



March 2020

# 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 my daily devotional *The Awakening*, the author draws back to the passage where Ezekiel encounters the valley of dry bones: a wasteland of dried, dusty, and wearied bones of the fallen of Israel and Judah, a people had succumb to their own ideas and ways only to lead to their own destruction and exile to a foreign land.

God asks of Ezekiel, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

Ezekiel’s response, “Master God, only you know that.”

“Prophesy!” God begs. “Dry bones, listen to the Message from God! I am bringing the breath of life to you and you’ll come to life!”

In my own dry times, God is quick to remind me—Surrender! I will do a mighty thing in you! I will do a mighty thing using you as I have created to you! Drop the reins. Drop the thinness of self-control. Drop your hate and your own ways of thinking. Let My Greatness do what it is meant to do: BRING LIFE!

As we walk in Lent considering how we survive, live and thrive in this mad<sup>4</sup> world, surrender. Allow these six weeks to breathe life into you as we practice firmness in humility, head-on collisions with our own denials, witnessing miracles, forgiveness, and the disease of hard conversations. These may seem like these would bring hardship and death—and to a certain end, yes: death to ourselves so we may have life from the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer—one God.

We begin by listening for the words of the Master God who calls us to come to life by God’s power alone so that we may come ALIVE and have the audacious awareness that the Great I AM is Lord of all—the Lord who calls all son and daughter—the Lord who offers life to all created—the Lord who’s intent and will is to breathe into all so we may survive, live, and thrive together as one family in Christ Jesus.

*Rev. Katie Osier*

God, the Master, told the dry bones, ‘Watch this: I’m bringing the breath of life to you and you’ll come to life. I’ll attach sinews to you, put meat on your bones, cover you with skin, and breathe life into you. You’ll come alive and you’ll realize that I AM GOD!’

Ezekiel 27:5-6, the Message



## ~March Birthdays~

- 3 Jim Campbell
- 4 Gary Cook
- 5 Eric Dando
- 6 Blaine Rossiter
- 9 Pam Dieffenbaugher
- 9 Nicole Steele
- 10 Morgan Langenfeld
- 13 Carol Koontz
- Michael Snyder
- 14 Blake Gibson
- Samantha McWhorter
- Kerry Prater
- 15 Lois Witsaman
- 17 Andrea Rossiter
- Lyndsay Dimengo
- 20 Emily Cook
- Garrett Cook
- 21 Mark Jones
- Carol Lynn Stratton
- 22 Lauren Kuwatch
- Lillie Flanders
- 23 Carol Kramer
- 26 Clara Cormany
- Justin Oplinger
- 27 Al Leidtke
- Bill Handschumacher
- Richard Stratton
- 29 Sarah Hartong
- 30 Andrea Cowgar
- Tanner Vinciguerra
- 31 Nick Harp



## ~March Anniversaries~

- 14 Jim & Bonnie Kocsis

## WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for the care package! It came at the right time. I loved the little trinkets and snacks. It reminded me how much I am loved by God and by the church! Thanks so much!

*Paige Rossiter*

Thank you for the package! I was surprised to learn that instead of just junk mail, I actually received a package at college. It meant the world to me to have that surprise waiting for me. Thank you for caring so much to send that to me!

*Ashleigh Keller*



## 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.EOCsummercaps.org](http://www.EOCsummercaps.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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

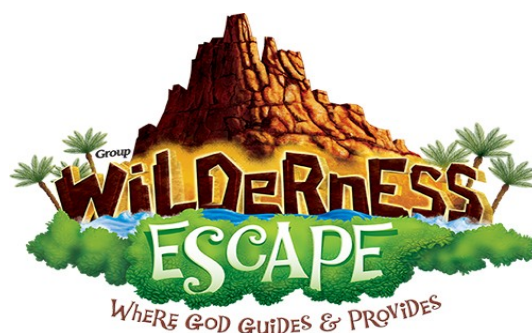
## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, August 2—Thursday, August 6

6:00—8:00 pm

Registration Coming Soon!

Please contact Rev. Katie Osier on  
how to be part of this mission outreach for  
Greensburg UMC



## Spring Book Fair and Registration Open House

Our Spring Book fair will be open to our church members on Sunday, March 8 between church services (9:45-11:15am), as well as the rest of the week during Preschool hours, and during our Spring Open House. This sale will be a BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE SALE on all items. This is a great time to stock up on books for Easter baskets and summertime!!

On Wed, Mar. 11 from 5-6:30pm, will be our Meet the Teacher and Registration Open House. This evening is open to new families who are thinking of registering at LHP, new families that have already registered for next school year, and our current families who would like to come in to visit their classroom or meet their new teachers for next year. The Scholastic Books BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE sale will be open during that time.

## Loving Hands



PRESCHOOL

[www.loving-hands.org](http://www.loving-hands.org)



PAINTED MEDITATION FOR LENT

# Canvas and Communion

Sunday, March 15 @ 4:30 PM

Wednesday, March 18 @ 6:00 PM

Freewill offering will be taken at each event

30 spaces for each session

Please register by calling the church

Greensburg UMC

2161 Greensburg Rd | North Canton, OH, 44720

330.896.1936



## **GUMC** **GREETERS**

### **MARCH 2020**

9:00am Service  
Judy Hetzel

11:00am Service  
Liz Brenneman  
Marge Aller

### **APRIL 2020**

9:00am Service  
Sue & Todd  
Wendling

11:00am Service  
Carol Baab  
Debbie Farkas

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

**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>

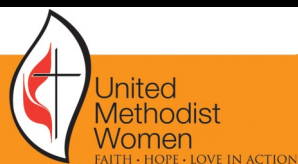
After March 1, Cost: \$75

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

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







## Battered Women's Shelter—Mission Focus

### UMW Focus

Our Greensburg UMC's United Methodist Women's group is currently having a Pledge to Missions, inviting all to partner with us in missions through a monetary pledge. Aside from very modest administrative expenses, all of the money we raise through our annual pledge drive and any fund-raisers (yes, Sloppy Joe take-out lunches are coming!) goes entirely to the variety of missions we support. UMW was founded 150 years ago with missions being its #1 purpose for existing and that is true to this day. Our GUMC unit is happy to be launching a new outreach, suggested to us by our newest UMW participant. We will be accepting gently used suitcases to fill a need at the Battered Women's Shelter. If you would like to join us, we meet in the Library on the 3rd Monday from September through May; meeting time through the winter months has changed this year to 1:00 pm, but will return to 7:00 pm in May.

### WHAT'S OUR NOT A FAN GROUP UP TO NOW?

*Not a Fan*, a small group Bible and video-based book study, at this time continues the second study we have done by Rev. Jim Cymbala. The first, completed at the end of last year, centered on the Holy Spirit, the counselor and guide that Jesus left for us when he physically left this earth. We are now completing one of Rev. Cymbala's studies on prayer, which is proving to be a worthy companion to the one we enjoyed together last year. Beginning in April, we will start a new study, yet to be determined, that will take us through May and the start of our summer break. Watch the *Crosstalk* to see where that will take us, and please join us at any time. We meet two Sunday evenings each month, September through May, from 6:00 to 8:00 in the Library. The next time we meet is March 1, and we would love to see you there.

### Saturday Walking Group ~

The Walking Group continues to meet weekly at 9am Saturday mornings. We walk outside when the weather allows, and inside when it is uncooperative. Pull on your walking shoes and join us!

### Care Ministry Team ~

This ministry was formed a number of years ago to look after any of those in our congregation who were going through illness, surgery, or who might have a special need. We send cards monthly and special occasions, and visit each at least once a month. There are 8-10 of us who see those in the hospital, Nursing Home, or at home. By doing this, we can share our love, engage with others and serve God in a very special way.

If you are interested in being a part of the Care Ministry Team, please speak with Liz Brenneman or contact the church office.

## FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC



OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
January 2020	\$ 19,260.84	\$ 22,958.25	\$ 25,925.08
Year to Date	\$ 19,260.84	\$ 22,958.25	\$ 25,925.08
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
January 2020	\$ 1,381.00	\$ 2,624.10	\$131,260.43
BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW	Total Given	Pledged	Balance Available
As of 1/31/2020	\$244,816.62	\$233,143.96	\$ 39,853.65

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


# SPRING BREAK LUAU PARTY

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 @ 10:00 AM

COME FOR A MORNING OF FUN, GAMES, PRIZES, AND JESUS!


FRIENDS ARE WELCOME - THERE WILL BE PLENTY FOR ALL.  
COME DRESSED FOR SUN, SAND, AND WATER!

Parents or older students are invited to come help make this a memorable morning!

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

March is a long month, which means it is packed with not to miss events! See what's happening in the realm of student ministry!

- Sunday, March 1:** Summer 2020 Student Mission Planning—Local Mission Work  
5:00—6:30 pm Bring your calendars and ideas . We will plan fundraising, our destinations, and our fun!
- Sunday, March 8:** Cookie Night—test your skill at cookie recipes FROM SCRATCH.  
5:00—6:30 pm It will be a fun and hopefully yummy night for all.
- Sunday, March 15:** Canvas and Communion. Love art? Love meditation? This is perfect. We are asking youth (and families if they desire) to sign up to paint as we walk with Jesus through His life, ministry, death, and resurrection. We will close with communion.  
4:15—6:30 pm Spots are limited—CALL/EMAIL THE OFFICE TODAY! (330.896.1936)
- Sunday, March 22:** WHIRLYBALL! See details below.
- Sunday, March 29:** Mission Week: Stuffing Easter Eggs and preparing for the Easter Eggstravaganza.  
5:00—6:30 pm



## GUMC STUDENT MINISTRIES

### WHIRLYBALL ROAD TRIP

Sunday, March 22, 2020 @ 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Bring Money for Dinner at McDonalds  
Followed by an hour of Whirlyball (no cost)  
What is Whirlyball?  
Find out @ [whirlyballcleveland.com](http://whirlyballcleveland.com)

**Register TODAY on Signup Genius**

## Greensburg UMC, Contacts, Holidays in United States

Mar 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<div>Communion</div> <div>9am - Modern</div> <div>10am - Sunday</div> <div>11am - Traditional</div> <div>5pm - Student</div> <div>6pm - Not a Fan @</div> <div>6pm - Scouts and</div>	<div>6pm - Green Soccer</div> <div>6pm - Pack 3335</div>	<div>Super Tuesday</div> <div>8am - Preschool</div> <div>6pm - Green Soccer</div>	<div>9am - Good</div> <div>5pm - Caregivers</div> <div>6:15pm - Joyful Bells</div> <div>7pm - Community</div> <div>7:30pm - Chancel</div>	<div>5:30pm - TOPS @</div> <div>6pm - Green Soccer</div> <div>7pm - Troop 7335</div>	<div>Preschool Scholastic Book Fair @ Gathering</div> <div>Troop 335 (boys) Campout</div> <div>4pm - Pack 3335 Pinewood Derby Set up</div>	<div>9am - Walking</div>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Preschool Scholastic Book Fair @ Gathering Area						
<div>Troop 335 (boys)</div> <div>Bucket Sunday</div> <div>Daylight Saving</div> <div>9am - Modern</div> <div>10am - Sunday</div> <div>11am - Traditional</div>	<div>1pm - Ladies Lunch</div> <div>6pm - Green Soccer</div> <div>6pm - Pack 3335</div>	<div>9am - Green Good</div> <div>6pm - Green Soccer</div>	<div>9am - Good</div> <div>5pm - Preschool</div> <div>6:15pm - Joyful Bells</div> <div>7:30pm - Chancel</div>	<div>5:30pm - TOPS @</div> <div>6pm - Green Soccer</div> <div>7pm - Troop 7335</div>		<div>9am - Walking</div> <div>10am - Green</div>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<div>9am - Modern</div> <div>10am - Sunday</div> <div>11am - Traditional</div> <div>4:30pm - Canvas</div> <div>6pm - Not a Fan @</div> <div>6:30pm - Troop 335</div>	<div>10am - Pat</div> <div>1pm - United</div> <div>6pm - Green Soccer</div> <div>6pm - Pack 3335</div> <div>6:15pm - Pack 3335</div>	<div>St. Patrick's Day</div> <div>8am - Preschool</div> <div>6pm - Green Soccer</div>	<div>8am - Preschool</div> <div>9am - Good</div> <div>6pm - Canvas and</div> <div>6:15pm - Joyful Bells</div> <div>6:30pm - Boy Scout</div> <div>7:30pm - Chancel</div>	<div>8am - Preschool</div> <div>5:30pm - TOPS @</div> <div>6pm - Green Soccer</div> <div>7pm - Troop 7335</div>		<div>9am - Walking</div> <div>10:30am - Sibshop</div> <div>2:30pm - Sibshops</div>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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## STUDENT 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. Students entering grade 6 to those completing 12th grade are encouraged to go. Adults will also be needed to lead and assist with the missions ahead of the group. Please, mark your calendars!

**Sunday, March 1 at 5:00 PM,** students and adults sat down and mapped out the summer, that on the fourth weekend of each month, students and adults will be working together to serve the following ways:

**Saturday, June 27:** Serving our congregation. Students will be coming to arranged homes of church members who are in need of a little extra help—if it be yard work, painting, cleaning up an area of the house—we are on it! The group says thank you to this congregation who has supported the students of the church in their mission to transform lives while also being transformed in the process.

**Saturday—Sunday, July 25-26:** Adults are looking into Canton Mission Hammer and Nails, which helps local persons in need of construction, painting and odd jobs. We will spend the night at the church and, after worship, venture to New Castle, PA to work with Eastbrook Mission Barn with small construction projects and/or UMCOR buckets and kit preparation.

**Saturday, August, 22:** The group is looking into the potential of working with Hartville Migrant Ministry. The other ministries we are considering are Green Good Neighbors, Access Shelter (Akron), an animal shelter, and prepping the Student Ministries' Service Road Rally Kickoff.

Information about these events and fundraising to support this mission effort will be in April's Newsletter.



## SIBSHOPS

A *Sibshop* is a program for typically developing siblings of kids with special needs that began in 1990, and has spread across the world. *Green Sibshops*, a direct outgrowth of the *Not a Fan* Bible study, is privileged to meet here at GUMC. Those of us who volunteer have an opportunity to have fun with these deserving kids, and we do just that – HAVE FUN! Our very special monthly events take

place on a Saturday, with a group of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade kids in the morning and 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth in the afternoon. We are always looking for people with special interests and skills to pay us a visit and share their talent with us. You don't have to be a teacher to do this, but just be willing to spend an hour with these great kids. It could be a hobby, something from your work experience, a game or craft. Please contact Judy Martin at (330) 607-3061 if this interests you. You can make a difference!

## CHOIR NEWS

We are approaching the last few months of our choir season and we are still looking for people to join the talented singers that we already have.

Once again this season, we are offering a "Free Trial Period". If you like to sing and considered joining the choir, but wasn't sure it was for you, here's your chance to find out. Sing in the choir to the end of our season in May and see if you like it. We practice hard, but we have a lot of fun too. If you like it, we hope that you will return as a full time choir member when we start our new season in September. If not, we thank you for coming and giving it a try. This is a perfect way to get more involved in the church. What better way is there to Worship the Lord than to sing His praises. Practices are Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

If you would be interested in singing with us, contact our Choir Director, Brian Lawson at 330-256-3462 or [brian.lawson@greensburgumc.net](mailto:brian.lawson@greensburgumc.net) or just show up on Wednesday night. We'd love to have you sing with us.



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[www.greensburgumc.net](http://www.greensburgumc.net)

*How beautiful  
are the feet  
of those who bring  
good news*



Romans 10:15

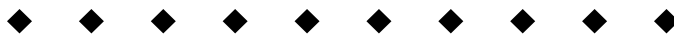
### DO YOU KNOW?

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



QUESTION from the February Newsletter: When was the first Greensburg Class established and what did they do?

ANSWER: Conrad Dillman was the forerunner of the Greensburg work. He was deeply concerned that his fellow settlers would depart from their faith. So with his Bible in hand he went from cabin to cabin praying with the people. Adam Henney, a young minister from PA, in 1816 came to Ohio from seeking the scattered sheep of the Evangelical fold and the Dillman log cabin became a most welcome headquarters for him and his successors. From John Seybert's daily record of the Canton Circuit in 1822, he wrote that the Dillman home held services on every round of the Canton Circuit. A big meeting was held at Dillman's cabin with the presiding elder, John Klinefelter from PA. Seybert also said that Dillman's family was a kind and loving family and Henney was delighted to be with them. Adam Klinefelter, also from PA was the first resident presiding elder in the area. He married Michael Dillman's daughter and they figured prominently in the Greensburg work.



### Cross Talk

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