



Cross Talk

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

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Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:1-2

The leaves are changing color. The air is getting cooler. On Friday evenings, when we dine on the parsonage deck, we can hear the drums of the Green High School Marching Band ringing in the distance. It tells me it is autumn and that is homecoming season. For schools across the country, autumn is a time for class reunions, alumni dinners, and homecoming football games. It is a time to celebrate both their good works in the present, and to remember all the lives they have touched as the years go by. A good school is measured both by who is there now, and those who have passed through its halls and moved on to positively impact the world. In many ways, a church is the same.

Greensburg United Methodist Church is certainly a healthy and vibrant parish. I was reminded of that this past week as more than forty adults and children participated in our Sunday school program, eleven singers donned robes to be part of our choir, and the praise band featured a half-dozen talented musicians. I am excited at the wonderful ways God is using this parish to reach people and shape lives. Like the schools, I am also excited by the history of this place and the knowledge that there are many we don't see who still carry lessons they learned here. Some have moved out of the area. Others joined or married into other churches. Still, they carry with them the lessons of faith and community they received here at GUMC.

Taking a page out of the school calendar, I am working with the church leaders to prepare our own homecoming. We too have much to celebrate with our present congregation, our many alumni, and our hope for the future. On October 8th, I'm inviting us all to come together for a fall festival. We will have worship, fellowship, games and food as we worship outdoors (weather permitting). In the spirit of homecoming, I am asking you to reach out to folks we haven't seen in a while and invite them to come celebrate with us. You can invite members of your extended family who have worshipped with us in the past.. I'm also encouraging you to invite friends and neighbors so they can see what our church is all about. This is a community where you can grow in faith and faithfulness. This is a place that instills faith that lasts a lifetime.

Mark your calendars for October 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The church hospitality team plans to provide corn and hot dogs (with buns and toppings). You do not have to bring anything but, if you have a side or dessert you feel inspired to share with your church family, you are certainly welcome to bring it along. Our GUM Club / Level Up team will have activities for children, and we will all have time for fellowship.

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Sincerely,

Pastor Harlen Rife

OCTOBER MISSION—BED BRIGADE

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mona Chalker
Pam Milhoan & Boris Nastoff
- 2 Rachel Huff
- 4 Sue Wendling
- 5 Nancy Claytor & Kyra Confer
- 6 Jocelyn Claytor &
Shannon Claytor
- 8 Nick Laterza, Pat Stiles &
Dan Terwilliger
- 13 Chris Koprivier, Mark Nicol &
Cara Smesko
- 15 Norm Billups
- 18 Bev Waseman
- 19 Patti Barrett & Zach Booth
- 21 Doug Oplinger
- 22 Jozie Johnson &
Colton Langenfeld
- 26 Chuck Cowgar
- 30 Clyde Pennington
- 31 Sydney Booth

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11th— Pete Peterson
and Connie Leonard
- 13th— Brent and Abby Kuwatch
- 16th— Brad and Gina Laterza
- 22nd— Michael and Paula
Vinciguerra
- 26th— Clyde and Nancy
Pennington

Message from Bed Brigade Leadership Team

OUR NEXT FRAME BUILD IS SATURDAY October 14, 2023 starting at 9am in the Greensburg UMC gymnasium.

Our goal this month is to assemble 35 frames: 15 frames from the parts we already have cut plus another 20.

We will start at 9 am, decorating foot boards, assembling legs, attaching hinges, and attaching legs to side rails. If you arrive later, there will be work assembling frames and packaging them for delivery.

Come join us there is something for all ages and skill levels: painting footboards, attaching hinges, moving mattresses, assembling frames, I sure you will find something you will enjoy.

Remember to bring your tools if you have them - electric screwdrivers (drills or impact drills), sanders, extension cords, etc. If not, we will supply what you need. I hope to see you there!!!

If you are keeping count, we delivered a total of 131 since we started in April of 2022.

Here is a list of our current most critical needs:

Prayers:

- For guidance
- For helpers
- For partners
- For clients

Bedding: (In order of most need)

- Blankets
- Pillows
- Twin XL mattress protectors (zippered ones that enclose the entire mattress are preferred)
- Twin XL sheet sets
- Notes of encouragement

Supplies:

- Permanent markers for decorating the foot boards

Donations:

- For lumber and hardware
- Bedding and cleaning essentials, etc.

I look forward to seeing what new and exciting things God has in store for us. Thank you one and all for sharing this mission.

Bed Request and Volunteer Forms can be found on our webpage at:
www.greensburgumc.net/Bed%20Brigade.aspx

In His service.

Karen Ayers, Patti Barrett, Roger Herbst,
Doug Oplinger, Dick Stratton, and Mike Trinko
Greensburg Bed Brigade



MINISTRY NEWS**Children's Ministry—**

G.U.M. Club and Level Up are off to a great start this year! We had 14 kids join us on our first day and we are all loving the new room! We have new grown-up and teen volunteers this year as well that we are so thankful for!

This year we are using a new curriculum called "Dig In" and through it we will be working our way through the Bible, starting at the very beginning, throughout the year. The kids have already enjoyed acting out the story of Adam and Eve and the first sin. We have some very talented kids who like to act and play musical instruments.

Thank you all for your support, prayers, donations, and time. Right now we are well set with snacks and juice but the kids take home a "prize" each week so if you'd like to donate some little toys or trinkets we would greatly appreciate it!

Blessings, Miss Amy, Miss Beth and Pastor David

**LOVE OFFERING—2023**

Show Staff How Much We Appreciate Them!

We wouldn't have music, website, budget, kids ministry, office run smooth and so much more if it wasn't for *Pam, Margo, Amy, Diana, Brian, Betty, Dustin, Pastor Harlen, Shannon and Brittany* who all make this church the place we want to be for our spiritual journey.

We will begin collecting for the Love Offering on Sunday, October 29th thru Sunday, November 26th. Just write on check memo "Love Offering" and place in the offering plates or place check/cash envelopes into the SPR or Finance mailboxes in the office. Our gifts will be presented to them during the services on Sunday, December 3rd or in the office Monday, December 4th. ~ Your SPR Committee

YOUTH COORDINATOR NEEDED!

Youth Coordinator Needed~



Our children's ministry is growing so much that we need to prepare for them as they grow older and fill a need for the special youth that are here now. We have a job opening for a Coordinator Youth Ministries (ages 7th – 12th graders). Please go to our website for the complete job description or use this link: <http://www.greensburgumc.net/content/PDF's/Youth%20Coordinator.pdf> Please forward to anyone you know that might be interested or just pray for some great candidates.

If you have any questions see SPR (Char Borland) or Pastor Harlen.

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Ongoing Fellowship Opportunities

Saturdays - Walking Group meets at 9am by office entrance

2nd Tuesdays - Dementia Support Group meets from 6-7:30 in the library (directed by Chaplain Billy Kremer & Anita St John of Homestead Hospice)

Wednesdays – Choir meets at 7:30pm in sanctuary

3rd Thursdays – United Women in Faith meets at 3:30pm in the library

Girls and Boys Scouting Opportunities –
call office for details

Bed Brigade and Green Good Neighbors too!

Check the church calendar at
www.greensburgumc.net

“Fall Festival” ONE SERVICE Sunday, October 8th

10:00am Fellowship Time

10:30am Worship Outside
(weather permitting)

11:30am-1pm Activities and Lunch



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY— 9AM TO 1PM / TUESDAY AND THURSDAY—9AM TO 3PM

IF YOU NEED TO STOP BY THE OFFICE, PLEASE CALL AHEAD!

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