



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

In taking a moment and reflecting upon the year, Greensburg UMC has been faithfully working towards loving, engaging, and serving our neighbors. I am grateful to be part of a group of God's people who are dedicated to this endeavor. Thank you for extending your gifts and passions on behalf of Jesus Christ to assist in the transformation of the world.

Rev. Katie Osier



“God was not in the dazzling firestorms and earthquakes. God was in the thin silence that whispers to all of us, ‘My child, I’ve been waiting for you with outstretched arms.’”

Dangerous Wonder, Michael Yaconelli



~February Birthdays~

- 2 Gina Laterza
- 4 Charles Hackathorn
- 5 Bethany Calaway
- 7 Reese Cowgar
- 10 Caleb Smesko
- 14 Jim Kocsis
- 18 Ryan Osier
- 23 Ashley Hamrick
- 24 Kelsey Moore
Kyle Schwertfeger
- 25 Jaclyn Oplinger
- 26 Gary McLaughlin
- 28 Cassidy Calaway

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



~February Anniversaries~

- 4 Bob & Pam Milhoan

WITH GRATITUDE

I have now been involved with visiting the shut-ins twice with teens from GUMC's Student Ministries' group. The experience has been amazing. I love to see church members that have not been able to attend services for awhile to catch up on what they are doing now and I especially love to see the interactions that the youth have with our elders during these visits.

I know that the students have really enjoyed going on these visits and they always ask when they are going to be able to do it again. I vividly remember when we went to visit Fred Susick and he really bonded with one off our youth, Nick, over Cleveland Indian's baseball. Fred talked to him for at least 30 minutes and at the end of our visit, he offered Nick his Cleveland Indian's hat. That was a great afternoon.

- Andrea Rossiter



Summer Camp is Coming! What do you need this summer?

- *Friendship and Laughter
- *Praise and Worship
- *Exploring and Relaxing
- *Horses and Nature
- *Spiritual Growth
- *Challenge and Skills
- *Fun and Adventure

There is something **special** for you and your family at Camp! Explore an adventure of Faith, Fun, and Friendship!

www.EOCSummercamps.org

Camp Sunday is coming soon! Scholarships are available for all students coming to Greensburg UMC. Talk to Margo Holmes in the office for registration details.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year is now open. If you, or someone you know, have a child who will be 3 by September 30, 2020 through 5 years of age, we would love to show you what Loving Hands Preschool has to offer!! Tours available upon request.

Contact Shannon Miller at smiller1950@sbcglobal.net or 330-896-1936.

Loving Hands



PRESCHOOL

www.loving-hands.org



PAUSE AND PONDER

Ash Wednesday

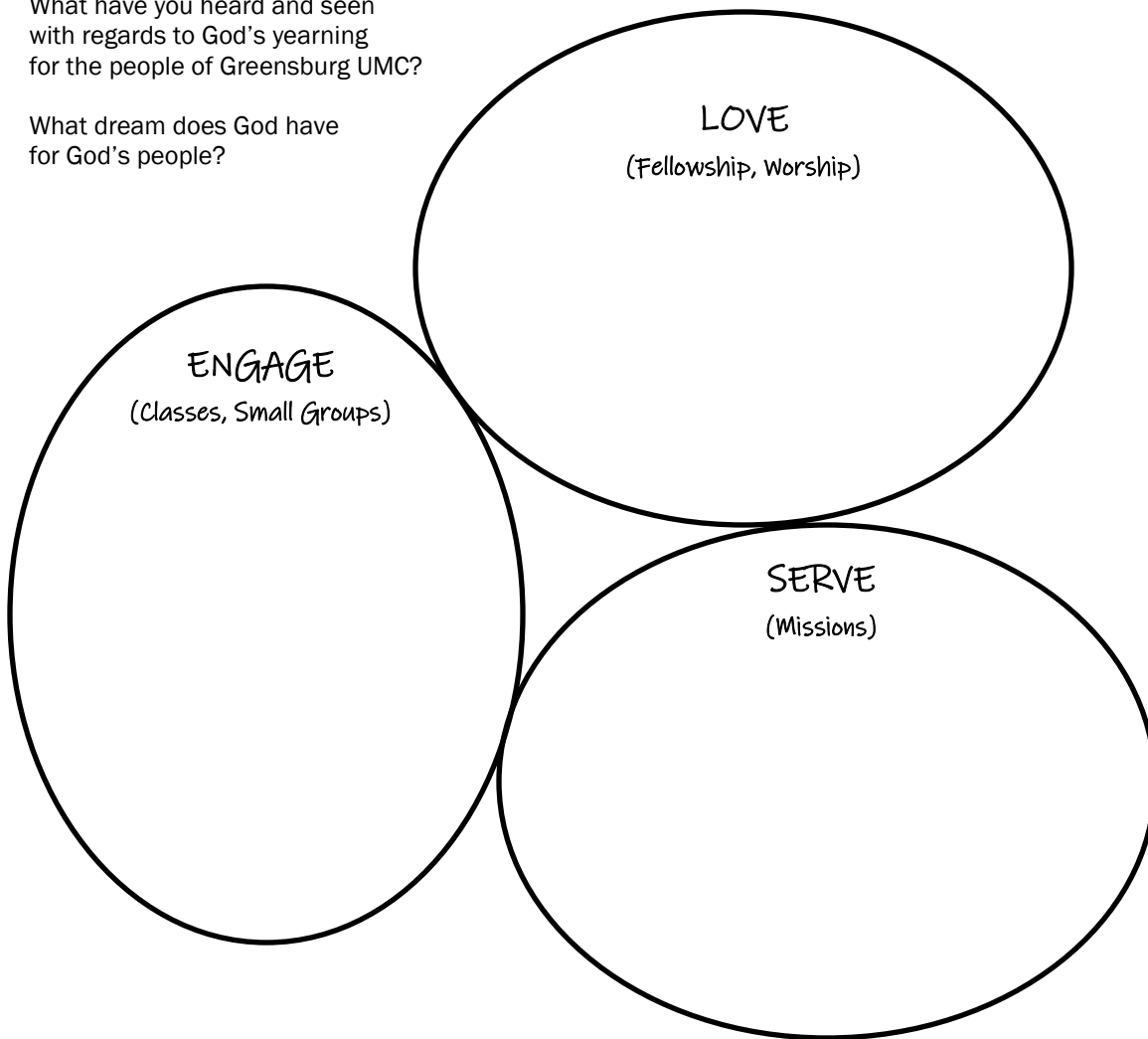
FEBRUARY 26, 2020 | 7:00 PM | GREENSBURG UMC CHAPEL



In the sermon series Dangerous Wonder, we learn that part of our childlike faith is Wide-Eyed Listening. It is the part of tuning into God and listening to the dream God has for the people of God. As your pastor, I am curious to hear what God has been laying on the hearts of the congregation as to ways we are being called to love, engage and serve our neighbors.

What have you heard and seen with regards to God's yearning for the people of Greensburg UMC?

What dream does God have for God's people?



GUMC GREETERS

FEBRUARY 2020

9:00am Service
Connie Leonard
Pete Peterson

11:00am Service
JoAnn Rossiter
Nancy Claytor

MARCH 2020

9:00am Service
Judy Hetzel

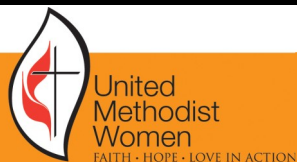
11:00am Service
Liz Brenneman
Marge Aller

**If you feel led to serve in this ministry let the office know.*

pancakes and palms

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 4:30 - 6:30 PM
Greensburg UMC | greensburgumc.net

Bring in a favorite mix-in or topping for your pancakes. Syrup, beverages, and breakfast meat will be provided. Paleo and Gluten Free pancakes will be available. Following the meal, the night will close with the burning of palms to mark the beginning of Lent.



TIME CHANGE FOR UMW MEETINGS

Please note change in our meeting time for January through April: It was decided that during winter months, we will meet at 1:00 pm in the Library on our regular meeting days, the 3rd Monday of the month.

However, we will meet at 7:00 pm for our meeting on May 18th, as we have a special program planned for that evening, as well as our annual salad supper, and both will be open to the entire church. Details to follow, but please save the date!

United Methodist Women will always be open to all women who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and support the principles of UMW – there are no “memberships” or “dues.” Missions are at the heart of everything UMW does, and once a year we gratefully accept pledges to mission from anyone in the church who would like to support our work. This past year your generosity helped purchase \$100 in gift cards from Aldi’s for young people aging out of our county’s *Children Services*, \$100 to flood buckets, \$200 to our pastor’s discretionary fund, \$200 to Mountain Top, and \$50 to the Hower House Building Fund. This year *Pledge to Missions* will take place on two Sundays, February 16th and 23rd. Thank you in advance for your support.

WHAT’S OUR NOT A FAN GROUP UP TO NOW?

NOT A FAN BIBLE GROUP

Think no more come together with us as we study “When God’s People Pray”, which leads us to a better understanding of the amazing transforming power of prayer in our churches as well as in all aspects of our lives. Please consider being a part of this group as we learn and share together to build our faith and our friendship. Our start time is 6:00 pm, twice a month, September through May. We are generally finished by 8:00 pm. We meet in the church library, and we would love to see you there!

If you have questions, please call Judy Martin at 330-607-3061.



FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

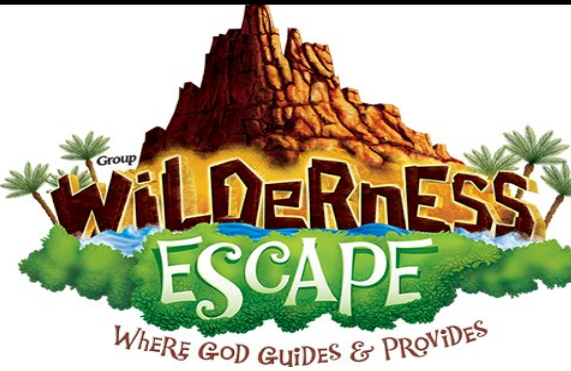
OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
December 2019	\$ 29,524.79	\$ 20,323.96	\$ 25,813.26
Year to Date	\$275,512.47	\$280,600.62	\$334,000.00
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
December 2019	\$ 2,111.00	\$ 2,624.10	\$133,572.56
BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW	Total Given	Pledged	Balance Available
	\$244,215.12	\$233,143.96	\$ 39,252.15

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY ... *Loving, Growing, and Helping Together*

Children’s ministry is moving along. VBS is now on the books, we will be making up care packages for college students and EVERYONE is invited to Pancakes and Palms. This would be a great time to invite a friend or additional family members!

Care packages—bring 20 of a non-liquid, prepackaged thing. This can be a bag of candy, small tissues, pencils, small toys or the like. We will packing **Sunday, February 16.**

Pancakes and Palms (Sunday, February 23) is about food and fellowship. Bring something you would love to have in your pancakes or on your pancakes. That can range from blueberries, strawberries, bananas, to chocolate chips or Rev. Katie’s favorite—COCONUT!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SAVE THE DATE!
 Sunday, August 2—Thursday, August 6
 6:00—8:00 pm

STUDENT MINISTRY... *Finding an identity in Christ through fellowship, study and service*


The students have been busy traveling this past month for missions and retreat. February brings us closer to home, but with fun and purpose. Here’s what’s coming up!

February 2: Superbowl Party. 6:30—9:30 PM
 Celebrating fellowship, food, and football at the Rossiter house. Bring a snack to share. Rev. Katie will be transporting scouts who want to go following their meeting.

February 9: Worship Prep Week. 5:00—6:30 PM
 STUDENT SUNDAY PREPARATION (May 3) and Care Package Packing. Bring 20 of something small and packaged (not liquid)

February 16: Shut in Visits week. 12:30—3:00 PM

February 23: Family Ministries Celebration: Pancakes and Palms. 4:30—6:30 PM
 Bring a Mix-in or Favorite Topping

HOPE


YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 Saturday, June 13 (6:30 AM) to
 Sunday, June 14 (12:00 Noon close)

Register by Sunday, March 1st
 Cost: \$50 (includes housing, registration,
 transportation, food)
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094faaa823a2fd0-youth>

After March 1, Cost: \$75

Questions: Contact Rev. Katie Osier
 (rev.katie.osier@gmail.com)

For More: <https://www.eocumc.com/yac/>



Greensburg UMC

Feb 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Troop 335 (Boys)</p> <p>8am - Preschool Dogs</p> <p>9am - Modern Worship</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Traditional</p> <p>5pm - Student</p>	<p>8am - Preschool Dogs</p> <p>9am - AARP Board</p> <p>6pm - Green Soccer</p> <p>6pm - Pack 3335</p>	<p>8am - Preschool Dogs</p> <p>1pm - AARP Meeting @</p> <p>6pm - Green Soccer</p>	<p>9am - Good Neighbors</p> <p>6:15pm - Joyful Bells @</p> <p>7pm - Community</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>5:30pm - TOPS @</p> <p>6pm - Green Soccer</p> <p>7pm - Troop 7335</p>		<p>9am - Walking Group @</p> <p>11am - Pack 3335</p>
<p>Communion</p> <p>9am - Modern Worship</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Traditional</p> <p>6pm - Not a Fan @</p> <p>6:30pm - Student</p> <p>6:30pm - Troop 335</p>	<p>6pm - Green Soccer</p> <p>6pm - Pack 3335</p>	<p>6pm - Green Soccer</p>	<p>8am - Preschool Staff</p> <p>9am - Good Neighbors</p> <p>5pm - Caregivers</p> <p>6:15pm - Joyful Bells @</p> <p>7pm - Community</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9am - Preschool Board</p> <p>5:30pm - TOPS @</p> <p>6pm - Green Soccer</p> <p>7pm - Troop 7335</p>	<p>Troop 335 Weekend Camp Out/Lock In @ Pavilion.</p> <p>9am - Walking Group @</p> <p>10am - Green Alumni</p> <p>10:30am - Sibshops @</p> <p>2:30pm - Sibshops</p>	
<p>Troop 335 Weekend</p> <p>Bucket Sunday</p> <p>Scout Sunday</p> <p>9am - Modern Worship</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Traditional</p> <p>5pm - Student</p>	<p>1pm - Ladies Lunch</p> <p>6pm - Green Soccer</p> <p>6pm - Pack 3335</p>	<p>9am - Green Good</p> <p>6pm - Green Soccer</p>	<p>9am - Good Neighbors</p> <p>9am - Preschool</p> <p>9am - Preschool</p> <p>6:15pm - Joyful Bells @</p> <p>7pm - Community</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9am - Preschool</p> <p>9am - Preschool</p> <p>5:30pm - TOPS @</p> <p>6pm - Green Soccer</p> <p>7pm - Troop 7335</p>	<p>Preschool Closed</p> <p>9am - Preschool</p> <p>5pm - Student</p>	<p>9am - Walking Group @</p>
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COLLEGE-POST-HIGH CARE PACKAGES - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

To extend our love and care to our college and post-high students, the church will be putting together cards and care packages to be sent out by the end of February. This will be multi-generational effort. **Sunday School classes are invited to create notes for our students or bring in 20 of something small to go into the packages.**

Our children and youth will also be creating cards and bringing in trinkets to go inside. The students will be packing the boxes in the evening and preparing them for departure.

Anything you can offer will be helpful. Winter months are hard on those who are not at home and feeling the dark months linger on with the hopes for spring. It reminds them we are still part of their extended family and that we love and care for them. I hope you are able to participate in this opportunity to love, engage, and serve.

MISSIONS UPDATE

After careful consideration, work, and prayer, the Mountain T.O.P. leadership group decided to look into alternative options for the summer of 2020. Due to scheduling complications and a smaller interest group, the efforts for students in missions will turn local this year.

On Sunday, March 1 at 5:00 PM, in the Student Ministries' Room, all students and adults interested in serving locally are asked to come for discussion and a decision as to where God is leading the team for the summer of 2020. We will also look towards 2021 to plan a larger venture. Please bring your ideas and calendars so we can effectively prepare for what God has in store. Contact Rev. Katie Osier if you have any questions.



SIBSHOPS

Just in case you are hearing of *Green Sibshops* for the first time, it's a wonderful program for typically developing siblings of kids with special health and developmental needs, and we are privileged to host two groups of these great kids once a month at our church.

We feel so blessed to have the support of our church. We will soon

be celebrating four years of *Sibshopping*, and are always anxious to share what we're doing with others, so those who might benefit and their parents will find out what it's all about. What it's all about is fun for these kids and youth. A safe, and recreational event just for them, where they can meet others in similar life circumstances, share the joys and challenges involved in that role, and just have a good time. There are printed cards available that explain just what a *Sibshop* is, and we would be very appreciative if you would take some to share with family, friends, neighbors, and others to get the word out. Please call Judy Martin (330) 607-3061 if you have questions or would be willing to help us promote *Green Sibshops*.

HELP TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE AND MINISTRY OF THE BUILDING ~ TRUSTEES

One of the questions frequently raised in the process of switching to One Board is, "how are we going to have Trustees know when to come and fix things?" Honestly, this is a fair question. The board has 3 persons dedicated to this organization of persons and resources to be sure that things needing attention get the attention they need.

The first thing to help us in that direction is to place information in the database as to the skills and availability people have for various jobs that require some labor. On Sunday, January 12, we had forms for everyone to complete stating their skills, availability, and preferences to know who to call when something arises. Our trustees, new and older, will work together to secure the best list possible. This card is for ALL ages to fill out individually. Persons of any age have skills they can offer the body of Christ for its maintenance and improvement while bringing the message of Christ alive. If YOU have not filled out our Facility Skills Survey 2020 be sure to pick one up outside the worship areas to complete and turn in to the office.

Keep in mind, this is not a "we will call you all the time" list. The more persons from the church that complete the form, the more hands and more options the church has. Please make sure to take the time to fill one out and turn it into the church.

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www.greensburgumc.net

DO YOU KNOW?

QUESTION: Who established the first permanent organization of the Evangelical Association in Greensburg? (answer will be in the March 2020 newsletter)



QUESTION from January Newsletter: How did Conrad Dillman and his family help the Evangelical Church prosper in Greensburg?

ANSWER: Conrad Dillman was converted by Jacob Albright. Jacob's home had been a preaching place in Center County, Pennsylvania. Conrad and his wife Christine both became members about 1810. In 1813, they migrated to Ohio and settled one and one-half miles northwest of the corner which is now called Massillon and Greensburg Road. Dillman was deeply concerned about his fellow settlers, because they were deprived of a religious worship service. So with Bible in hand, on his horse, he went from cabin to cabin, teaching, exhorting, and praying with the people in their new and primitive surroundings. In 1816, Adam Henney, the first Evangelical minister in Ohio, came to Greensburg by way of the circuit and the Dillman log house became a most welcome headquarters for him and his successors. Dillman's zeal for the gospel of Christ and the consecration of his home as a shelter for the circuit preachers and place of worship created an Evangelical fellowship of great reputation.



Newsletter

Don't miss out sharing all the Good News that is happening at Greensburg United Methodist Church!

All articles for December Newsletter need to be submitted to the Office, by Wednesday, January 15th.