



# Cross Talk

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

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Friends and Family of Greensburg United Methodist Church—this divinely beloved nook of Christ’s body,

Thank you. From my entire family: Eric, Ryan, Emma, and myself—Thank you. When I state on Sunday mornings that it is a privilege and joy to serve here, it is a deep truth. My children have grown here and found their rhythm and life thanks to your leading. Emma came home a couple Sundays ago and said, “I now know how to read the Bible!” Ryan keeps wondering how he can lead sound and even start a jazz band at Asbury UMC. I know they will miss Pancake parties, VBS, worship events, and Student Ministry Gatherings. They have learned these passions and faith from your influence! Eric has been key in implementing online pieces, maybe a little bit of “voluntolding,” from his lovely wife—but has done it with joy and seeks only more ways to help support the ministries here. You gave him room and permission to do so in order to strengthen the outreach of GUMC.

You have embraced me as I am—with all my weirdness and all my faults—all my “Ka-Os.” As I have said, we are connected forevermore through the Spirit, and you will always have my love in Christ, regardless of whether we see eye to eye. So, for all your kindness, love, support, and trust—thank you.

A new season is starting, now, for all of us. Transitions are never smooth or easy, and complicated all the more by the relationships we build coming and going. With our modern technology, it is easy to make contact with persons no matter how far we are apart. But, in order to help Rev. Harlen Rife and his family to begin anew here as your new pastor, I need to take a step back for one year starting July 1 in connecting with you via phone, email, and social media. In my mind, I can hear some of you saying—yeah, that’s not going to stop me... And yes, I cannot stop you from reaching out. But I would hate for you to miss out on getting to know the gifts and graces of Rev. Harlen and his family. They need your kindness, love, support, and trust just as much, if not more. And as I have also said, you will want to get to know this amazing and dynamic family—they are fabulous! This is all part of the process of changing pastors. This is all part of the process of growth. This is all part of the new that is coming—and it will be alright. You are simply inviting one more set of amazing people and gifts into your midst and all of you—the Rifes and you—will be the better for it!

So, divinely beloved community of God at Greensburg United Methodist Church in Green, Ohio, we leave you—our hearts filled and grateful, and yes some sadness. But remember:

Greater things are yet to come. Greater things are still to be done in this city!

***With the deepest love in Christ, Rev. Katie, Eric, Ryan, and Emma Osier***



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Kevin Brenneman
- 2 Stephanie Snyder
- 9 Christy Harp  
Matthew Hartong
- 10 Jennifer Nastoff
- 12 Craig Chaffinch  
Jerry Devore
- 16 Paige Rossiter  
Michael Vinciguerra
- 18 Brian Lawson  
Logan Vinciguerra
- 19 Mark Rossiter
- 21 Brian Dvorak  
Dana Stevens
- 22 Chris O'Brien
- 23 Ken Smesko
- 27 Teagan Kocsis
- 29 Mikayla Barrett  
Lily Jefferies  
Charles Lane  
Nancy Pennington
- 30 Brian Cormany

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Dear Church family and Rev Katie, Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and support during our family illnesses and the death of my Brother Bob. It has been a difficult time and your support means so much. God Bless you all!  
The Cowgar Family

Dear Friends of GUMC, I was pleasantly surprised last week to receive a "care package" from GUMC friends. It was unexpected and appreciated. It is nice to be remembered by friends back home. Thanks for the remembering me. I am settling in and making some new friends, but old friends are the best. Would love hearing from anyone. Would enjoy phone calls, too. Thanks again for the package.  
Sincerely, Clara Cormany 330.958.9781

Words cannot express my gratitude and thankfulness that fills my heart. I thank God for such a supportive church. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, gifts, and visits for Marlene throughout her many struggles and illnesses.

I want to express my deepest appreciation for so many prayers, calls and cards during the most difficult time... the loss of my sister, Marlene. My thanks to Rev. Katie for reading "Footprints" and for being there for me.  
In Christ's Love,  
Pam Milhoan

**NEWS FROM UMW—NOW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

On March 2nd, the UMW announced that it is now known as United Women in Faith. Our name changed but our purpose and mission focus remain unchanged. To remind our congregation, we will identify ourselves as United Women in Faith (UWF).

Our next schedule meeting will be held at church on Thursday, June 23rd at 10:00am!  
PLEASE NOTE: We are NOT following our established schedule (3rd Thursdays) through the summer months. Please watch bulletin announcements.

We have also donated \$400 to the Bed Brigade Mission in honor of our Pastor, Katie Osier. Our favorite role model! LOVE. ENGAGE. SERVE.



**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Due to holidays and the transition of pastors, One Board has decided to make these special Sundays as 1 service each. All services will be in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

**Sunday, May 29** 10 Am Service in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, July 3** 10 AM Service in the Sanctuary—Welcoming Rev. Harlen Rife and family

**Sunday, July 10** 10 AM Service in the Sanctuary, followed by Reception for the Rife Family in the Fellowship Hall

**FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC**

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
April 2022	\$ 29,789.21	\$ 19,884.50	\$ 22,097.50
Year to Date	\$ 86,372.75	\$ 92,875.82	\$ 96,831.50
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
April 2022	\$ 2,363.80	\$ 1,901.19	\$ 78,898.02

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN MINISTRY****2022 VBS IS GOING TO BE MONUMENTAL!****JULY 31—AUGUST 4 @ 6-8 PM | AGES 3—6TH GRADE**

We are going to celebrate God's greatness through awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch!

Science-fun Gizmos, games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. We will also help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life, something we call God Sightings. The main Bible points we will learn this year are "God loved you no matter what, God is with you everywhere, God is in charge, God is stronger than anything, and God is surprising! We will learn all of these

through the story of Joseph. Mark your calendars July 31-August 4, 6-8 pm. We welcome all children ages 3 years old-entering 6th grade. Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated! For more information and to register please visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/greensburgunitedmc> or contact Miss Amy at [advorak102@gmail.com](mailto:advorak102@gmail.com).

**Registration is now OPEN!** We look forward to seeing you there!

**STUDENT MINISTRY****YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE****JUNE 17-19 @ Walsh University in North Canton, OH**

6 Students and 1 Adult will be headed to Walsh University to join over 100 students and adults for a weekend of discipleship, fellowship, and fun. Thanks to your generosity, their entire cost is covered!

Families who are going—you will be receiving a final packet in the mail before the event. Pack well and bring things to keep cool and happy.

**UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS****JUNE 12: Student Led Car Wash**

After both services, trust the cleanliness of your vehicle to the students of Greensburg UMC. They will be there to wash, rinse, and dry your vehicle to raise funds towards Reach Out Camp—their mission week of 2022. Thank you, in advance, for supporting our students in their adventure in mission this summer.

**CHIPOTLE NIGHT OUT**—Details to come!

**REACH OUT CAMP****July 17-23 at Lakeside, Ohio**

Families, be sure to turn in your applications for the camperships for the District and the Conference in order to help raise the full amount needed to cover the remaining amount for Reach Out. Andrea Rossiter is the point person for this adventure. She will be in touch with you with information about departure and return when the time grows closer. Her email is [andrea.rossiter1662@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.rossiter1662@gmail.com).

**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

The group meets in the Fellowship Hall, inside the church.  
Masks and distancing are strongly encouraged while indoors.

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

Bring in Cleaning Supplies to support the UMW/UWF Cleaning Supply Drive for the Canton YWCA

Donate funds to support the Students to Youth Annual Conference and Reach Out Camp.

Come to UMW—now United Women in Faith on Thursday, June 23 @ 10:00 AM.

Engage with others at Coffee and Conversation on Sundays at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall

VBS Volunteers needed and Registration is OPEN!

Participate in the Trex Plastic Recycling Challenge—drop off plastic and become a bag dropper :

New Bench for Green Good Neighbors

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!)

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**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

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## Pastor Harlen & family coming in July, but get to know him better in June!



One Board & Pastor Harlen had a Q&A that was recorded so that the members of the church can get to know him & his family better. Throughout June we will be sharing things from this conversation about Pastor Harlen & family in all our communications, including the church bulletin each week. The link to hear the entire conversation will be posted

and available to you to listen to.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am - Pastor Harlen's first sermon

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH - MISSION PROJECT

We are collecting laundry detergent and household cleaning products for the Canton YWCA Emergency Housing Shelter and three Permanent Supportive Housing Units for Disabled & Chronically Homeless Persons. The shelter provides 38 rooms for women and children on a 90 day basis. Permanent Supportive Housing has 106 units.



United Women in Faith

Wendy Rockenfelder presented a program at our April meeting to inform us of the progress her agency continues to make getting vulnerable people off the street into shelter with a goal of permanent supportive housing. Lets help those who can't purchase these items with benefits:

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| laundry detergent | dish soap      | cleaning cloths |
| paper towels      | toilet cleaner | cleaning brush  |
| toilet brush      | mop            | broom           |
| Lysol             | Mr. Clean      |                 |

Laundry baskets will be outside worship areas for your donations.

## 2022 SEED PROJECT: GREENSBURG GROWS

If you haven't already brought in your starter plants to Green Good Neighbors please drop them off outside their entrance as soon as you are able. They will distribute them over the next few weeks.

The committee would like to thank the "green thumb growers" for their help with this project to help Green Good Neighbors to transform lives in our community.

Thank you for making a difference in our community by providing a sustainable source of healthy food.

Diane Oplinger, Kelly Witsaman or Marilyn Cogansparger.



## TREX BAG RECYCLING PROGRAM: BENCH FOR GREEN GOOD NEIGHBORS



Please bring in plastic grocery bags, plastic mailers, bubble wrap, bread, or newspaper sleeves and other such products. These plastic bags are used to recreate material to build siding, benches, deck materials and the like. Your help is repurposing plastic that more than often goes into landfills and creates havoc in our environment. We need YOUR help. Please donate! With the preschool out for summer we need extra donations to hit our goal. Consider asking family and friends to collect for you also.

We would love to have 1 more person to help with the process of weighing and dropping off the bags. It is a simple task that can be easily managed by a few hands. Please call the church office if you would like to assist further!

# LOVE, ENGAGE, and SERVE

## SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING—JUNE 12 @ 10 AM & JULY 10 @ 9 AM

Safe Sanctuary Training will be held June 12 at 10:00 am and July 10 at 9:00 am (you only need to come to one). This is a renewal training for **ALL VOLUNTEERS** who work with vulnerable people. Anyone who volunteers with VBS, Sunday School, Youth (including Annual Conference and Mission Trips), pop up Youth or Kid programs, Bed Brigade, and Green Good Neighbors **MUST** attend one of these trainings and complete a background check through the conference. If there are other programs you volunteer for and are unsure if you need to attend the training, please email Miss Amy

Love, Engage, Serve...  
... in Action!

