

# Cross talk

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Greensburg UMC Mission



To all of God's beloved:

Two weeks ago, those in attendance affirmed the new Vision Statement with overwhelming support. Greensburg UMC will invite their neighbors to know Christ by engaging in acts of service. Or as the tag line goes: Greensburg UMC will love our neighbors, engage our neighbors, and serve our neighbors. This calls us to bear, witness, and extend God's unconditional, sacrificial love to all we encounter and all who come through our doors.

Now, the Special Session of General Conference (global) has ended. The pieces of legislation that have passed include a petition for an extended time for Central Conferences (non-US) to implement a plan put into place by the General Conference, a petition on Pensions for clergy, the Traditional Plan, and one disaffiliation (exit) plan. These petitions will now go before Judicial Council (the UMC's "supreme court") to rule on their UMC constitutionality. If they are found unconstitutional, they cannot be implemented. Prior to the close of General Session, it was stated that the Pensions plan was constitutional, a majority of the Traditional Plan was found unconstitutional, and the disaffiliation plan was unknown.

***What does this mean for us as a church in our community?***

***We wait. We watch. We pray. We breathe. And we move forward.***

Following the mission statement of the United Methodist Church, which is shared by GUMC, is this sentence: "Local churches and extension ministries of the Church provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs. (UMC Book of Discipline, ¶120)" There has never been a better time to be church—providing radical welcome, food, clothes, and spiritual nourishment to and for all. Our new vision statement challenges us to take up the radical love of Jesus and put it to work. How will we radically Love, Engage, and Serve our neighbors—reaching marginalized and hurting persons in our community, especially the LGBTQ community, in light of this Conference?

I pray in the days, weeks, months, and years to come, the community of Green and all communities to which we connect can see us break forth with the reckless and relentless love of God as we seek to live out the Gospel together.

I pray that all can be reassured of their self-worth and true value within the body of Christ, and that we can affirm it in one another.

Please know my door and schedule is open to sit down and talk with you if you need to process. I am here to journey with you, beloved children of God.

In the Grace and Love of Jesus Christ—that calls us to Love, Engage, and Serve,

Rev. Katie Osier



## Communion Sunday and Spring Forward—March 10

Beginning Lent with communion draws us into the reflection and connection of Jesus’ life and ministry, passion and death, and resurrection. Therefore, Greensburg UMC will celebrate the Lord’s Supper on March 10 instead of March 3.

*Please note, March 10, we move our clocks forward.*

### **Busy: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God**

**Tuesday, March 5 | 5:30pm | Fellowship Hall**

**Wednesday, March 6 | 7:00pm | The Chapel**

The season of Lent has often been a time when we think about “giving something up” – a holdover from its penitential flavor in the medieval church. But what if we thought less about “giving up” and more about “making room?” In this Lent series, we will reflect in mind and heart what it really costs to be so busy and be challenged to reconnect to an unhurried God.



To begin the season of Lent as a family of Christ, Family Ministries of Greensburg UMC is hosting a back to back worship event. Join us on **Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30pm** as we gather to make our own pancakes. Bring your desired mix-in or topping for your pancakes and a side to share. We will make pancakes and eat together. Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve. Contact Alex or sign up in the office so we know how many pancakes to make. We’ll have lots of decorations and games to make a festive evening of fun for the whole family!

Following our meal, we will share in worship as we prepare the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service by burning last year’s palms.

**Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00pm** we come together to worship acknowledging our struggle with being “busy.” Have we forgotten that God isn’t looking for humans to “perform” as if we must earn God’s love (or anyone’s love) through succumbing to a faster pace for more productivity in order to be “worthy?” How can we be “simply and honestly” present in this Lent season? We begin by repenting or “turning around” from unrealistic expectations and false beliefs.

The series continues Sunday, March 10 through Sunday, April 14, reflecting on *The Right Tempo, Preparing a Table, Tuning In, A Time for Every Matter, and Give it a Rest*. Please share in worship and a season of slowing down to reconnect with an unhurried God.

### **Advent Conspiracy Report**

Following up with our Advent Conspiracy giving, Greensburg UMC has demonstrated its generosity once again! Through your box giving and Christmas Eve offering, the following amounts were given as listed:

Peace on Earth:	Battered Women's Shelter	\$1,898
Joy to the World:	W.A.S.H. Advance #3020600	\$1,859
Love Came Down:	Green Good Neighbors	<u>\$1,786</u>
<b>Total Contributions</b>		<b>\$5,543</b>



Thank you for your continued care to reach out and support ministries that are reaching into deeply committed relationships with those in need. Please add these ministries to your prayers throughout the year.

A special thank you to Vince and Jill Lehman for creating this challenge in connection with the Advent Conspiracy! It is wonderful to see dreams of God’s work at Greensburg UMC come alive!



### **Applebee's Breakfast Mountain TOP Fundraiser**

Church family, how would you like to be served a wonderful, hot breakfast of pancakes, bacon, potatoes and beverage of your choice for only \$10.00 and be served by a fellow church member? You can do this by supporting the Mountain TOP mission team as we raise money for this year's trip. Plan on joining us on Saturday, March 16 from 8:00am-10:00am at the Applebee's on Arlington Road. You can come in anytime between those two hours. The MTOP team will be selling tickets after church services or call Andrea Rossiter 330.571.2351 to reserve your tickets.

### **Scholarship News**

Attention graduating high school seniors and college students! GUMC awards modest scholarships to members and active attendees. Applications and guidelines for both high school graduates and continuing education students are now available in the office and on the website for our 2019 scholarships. The deadline to apply is April 28 so don't delay.



### **Lawn Care Help Needed**

The trustees are looking for someone to manage the lawn care calendar and additional volunteers to assist with mowing. The equipment is ready to go, and there are some volunteers with experience. Won't you consider helping in this way? Please contact Denny Hartong or Pastor Katie with questions or to volunteer. Thank you in advance for helping our church look great!

I would like to thank everyone who provided food and helped out at Monna Hartong's funeral. The food was abundant and delicious!! Several family members expressed how much they appreciated the nice dinner and how Monna would have appreciated it. It would not have been possible without everyone who volunteered to work in the kitchen. We are always in need of help prior to a dinner – setting up tables, getting everything ready, and helping to clean up. If you would be willing to help, please let me know. Thank you very much! Nancy Claytor



### **What's on the UMW Agenda?**

How about sloppy joes? In the very near future you'll have a chance to satisfy your craving for a great sloppy joe and all the trimmings! Plans are in the works for our annual UMW sloppy joe lunch sale and it will be soon. If you remember, not only will you find the fixings' for a yummy sloppy joe in each bag, but there will also be a bag of chips, a pickle, a piece of fruit AND dessert. The funds from this project help us provide many things to many people through a variety of missions. Please watch for more details and thank you in advance for your support! If you are a woman who believes in Jesus Christ and would like to become involved in a group that supports missions to carry His love to others, please join us at our United Methodist Women's meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, September through May. We would love to have you with us!

You probably know that our *Green Sibshops* now consist of two groups. We serve typically developing siblings of kids with special needs with monthly events that take place right here in our church. Our programming began 2 ½ years ago for kids from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, and since last June, we also have a group for teens. Both groups provide fun and recreational activities in a safe environment - a special time just for them to get to know others from similar life situations and have a great time together. We welcomed two new children last week, and in an email from one of the moms, she shared that they had a fantastic time and were both counting the days until the next *Sibshop*! This is music to the ears of those of us who have the privilege of working with these great kids. Please know that everyone who is involved in this program appreciates the church's generosity in providing a warm and welcoming place to meet. Thanks GUMC!

### **Green Sibshops**



March 3 Jim Campbell  
 March 4 Gary Cook  
 March 5 Eric Dando  
 March 6 Blaine Rossiter  
 Pam Dieffenbaugher  
 March 9 Nicole Steele  
 March 10 Morgan Langenfeld  
 March 11 Evalynne Ward  
 March 13 Carol Koontz  
 Michael Snyder  
 March 14 Blake Gibson  
 Samantha McWhorter  
 Kerry Prater  
 March 15 Lois Witsaman  
 March 17 Andrea Rossiter  
 Lyndsay Dimengo

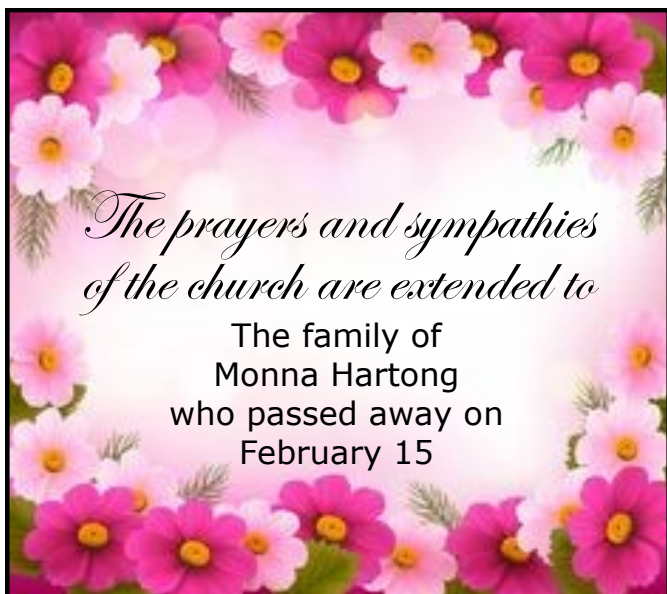


*Anniversaries*

March 14 Jim & Bonnie Kocsis

March 20 Emily Cook  
 Garrett Cook  
 March 21 Mark Jones  
 Carol Lynn Stratton  
 March 22 Lauren Kuwath  
 Lillie Flanders  
 March 23 Carol Kramer  
 March 26 Clara Cormany  
 Justin Oplinger  
 March 27 Al Leidtke  
 Bill Handschumacher  
 Richard Stratton  
 March 29 Sarah Hartong  
 March 30 Andrea Cowgar  
 Tanner Vinciguerra  
 March 31 Nick Harp  
 Staci Schweikert

*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.*



*Save THE Date*

**Palm Sunday Potluck**  
 Sunday, April 14  
 Sunday School 10:00am  
 Joint Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am  
 Potluck in the Fellowship Hall 12 Noon  
 Bring a side or dessert to share.  
 Ham and drinks will be provided.

**Holy Thursday Service**  
 Thursday, April 18  
 Meal, Communion, and Worship 6:00pm

**Easter Vigil Service**  
 Saturday, April 20  
 10:30pm

*March Greeters*

**9:00am** Judy Hetzel  
**11:00am** Sally and Bill Fosnight

**Church DIRECTORY**

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



**GUMC Family Ministries Presents...  
A Church-Wide Family Talent Show for All Ages!**

**Sunday, March 31 | 5:00pm**

Do you have a hidden talent? Can you tell a good joke? Sing a song? Dance? Juggle? Perform a family skit? Well, you are in luck! We will be hosting a Church-wide Family Talent Show and everyone young and old is invited to be a part of the fun! No experience necessary!

We will also have a potluck dinner and a Dessert Cake Walk (What is GUMC without Family Food?!) So let's start spring off with a good old-fashioned family fun night. Invite your friends and neighbors, bring grandma, grandpa, and all of the kids! Dust off an old talent you haven't shared in a while, or wow us with something truly professional. Adults and children are both encouraged to be part of the act. Silliness is encouraged! We will have a silly gift for our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners that will be decided by vote! Sign up in the Gathering Space all month, but please try to RSVP by March 10 so that we can prepare the best show possible. The more the merrier!

**Youth Annual Conference | Peace, John 14:27 | June 8-9 | Lakeside, Ohio  
Register in Church Office by Sunday, March 24—\$40**

Youth in grades 6-12 (2019-2020) are invited to travel to Lakeside to join youth from across the East Ohio Conference in times of fellowship, worship, and discipleship. Our group will depart EARLY Saturday, June 8 (7:00am EARLY) to reach Lakeside in time for morning prayer, followed by District groups, various activities to raise money for the Youth Service Fund, participate in creating and voting on legislation that impacts their churches and the conference, and celebrate in youth-led worship. We will stay overnight there at the Osier's cottage in Lakeside and spend time in worship and communion Sunday. The group will have lunch and depart home. **Youth must register to the Church Office by Sunday, March 24 to get the early bird cost of \$40.** More information about this conference and what is included will be going home with students this Sunday and will be available via the church office. Please see Rev. Katie if you have any further questions.

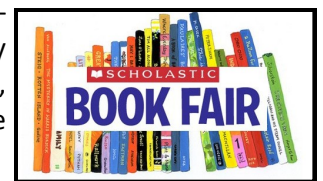


**CHURCH FINANCIAL COMPARISON - FEBRUARY 2019**

	<u>Giving General</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>
January 2019	\$ 20,002.34	\$ 31,562.81	\$ 32,391.98
<u>BUILDING NOTE</u>	<u>Loan Giving</u>	<u>Monthly Payment</u>	<u>Loan Balance</u>
January 2019	\$ 1,856.00	\$ 2,624.10	\$158,730.95

**We are Excited for Another Great School Year!!**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open between church services on Sunday, March 10 (9:45am-11:15am), as well as during preschool hours on March 11-15. This sale will be a Thank You to everyone for the support they show us all year!! In place of the school earning Scholastic Dollars, we will offer the savings back to you! It will be a Buy One, Get One FREE sale!!



Do you or someone you know have a 3-5 year old looking for preschool for the 2019-2020 school year? Loving Hands Preschool will host a Registration Open House on Wednesday, March 13 from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Interested families, new families who have already registered, or current returning families are invited to join us! You can meet the Director, teachers, and other students! The BOGO book fair will also be open during this time!!

Looking for a way to help? Loving Hands will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18. We are looking for individuals who could help hide Easter eggs those mornings (at 9:15am) or afternoons (at 1:00pm). Contact Miss Shannon at [smiller1950@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smiller1950@sbcglobal.net) if you are willing to help!! We will also accept any candy/prize donations to help fill our eggs. Those items can be left at our Information Station desk outside of the preschool office #104.



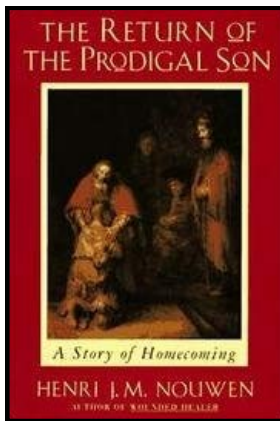


## Youth and Children's Sunday School Ministries

### Pop Out for Mission! What is Lent?

Did you know that 1/3 of the world's children struggle with inadequate food and drinking water—let alone having the luxury of pop to drink? Tea. Coffee. Pop. Shakes. Sparkling Water...We all consume a lot during the week, and that's all okay. Lent allows us to focus on Christ and His mission. We would like to challenge you this season of Lent to do "PopOut! for Missions."

This challenges youth to give up specialty drinks for Lent. The money that would have been spent on drinks would then be given to missions to help needy youth around the world by providing water. Here's how it works: On the first day, we all drink and celebrate and play messy games during youth. Bring your own fav drink! Then that's it. We begin to fast! Parents are encouraged not to purchase soda pop for their kids at restaurants or at the grocery store. Parents then calculate the savings from their household budgets and pledge this amount towards their teens' PopOut! Challenge. Parents and youth can get pledges from grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and teachers who pledge according to the number of days kids can go without. Please collect all the money into a clean two liter bottle of soda (theme!) On the final day we all bring the money back in with the drink packages. We lay them at the altar and pray over them. The kids may once again drink—remembering to be thankful for their own blessings, and remembering the children around the world who don't get to celebrate the many material blessings we are thankful for. Thanks for participating in this event to help reach the people of the world!



### Youth Ministries 6th-12th Grade 5:00pm

#### Lent Book Study March 10-April 7

**March 10**

Prodigal Son, "A Story of Homecoming: The Younger Son Leaves" Spaghetti Night

**March 17**

Prodigal Son, "The Younger Son Returns" Restaurant Night

**March 24**

Prodigal Son, "The Elder Son Leaves" Nacho Night

**March 31**

Talent Show - Youth at Talent Show

### Car-Ver-Sations

**Parents having conversations with children about their Sunday School lesson!  
Talk in the car heading home or at the family dinner table!**

**March 10**

Thank God for Jesus! Find one thing that you are thankful for and thank God for it!

**March 17**

Jesus talks about Prayer! Have your kids pray for all family meals this week.

**March 24**

Jesus Heals! Talk to your kids about Mark 3:1-6.

**March 31**

Talent Show! What are the gifts your family has? God has created you special.



### Save the Date! | VBS July 22-26 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

#### Escape to Athens With Paul!

Imagine leaving a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes—all to spread the **life-changing truth** of God's love. Learn the **jaw-dropping story** of the Apostle Paul...straight from Paul himself! In an ancient "anything goes" culture, Paul will inspire kids to share the truth of **God's immeasurable love** today!



**Contact Alex if you would like to volunteer to help!**

# March 2019

SUN 24	MON 25	TUE 26	WED 27	THU 28	FRI Mar 1	SAT 2
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*Greensburg United Methodist Church*

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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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