



Cross Talk

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

FROM YOUR PASTOR

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In this season of recreation and rebirth, it is helpful to remember beauty of what it means to be the body of Christ. A young pastor offered profound these words:

The Church—the Body of Christ is...

1. a place of profound vulnerability: where we weep and rejoice together.
2. A proclamation that the powers and principalities of this world do not have the final word about who and whose we are.
3. A new time though which our lives are structured around the movements of the Spirit rather than the rat race of life.
4. An opportunity to have our finances and gifts shifted to support people whom we might otherwise might ignore
5. A gathering in which all of our unique identities/gifts/graces can be used for the betterment of creation
6. The last vestige of a place where we willfully gather together with people who are different from us and is therefore a remarkable opportunity for a *real* community.
7. A gift of a new past in which our mistakes are healed through what we call forgiveness
8. A gift of a new future in which the fear of death is destroyed through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
9. A gift of a new present, a way of life, made possible by Easter in which our practices/habits/liturgies shape us into an alternative society
10. A never-ending source of Good News for a world drowning in bad news



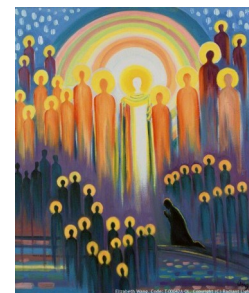
As we look forward as part of the entirety of the body of Christ, might we keep these close to our hearts to know the power and authority God has given us through the Spirit to use our gifts, our passions, our work to transform the world in real and hopeful ways.

We are the church!

Rev. Katie Osier

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7—BRING A CANDLE

All persons attending virtually or in person are invited to bring a candle to represent a loved one who has passed in their lifetime to honor them during the All Saints Services. All the candles will be lit during the service and used as part of our remembering that we are continually surrounded by a cloud of faithful witnesses. Candles must have a base, plate, or holder so it can be left free standing during the service. Candles brought to the service will go home following the service.





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Liz Brenneman
John Campbell
Eileen Cowgar
Eugene Hetson
- 5 Kaitlyn Hawkins
- 6 Abigail Dimengo
Marlene Hays
- 7 Hazel Barrett
Janet Dando
- 10 Jason Beamish
- 12 Nolan Kocsis
- 14 Dayna Scolaro
- 17 Velma Lopez
- 18 Amy Dvorak
- 19 Dylan Vinciguerra
- 23 Dennis Dieffenbaugher
- 28 Suzanne Lindahl
Kayley Hayat
Bridget Jones
- 30 Juliette Campbell
John Clay
Jacque Miller



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Michael & Karen Hodges
- 7 Doug & Diane Oplinger
- 8 Chuck & Char Borland
- 16 Clarence & Carol Moore
- 26 Bud & Sharley Greer

CHRISTMAS EVE NURSERY HELP NEEDED

2 persons are needed during the Christmas Eve 7:30 pm service to care for the needs of preschoolers and younger. It can be either 2 adults or 1 adult and one teenager. Worship will be streamed into the nursery. If you can help, please talk with Diana Langenfeld on Sunday mornings.

GREENSBURG UMC AND OUR SCOUT UNITS

Our scout units (Pack 3335, Troop 335, and Troop 7335) are currently “chartered” with Greensburg United Methodist Church. As a “charter organization” the church not only supports the scout units, e.g. provides meeting space, gives guidance, etc., but also has a sort of quasi-franchisee relationship with our BSA Council, the Great Trail Council.

As is happening nationally with the United Methodist Church and the Boy Scouts of America, the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church is in discussions with the Great Trail Council to modify the nature of this relationship going forward. Please note that aside from the United Methodist Church these discussions are also occurring with many of the other charter organizations’ governing bodies and will likely result in a universal change.

While we do not know what the exact nature of our relationship will look like on paper come the first of the year, a group of leaders from the troops and church met to discuss this conundrum. First, all agreed that we enjoy and want to keep the long-standing relationships that the church and scout units have had. Second, all parties are committed to continuing together under whatever structure may exist in the future. It is our expectation that for the youth in scouting and our scouting families there will be no perceivable difference in the scouting programs or our direct relationships with the church as we move forward.

If you have any questions, please be encouraged to ask Rev. Katie or leaders of the troops.

THANK YOUS

Thank you to those that came to our home and helped us with yard work for your service project. We are very grateful and blessed to be part of this church family. Blessings from Chuck and Eileen Cowgar

I am so grateful to all of you who reached out with calls, and notes for the loss of Barbara Riggs who was part of this church family and my best friend. Barb baked food and served for our church funeral dinners. Since we could not gather for a shared meal, next time you eat out or a dinner at home think of Barb with fond memories. She so deserves them. Eileen Cowgar

FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
October 2021	\$ 15,223.11	\$ 20,157.49	\$ 21,447.54
Year to Date	\$ 168,537.83	\$207,409.09	\$226,856.80
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
October 2021	\$ 1,608.80	\$ 1901.19	\$ 90,639.44

FAMILY AND CHILDREN MINISTRY: MESSY CHURCH AND GUM CLUB!

WHEN WE NEED HOPE - GOD IS GOOD!

That's God's message for us at our next Messy Church. Messy Church for November is the last Sunday of November (28th), which is also the first Sunday of Advent. We want to make Advent wreaths to help us prepare to celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus.

Messy Church is a special time when children and adults of all ages meet together to experience fun and faith-based stories and activities. It is also a great opportunity for families to spend time with each other and learn more about God's love and relationship with us.

Please join us at 10:00am each Sunday in Room 111 for GUM Club and on November 28th in the Fellowship Hall for Messy Church.

Amy, Beth, and Pastor David



STUDENT MINISTRY

Sundays in November @ 10 AM: Sunday School
November 28—Help with Messy Church

Sunday, November 7 @ 12:30—4 PM : Lasagna Bake and Take

Bring a mask and a sack lunch to church with you. Drinks and snacks will be provided for students and adults who attend. Meet in the church kitchen following the 11 am service. We will eat lunch first, then begin our assembling and baking madness. Once done, we will be taking our treats to the homes of our shut ins and those who need a little extra love at this time. You are welcome to invite a friend!



**Saturday, November 13 @ 6 AM—5 PM:
BED BRIGADE!**

Teens and adults are invited to come and see what this new mission could be for Greensburg UMC. Meet at the church, and from there we will go to Grove City, Ohio to check out this mission opportunity. We will be back at the church at 5 pm (or earlier, depending). Please bring a mask and something to drink/snacks if you need them.

Sunday, November 21 @ 5-7 PM: Chopped Desserts!

Bring what you want to use as extras—we will give you 5 surprise ingredients and you get to make desserts! We will share and judge our inventions together.

Save the Date: Sunday, December 5 after worship. We are attempting to go to Whirlyball that day. You are welcome to invite friends to join. They will need a permission form for the event. Cost TBD.

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!

Clean up day on Saturday November 6 starting at 9 am

Bring a candle to participate in All Saints Sunday Service on November 7

Come and see about the Bed Brigade, November 13 @ 6 am

Engage with Messy Church or Student Ministries on November 28 by participating or volunteering

Sing in the choir and praise band, or ring bells to praise the Lord during worship

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

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!)

Witness (Tell others about it and invite)

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

UMCOR CLEANING BUCKETS AND CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORUNITY

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC—midwestmission.org) is the North Central Jurisdiction’s distribution hub for kits, buckets, relief items, as well as building relationships and partnerships that foster health and justice for recipients.

Thanks to your generosity, we are assembling cleaning buckets to be taken to the MMDC at the end of the month. In order to expand their mission, they are also collecting items below for their Christmas giving. Your giving in this way impacts families and adults, caring for their joy and hope this season.



PACKING DAY: Sunday, November 7 @ 10 AM, Gathering Area

All persons are welcome to come to the Gathering Area and assist in the supply chain to pack the buckets with the materials purchased through your generosity. The completed buckets will be put into the room across from the Youth Room to be later taken to the drop off point for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

You can also donate any of the following items to the church at marked donation boxes by each of the worship centers.

Donations will be accepted at Greensburg UMC through Sunday, November 28.

Monetary donations can also be made by check or Vanco, written out to Greensburg UMC, labeled MMDC Christmas.

LIST OF CHRISTMAS NEEDS: *new items only*

- Jump ropes
- All types of sports balls (soccer, basketball, softball, baseball)
- Hand pump for the deflated balls
- Simple musical instruments like a recorder, harmonica, or percussion
- Board games (Jenga, Trouble, Candyland, Connect 4, and other simple games that don't require batteries)
- NO bikes can be taken at this time



OTHER ITEMS THAT THE MMDC COLLECTS AND DISTRIBUTES: *gently used is ok*

- Folding walkers Orthopedic supplies
- Wheelchairs Non-electric tools
- Crutches & Canes Treadle sewing machines (no electric machines at this time)

Thank you for your generosity! You are making an impact in the lives of those across our nation!

LOVE OFFERING FOR THE STAFF OF GREENSBURG UMC

Do you love and appreciate our church’s dedicated staff members? We would like to show all of our wonderful staff members, how much we appreciate everything they do! During this pandemic, they found creative ways to enhance our Christian lives while being unable to meet the way we are used to gathering. Much has changed since the pandemic started. Our staff has been working hard to find ways for us to meet and connect in person while keeping those of us that cannot meet safely in person connected to GUMC. We ask for this 'Love Offering' each year, as a way to express our gratitude to our church staff members, for their commitment to GUMC and doing God’s work. If you would like to contribute, please mark your offering as 'Love Offering' and return it to GUMC or give electronically through Vanco by November 28, 2021.



Thank you for prayerfully considering this important offering to show appreciation to our fantastic church staff!

Thank you, One Board

GREEN GOOD NEIGHBORS CHRISTMAS FAMILY GIVING

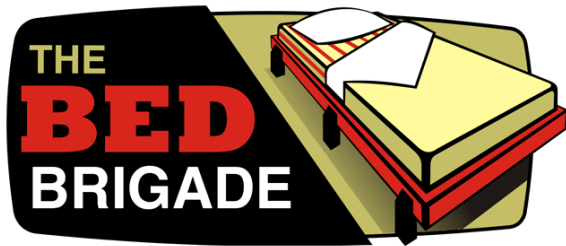
Annually, Greensburg UMC has been a blessing to families in our community through their gifts and offerings by way of presents for children and gift cards for groceries. Would you prayerfully consider being part of this outreach again this year, or perhaps for the first time this year?

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

There are families with children who need gifts for Christmas. If you would be willing to buy a gift or gifts for a family, please contact Pat Stiles at 330-896-3425. She will match you up with a family, including the age of the children, their sizes for clothes, and ideas for toys. With that information, purchase a new gift worth \$25 or what ever you want to spend, wrap the gift, mark it with the label included, and bring them on **Sunday, December 5 from 12 noon to 2 pm**. If you need a separate time, please contact Pat Stiles.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Green Good Neighbors also supplies families with grocery gift cards in increments of \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40 and \$50 from any of the local grocery stores such as Giant Eagle, Acme, or Aldi. We start distributing the grocery cards the first week in Dec through the 22. If you are able to purchase a gift card from any of those stores in any of those increments, please turn them **into the Church Office or to Green Good Neighbor's Office on Wednesday morning no later than Dec. 5.**



THE BED BRIGADE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Greensburg UMC is looking into a new ministry opportunity that is open to all ages. The Bed Brigade is a national effort to provide twin beds to children and families who do not have beds.

A group of congregation members are headed to Grove City, Ohio for the day on Saturday, November 13 at 6:00 AM. Anyone is welcome to come and see the Bed Brigade in action. See Rev. Katie Osier for more details.



NOVEMBER 6 @ 9 am
CHURCH
WORKDAY

Bring cleaning supplies for inside and out. We will be tackling the outdoor garden spaces and indoor kitchen and sanctuary spaces to clean and tidy these areas for their best use. All ages are invited and welcomed. Hope to see you there!