



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

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19

This verse has served as a voice of comfort many times for many people, especially people who perceive themselves in the wilderness, much like our time now: the wilderness of the unknown, of mental struggle, of homes on edge, of human trafficking, of racial, social, economic, gender injustices even in the midst of world illness.

Yes, Lord—come do a new thing!

There is also the other side of that reality. Wilderness walking also pulls people back to the comfort of the ways things used to be. How many times was Moses approached by the Israelites asking to go back to Egypt? “Moses—how could you lead us out here to die? Wouldn’t it be better to be back in Egypt where we had whatever we needed, even though we had to work relentlessly for an evil master?” (paraphrased) Even Moses was found saying similar things to God—why, Lord, did you lead us to this place? (paraphrased)

When under strain, humans have a tendency to default or long to default back to old ways, whether good or harmful, just to bring a sense of security. Security blankets feel good—they bring comfort and a sense of sentiment. And it makes perfect sense, because change is difficult—it pulls and pushes and bends and molds us. Change to something new is hard work.

Currently, our world is the blank canvas space of beginning new things. Whether we want it or not, the world is shifting to something new. Some have realized this fact and are beginning to take hold of the opportunity: for good or for ill.

The wilderness and exile provides the space to be honed into what is needed for this new thing that we cannot yet see. This space will require repentance, faithfulness, obedience, and patience. This is where God prepares leaders, servants, innovators, and voices crying out from the wilderness: make straight the paths—the kingdom of God is at hand! How are you and I allowing ourselves to be shaped, chiseled, molded for God’s new thing?

Rev. Katie Osier

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

1— Kevin Brenneman
 2— Stephanie Snyder
 6— Leighton Paugh
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 9— Christy Harp
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 Mike McWhorter
 12— Craig Chaffinch
 16— Mike Vinciguerra
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 18— Brian Lawson
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 Dana Stevens
 22— Chris O'Brien
 23— Ken Smesko
 27— Teagan Kocsis
 29— Chuck Lane
 Lily Jeffries
 Nancy Pennington
 30— Brian Cormany

Correction for May.

Alyssa Laterza celebrated her birthday on May 11.



7—Jim and Tracey Campbell
 10—Mark and Andrea Rossiter
 Nick and Christy Harp
 14—Bill and Becky Dando
 15—Josh and Lyndsay Dimengo
 24—Dick and Carol Lynn Stratton
 27—Dale and Pauline Bittner
 29—Dan and Dara Terwilliger

DRIVE IN AND ONLINE WORSHIP

Starting Sunday, May 31 at 10 AM, Greensburg UMC will host Drive-In Worship along with Online Worship. This is good news, as there will be an opportunity to see each other in person: it provides inclusion and the full community of Christ.

Here is what you need to know.

- Drive in worship will be a no touch service.
- The service will be on a specific radio station, speaker system, and online. Bulletins will be available on the website by Friday evening for print or digital viewing.
- When you arrive, your car will be directed to a space. Once there, please remain in your cars.
- You can roll down your windows and open sun roofs. We encourage you to wear a mask to protect one another.
- Make sure to use the bathroom ahead of time—plan accordingly. The building is not open. The service will be no longer than 45 minutes.
- For offering, please be encouraged to mail it in or give digitally. If you would like to drop it off directly, there will be a no-contact, manned station by the sanctuary doors for those to drop their envelopes as you drive to your spot. The offering will be taken to the office once collected.
- **For May 31—COMMUNION and PENTECOST** Since this service includes everyone, Sunday will be communion, for those present and online. Please bring your own bread and juice to be used at the right time. Wear red.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please call or email the office.

DISCIPLESHIP FOR ALL AGES

The church website provides a variety of resources to help with discipleship for all ages.

Children:

Each Monday, check out GUMC Facebook Page or the GUMC website to see guest hosts share their thoughts on each week's lesson. Don't forget to use the Buzz cards each week!

Grades PK through 2: Children's Clip on Hide and Seek

Grades 3 through 6: Children's Clip on Gross Me Out

Youth and Adults:

Youth meets every Tuesday @ 7:00 PM on Zoom. Meeting Room 829 2413 8941.

Contact Rev. Katie for the password. YAC information on the back page.

If you would like an Upper Room or Daily Bread, please contact the church office number and it will be mailed or delivered to you.

Upper Room has made their May/June edition free this month online. You can find it here: https://destination-site-production.s3.amazonaws.com/pdfs/UR_May-June2020.pdf

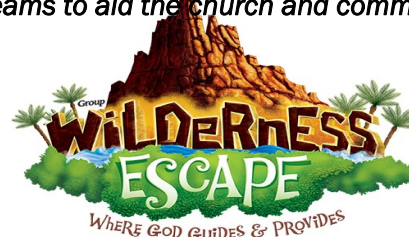
Families: * Be on the lookout for a new summer bag coming to your home soon!*

Family Dinner Live on Wednesdays at 6 PM is a fun gathering time to check in, share in a meal, laugh, connect, and pray. It is through the **GUMC Facebook Page**—access for all! Be sure to check in for the new “quiz shows” and themes!

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 2-6, 2020

VIRTUAL + FAMILY ROAD RALLY



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: Designated VBS Kits for homes will be made available for pick up at Greensburg UMC

Sunday - Wednesday, Aug 2-5: Tune in online, at your convenience, for instructions and lessons for the day.

Thursday, Aug. 6: VBS Road Rally: Families will receive instructions for a road rally of activities and clues that will take them around the city. All families will end at the church building for a "drive in" puppet show and special icy treat!

Please join us as we celebrate God's promises together. No cost. Registration required. Registration is open now vbspro.events/p/greensburgunitedmethodist

Here is how you can participate:

Register your children or grandchildren

Tell your neighbors about this event.

Prior to August: Financial Donations greatly appreciated. This will be done as a community outreach event.

Help put together the bags to be distributed

August 1: Volunteer to hand out bags for the week. A time will be set up to have families pick up their materials so that safety is the top priority.

Lead a Video Demonstration to be shared for VBS

August 6: Lead a station for families to find. Or help with directions and leadership back at the church that day.

MAKING MASKS

Time Expectation:

Depending upon needs and abilities

The city is collecting homemade masks to be used by hospitals and local first responders. The directions are listed on the city website (<https://www.cityofgreen.org/588/COVID-19>). If you are interested in making masks or if you want to help fund fabric and supplies, please contact the church office (330.896.1936).



STRIVE FOR FIVE

The challenge is simple: find five people in your life and check-in with them every day for the next 30-days.

Ohio's Strive for Five Challenge is a new, state-wide awareness campaign to help individuals and families cope with feelings of stress, anxiety, and isolation by connecting with others. Who will your 5 be? Reach out today!

FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
April 2020	\$ 23, 503.92	\$ 20,251.50	\$ 24,105.08
Year to Date	\$84,830.97	\$94,107.55	\$ 105,675.32
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
April 2020	\$ 1,526.00	\$ 2624.10	\$ 124,272.12
BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW	Total Given	Pledged	Balance Available
As of 4/30/2020	\$ 246,309.62	\$ 233,143.96	\$ 40,282.85



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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.

YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: GREENSBURG UMC STYLE



Wednesday, June 17 @ 5:30 PM | Social Distanced Gathering | Cost: \$10 donation appreciated for Party Box
Osier residence (details in Student Min Emails) | Bring: Something to grill, your own beverage, lawn chair of choice

In the attempt to get everyone together, youth are invited to come to the Osier house for a cookout and YAC Watch Party. We will get together at 5:30 PM, Mr. Osier will fire up the grill, and we will eat together for Family Dinner Live at 6 PM. Following our fun, we will tune into the virtual YAC, featuring Shane Claiborne, as well as the band, Tribe Collective.

Each student will receive a YAC party box, including t-shirt, lanyard, candle, and more!

Please contact Rev. Katie (rev.katie.osier@gmail.com) with any questions. If rain is in the forecast, the event will be through Zoom, using the student ministries' code.

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