



Cross Talk

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

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In praying and beginning preparation for the fall, various members have stated they want to know more of the nitty-gritty of the Bible. With this in mind, my wrestling has begun in considering different series that will help us, I pray, see and connect the salvific thread God has worked throughout the Word and into our day today.

What remains true is usually each story that may seem to linger in our minds from our lessons in Sunday School or sermons we have remembered happened during a time of failures, sin, struggle, injustice, and poverty—not unlike today. God created the Earth from chaotic waters. Noah and his family was saved from a world fallen too deep into sin. Abraham promised a multitude of generations even though his wife was barren in her old age. Joseph led Egypt and the surrounding areas out of famine. Moses led God’s people out of slavery. The list goes on and on. All of these movements are acts of God intervening in God’s own creation. All of these movements are for the glory of God and God’s love for all of creation.

What also appears to be true, the unsettling of what is the day to day opens the door for God’s created to be listeners, and in turn, become a people of action, setting aside their own “can do,” or even their “can’t do,” attitudes. Through God’s leading, what seems impossible becomes possible.

When you cannot do indoor worship, God provides everything for an outdoor worship. When you cannot lead a face to face VBS, God provides leaders to create an amazing virtual experience and the gifts and volunteers to put materials and bags together so families can participate. When the question of how to get 2 amazing ministries of the church to function to the best potential in the midst of the pandemic, leaders are willing to work together and use a building prepared for such a time as this. For Greensburg UMC, this is only the tip of the iceberg of what God has done and is doing.

Yet, there is still something saying there is more to hear, more for us to remember, more for us to realign and adjust to fully live out our vision: to invite our neighbors to know Jesus Christ by engaging in acts of service, for the transformation of the world. Continue to listen. Continue to look. This is a perfect point of time for a new part of the story to arise and come to life. Where is Greensburg UMC called to be part of this story?

NEW CHILDREN’S CLIPS HAVE BEGUN!

Keep a watch on the website and Facebook Page Mondays for the new series of Children’s Clips for our Children and Families.
Pre-K through 2nd Grade is Kerplunk!
Grade 3-6 is Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Each week features a different member of our congregation!
They can be enjoyed by all. Make sure to use the buzz cards @ home.





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

- 2— *Eva Lane*
Vince Lehman
- 3— *Curtis Corle*
James Schweikert
- 4— *Ed Hackathorn*
- 5— *Betty Gross*
- 6— *Ann Hartong*
- 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*
- 17— *Deborah Farkas*
- 20— *Chase Borland*
- 21— *Chuck Borland*
- 24— *Elaina Waseman*
Bill Fosnight
- 25— *Carly Rossiter*
Cindi McWhorter
- 26— *Josefina Hetson*
Pauline Bittner
- 27— *Janice Conley*
- 30— *Bill Dando*
- 31— *Maela Harp*



- 5— *Mike and Karen Hodges*
- 7— *Doug and Diane Oplinger*
- 8— *Chuck and Char Borland*
- 16— *Clarence and Carol Moore*
- 26— *Bud and Sharley Greer*

UPDATE ON RELAUNCH

A Congregational Survey just went out via email to households who have regularly attended in the 2019-2020 school year on July 30. Those who do not have email are being called directly. **The survey deadline is Sunday, August 9.** After that date, the survey will be closed and data analyzed and presented to ReLaunch on Thursday, August 13. The hope is that we can then make more concrete plans from that point forward.

You can help. Along with the preschool, the church will need hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, D Batteries (hand soap dispensers), and masks. Since these things are limited as to the amount people can purchase, your help in getting these items for the church, and its ministries, will be a huge help.

You can volunteer. This is the most crucial part to the ReLaunch—is persons stepping up to make the environment as safe as possible. Can you help by ushering, by cleaning off places after worship, by greeting people at the door? You can also help with recording the service, contacting persons who we have not seen in awhile, welcoming those who come for the first time, and so on.

In the meantime, ReLaunch has approved the use of the pavilion for small groups to meet. Group leaders will need to contact Pam Moore at the church office to set up times and have a written plan ready as to how they will manage their safety.

Contact the church office if you can help. Forward, together.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you to all who donated to the ministries that were featured for Love, Engage, Serve Month. You are still welcome to donate through Vanco or through the Offering Box on Sundays, marking where the donation is to go.



To My GUMC Family

Thank you to all for the many prayers, cards, and phone calls offered up to the Lord for my family at the sudden loss of my sister, Mary Imogene Bettler. She had a wonderful life of 95 years, her ministry of piano music in many churches was truly God’s blessing.

Thank you, also, to Rev. Katie and her comforting message to our family during this time.

Betty Gross and Larry Bettler Family

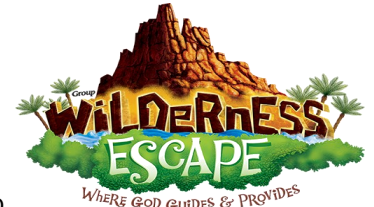
FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
June 2020	\$15,507.82	\$ 25,449.64	\$ 22,676.08
Year to Date	\$120,481.97	\$136,775.04	\$ 150,300.48
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
June 2020	\$ 1,116.00	\$ 2624.10	\$119,589.59
BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW	Total Given	Pledged	Balance Available
As of 6/30/2020	\$ 246,932.62	\$ 233,143.96	\$ 40,905.85

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

VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 2-6, 2020

GUMC is pleased to announce a new VBS adventure. This year's experience will focus on families. God declares in Deuteronomy that family units are important for passing to their children the knowledge and love of God. Here is how the week will work:



Saturday, Aug 1, 9 –11 am: Designated VBS Kits for homes will be made available for pick up at Greensburg UMC

Sunday - Thursday, Aug 2-6: Tune in online, at your convenience, for instructions and lessons for the day.

Thank you to Tara Beamish, Natalie Dando, Amy Dvorak, Ann Hartong, Emma Nibling for their contributions and help for the week. Thank you for all who have donated financially and prayerfully and are participating. A huge thank you goes out to Beth and Dave Weyrick for the leading, filming, and finishing work needed to create an amazing week of Vacation Bible School. This is one not to miss. Feel free to check it out via the website, Facebook, and YouTube (Greensburg UMC).

GREEN GOOD NEIGHBORS SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



Whether online or in person, school begins the week of August 23 for our area families. Green Good Neighbors does the good work of making sure students go back prepared as best as possible. To assist in their efforts, Green Good Neighbors are asking for financial donations for further purchase. You are welcome to send or bring a check to the church or donate through Vanco (through the website) and mark it for Good Neighbors. Thank you for supporting your community!



LOVING HANDS PRESCHOOL UPDATE—TOUR APPOINTMENTS NOW OPEN

Loving Hands Preschool has their eyes set on the fall and plans needed to make the school year successful, healthy, and wonderful for the students and families. Tours are now open by appointment for families who have children seeking an excellent Preschool. Those interested can call the church office or email Shannon Miller, LHPS director, at smiller1950@sbcglobal.net.

HOW YOU CAN HELP LHPS

You can also help Loving Hands Preschool by donating the following: **Clorox wipes, bleach, paper towels, D Batteries, and Kleenex.** These can be dropped off at worship in the marked bin, by the offering stand, starting Sunday, July 12. Your help is greatly appreciated as they prepare to create the safest place possible for their teachers and students. Thank you!

IN PERSON FAMILY DINNER LIVE AND VIRTUAL—STARTING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 @ 6 PM

Family Dinner Live is coming to the Greensburg UMC pavilion starting Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00 pm. Each week will have its own theme and activity. They will be geared to work together as a family as well as interact with one another in friendly competition and conversation from our tables. 5 Family Spot will be available in August on a first come reservation basis, with the hope to expand in September. Each Wednesday will also go live on GUMC's Facebook page.

Families who sign up, bring a picnic dinner as well as place settings for your family. Tables will be marked with plastic coverings and name plates for your family. We ask families come masked, and when moving remain masked. While seated, masks can be removed. There will be 2 hand washing stations and sanitizer available. Please have your family use the bathroom before coming, as the bathrooms will be emergency only.

If there is inclement weather, we will cancel the in-person by noon that Wednesday, but still go live online. Those who have reservations will be notified directly. If you are unable to come for whatever reason, please go back to the sign up and make the change or notify Rev. Katie. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Katie Osier (rev.katie.osier@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing your family!

Sign up today by going to this Sign Up Genius platform. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094faaa823a2fd0-family1>
All families of all shapes and sizes are welcome!

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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.

STUDENT MINISTRY @ GREENSBURG UMC—GRADES 6-12

Plans are in motion for a couple activities for August and September. Be on the lookout for emails. They include:

More than a Hashtag

A 4 week study on Justice, starting on Zoom—August 11 at 7 pm. Yes, there will be games and discussion... and hopefully action on our part as followers of Jesus Christ.

Green Family Fun Zone

Since this was well received last year, we are looking into go-karting at Green Family Fun Zone. Date TBD.

Family V Family Service Road Rally

Yes there will be prizes for the top 3 families, as well as a social distanced watch party of highlights. **Save Sunday, August 30 for the Family V Family Service Road Rally.** Details to come.

Hope to see you soon! We will also be gearing up for our Student Ministries in person gatherings as part of Wednesday nights, meeting from 7-8 PM. This will start in September, with our Road Rally watch night as our kickoff.

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