



# 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

Patience has been often been mistaken as the synonym for passive.

In listening to a podcast this week, this phrase hit me like a ton of bricks. The statement pushed back at my frustration of the continued stay at home order. It gnarled its way into my discontent soul, tired of waiting for a date and time when all this can be done. I wrestled. I pined. I whined. I cried. Why?

I am not a patient person.

You can ask my parents who had to hide my Christmas presents at other people’s houses. You can ask my husband who has rolled his eyes and told me to calm down more than a couple times to my nagging about information or getting things done. You can ask my children. You can ask the Board. Patience does not sit well with me.

This season of sheltering in has me stir-crazy, to be quite honest. God has done a fair share of rolling eyes at me as well. When will this be done, Lord? When can I see the people? Hug them? Reassure them face to face that God continues to embrace us in this crazy moment in time? Give me a date, God! (A word to the wise... do not demand too much of God—God tends to find intense ways to offer a response.)

So God’s response: patience, but remember that does not mean passive.

I am reminded of all those who required patience in the scriptures: Noah (yeah, how many birds did he send out?), Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and his brothers, the Israelites in Egypt, Israelites in the wilderness, waiting for a king, living in exile, Jesus before starting ministry, disciples waiting for resurrection, for Christ’s return and ascension, for the Holy Spirit, Paul... so on and so forth. Sometimes it was days—more often than not, years and years.

These times of required patience were transformative. There were still investments in hope to tend. There were still people to meet along the way to share the story of what was and what is promised. There were moments of growth and renewal and rededication. God finds the fields ready for turning over, cultivating, planting, and fertilizing.

Patience—it is not passive, but required for a new mindfulness of the way God is reworking hope. And not just to experience hope for ourselves, but to be harbingers of hope! This hope shines best in us and through us as cracked pots (2 Corinthians 4) - through our struggles, stresses, and strains. Things hoped for that we cannot see, but lean to in faith.

Lord—as we attempt patience in this continued state, help us to see what you are working anew around us, in us, and through us. Encourage us to open our eyes, unclog our ears, free our hands, and break our hearts to bear witness and participate in your hopeful glory!

Amen.

Rev. Katie Osier



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

- 3— Abby Kuwatch  
Shannon Miller
- 4— Jan Babbo
- 7— Lydia Corle
- 8— Clarence Moore
- 10— Kristina Rossiter  
Carol Moore
- 11— Amy Joyce  
LB Keller  
Alyssa Laterza  
Tamela Steele
- 12— Tim Jones
- 17— Kristen Booth
- 20— Anthony Swank
- 21— Connie Leonard
- 24— Margo Holmes
- 25— Connor Prater
- 26— Sharley Greer
- 27— Emerson Kleis



- 1— Bill and Debbie Lyle
- 2— Chuck and Eileen Cowgar
- 14— Nick and Cindy Celetti
- 31— Jim and Chris O'Brien

**WORSHIP**

Worship will continue online, Sundays at 10 am. You can access worship and the worship bulletin through the church website or the church Facebook page. Services are being recorded and being placed on DVD to share with those who would like them. Please contact the office number if you would like to have recordings.

**GUMC HAS GIFTS!**

Greensburg UMC is filled with very talented persons! Would you consider offering your gifts for worship? Music, poetry, art, witness story—these provide beautiful moments in worship to God. Your gifts help bear a collective celebration to the glory of God in the world!

If you are interested, please contact our Choir Director, Brian Lawson at 330-256-3462 or by email at [brian.lawson@greensburgumc.net](mailto:brian.lawson@greensburgumc.net)

**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 330.656.6460. Contact Rev. Katie for the password. YAC information on the back page.**

Various links have been listed to aid in connecting persons to spiritual growth. If you would like an Upper Room, 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](https://destination-site-production.s3.amazonaws.com/pdfs/UR_May-June2020.pdf)

**Families:**

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!

**FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC**

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
March 2020	\$ 19,311.63	\$ 23,533.17	\$ 24,384.08
Year to Date	\$61,559.58	\$73,856.05	\$ 81,570.24
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
March 2020	\$ 1,511.00	\$ 2624.10	\$ 126,600.53
BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW	Total Given	Pledged	Balance Available
As of 3/31/2020	\$ 245,828.12	\$ 233,143.96	\$ 39,801.35



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

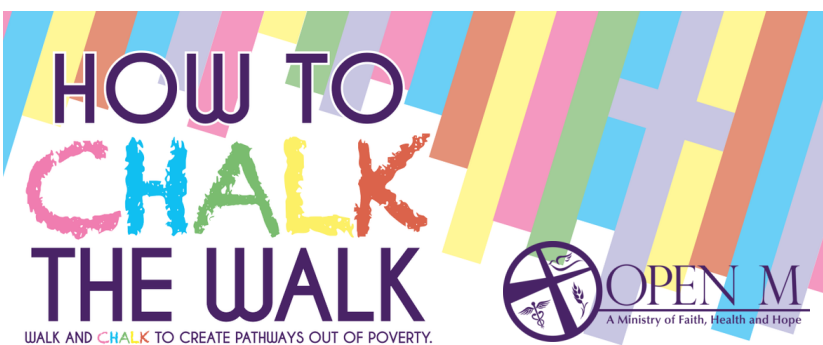
**CITY WIDE FOOD DRIVE - MAY 4 - 15**

The Citywide Food Drive is Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 15 to benefit the pantries of Blessings in a Backpack, Green Good Neighbors and The Chapel.

Drop Off Locations & Times:

- Mondays:** Lakeview Christian Church, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays & Wednesdays:** The Chapel, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- Thursdays:** Queen of Heaven Church, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Fridays:** Green Intermediate and Green High Schools, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saturdays:** Green Intermediate and Green High Schools, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**Needed items:** Hearty Soups, Beef Stew, Individual Cereal Cups, Pasta in a Can, Syrup, Pasta Noodles, Pancake Mix, Large Applesauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly



- 1 DRAW A PICTURE OR POSITIVE WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT WITH CHALK IN YOUR DRIVEWAY, SIDEWALK, OR OTHER AVAILABLE PLACE, MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING (6 FT)
- 2 TAKE A WALK WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD OR BY YOURSELF
- 3 TAKE PICTURES OF ALL THE CHALK ART YOU MAKE OR SEE AND SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA USING THE HASHTAG #OPENMChalkTheWalk
- 4 MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION OR MAIL A DONATION TO SUPPORT OPEN M'S MISSION DURING THIS TRYING TIME FOR OUR COMMUNITY

WWW.OPENM.ORG/DONATE  
 J.RIST@OPENM.ORG OR 330-434-0110 FOR QUESTIONS

**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

**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, statewide 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!



**SENDING ENCOURAGEMENT TO RESIDENTS OF FLAT ROCK HOMES**

Flat Rock Homes, a United Methodist Ministry, cares for people with developmental disabilities. It's been a difficult time for residents as they aren't able to understand the changes in their daily routine, which includes new staff hired to help keep them safe from the virus. They are quarantined from family and friends.

Flat Rock is requesting cards for their support staff and the people they serve. Send your words of encouragement to:

Flat Rock Homes  
 Attn: Staff Cards OR FRCC Cards OR FRCS Cards\*  
 PO Box 1  
 Flat Rock, Ohio 44828



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## RESOURCES

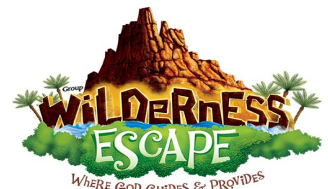
For up to date information, please check out the church website and Facebook Page. Rev. Katie will be posting updates each Friday for the week ahead.

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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

New dates and opportunities coming

Vacation Bible School is one of Greensburg UMC's gifts to the community. With the continuation of orders to stay at home and gathering limits due to COVID-19, the church will be working with leaders to create a different kind of Vacation Bible School for the families of Green. Please be on the look out to see how you can be part of this unique way of delivering the gospel to our community. More details coming soon! In the meantime, pray for our children and families of Green and the world.



## YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

Online , Sunday, June 14 @ 7:00 PM | Cost: \$10

Our virtual YAC will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14. We will live stream our keynote speaker, Shane Claiborne, as well as the band, Tribe Collective, who will lead us in a prerecorded time of worship (and available for a future date if needed).

Each registrant will receive a YAC party box, including t-shirt, lanyard, candle, and more! **Register by contacting Rev. Katie ([rev.katie.osier@gmail.com](mailto:rev.katie.osier@gmail.com)) no later than May 10, even if you registered previously.**

## 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