



Cross Talk

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

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Issac Watts penned beautiful hymns. One of my favorites is *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. Between the majesty of the ever increasing swells of the music and the deep, endearing words, it bears the weight of this side of Resurrection. The hymn serves a reminder of what we are experiencing now—the loss of what we may consider the richest gains, our pride, the charms of “normal life.” And grief pours in as loss is experienced.

Yet, this hymn redirects attention to what matters most: Christ’s sacrifice. And to what end? Because the overflowing and overwhelming love of God for God’s creation could not condemn the world, but instead saves it—heals it. This sacrifice is above and beyond anything that can be comprehended or conceived. Instead, it is an act of love that can only be undertaken by God.

May our focus center on Christ in these days to come as the journey leads to an enclosed, dark, tomb—as we shelter in, just as the disciples did, behind doors wondering what will come next. And as we do, be reminded of the promises Jesus gave the disciples—Jesus will return, and with Him, new life! With every Good Friday and Holy Saturday, there is always an Easter!

Love, Grace and Peace in Christ, Rev. Katie Osier

*When I survey the wondrous cross
Oh which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood
See from his dead, his hands,
His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!*

*Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Where the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my fire, my all.*



**If you would like added to our newsletter birthday and/or anniversary calendar contact the office.*

- 4 Robert Milhoan**
- 5 Amy Prater**
- 6 Matt Lawson**
Reese Lipscomb
- 7 Hugh Shahan**
- 12 Lisa Nicol**
- 13 Gracie Langenfeld**
Marilyn Mackasek
- 14 Josh Dimengo**
Karen Hodges
- 17 Roger Martin**

- 20 Kaitlyn Schleis**
- 21 Kathy Jones**
- 22 Ashleigh Keller**
- 23 Emma Nibling**
- 25 Brent Kuwatch**
- 26 Hazel Trinko**



- 4 Mitch & Kristen Booth**
- 5 Hugh & Fay Shahan**
- 8 Gary & Brenda Cook**

WORSHIP

Worship will continue online, Sundays at 10 am. You can access worship through the church website or the church Facebook page. Services are being recorded and being placed on CD and DVD to share with those who would like them. Please contact the office number if you would like to have recordings.

An online worship order has also been added to the website so you can participate. Click on the worship link. Then, look to the right sidebar. There is a worship order AND a children's page to help them listen to the service. You can print these ahead of time or you can use them on your electronic device.

As time goes on, and orders are lifted, leaders will be working towards a drive-in worship service to start. The congregation will be notified through the website, email, Facebook page, and phone calls.

DISCIPLESHIP FOR ALL AGES

The church website provides a variety of resources to help with discipleship for all ages.

Children:

Each Monday, a video post by one of our members will provide a quick lesson. The first two will focus on Palm Sunday and Easter. Following Easter, the videos will follow the curriculum sent out April 6. There will be two levels

Grades PK through 2: Children's Clip on Hide and Seek

Grades 3 through 6: Children's Clip on Gross Me Out

Families can follow along and use the Buzz cards for extra enrichment during the week.

Youth and Adults:

Various links have been listed to aid in connecting persons to spiritual growth. If you would like an Upper Room, please contact the church office number and it will be mailed to you.

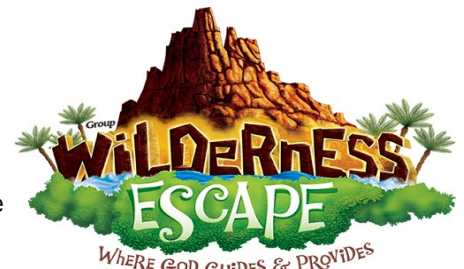
Families:

Family Dinner Live on Wednesdays at 6 PM is a fun gathering time to check in, share in a meal, laugh, connect, and pray. You can use Zoom to join the group or you can also connect through Facebook Live on Greensburg UMC Facebook Page. The link will also be made available through the website. The Zoom Meeting ID is 330-656-6460. Please contact Rev. Katie Osier for the password that is now required.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, August 2—Thursday, August 6 | 6:00—8:00 pm | \$5 per student
Register Today: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/greensburgunitedmethodist>

Good Morning! I hope everyone is safe and healthy. No matter what we face in this time of uncertainty, anxiety, and fear, we have to believe and claim God's promises to each of us. Our VBS Wilderness Escape is focused on 5 of those promises that comfort us today: God is with us, so - trust God! God gives us what we need, so - trust God! Give gives us strength, so - trust God! God saves us, so trust God! God guides us, so -trust God! Registration for children 3 years (must be bathroom trained) through those starting 6th grade this fall is open. To register, please go to the link above. Thank you, Beth



Please contact the church office (330.896.1936) to be part of these teams to aid the church and community.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION TEAMS

Time Expectation: 4 to 5 phone calls each week (roughly 1 call per day)

In order to help keep in contact with one another, groups are being formed to make phones calls to connect each other in community. This will require about 5 to 7 leaders who are willing to make 4 to 5 calls per week to talk with some of our members and regular attenders in our congregation. This goes above and beyond the amazing work the Care Team is providing during this season.

MAKING MASKS

Time Expectation: Depending upon needs and abilities

The city is collecting homemade masks to be used by hospitals and local first responders. The directions are listed on the city website (<https://www.cityofgreen.org/588/COVID-19>). If you are interested in making masks or if you want to help fund fabric and supplies, please contact the church office.

FOOD DELIVERY

Time Expectation: Based on expressed need. Roughly 1 hour for 1 trip.

The church is beginning work with the city to expand assistance for those feeling uncomfortable going out to shop for groceries. Some have already offered to step forward to help with delivery. If any of you would like to offer your services to getting groceries and delivering them, please notify the church.

The other part of this process is also creating a financial base to go ahead and pay for groceries, then give the option to the family requesting grocery delivery to reimburse the church. If you can help finance the shopping project, please send donations to the church or online through Vanco marked Food Delivery.

When the system is set up, you will be notified of next steps.

LAWN CARE

Time Expectation: Roughly 2-3 hours one or two times per month (if many sign up, less)

Bring your own mowers or use the ride mower and push mower at the church to mow the front and sides of the church, and preschool playground. The church is creating a schedule for mowing once a week starting after Easter. At most, one person will mow two times per month. If you need trained on the riding mower at the church, please let the church know.

FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
February 2020	\$ 22,754.58	\$ 27,364.63	\$ 31,261.08
Year to Date	\$ 42,015.42	\$ 50,322.88	\$ 57,186.16
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
February 2020	\$ 3,712.00	\$ 2624.10	\$124,272.12
BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW	Total Given	Pledged	Balance Available
As of 3/31/2020	\$245,969.62	\$233,143.96	\$ 40,405.15



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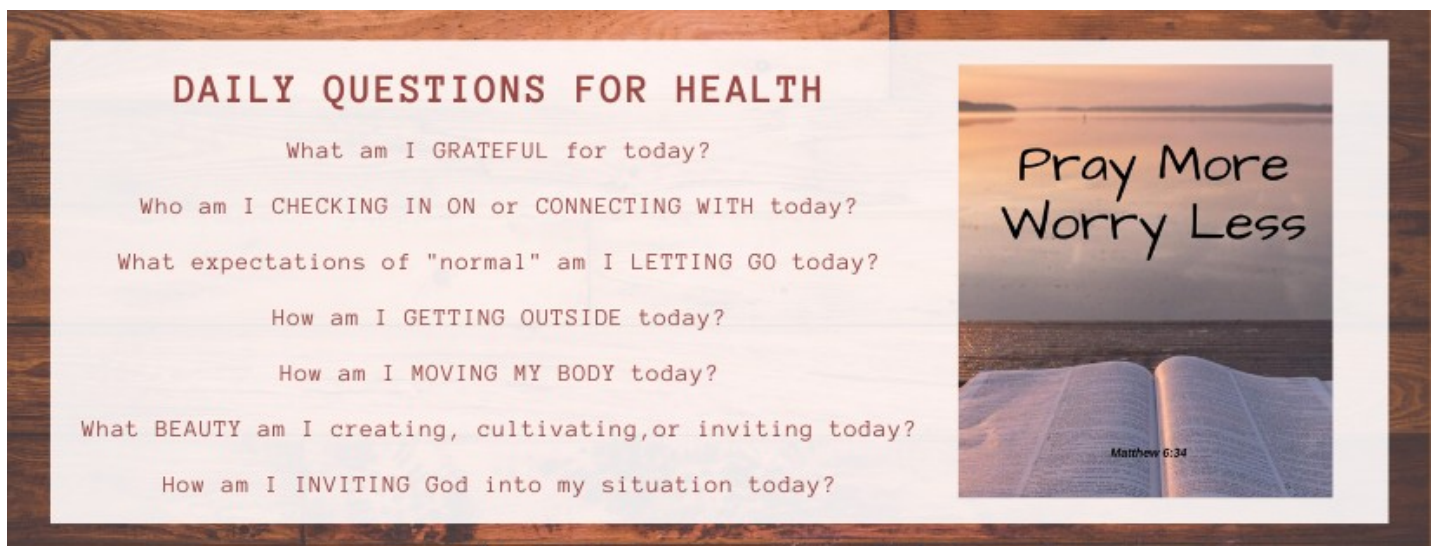
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RESOURCES

For up to date information, please check out the church website and Facebook Page. Rev. Katie will be posting updates each Friday for the week ahead.

The City of Green website (<https://www.cityofgreen.org/588/COVID-19>) also provides excellent resources, connections for assistance, and ways to help the community.



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