



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

Abiding in the Reign

The liturgical calendar guides the church through the life cycle of Jesus Christ and the birth and life of the church. The church enters the end of the liturgical year in November. Worship in November lures the people of God into the thin veil between heaven and earth as the church dances into the present, past, and future Advent season. The month starts with celebrating All Saints' Sunday, allowing the presence of the Saints who have gone before us to intermingle with ours as we all abide in the Holy Spirit. While not part of the church calendar year, we participate in rejoicing in the harvest – through the Consecration of our gifts and Thanksgiving. These Sundays bring to light all we have been given throughout the year. Through our love for the Lord who has provided all good gifts, we offer what we have to others in praise and thanksgiving to God. The month and the church calendar year concludes with Christ the King Sunday, a Sunday to celebrate our allegiance to the reign of Christ – the kingdom of God.

Worship in November reminds us that “God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of God’s beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” The Saints understood these words, told these stories, lived with the best intentions to honor and praise God, and now call us into the same worshipful life – where our gratitude pulls us towards generosity in praise and thanksgiving of God. As we celebrate All Saints, Consecration, Thanksgiving, and the Reign of Christ, remember all God has done for you and for the church, as well as the ways God continues to provide and calls us to love, engage, and serve our neighbors. Might our experience with the Holy Spirit in worship move us to gratitude, help shape to our generosity in giving, and entice us to live each day, abiding in the overwhelming grace and reign of Christ.

Love and Grace,

Rev. Katie Osier

SCRIPTURAL FOCUS

“May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Colossians 1:11-14

~November Birthdays~

- 1 Liz Brenneman
John Campbell
Eileen Cowgar
Janet Dando
Gene Hetson
- 4 Kelsey Carpenter
- 6 Abigail Dimengo
Marlene Hays
- 7 Barb Riggs
- 10 Jason Beamish
- 11 Kaitlyn Hawkins
- 12 Nolan Kocsis
- 13 Bill Spurrier
- 14 Dayna Scolaro
- 17 Velma Lopez
- 18 Amy Dvorak
- 19 Dylan Vinciguerra
- 23 Denny
Dieffenbaugher
- 28 Kayley Hayat
Bridget Jones
Suzanne Lindahl
- 30 Juliette Campbell
Denise Clay
John Clay
Jacque Miller
Caleb Smesko

~November Anniversaries~

- 16 Terry & Betsy
Renninger
- 21 Scott & Beverly
Waseman
- 28 Jason & Terry
Beamish



WITH GRATITUDE

We are heading into our 3rd month of school! It has been a great start to the school year! We had our Fall Open House on 10/23, and we had great attendance! Our book fair provided us with lots of free books for the program, and we also donated a few new books to the church's children's library!

Thank you to everyone who has been saving your ACME receipts. The Community Cashback program will be running through December 30 for this school year. It will resume again next August. Please return all receipts by January 12th. Reminder: to earn the 5% on the community cash back amount, we must have the whole receipt the community cash back amount is at the bottom of the receipt), so if the receipt is cut off at the bottom, it is null and void.

In appreciation,
Loving Hands Preschool~ Shannon Miller



THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Jack Fuerst for his generous donation to our preschool's book fair. With Jack's kindness, we were able to provide books for our families who receive scholarship assistance to attend the preschool. The children were so excited to choose books!

Thanks, Jack, for always being such a supporter of our program and the children who attend!!

Loving Hands Preschool

CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

If you want to be a prayer warrior and receive the Sunday lists of any urgent requests please call or email Pat Stiles. Pat would be happy to add you to this mighty team of prayer warriors.

Pat Stiles—330.896.3425
pstiles2260@yahoo.com

If you have any questions, Pat will be happy to answer them for you.

"I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer."
Ps. 17:6

HOW KIND OF YOU!

The State of Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation declared and sent a refund to GUMC for some of the premiums that we paid in 2017. Many thanks go to **Loving Hands Preschool** for donating their entire refund of \$1,361.89 to the church. It will be put to good use.

WITH SYMPATHY

To the Campbell Family, in the passing of Tracey's mom, Mary Harris

To the Stiles and Langenfeld Family, in the passing of Pat's sister in law
Marcella Kennenberg



WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

As it applies to religion - it is defined as "a strengthening or deepening of one's relationship with God". As one of those blessed to have the opportunity to teach the class in our church, I look at it as an opportunity to share my beliefs with out youth and help to prepare them to make, what very well may be the biggest decision of their lives - to answer the question; Are you willing to give your life to God and commit yourself to being a Christian throughout you life? Both Mark Nicol (my partner in teaching this class) and I take the responsibility of teaching this class very seriously. The parents of our students put a lot of trust in us when they give us the opportunity talk to their children about this important topic.

Every year we are thanked again and again for taking on this responsibility - but it is really us who should be thanking you for giving us this blessing. There is not a year that goes by that in helping prepare our youth to answer this question and help them to grow in their relationship with God - that our relationship grows stronger as well. We have been blessed over the years with members of the class that challenge us, question us, and remind us what is like to earnestly search out the meaning of a true relationship with God. For without questioning what it means to have that relationship, it will grow weak and fade away. The encouraging part for us is that through the youth of our church we see, every year, a desire for the knowledge of God's Word and an understanding of our religion. Inevitably it starts slow at the beginning of the year, as we (students and teachers) find out how best to explore this adventure together. But as the year goes on, the seed of faith that God plants in all of us grows into a beautiful flower that show us the awesomeness of our God in our lives.

Once again this year we have a group of students that continue to challenge Mark and I with thoughtful and pointed questions and challenges as we journey together in our quest to grow closer to God and understand his teachings. We have experienced laughter, seriousness, fun, and challenges as we explore the wonders of the Bible, the history of our religion, and uncover what it truly means to be a Christian. We have watched videos, read excerpts from the Bible, discussed current events, and debated the meanings of it all. No question in the class is inconsequential or goes unanswered. Mark and I may not have the answers to all of them - but we commit to finding them out for the class. So what else do we do? *Continued on page 7*

LOVE OFFERING

"They'll know we are Christians by our love."

We would like to show appreciation to Pastor Katie and all of our wonderful staff members by collecting a 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. We may not be able to give pay raises on a yearly basis, but this is another way that we can show our appreciation! Mark your offering as 'Love Offering' and place it in the offering plate or the office. Gifts will be presented to staff at a church service in December. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important offering to show appreciation to our fantastic church staff!

Sincerely, Staff Parish Relations Committee

GUMC GREETERS

NOVEMBER 2019

9:00am Service
Todd & Sue
Wendling

11:00am Service
Clyde & Nancy
Pennington

DECEMBER 2019

9:00am Service
Eileen Cowgar

11:00am Service
Dean Stewart
Mona Chalker

JANUARY 2020

Yet to be determined

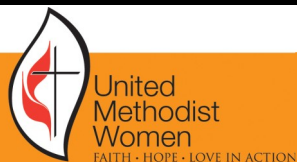


ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, BOTH SERVICES

Let us not forget the Saints that have entered Glory this past year

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Ellen Campbell | Monna Hartong |
| Chuck Cowgar Jr | Anna Miller |
| Mary Curry | Dalton Shipe |
| William Douglas | Fred Susick |
| Evalynne Ward | |

These, along with others who are near and dear to our hearts, will be celebrated and honored at November 3'rds service.



United Methodist Women celebrates its 100th Birthday!

At our UMW meeting last Monday, we had the opportunity to meet Sara Woolridge, a Licensed Independent Social Worker at Summit County Children Services. Sara works with youth who are approaching age 18 and will be moving out of foster care into independent living, to provide help in preparing them to make this important transition. There are currently 127 youth in this program, 59 who are age 14 to 15, and the balance 16+ years of age. The agency has developed a carefully formulated step-by-step plan that provides important skill-building, valuable information regarding everyday living and training and education options, to name a few things. Each young person at emancipation receives a \$1,000 stipend, and if the young person is willing and able to save their money, SCCS will match what they save up to \$2,500. Sadly the high school graduation rate with these youth is not good. In 2019, 37 will be emancipated, with only 14 graduating high school.



Funding for child protective services in Ohio is shockingly low, with our state ranking last in the nation, a very disturbing fact to those of us who heard it. Grocery gift cards, when available, are a great help to aid in emergency interventions, but the agency is not permitted to buy them. We will be sending \$100 worth of grocery gift cards for this program, and for this we owe everyone who supports UMW mission fund-raising efforts a big thank you.

We will have a Christmas Tea on Monday, December 16 for all women of the church, including their friends, neighbors, daughters and granddaughters. This is always a fun event, so please put it on your calendar and plan to be with us!

Help Decorate our Church for Advent & Christmas

Saturday, November 30 | 11:00am | All ages welcome!

Enter into Advent by preparing the church for Christ's Birth. Worship spaces and the Gathering Area will be decorated that day. Bring a snack/beverage to share as we work together to welcome Advent.

Advent – New Year Brunch, Sunday, December 1

Greensburg UMC will kick off the Advent season with worship and a Brunch Potluck in between services on Sunday, December 1 at 10 am. Please bring fruit to share, a breakfast casserole, or a sweet bread/dessert. The church will provide coffee, tea, juice, and breakfast meats. Before brunch is over, as a united church family, communion will be celebrated. Invite a neighbor or a family member. Sit with someone new. Let us begin by worshipping Emmanuel, God with us, fully!

Green Good Neighbors Christmas Food Gift Cards

We are in need of gift cards from grocery stores especially Acme, Aldi, and Giant Eagle again this year. We will be distributing them to families beginning Dec. 4th. We will collect them on Sunday, December 1st after second service. Or, you can leave them in the church office. Thank you for your help and generosity.



FUNDING THE MISSION AND VISION OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
September, 2019	\$ 21,175.32	\$ 18,301.50	\$ 24,875.99
Year to Date	\$207,388.17	\$221,003.31	\$254,489.73
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
September, 2019	\$ 1,705.00	\$ 2,624.10	\$140,497.39
BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW	Total Given	Pledged	Balance Available
	\$234,764.96	\$233,143.96	\$ 33,050.99

GUMC membership donated \$315 toward the Hurricane Dorian relief effort through UMCOR.

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

Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Fest on Sunday, October 20. Here is what's coming up next!

November 24 | 10 AM: Children's Ministry: Creating Grateful boxes

Students of all ages will come together this Sunday to create a grateful box or boxes for their family to use around the dinner table. Bring in a shoe box that morning in order to create a place where family members can write down what they are grateful for and keep them until New Year's Eve to be read, for an entire year, or however your family wants to share in this way to spread and share gratitude for all God has done for us.

December 1 | 10 AM: Family Ministry: Advent Wreaths

During the brunch, a station will be available for families of all ages and stages to create an Advent Wreath for their home. Candles, holders, and wreaths will be provided. Everyone can share in creating them before they depart from worship or brunch. A special devotion will be offered as well for families to use over the season of Advent.

CONFIRMATION OUTING:

Haven of Rest and Steak and Shake

On Thursday, Nov. 14th, the Confirmation class will be going to Haven of Rest and Steak and Shake for a late snack with Mark and Vince. (Mark and Vince are treating the kids.) This is a great experience for them, as it teaches them how we can provide a little help and hope to those in need. Parents are welcome to attend this event, too!

For more details see Vince Lehman or Mark Nicol!



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

Thank you to the students and adults who have dedicated their time in starting the year off with crazy questions, a wild service rally, our first Friday Night Live, to a night of humans vs zombies, we are only just beginning this wonderful adventure of the year together. Here's what not to miss in November!

November 3 (5-6:30 pm): Questions: Why do bad things happen to good people? AND Is Jesus a zombie?

November 10 (5-6:30 pm): Questions: Heaven and Hell and In-Between

November 15-16: Service: Project Feed Student Ministries Overnighter with Uniontown UMC

November 17: No Student Ministries Meeting

November 24 (5-6:30 pm): Fellowship: Thanksgiving Meal and Turkey Bowl



GUMC STUDENT MINISTRIES SERVICE OVERNIGHTER

- DATE: Friday - Saturday, November 15-16
- TIME: Fri, 8 PM to Sat, 8 PM, Drop off / Pick Up @ GUMC (or Saturday morning if student doesn't want to do the overnighter)
- COST: \$15 (and Med/Permission Form) + Breakfast item (TBD) + Snack to Share + Canned Food Item (\$10 for event, \$5 to cover dinner out Saturday)
- BRING: Clothes, Needed Hygiene products, Personal Items as Needed

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT REV. KATIE OSIER | 330.896.1936

Greensburg UMC

Nov 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
						9am - Walking
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion 7:30am - All 9am - Modern 10am - Sunday 11am - Traditi 5pm - Student 6pm - Not a	6pm - Green 6pm - Pack	Preschool 6pm - Green	9am - Good 5pm - Caregive 6:15pm - Joyfu 7:30pm - Chan	8am - Prescho 5:30pm - TOPS 6pm - Green 7pm - Troop	Troop 335 Campout - Rogue's 9am - Walking 10am - Green 10:30am - Sibs 2:30pm - Sibsh	
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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Loving Hands Preschool will be hosting their Christmas Programs on Monday, December 9th & Tuesday, December 10th. There are 2 performances each day, at 11:45am and 6:00pm. The families donate cookies and refreshments for the performances, but we would love help from our church families with serving the refreshments. If you would be available to help with any of the program times, there is a sign up sheet in the church office!

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This year we are going to the Haven of Rest in Akron in November to let the class see the challenges some people must face as they go through their lives. They have the opportunity to talk to people who have lost their way and listen to the stories of how God is bringing them back into His fold. They get to see how God is with us no matter what and how our faith in Him can get us through the toughest times in our lives. We believe this trip helps to strengthen the compassion of the class and lets them hear testimonies that show the importance of a strong relationship with God.

Another activity coming up is the Inter-faith Service at the Temple Israel in Akron. That is a trip in January that will allow the class to experience what is like in another religion. They will take part in a worship service in the Jewish faith and have an opportunity to ask questions in an open and safe environment when the "Stump the Rabbi" portion of the evening comes around. We believe it is important to know where you come from in order to stride purposefully into your future - and experiencing the roots of our religion is a good way to help gain that understanding. It is a fun and educational night where donuts are shared and any question about the Jewish faith you want to ask can be answered.

So in the end "What is Confirmation?"

Mark and I will tell you it is a time to understand where we come from; to explore God's Word; to see God's influence in our lives; to answer questions we all have; to grow closer to God. It is the way to get the information to let you answer the question - Do you want to be a Christian and allow God into your life by dedicating your life to Him?

For Mark and I - it is a blessing that all of you (the church), and especially the parents of those in our class, have given us by providing us the opportunity to share our beliefs and knowledge with the youth of the church.

And for that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Vince Lehman and Mark Nicol

UMCOR CLEANING BUCKETS

Help Us With Our "Bucket List"!

DEADLINE IS APPROACHING for our collection of items and money for UMCOR cleaning buckets.

These buckets help by enabling those affected by floods, hurricanes and tornadoes to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up. You can help by providing items, financing a bucket (or two!) and by helping pack the buckets for delivery to Pennsylvania for storage until they are needed.

Slips are posted to help you choose the items to buy.

All items should be brought to the church by November 13 in order to assemble the kits between services on November 17th.

Thank you in advance for your support of this mission.

Email Ann at Hartongs@aol.com with any questions.



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www.greensburgumc.net

DO YOU KNOW?

This is a new addition to our newsletter. The church historian (Pat Stiles) will be submitting a question each edition and provide you with the answer in the following month's edition. Hope you ENJOY it!

QUESTION: Where was our first church located and when was it built?



GREEN GOOD NEIGHBORS NEEDS YOUR HELP:

Christmas is coming and so are the needs of others. We would appreciate any grocery gift cards but especially Acme, Aldi and Giant Eagle. Gift cards will be collected on Sunday, December 1st after second service or you can leave them in the church office during that week. Each family gets some gift cards for their Christmas dinner and the amount depends on the size of each family. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



GREENSBURG UMC CHARGE CONFERENCE

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019 @ 2 PM | Park United Methodist Church
2308 24th St SW, Akron, OH 44314**

Administrative Board and the entire congregation is invited to follow up with the year's mission and vision work, along with neighboring churches.



Newsletter

Don't miss out sharing all the Good News that is happening at Greensburg United Methodist Church! All articles for December Newsletter need to be submitted to the Office, by Friday, November 15th.