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Greensburg UMC Mission



Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. I Peter 4:10

As we come to a close in our Vision Series - Love, Engage, and Serve our Neighbors - I pray that you have heard the direction God calls us. Greensburg UMC is called to be stewards of God's manifold grace. We extend grace through reaching out and inviting those around us to come and see what God is doing. We extend grace by interacting in relationships and discipleship, including study, prayer, holy conversation. We extend grace by working together, side by side, to show God's love by helping one another and working in the margins of our society. All of this happens individually and corporately.

To help us be intentional in seeing and hearing where God is lighting the path before us, I encourage you to participate in the following as summer hits.



Summer Photo Challenge

Take a step out your door and snap a photo. Take photos as you go around town or participate in Love, Engage, Serve opportunities Parade, Freedom Fest,

VBS, Mountain TOP, Family Movie Nights. Take photos of places that you find interesting places where God might call us to in order to love, engage, and serve. Find the margins. The first week of August, we will collect these photos in a couple different ways, to create a photo montage to remind us the places where God has called and is calling us to love, engage, and serve. If you want to send them ahead of time, send them to rev.katie.osier@gmail.com.

Pray for our Families and Students

With another transition in children, youth, and family ministries, a prayer list for the summer will be available to pray for each student currently part of the family ministries at Greensburg UMC. To know and care for these persons is part of our baptismal covenant. I would hope you will take the additional challenge to get to know students with these first names so we can connect when we get the chance.

Love Engage Serve Team

The church needs a team to keep the vision in front of us and to help develop creative ideas to foster our identity in and outside of the church walls. The only requirement – have a heart for Jesus. So if you have a passion for Outreach, or for Discipleship, or for Service – you qualify. Please pray to see if God is calling you to be part of this team or if God is placing another name on your heart. The goal is to have this team working over the summer and create ideas for the fall and winter and beyond. The other goal is to NOT have this team do ALL the work. These are leaders who connect and recruit the help of others so EVERYONE can be part of the Vision.

I, along with others in the congregation, are excited to see what opportunities lie ahead of us as we live into WHO we are and WHOSE we are. I pray you will join this journey starting this summer, to live into being a steward of God's manifold grace in our local community and beyond.

Grace and Peace, Rev. Katie Osier

Save the Date!



Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 27, 10:00am – if you are on the parade route and hanging with your family, wear your Greensburg UMC green or navy shirt. Don't be afraid to say hi to your neighbor – help kids catch candy, share some water, celebrate with those around you. Have fun! The Boy and Cub Scout troops are kind enough to hand out VBS fliers for us during the parade.

Freedom Fest, June 29, starting at 12 Noon.

To connect with the community, consider taking a couple hour shift at Freedom Fest with Greensburg UMC. Details to come.





Greensburg UMC Family Movie Night The weekend of August 3 - 4! Time TBD

UMW Salad Supper | July 17 | 7:00pm

As many of you know, our UMW monthly meeting schedule includes nine months out of the year meeting the 3rd Monday at 7:00pm from September-May. Get out your calendars now though, and open to July 15. Our salad supper, complete with yummy summer goodies, and lots of conversation will be July 15. Volunteers from the Hower House



in Akron will be bringing us a wonderful program, complete with period costumes, on life in Akron during the late 1800's for one of its prominent founding families, the Howers.



It's hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of the school year!! Loving Hands Preschool will be full of activity and events this month!! If you have time and would like to see what our program is all about, volunteer to help! Contact Shannon Miller at *smiller1950@sbcglobal.net* or 330.896.1936 M-F 9:00am-3:00pm.

Transitional Kindergarten Graduation | Tuesday, May 21 | 6:30pmVolunteers are needed to help serve ice cream during the reception.

Pre-Kindergarten Graduation | Wednesday, May 22 | 10:00am Volunteers are needed to help serve cake and refreshments during the reception.

Preschool Picnic | Thursday, May 23 | 10:00am

Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve hot dogs.

As we get ready to wrap up another great school year, a sincere thanks goes out to the members of this church who donated to our Trike-a-Thon this year! We appreciate the support that you give to our program all year round. This year, we were able to raise \$10,798 for our fundraiser. A portion of that money will go towards additional lighting updates in the preschool hallway, back stairway, and storage room. We are also looking into replacing flooring in the five preschool classrooms! These updates would not be possible for us to do without the support of our preschool families and our church families. Thank you!!!



Thank you to all who helped make such beautiful music on Palm Sunday and Easter! It takes a lot of extra rehearsals to make it all happen.

We are blessed to have such talent here and look for more to come in the future. Betty Gross

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Palm Sunday dinner. As usual, the amount of food is always plentiful at these pot lucks! Thank you to everyone who just

jumped up and helped with the set up and clean up! It sure does make things go faster when a lot of people pitch in. Please patronize Giant Eagle as they were kind enough to donate the two hams for our dinner. Thank you! Nancy Claytor

big thank you to everyone who contributed food to the Fred Susick funeral. There was a delicious array of food and the family was very grateful for everything. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up after, the help was greatly appreciated. Thank you! Nancy Claytor



Malawi Relief

For Lent, our pre-5th grade Sunday School classes financially and prayerfully supported missionary Hastings Abale Phiri in Malawi to help people in his congregation and community who were suffering from hunger and disease caused by floods from cyclone Idai. Our students challenged our congregation to match their contributions for Malawi by putting aside loose change or a specific donation to be



given Easter Sunday. With the inclusion of our Easter giving, there has been \$909.87 contributed by the children and our congregation toward Malawi flood relief.



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!

Annual Conference Personal Dignity Kits Church Goal: 100 Kits Items and Financial Donations due Sunday, June 2

To help those in crisis after a natural disaster, Greensburg UMC will be putting together these kits to be sent to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center for UMCOR. You can participate in one of the following ways:

<u>Bring in one or multiples of the following items – to be placed in the bins</u> <u>marked for Personal Dignity Kits outside each worship space:</u>

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized or rat tail)

1 nail clipper (fingernail or toenail clippers) (no emery boards)

1 bar soap (3-4oz. sizes only)

1 toothbrush (one single adult size only in original packaging)

1 tube of toothpaste (2.5oz. or larger)

1 bottle of shampoo (3-4oz.)

1 deodorant (2-3oz.)

1 razor with guard

Make a financial donation, marked PDK to help purchase hand towels, wash cloths, and gallon plastic bags.

Thank you for engaging in acts of service to help others know the love of Jesus Christ.

May 3	Abby Kuwatch
	Shannon Miller
May 4	Jan Babbo
May 5	Talon Pough
May 7	Lydia Corle
May 8	Clarence Moore
May 10	Kristina Rossiter
	Carol Moore
May 11	Amy Joyce
	LB Keller
	Alyssa Laterza
	Tamela Steele



May 12	Tim Jones
May 16	Benjamin Sehm
May 17	Kristen Booth
	Joseph Sehm
May 20	Anthony Swank
May 21	Connie Leonard
May 24	Margo Holmes
May 25	Connor Prater
May 26	Sharley Greer
May 27	Emerson Kleis

Anniversaries

May 1	Bill and Debbie Lyle
May 2	Chuck and Eileen Cowgar
May 14	Nick and Cindy Celetti
May 19	Andy and Nancy Claytor
May 30	David and Jill Roberts
May 31	Jim and Chris O'Brien

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.



The prayers and sympathies of the church are extended to the families and friends of

Pete Peterson upon the passing of his brother, Elwin Peterson, on May 5, 2019 and his sister, Marlene Neal, who passed away on April 3 in Massachusetts.

Fred Susick upon his passing on April 6



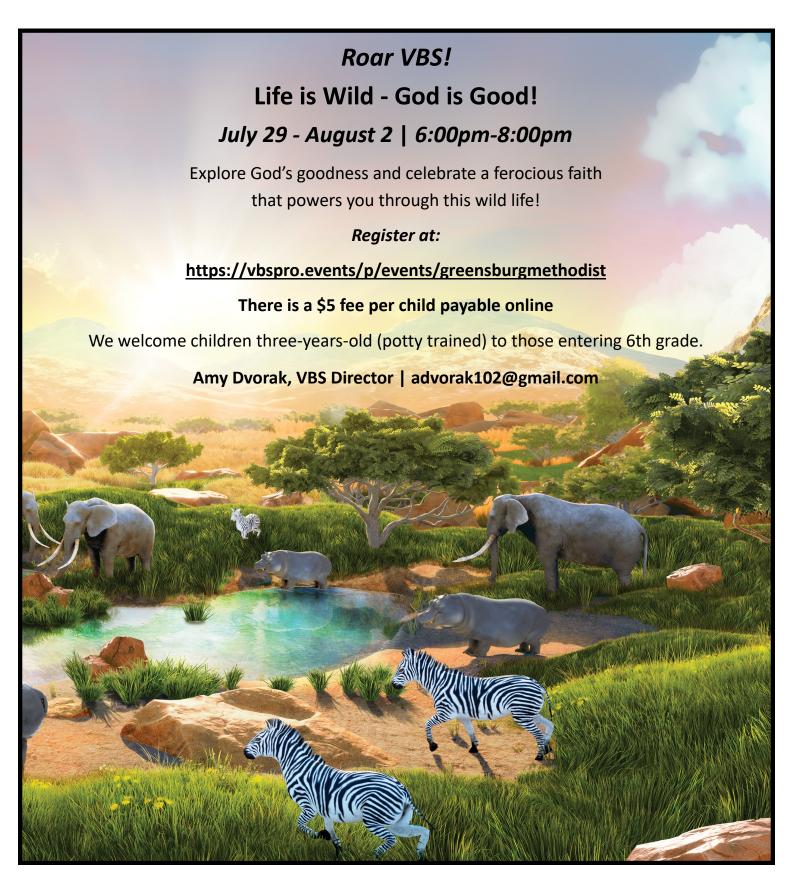
Church Financial Comparison - April 2019

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 Actual Expenses
 Budgeted Expenses

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We are pleased to announce that Amy Dvorak is gracious enough to lead VBS again this year!



Graduate Recognition Sunday | June 2 | Both Services

Greensburg UMC will be honoring their high school and college graduates at each service on June 2, with a reception in between services. To have a graduate recognized, please send to the office a bio (to connect students to the congregation) and a picture of the student to be placed in the bulletin. Details for bio include: school you are graduating from, where you will be attending college and your course of study, or what you will be doing after graduation. Bios and pictures need to be turned into the office or emailed to Rev. Katie BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 29. Please indicate what service you

plan to attend. We look forward to honoring each graduate that Sunday.

Pizza, Ice Cream, and Youth Ministry Conversation Sunday, June 2 @ 5:00pm | Bring a favorite ice cream topping

For ALL families with youth, Grades 6-12 (2019-20)

Parents, youth, and siblings - you are invited for a time of fellowship and visioning forward for the youth ministry. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a pizza dinner, share in a conversation about the future of the youth ministry, followed by an ice cream bar. Please RSVP to the church office or email office@greensburgumc.net by June 1. If you are unable to attend and want to share some ideas, please email Rev. Katie (rev.katie.osier@gmail.com).





It's not too early to begin planning for some summer fun. One great way for families and kids to immerse themselves in the beauty of God's creation is by spending time at camp. Here in the East Ohio Conference, we are blessed to have three great camps-Aldersgate, Asbury and Wanake, each with its own special programs for students in 1st-12th grades and for families who want to camp together. Time spent at camp can be a powerful, life-changing experience. The break from the craziness of regular routines allows the opportunity for campers to think

about the future and discover the truth that God loves them and has an amazing plan for their lives. With programs such as culinary arts, fashion, horseback riding, rock climbing, drama, sports and waterfront activities, our East Ohio camping program offers something for everyone.

330.499.3972 x108 | http://www.eocsummercamps.org/

Our church offers generous scholarships to pay for most of your camp fee! Contact Margo at margo.holmes@greensburgumc.net for details.

YSF 5K RUN & WALK @ 7:30 A.M. MORNING DEVOTIONS @ 9:30 a.m. IN HOOVER DISTRICT CAUCASES YSF TOURNAMENTS BUSINESS SESSION @ 3 p.m. **CONCERT & WORSHIP** @ 8 p.m. IN HOOVER End @ Lakeside Pavilion

Youth Annual Conference | Peace, John 14:27 | June 8-9

Youth in grades 6-12 (2019-2020) are invited to travel to Lakeside to join youth KEYNOTE SPEAKER: from across the East Ohio Conference in times of fellowship, worship, and discipleship. Our group will depart EARLY Saturday, June 8 (7:00am) to reach Lakeside in time for morning prayer, followed by District groups, various

MORNING WORSHIP @ 10 A.M. IN HOOVER STEPHANIE CARO **COMMUNION WITH BISHOP TRACY S. MALONE**

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. More details are available via the church office or Rev. Katie.

Car-Ver-Sations

Parents having conversations with children about their lesson in the car or at the table!

May 26

Why do you think God created us to have fun?

June 2

Today is the last day of class! What was your favorite thing we did this program year? Why?



May 2019

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