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Greensburg UMC Mission

January 2019

Cross talk

Thank you for joining together and celebrating the Advent Conspiracy this past December. The amount announced at Christmas Eve for the Love, Peace, and Joy boxes totaled over \$1600. Along with the Christmas offering, your generosity has benefited Green Good Neighbors (Love), The Battered Women's Shelter (Peace), and W.A.S.H. - Water and Sanitation Health Initiative of UMCOR (Joy). Thank you for your generosity and making a tremendous impact in these organizations.

The movement does not stop at Christmas, but instead challenges us onward. For 2019, how will Greensburg UMC be a presence in the community of Green? How will GUMC find personal connections? What will it cost, with regard to our time, our resources, and our energies – and are we willing to go that distance? How will GUMC bridge gaps?

***Love came down at Christmas, yes, but this agape love remains:
Immanuel – God with us.***

I encourage each person connected to Greensburg UMC – whether member, consistent attender, staff, occasional visitor, or observer – to come and share the journey on God's path set before the church this year.

Might we all encounter Christ in our midst as we set forth to worship with all of who we are created to be, to connect and grow with one another in our faith, and to build relationships with the poor and the marginalized.

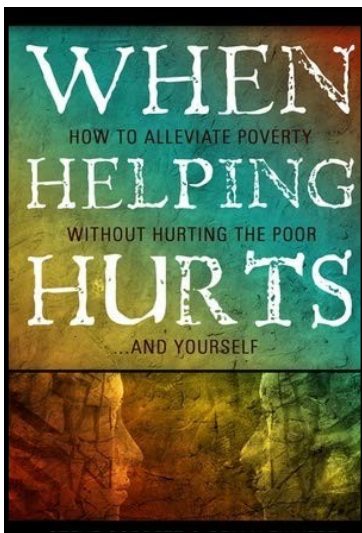
Your partner in the gospel,

Rev. Katie

WE ARE
Family

We Are Family Picture Collage!

To help celebrate our 50th Anniversary and look to the future of ministries here at Greensburg UMC, we are using our theme this year, WE ARE FAMILY, to do a collage. Bring a copy of a picture (so that we can add it to the collage - it may need to be adjusted to fit) of your family interacting with one of our programs. Our goal is to have the collage to be filled throughout the year with new ministries to show us that every ministry at Greensburg UMC - whether it be Potlucks, Mountain T.O.P., Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, VBS, Adult Sunday School, Camps, Good Neighbors - is one ministry, and together all of us as a church are one family.



When Helping Hurts

New Series beginning Sunday, January 27

...if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

Isaiah 58:10 (NRSV)

This series will explore poverty through the lens of a biblical framework and what we can do to help those impoverished. *When Helping Hurts* will explore the definitions of poverty; examine the brokenness with our God, with ourselves, with each other, and with creation; and, hopefully, move us to engaging with persons to lift them up and allow all of us to use our assets to bridge the gap.

There will be small group offerings throughout the week. Please keep an eye out for times you can connect with each other to grow. You are more than welcome to invite others to join us as we explore this series.

If you want to get a preview, go to chalmers.org/resources/the-small-group-experience.

Church Vision Meetings

Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison is returning to continue guiding our work towards the development of the mission and vision of Greensburg UMC. Please note we have adjusted the times in order to accommodate more schedules for our congregation.

RSVP to the church office (office@greensburgumc.net)

Anyone is welcome and encouraged to come and participate, but as administrative leaders of Greensburg UMC, you are invited to engage and then be the voice that will speak back into the congregation to lead the church to help embrace the vision.



Saturday, January 12, 2019

1:00 – 4:00pm | Library

Church Leadership will be able to begin to craft a vision statement based on Mission Insite Data, Church Personhood Data and Community Need Data. Homework will be to present proposed vision statement in worship along with how you got to it, then to take comments and suggestions from the congregation.

Saturday, February 2, 2019

1:00 – 4:00pm | Library

Church Leadership will be able to have a finished vision statement and five goals following short (15-20 minutes) reminders of the five focuses and why they exist. Homework will be to present Vision Statement to Congregation for a final vote along with presenting the five goals of the leadership with specific dates and measurements for completion.



Stewardship Cards

How is God calling you to commit to these five areas (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness) this year as an act of praise and thanksgiving? Need a card? See the November Newsletter at <http://greensburgumc.net/Newsletter.aspx> and print page 5 or see the church office or kiosks.

May we continue to be a church centered on its heart of Faith and Generosity!



Green Sibshops News for a New Year

Have you noticed that “Green Sibshop” has become “Green Sibshops”? For any who may have missed it, we now have two groups that meet each month, except for December. Both groups have the same goal -- to provide a safe, fun, and special place for typically developing children and youth who have a sibling with special needs. Our original group invites kids in grades 3 through 6, and our teen group reaches out to youth in grades 7 through 12.

Both groups will meet on Saturday, January 12, and we would love to welcome new participants to share in the fun. The program is free, thanks to the caring support of many, for which we are very grateful. So if you know of a family that could benefit from this program, please tell them about it. There’s always room for more! They can visit our church’s website or call Carol at 330.244.7650 for more information and registration. All of our Sibshop volunteers thank you and wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

UMW Time for Tea and a Heartfelt Thank You

Yes, there’s always time for tea, especially in January, so women of GUMC, mark your calendars and plan to come to the UMW Winter Tea at 6:30 pm, on Monday, January 21. And start to think about who you would like to invite to come with you. Could be a neighbor, daughter or granddaughter, or even someone you sit near in church. We can promise it will be fun and a warm spot in the depths of a cold winter. And all are welcome! Watch for sign-up clipboards circulating before and after services the first three Sundays in January, and plan to be there. And we’d love to have you bring your favorite teacup or mug! Please accept our sincere thanks to all who contributed to our annual Pledge to Missions, and rest assured that your pledges will be put to good use in carrying forward the reason for UMW’s existence -- missions!



Canal District Leadership Training Event

Saturday, January 26 | 9:00am-Noon | At Greensburg UMC

Workshop 1: Rule of Christ (for the entire Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee) Wondering how to address conflict and miscommunication in your church with more ease and less struggle? The Rule of Christ is a training that connects Jesus’ teaching from Matthew 18 to the life and relationships, in particular communication and conflict mediation.

Workshop 2: Accountable Leadership and the Single Board Model The Single Board Model is a way to streamline leadership within your church that will empower your membership to serve more fully and accomplish its mission.

Workshop 3: Local Church Trustees A conversation on legal matters, parsonage/church building maintenance and capital improvements, trustee responsibilities, and a year in the life of the trustees.

Workshop 4: Building our Competency for Relationship Building How to be a Bold and Courageous Leader in Reaching Newer, Younger, and more Diverse People.

Register by Tuesday, January 22 at cdistumc@gmail.com, phone 330.252.0299 or fax 330.252.0297.

**GENTLE YOGA
FOR EVERYONE**

January 12: Parlor
January 19: Fellowship Hall
January 26: Parlor

New Phone Extensions

Rev. Katie:	1021
Lynne Wisard:	1022
Brittney Hurley:	1023
Shannon Miller:	1024
Margo Holmes:	1027
Pat Stiles:	1029
Betty Gross:	1031
Alexander Miller:	1032

January 2 Jennifer Douglas
 January 3 Becky Calaway
 Denny Hartong
 January 6 Karen Spurrier
 January 8 Denise Clay
 January 14 Betsy Renninger
 January 15 Jeremiah Campbell
 January 16 Chris Calaway



January 17 Jill Lehman
 January 24 Ashley Scolaro
 Kelly Witsaman
 January 25 Alex Nibling
 January 26 Eron Moore
 Shelly Keller
 Scott Waseman
 January 27 Faye Shahan
 January 30 Donna Nicol
 Nick Celetti
 January 31 Bradley Lipscomb

Anniversaries

January 2 Joe & Janice Conley
 January 25 Mike & Hazel Trinko
 January 31 Vince & Jill Lehman

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed and you would like it to be included in the newsletter, please put a note in the collection basket for Lynne in the office and it will be added.



Please pray for the Donal Family upon the passing of David, Judy Ketzler's brother, David, on December 18

January Greeters

9:00am **11:00am**
Gene & Josefina Hetson **Jack Fuerst**

Those who have had their pictures taken or have submitted pictures for the directory can pick up them up in the office or on Sundays. Please let us know of any updates.

Church Financial Comparison - December 2018

	<u>Giving General</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>
November 2018	\$ 18,793.09	\$ 27,527.21	\$ 26,282.25
<u>BUILDING NOTE</u>	<u>Loan Giving</u>	<u>Monthly Payment</u>	<u>Loan Balance</u>
November 2018	\$ 1,843.00	\$ 2,624.10	\$163,234.21

Preschool Registration

It is almost time for registration to begin for our 2019-2020 school year! Loving Hands Preschool will offer classes for children who turn 3-5 years of age by September 30, 2019. Please mark your calendars for the following registration dates:



- Tuesday, January 8 @ 8:00am: for current students
- Tuesday, January 15 @ 8:00am: for siblings of current students, returning families and children of members of GUMC
- Tuesday, January 22 @ 8:00am: for new families to our program

If you are planning to register your child for the 2019-2020 school year, we strongly recommend coming at the time that registration begins. Classes fill quickly! If you would like to schedule a tour of our program or have questions, please contact Shannon Miller, Preschool Director at 330.896.1936 or smiller1950@sbcglobal.net

Dear Members of GUMC,

We can't thank you enough for the prayers, cards, and thoughtfulness of people asking about Nathan. Our initial request was at the time of Nathan's emergency hospitalization in Canada. The cardiologist told me Nathan would not survive the trip home. He has progressed to exercising every day and is doing well. Thank you, again, for all your prayers and concerns. We are truly blessed by all who lifted us up.

Sincerely, Shirley and Nathan Teague



Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord with Singing!

Psalm 100:1-2

Music is a fair and glorious gift of God bringing peace and joy. As the Chancel Choir sings, as Joyful Bells ring, or as solosists sing, their music is preparing our hearts to worship our Lord and Savior. Many thanks to all the musicians for the extra rehearsals preparing such beautiful Christmas music and throughout the year.

Happy New Year! Praise God with Music!

Yours in Christ, Betty Gross

I would like to thank both my church family and my choir family for your generous Christmas gift. I have been attending this church for many years, even before I became Choir Director, and the people here never fail to amaze me with both their generosity and caring. Thank you all so much and I hope you all had very happy holiday season.

God Bless,

Brian Lawson

To My GUMC Family,

Thank you so very much for your generous love gift. It is with great joy on Sundays hearing you raise your voices in song as we together praise our Lord and Savior with music!

Betty Gross

Dear Church Family,

Thank you! Your love gift was greatly appreciated and made our holidays even more special! We are truly blessed to be a part of GUMC. Sincere thanks to everyone for your thoughtfulness.

Margo Holmes, Dustin Oliver, Lynne Wisard

We would like to thank you for including us in the very generous love offering. We are so fortunate to be part of this church family! We hope everyone had a blessed holiday season!

Love,

Shannon Miller, Loving Hands Preschool Director
Brittney Hurley, Loving Hands Administrative Coordinator

I just want to say thanks for all the love that this church has provided. Not just with the gift, but with all of this year! You all have provided me and my wife a home church, and for that I am forever grateful. You, GUMC, are the best Christmas gift anyone could ask for.

Alexander Miller



JANUARY FAMILY MINISTRY

Fun. Faith. Family.



Join us for Sunday School
Pre-1st Grade
@ 10am every Sunday for a
brand new curriculum Buzz!
Now in the Orange Room!

Car-ver-Sation

- January 6
What Gifts does God bring to your family?
- January 13
What Gifts does God bring to you?
- January 20
How is God blessing your family?
- January 27
How does God use you to minister to your family?



GUMC YOUTH NEWSLETTER

JANUARY



It's time to sign up for MTOP!
Contact the church to sign up.
We will be having an important
meeting January 27 at noon
for parents AND youth.
Please attend if you'll be joining
us this summer.



Youth Laser Quest Outing

January 20
4:00pm

\$15 per person

Please arrive on site at 3:45.

We will be playing 2 games.

January Calendar

- January 6
Live in the Light: Truth about Honesty
Pasta
- January 13
Know you are his: Truth about Security
Finger Food
- January 20
Laser Quest 4-5:30
- January 27
You Die: The Real Truth about Reality
Sandwiches

enjoy
the show!
Movie with
G. U. M. C.

Friday, Jan 18
6-9pm

MOVIE NIGHT

Fellowship Hall

January 2019

JUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 Preschool Closed	31 Church Office Closed	Jan 1 Church Office Closed	2 No Good Neighbors 5pm Caregivers Support G	3 5:30pm TOPS-108,109	4 7am Men's Breakfast	5 9am Walking Group
6 Communion 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional Worship	7 5:30pm Green Soccer 6pm Cub Scouts Fellowship 6:30pm Sibshop Meeting	8 Preschool Registration Curr 9am Green Good Neighbor 5:30pm Green Soccer	9 9am Good Neighbors 6pm Green Youth Basketball 6:15pm Joyful Bells 7:30pm Chancel Choir	10 9am Preschool Board Mee 5:30pm TOPS-108,109 6pm Green Youth Basketball	11 7am Men's Breakfast	12 9am Walking Group 10am Green Alumni Assoc 10am Gentle Yoga 3 more
13 Bucket Sunday 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School 3 more	14 1pm Ladies Lunch Bunch I 5:30pm Green Soccer 6pm Cub Scouts	15 Preschool Registration Retu 5:30pm Green Soccer 6:30pm Finance Meeting-I 7:30pm Trustees	16 9am Good Neighbors 6pm Green Youth Basketball 6:15pm Joyful Bells 2 more	17 5:30pm TOPS-108,109 6pm Green Youth Basketball 7pm Connections and Hos	18 7am Men's Breakfast 6pm Family Movie Night	19 9am Walking Group 10am Gentle Yoga
20 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional Worship 3 more	21 Preschool Closed 5:30pm Green Soccer 6pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm UMW Ladies' Tea	22 Preschool Registration New 1pm AARP Meeting 5:30pm Green Soccer	23 9am Good Neighbors 6pm Green Youth Basketball 6:15pm Joyful Bells 7:30pm Chancel Choir	24 5:30pm TOPS-108,109 6pm Green Youth Basketball	25 7am Men's Breakfast	26 9am District Leadership E 9am Walking Group 10am Gentle Yoga
27 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional Worship 3 more	28 9am AARP Board Meeting 11:30am Dogs with Dad 5:30pm Green Soccer 6pm Cub Scouts	29 11:30am Dogs with Dad 5:30pm Green Soccer	30 9am Good Neighbors 6pm Green Youth Basketball 6:15pm Joyful Bells 7:30pm Chancel Choir	31 5pm High School Life Grou 5:30pm TOPS-108,109 6pm Green Youth Basketball	Feb 1 7am Men's Breakfast	2 9am Walking Group 11am Cub Scouts Pinewoc 1pm Vision Session

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Sunday Service Schedule

9:00am	Modern Worship Service
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Traditional Worship Service

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