



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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In talking with various members, staff, and attenders of Greensburg UMC, the word that has been ever present in those conversations is **COMMUNITY**. It is clear that all of us long for a sense of renewed sense of togetherness and a larger faith family during this time. Yes, even your pastor.

It has been wonderful to see people emerge and reconnect again, as we all find our own pacing into the life and rhythm of being a faith family. While it may have seemed realistic that it would be one huge point of reconnection, we have learned that it is more of a slow movement back together, for a variety of reasons. The taste we have had of being united makes us long for togetherness, community or in the Greek *Koinonia*, all the more.

So what does that mean for the faith family we know and love?

Patience and grace are required. We are all going at our own speeds with new understandings of who we are.

Ministry is going to look different, as the world has shifted. It will look more like a pop up event than an efficiently, long term prepared one. Opportunities will be more in the back yard and in the neighborhood or public places than a larger one at the church. Social Media will be crucial for advertising and creating a following. Will there be ministries of the larger arena at the church? Yes, by all means. But the world has shifted to a "flash mob" mentality, where easily accessible events are readily available.

This means, as a whole, **let's be invitational**. Haven't seen someone you have been missing at the church or at an event? Call them. Do you have a passion about a mission or ministry you want others to be part of? Pique their interest and ask them to join you.

Most importantly, participate. There are so many opportunities to come and connect that are being developed: from painting a house to eating food in the church's back yard. VBS is coming up, which is an excellent space to get to know new people and invite them in and share time with them. Each offering simply needs you.

Do you have a passion, mission, bible study, group that plays games together, a backyard barbecue you want to host? Then let's start working together and connect one to another.

I look forward to seeing you more and more as the summer moves into the fall.

In Christ, **Rev. Katie Osier**



"...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."

Romans 12:5

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Shirley Billups
- 4 Nick Hayat
- 6 Carson Corle
Chloe Borland
- 7 Joshua Lehman
- 9 Theron Cowgar
- 10 Katara Lawson
Judy Martin
Sharon Schwerfeger
- 12 Evna Selbee
- 14 George Cormany
- 16 Dale Bittner
John Flanders
- 18 Blaine Harp
- 21 Tracey Campbell
- 23 Robert Hodges
Scott Rossiter
- 25 Carolyn Chaffinch
Doug Corle
- 26 Callie Chaffinch
- 29 Ethan Prater

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 Norm & Shirley Billups
- 9 Matt & Madison Lawson
- 12 Eric & Katie Osier
- 16 John & Colleen Flanders
- 18 George & Dorothy Cormany
- 25 Scott & Kristina Rossiter

SERVICES AT GUMC: OUTDOOR @ 9 AM & IN PERSON @ 11 AM

For the 9 am Outdoor Service, bring lawn chairs, umbrellas, something to drink, sunscreen—come enjoy worship outdoors! Masks are optional.

Bring your singing voice and a friend to in person worship at 11 am. Current CDC masking guidelines are in place for indoor participation.

Please take note of community opportunities during the summer to help reconnect outside of worship. From Fri-YAY Drive In Movies to painting to prayer labyrinths to puppet shows, there is a space and place for everyone!

What a joy it is to be together to be in community with family members of the living God!

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

FRI-YAY DRIVE IN MOVIE,
FRIDAY, JUNE 25 @ 7:30 PM
MOVIE: EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE

Invite the neighborhood. Let's come together and enjoy an evening under the stars. Bring chairs, drinks, snacks, blankets. Let's enjoy time together.

**SEED PROJECT**

Thank you to the 23 families who took on the Seed Project and others who donated to its endeavors. Over 300 plants were grown and sent out into the community through Green Good Neighbors. From carrots to beans, lettuce to peppers and tomatoes, your work and generosity provides a readily available resource for families in the Green community!

As you harvest your own plants from home, don't hesitate to share through Green Good Neighbors. Any fresh fruits or vegetables are welcomed!

Also, if you have any ideas for recipes using fresh fruits or veggies, keep them in mind for a project in the works.

FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
May 2021	\$ 20,765.91	\$ 23,674.19	\$ 23,198.91
Year to Date	\$ 96,548.50	\$119,314.83	\$132,006.03
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
May 2021	\$ 1,328.80	\$ 1901.19	\$ 97,238.29

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: WEEK OF JULY 28-31

Heart 4 the City is a United Methodist mission church in Akron, Ohio and asked area churches to see if persons were willing to help repaint a home in North Hill. Knowing our passion is for service—I said yes—WE CAN HELP! So the Details:

WHO: This is for AGES 6th Grade and UP—Youth and Adults. We are joining forces with Faith UMC (N Canton) and First UMC (C Falls) for this task.

WHEN: Wednesday through Friday, we will be at the North Hill house from 2—6 PM. Saturday will be a finish up day, starting as early as we need to in order to finish by 2 PM for a Celebration of our shared work.

WHAT: The paint and ladders will be provided. Please bring paint brushes, tarps, scrapers, and (if you have one) sprayers to accomplish the job. You will also need sunscreen, water, snacks, etc. It will be toasty, but we shall persevere.

WHERE: The group will meet at Greensburg UMC to travel up to the house in North Hill at 1:30 pm. Once we have the address, we can share it with those who are participating if folks need to meet us there directly.

TO SIGN UP: Call the Church Office or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094FAAA823A2FDO-painting>

STUDENT MINISTRY

So many of us are traveling over late June and into July, so we are trying to keep things simple. Here's what's happening:

June 25: Fri-YAY Drive In Movie @ 7:30 PM

Bring a snack, drink, and a friend or 2 to watch Emperor's New Groove at the church. Families are welcome! Movie starts at 8:00 PM

June 27: Kindness Challenge Kick Off @ 8:30 –11:30 am @ the Pavilion

Featuring Vickie's Mobile Mania, bring some \$\$ with you to enjoy breakfast with the faith family and kick off July with Kindness. See insert for more details.

July 18-22 @ 6:00-8:00 pm: Vacation Bible School

We need all hands on deck to help with VBS this year. Sign up online today!

July 28-31 Mission Week—Painting a House in North Hill

See details above. If you need a ride, let me know.



Youth Annual Conference 2021

FREE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SUNDAY, JULY 18—THURSDAY, JULY 22 @ 6-8 PM



Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus was a Kid needs you! Whether you are participating or volunteering, you are an important part of creating a community experience. If you would like to volunteer or know more, **please contact Lyndsay** by cell phone: 330.803.7423 or email: sci_math_lady@hotmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS Sign up today by visiting

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/gumc2021>

Other Ways to Help

- Pray for the week of VBS, before and during
- Donate Financially or by choosing items from the board
- Send in coupons to Michael's and JoAnn Fabrics

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

Come to the Fri-YAY Drive-In Movie—and invite the neighbors!

Participate in the Kindness Challenge and its kickoff on Sunday, June 27 (8:30 to 11:30 am)

Assist with the GUMC VBS Hometown Nazareth planning, volunteering, cleaning (July 18-22)

Serve Mission Week: July 26-31—House Painting in North Hill

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
