



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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As September is before us, it is time to recapture the mission and vision in this nook of the body of Christ. Greensburg UMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We do so by inviting our neighbors to know Jesus Christ by engaging in acts of service. Transformation is what the world longs for at this time. What a gift the church has to offer. And there are a variety of ways through which this happens.



Ministry leaders are working now to connect with persons for choir, bells, children, and student ministries. This becomes a season of invitation and engaging others in ministry. Who can you invite? Who can you encourage to share in this venture together?

The most encouraging words that have been spoken to me as of late from a variety of places and people are ones I want to share with you.

“I believe God has more to do at Greensburg UMC!”

Yes, yes, and again, yes! This is the truth. I invite you to come and see what God is doing and continues to do through the beauty of various opportunities here at Greensburg UMC.

Not only that... if you have a nudge to bring along some neighbors and start something new, do not hesitate. Come and share your vision. God works through all of us. God has equipped all of us to do marvelous things to transform the world through Jesus Christ.

Rev. Katie Osier

GIVE IT FORWARD SUNDAY - AUGUST 29, 2021

Can you imagine the possibilities in ministry God has before Greensburg UMC? Ministries would include families of all ages, shapes, and sizes, people hungry to know God’s word, and places for transformation of heart, mind, and life. These ministries are before us.

Every 5th Sunday brings in an extra week of income to support current ministries and those to come. Why not stake a claim in saying we believe God has good work for Greensburg UMC to do?

You are invited to take up the give it forward challenge on Sunday, August 29 via the offering box or plate, or through Vanco online. This gift will go directly to the general ministry fund of the church, unless designated elsewhere. Your added generosity does make a difference!

Please prayerfully consider giving it forward on August 29. I look forward to celebrating together in the potential growth that can be discovered through our shared generosity!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Eva Lane
Vince Lehman
- 3 Curtis Corle
James Schweikert
- 4 Ed Hackathorn
Lucy Scott
- 5 Betty Gross
- 6 Ann Hartong
Leo Sing
- 7 JoAnn Rossiter
- 8 Bonnie Kocsis
- 10 Joe Conley
Michael Hodges
- 12 Diana Langenfeld
- 14 Ben Lawson
- 15 Carol Baab
Jude Lawson
- 16 Brad Laterza
- 20 Chase Borland
- 21 Chuck Borland
- 24 William Fosnight
Elaina Waseman
- 25 Carly Rossiter
- 26 Pauline Bittner
Josefina Hetson
- 27 Janice Conley
- 29 Lori Myers
- 30 Bill Dando
- 31 Maela Harp



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Michael & Karen Hodges
- 7 Doug & Diane Oplinger
- 8 Chuck & Char Borland
- 16 Clarence & Carol Moore
- 26 Bud & Sharley Greer

THANK YOUS

Dear Greensburg UMC,

Thank you for the scholarship and the gifts in celebrating my graduation. The church has helped me grow in my faith. I am excited about starting at Youngstown University. It is good to know that the church will hold me in prayer. Thank you!

Sincerely, Natalie Dando

Dear GUMC,

Thank you for the generous back to school gift card! I adore my job at LHP and feel so lucky to be a part of this amazing place! Looking forward to another super year!

Libby Marks, Green Room

GUMC,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful card and Amazon gift card. I am so fortunate to work at the church. I am looking forward to another great school year! Thanks again!

Shannon Belaney, Orange Room

Dear GUMC,

Thanks for all of the gifts you got me. I'm glad to finally be a real member of this church and that cake was also super good.

Sincerely, Eric Dando

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

Meet at the Church Pavilion

CHOIR AND BELLS TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

With an eye to COVID numbers, the hope is to resume choir and bells on Wednesday, September 8—bells at 6:30 and choir at 7:30 pm. This is an opportunity for all persons, those new and experienced, to come and offer their gifts and talents to praise God. All you need is a heart for celebrating and worshipping God—the rest will come.

For more information, contact Betty Gross (betty.gross@greensburgumc.net) for Bells and Brian Lawson (brian.lawson@greensburgumc.net) for Choir.

FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
July 2021	\$ 17,243.05	\$ 27,265.36	\$ 24,819.40
Year to Date	\$ 134,719.73	\$168,115.02	\$182,274.34
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
July 2021	\$ 1,373.80	\$ 1,901.19	\$ 93,943.57

FAMILY MINISTRY: MESSY CHURCH!

Starting September 12, children's Sunday School will begin once more. This year, the 10 am hour will look a little different and very exciting!

2nd Sundays: Messy Church is a Christ centered program for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality, celebration, and yes—a little mess. This is hands on fun (Bible stories, games, crafts, puppetry, music, videos and more) for ALL families—especially those with children in Grades K-6. Oh—and there will be a snack!

The remaining Sundays will be a Sunday School classroom for children led by Miss Amy, Miss Beth, and Pastor David, reemphasizing the lesson presented at Messy Church. Other adult Sunday School classes will be offered during this time for adults and teens.

COVID plans are in place. While the weather is nice, Messy Church will be outside on the field by the pavilion: volunteers will be masked, participants' masking is optional. When going indoors, we will be in the Fellowship Hall, spaced out and everyone masked.

Letters are going out to families in the next week. Invite a neighbor or friend. Messy Church and the children's Sunday School will be an exciting adventure this year! If you want to get a better idea of Messy Church, check out the video at

<https://youtu.be/ipsmG7BTGgo>

Also, contact Amy Dvorak (advorak102@gmail.com) to volunteer for this new venture!

STUDENT MINISTRY**WHIRLYBALL and McDonalds**

Sunday, September 12 @ 3:00-7:00 PM

Cost: Bring \$ for McDonalds for dinner and mask for car ride

Friends are welcome. Advance sign up is required. Meet at church to travel to Bedford Heights for Whirlyball, then dinner at McDonalds. Please check out youth emails for more information. You will need to bring the student forms for the year to participate. Also, bring a mask for the car ride.

STUDENT HANGOUT AND GET TO KNOW YOU

Sunday, September 19 @ 5:00–7:00 PM

Cost: Bring a dessert to share

Pizza dinner provided that night. Friends are welcome. We will be getting to know one another, getting ideas for the year, and playing games.

MINUTE TO WIN IT—and you will win something!!!

Sunday, September 26 @ 5:00–7:00 PM

Cost: Bring a 2 liter or gallon of your favorite drink (please, no milk or milk type products)

Taco dinner provided that night. Get ready to get your game on as we compete for the title of the most skilled person at weird games.

CANVAS PAINTING: SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 @ 10 AM

All ages are welcome to a time of reflection and painting at the Pavilion on Sunday, Aug 29. All supplies will be provided, along with snacks.

The focus will be on the Sermon Series Question of the week: Where does it hurt? That does not limit artists to that question, but it provides a space and place to process hurt and healing in a unique way.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Jeff Nibling
David Witsaman
- 4 Colleen Flanders
- 7 Natalie Dando
Diane Oplinger
- 9 Jack Fuerst
Paula Vinciguerra
- 10 Christi Chaffinch
- 13 Tara Beamish
Michelle Snyder
- 14 Judy Hetzel
Roy Witsaman Sr.
- 19 Michael Scolaro
- 22 Sally Corle
- 26 Brenda Cook
Marleen Lehman
- 27 Terry Renninger
- 28 Suzi Lawson
- 29 Julia Nicol
Dara Terwilliger
- 30 Eric Osier
Lauren Rossiter

**SEPT ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Dennis & Pam
Dieffenbaugher
Ken & Evna Selbee
- 6 Denny & Ann Hartong
Kerry & Amy Prater
- 7 Doug & Diane Oplinger
- 12 Todd & Sue Wendling
- 14 Ben & Tara Lawson
- 17 Jeff & Marilyn Nibling
Mark & Donna Nicol
- 30 Brian & Suzi Lawson
Roger & Judy Martin

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

Participate in Give it Forward Sunday, August 29 by offering an additional gift to support the ministries and mission of Greensburg UMC

Participate in Canvas Painting Sunday, August 29 at 10 am at the Pavilion

Engage with Messy Church or Student Ministries starting September 12 by participating or volunteering

Sing in the choir and praise band, or ring bells to praise the Lord during worship

Participate in the Trex Plastic Recycling Challenge—drop off plastic and become a bag dropper

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
