to plan how to start up Sunday School in 2021. There will be more news shortly.

We are working with outside groups that use our church but at this time are not allowing them to come in until we accommodate all of our church groups.

Please keep the Relaunch Committee in your prayers as they continue to do this important work for our church family. I know that there are additional groups that I have not mentioned in this article that have needs such as the youth group, UMW, AARP, Scouts, etc. We are working diligently and will make announcements as we open up the church to more activities.

God Bless,

Suzanne Lindahl - Relaunch Committee Member

FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
September 2020	\$ 17,807.56	\$ 20,024.07	\$ 20,238.08
Year to Date	\$182,521.29	\$199,596.46	\$ 220,706.72
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Pament	Loan Balance
September 2020	\$ 1,182.00	\$ 2624.10	\$112,529.75
BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW	Total Given	Pledged	Balance Available
As of 9/30/2020	\$ 247,162.62	\$ 233,143.96	\$ 41,135.85

LETTER FROM GREEN GOOD NEIGHBORS

Our Christmas give-a-way, on December 8, is fast approaching. We will not be able to provide as many gifts to the children because of the pandemic causing shortages in people that will provide gifts. We will have some names if anyone is willing to buy gifts for a child. If you do not want to buy gifts, I have some volunteers that are willing to go out and purchase gifts with store gift cards that you purchase from any of the stores such as Walmart, Target, Marc, etc. The volunteers will go shopping for you. Call me for a name of a child or give me the store gift cards in the beginning of November.

During the month of December, we will be giving each family grocery cards to buy their Christmas food. I need cards with the value of \$5.00, \$10.00, or \$25.00. Most of our clients go to either Giant Eagle or Acme but we will take it from any store. Grocery cards need to be in by the end of November.

Thank you,

Pat Stiles

330-896-3425

Caring Team needs volunteers

We are in need of more people who would be willing to visit someone once a month, or to make a few phone calls to see how people are doing and possibly send notes or cards. Volunteers are Needed and welcomed!

Please call Liz at 330.212.2209 if you are interested.

New additions to the Caring List: Joe & Janice Conley, Dale Palmer, Velma Lopez and Lois Witsaman

Also, if anyone knows where Sarah Copeland has moved to please call the church office.

Blessings from your Care Team,

Carol Baab, Liz Brenneman, Becky Dando, Betty Gross, Janice Hackathorn, Carol Kramer, Jill Lehman, Roger Martin, Marilyn Mackasek and Sue Wendling.

Love Offering

Do you love and appreciate our church's dedicated staff members? We would like to show all of our wonderful staff members, how much we appreciate everything they do! Especially during this pandemic, they have all found creative ways to enhance our Christian lives while being unable to meet the way we are used to gathering. We ask for this 'Love Offering' each year, as a way to express our gratitude to our church staff members, for their commitment to GUMC and doing God's work. If you would like to contribute, please mark your offering as 'Love Offering' and return it to GUMC. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important offering to show appreciation to our fantastic church staff!

Thank you,

Greensburg UMC One Board

Thank you and Condolences

To Everyone at Greensburg UMC,

Thank you so much for the generous donation to us for material. This will make it possible for the band to play indoors this year. We appreciate your kindness and generosity! Thanks again!

Sincerely, Jean Hedrick, President of the Green Band Boosters

Condolences Extended to the Yarborough Family

Aline went home to be with the Lord on September 29th, 2020 peacefully surrounded by her family. Aline was 93 years young.

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Communication from:

Choir Director—Brian Lawson

We are happy to be back in the building for Worship, but it looks like it could still be a while before the choir is back singing, so we are looking for Special Music for the 11:00am Sunday Service. It could be soloists, duets or instrumentalists. If you would like to be our special music, we would love to have you share your talent with our congregation. Contact Brian Lawson at brian.lawson@greensburgumc.net, if you would be interested.

Church Bookkeeper-Margo Holmes

Over the past few years the use of the standard contribution envelopes has changed for many in our congregation. While the pre-printed envelopes remain very important for the proper posting of your giving, some of you may already have a stock of unused envelopes even before the 2021 replenishment. After being unable to meet in person during the Covid-19 year, some have changed their giving to once a month or have converted to the online giving option through Vanco or their own financial institution. We also have additional stock from previous years. In our efforts to reduce un-necessary spending, these changes have become very apparent.

Therefore our solution is to provide either “12-month only” stickers for self-application to those who wish to continue their contributions on a monthly basis. Or, if you remain a weekly giver, we will happily supply the standard 52 week pre-printed envelopes. If you would send me an email stating your preference to margo.holmes@greensburgumc.net or give us a call into the church office at 330.896.1936, we can begin preparing for the new year of 2021.

Administrative Assistant-Pam Moore

It is official. We have changed the mailing address of the church and the Trustees have hung our new mailbox. Please begin to use our Official mailing address as: Greensburg UMC 2161 Greensburg Rd North Canton, OH 44720. Thank You!
