



# 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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I hope you have enjoyed the series “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask...” For our household, it has been a time of sharing, reflecting, and connecting. How bizarre these simple questions can provide a way to bridge gaps of understanding while offering opportunities for us to practice better conversation with one another.

The last question: *Where do we go from here?*

As we linger in this question, we are reminded that God continues to work through this nook of the body of Christ we lovingly know as Greensburg UMC. This season, while at times daunting, glimmers with the promise that God uses all things for God’s good. Choir and bells are coming back together. Sunday Schools and Student ministries are starting to gleam with the goodness of smiles, laughter, and imagination through God’s Word. There are more ways to Love through worship and connection, to Engage in fellowship and discipleship, and to Serve. These are the works God has prepared before us—we simply need to respond.

Therefore, our response to the question is a simple one—one bound in community, just as the Triune God is bound in community.

Where do we go from here? Forward on the path set before us by God—TOGETHER!

**Rev. Katie Osier**



## **GIVE IT FORWARD SUNDAY - OCTOBER 31, 2021**

Fall has kicked off wonderful renewed ministries thanks to your support and generosity of \$700+. In August, your additional generosity—giving it forward—helped start Messy Church, provide backpack tags to our community, and share the cost of the Student Ministry kickoff.

Every 5th Sunday brings in an extra week of income to support current ministries and those to come. Why not stake a claim in saying we believe God has good work for Greensburg UMC to do?

You are invited to take up the give it forward challenge on Sunday, October 31 via the offering box or plate, or through Vanco online. This gift will go directly to the general ministry fund of the church, unless designated elsewhere. Your added generosity does make a difference!

Please prayerfully consider giving it forward on October 31. I look forward to celebrating together in the potential growth that can be discovered through our shared generosity!



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Mona Chalker  
Pamela Milhoan
- 2 Rachel Heilmeier
- 4 Susan Wendling
- 5 Nancy Claytor  
Kyra Confer
- 6 Jocelyn Claytor  
Shannon Claytor
- 8 Nicholas Laterza  
Dan Terwilliger  
Pat Stiles
- 13 Chris Koprivier  
Mark Nicol  
Cara Smesko
- 14 Jim O'Brien
- 15 Norm Billups
- 18 Katie Osier  
Beverly Waseman
- 19 Patty Barrett  
Zachary Booth
- 21 Doug Oplinger
- 22 Jozie Johnson  
Colton Langenfeld
- 26 Charles Cowgar
- 30 Clyde Pennington
- 31 Sydney Booth
- 27 Janice Conley
- 30 Bill Dando
- 31 Maela Harp



**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11 Pete Peterson &  
Connie Leonard
- 13 Brent & Abby Kuwatch
- 16 Brad & Gina Laterza
- 22 Michael & Paula Vinciguerra
- 26 Clyde & Nancy Pennington
- 28 William & Sally Fosnight

**CHARGE CONFERENCE—OCTOBER 31 @ 2 PM**

Charge Conference will be held at Greensburg UMC on Sunday, October 31 at 2 PM. This is open to all members of Greensburg UMC. Leadership from One Board are asked to attend. This year charge conference will be presided by Rev. Annette Dimond from Green Valley UMC. If you have any questions, please ask Rev. Katie Osier.

**FINANCIAL GIVING ENVELOPES**

Over the past few years the use of the standard contribution envelopes has changed for many in our congregation. While the pre-printed envelopes remain very important for the proper posting of your giving, some of you may already have a stock of unused envelopes even before the 2022 replenishment. After being mostly unable to meet in person during these Covid-19 years, some have changed their giving to once per month or have converted to the online giving option through Vanco or their own financial institution. We also have some additional stocks from previous years.

In order to decrease spending, the church will provide either "12 month only" stickers for self-application to those who wish to continue their contributions on a monthly basis. Or if you remain a weekly giver, we will happily supply the standard 52 week pre-printed envelopes. Please email your preference to [margo.holmes@greensburgumc.net](mailto:margo.holmes@greensburgumc.net) or call the church office @ 330-896-1936, we can begin preparing for the new year of 2022.

**FAVORABLE TAX RULING FOR GUMC**

As many of you may know, Summit County performed its six-year in-depth property re-evaluations in 2020. As a result, two of our parcels, primarily the wooded area behind the church, were reclassified from exempt to commercial, raising the taxes and fees on those parcels by about \$11,609 per year – a significant amount. This is not uncommon with vacant land, and requires non-profits to make their case as to why land should be tax-free. We filed an appeal in March with the Board of Revision, stating that the parcels were used by the church and should remain exempt. Trustee Chair Brad Laterza and an attorney we retained presented our case Sept. 3 at a Board of Revision hearing. On Sept. 27, we received the Board ruling indicating that our appeal was successful.

During the appeals process, we continued to pay the annual property assessments that we had paid in the past, but did not pay the taxes that we believed to be inaccurate. As a result, the county's online tax records showed that we technically were delinquent. Now that these two parcels have been restored to exempt status, we expect that the classification of "delinquent" will disappear. We wanted to share this information with our church family to keep you apprised of this unusual situation.

**FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC**

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
Aug 2021	\$ 18,594.99	\$ 19,136.58	\$ 23,134.92
Year to Date	\$ 153,314.72	\$187,251.60	\$205,409.26
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
Aug 2021	\$ 1,513.80	\$ 1901.19	\$ 92,293.71

## FAMILY AND CHILDREN MINISTRY: MESSY CHURCH AND GUM CLUB!

It has been an amazing start to Messy Church and GUM Club this Fall!

### WHEN LIFE IS SCARY...GOD IS GOOD!

**Sunday, October 10 @ 10 AM in Fellowship Hall:** Messy Church is a Christ centered program for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality, celebration, and yes—a little mess. This is hands on fun (Bible stories, games, crafts, puppetry, music, videos and more) for ALL families—especially those with children in Grades K-6. Oh—and there will be a snack!

**The remaining Sundays** will be a Sunday School classroom for children led by Miss Amy, Miss Beth, and Pastor David, reemphasizing the lesson presented at Messy Church. Other adult Sunday School classes will be offered during this time for adults and teens.

Please remember while inside children and volunteers are masked.

Invite a neighbor or friend. Messy Church and the children's Sunday School will be an exciting adventure this year! If you want to get a better idea of Messy Church, check out the video at <https://youtu.be/ipsmG7BTGgo>

Also, contact Amy Dvorak ([advorak102@gmail.com](mailto:advorak102@gmail.com)) to volunteer!



## STUDENT MINISTRY

It has been a fun start to the fall. Here's what's up next!

**Sundays in October @ 10 AM:** Sunday School and 2nd Sundays—Help with Messy Church

**Tuesdays October 5 and 12 @ 6-7:30 PM:** Green Good Neighbors Sorting, Bring a mask and something to drink for yourself

Students will be receiving the food collected from the community and sorting them for the food room.

**Sunday, October 17 @ 12:30—4 PM** Service Road Rally.

Bring a mask and money for McDonalds



Get ready to canvas the city of Green looking for points for your team as you serve others in the love of Jesus Christ. We will start off by grabbing lunch at McDonalds, creating teams, going over rules, and setting out to serve. We will meet back at the church at 3:30 PM and share our adventures and prepare for pick up.

**Sunday, October 24 @ 5-7 PM:** Pumpkins and Bonfire. Bring a pumpkin with you and dress warmly. We will be out at the pavilion for a night of fall fun. Invite a friend!



## 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

Starting Sunday, October 3, the group will meet in the Gathering Area, 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!**

Participate in Give it Forward Sunday, October 31 by offering an additional gift to support the ministries and mission of Greensburg UMC

Engage with Messy Church or Student Ministries on October 10 by participating or volunteering

Give from your Pantry to help with the Green Food Drive—and come help sort at Green Good Neighbors

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)

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**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

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