



Cross Talk

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

FROM YOUR ONE BOARD

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Church Family,

As some of you have heard, Reverend Katie did not feel well a few weeks ago and went in to the emergency room on August 16th. The doctors decided to admit her and she ended up having surgery the following Tuesday. She was released from the hospital on the 24th. She is currently recovering at home and doing well but the recovery will be a slow one. She is expected to be home recuperating for 3–4 more weeks.

Due to covid-19, we are asking that people not bring food or visit the house. Instead, we are asking that you send cards and pray for her speedy recovery. Pam Moore, our church Administrative Assistant, has a list of restaurants that the Osiers like to go to. Instead of cooking a meal, feel free to get them a gift card so they can enjoy takeout from their favorite restaurants. You can drop the cards off at the church office by calling first or send it to Katie's house at 1232 Peach Wood Way, Uniontown, OH 44685.

During Reverend Katie's absence, we are going to maintain our drive-in services at 10:00 on Sunday mornings. Please join us to welcome our guest speakers each week. We have asked Derek Kubilus to fill in for Katie to perform any emergency pastoral needs the congregation has during the week. If you are in need of pastoral care please reach out to the church office and you will be put in touch with Derek.

Please continue to pray for Katie and the Osier family as she recovers. We are looking forward to seeing her back with us soon.

Greensburg United Methodist Church One Board

**The earth is filled with your love, LORD;
teach me your decrees.**

Psalm 119:64



- 2 - David Witsaman
Jeff Nibling
- 6 - Rev. M. Hennessey
Paula Vinciguerra
- 7 - Diane Oplinger
- 9 - Jack Fuerst
- 13 - Wyatt Sehm
Michelle Snyder
Tara Beamish
- 14 - Judy Hetzel
Roy Witsaman
- 16 - Donna Ayers
- 26 - Marleen Lehman
Brenda Cook
- 27 - Debbie Lyle
- 28 - Suzi Lawson
- 29 - Julia Nicol
Dan Terwilliger
- 30 - Eric Osier
Lauren Rossiter



- 1- Denny & Pam Dieffenbaugher
- 6- Denny & Ann Hartong
Brian & Amy Dvorak
- 12- Charles & Eva Lane
Gary & Barb McLaughlin
Todd & Sue Wendling
- 19- Roy & Lois Witsaman
- 29- Ken & Cara Smesko
- 30- Brian & Suzi Lawson
Roger & Judy Martin

UPDATE ON RELAUNCH

The Relaunch Committee consists of Pastor Katie, members representing both services along with a couple staff members also. They have labored over the CDC guidelines, and numerous other resources including the state and local community guidelines. As we all know this is a situation that is and continues to be fluid and we are certain it will still evolve. The committee has and continues to work diligently and is focused on the goal of bringing service inside the church. They would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey last month, that information was beneficial and helped.

When we return to the building for worship, we will make every effort to keep everyone safe, including following the state and federal guidelines in place at that time. Adjustments will be evaluated as circumstances allow. Our target is as soon as is practical. Currently, it is looking like late September to early October. As of August 28th, the summary of the current plans are as follows. At this time, our efforts to keep you safe include, but are not limited to:

- Prior to service ALL high-touch surfaces will be disinfected, and the facility thoroughly cleaned
- Individuals will be screened before entering
- Everyone will be required (asked) to wear face coverings, though medical exceptions will be accommodated
- Traffic flow will be in one direction only, both upon entering and exiting the building
- There will be well-marked seating to ensure distance between household units
- There will be no food or drink allowed
- Congregational singing will not be allowed initially
- Disinfectant and Masks will be available

If you have further questions, please call the church office.

IN APPRECIATION

Tara Beamish and Ellen Cowgar made masks on behalf of Greensburg United Methodist Church and they were distributed to: The Gables of Green Retirement and Assisted Living, Akron General Cleveland Clinic—Green, Aultman Hospital—Canton, and we have some here at the church to distribute if members may need one when church inside opens.

Special thanks to ALL those who have spent time and labored over the church grounds and court yard whether it was weeding, spreading mulch, trimming or lawn mowing to keep the church looking nice.

Surely there are many others. Please let the office know, so we can share our appreciation.



FUNDING THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GUMC

OPERATING BUDGET	Giving General	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
July 2020	\$ 20,563.01	\$ 22,143.41	\$ 28,247.08
Year to Date	\$141,044.98	\$158,918.45	\$ 178,547.56
BUILDING NOTE	Loan Giving	Monthly Payment	Loan Balance
July 2020	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 2624.10	\$117,235.80
BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW	Total Given	Pledged	Balance Available
As of 7/31/2020	\$ 246,972.62	\$ 233,143.96	\$ 40,945.85

LETTER FROM THE LAY LEADER

Hello Church family,

Have you ever been surprised by being put into the position to get the opportunity to write a missive from the church? I have.

By now you should be aware our dear Pastor Katie has had a medical emergency and is convalescing at the parsonage. She is doing as well as can be expected and we are hoping to have her back with us sometime later in September. There are a few things that we need to, as a church, step up and keep everything sailing smoothly until her return.

The board is working diligently to make sure that there is someone available to speak every Sunday. We have been graced by Vicar Derek Kubilus from Uniontown United Methodist who has volunteered to assist on emergency pastoral issues, but, still may be a few extra tasks that we might need filled.

We all know that cooking can be a chore even when you aren't recovering so we are encouraging you to consider sending a gift card to the Osier Family to their favorite restaurants to help ease the need. Call the office for more information.

We are strong as a church and I have no doubt that we will be more than able to help let Pastor Katie heal without having to be more concerned than she will already be, (we know she will, even if she isn't supposed to).

Please contact Pam, or anyone on the board, if you have any questions or concerns, or just need a hand. Call 330-896-1936 or email office@greensburgumc.net if you need anything.

Yours in Christ,

Jason Beamish

Inside and Out with the Worship Team

What are you doing at 9 AM on a typical Sunday during the pandemic? Maybe puttering around the house, grabbing a cup of coffee, or getting ready for the day? The worship team (Kelly Witsaman, Jason Beamish, Cullen Kress, and Dan Royer) is already at the church setting up and rehearsing for the morning's drive-in worship service.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, things have been quite unusual for our team. While church was being conducted entirely online, the team worked together to create music even though we didn't see each other face-to-face for months. This was accomplished by having each person record their individual part on a smartphone and email it to me for final editing. It was a bit tedious at times, but it turned out to be quite enjoyable and certainly a unique experience that taught us a lot of wonderful lessons we'll take with us going forward. Before honing this process, we attempted to record over Zoom and it was quite...interesting, but we figured things out from there. If you ever want a good laugh, feel free to ask one of us about it!

When we decided to venture outside and try a drive-in service, something none of us had done before, the team took to it with no hesitation whatsoever. Fortunately, I have a portable sound system that works well in an application like this and we already had ample space in the parking lot. As Pastor Katie has mentioned, we have a natural amphitheater, which even includes a covered area to keep the team out of the elements. Not only that, but the organ already has an outdoor speaker installed, allowing us to include Betty Gross' wonderful playing as part of the service. We found that all we needed was a walkie talkie to communicate back and forth and it has worked out beautifully. Plus, Dan Royer already owned an FM transmitter, which enabled us to broadcast the service over radio while people participated from the safety of their vehicles.

All of this is wonderful, but it requires extra effort from the team for set up and tear down. Once again, they joyously took up the task without even a hint of a complaint, even on the warmest days with over 90% humidity or the threat of rain looming.

As we continue to prayerfully determine a way forward for Greensburg UMC during this crisis, I am truly grateful to serve with such talented and dedicated musicians who love to allow God to use them to impact the church and surrounding community. Please be sure to thank Kelly, Jason, Cullen, and Dan if you see them. They are truly amazing people!

Dustin Oliver
Director of Contemporary Worship

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Green Good Neighbors has been affected by COVID-19

COVID-19 has certainly changed our lives at Green Good Neighbors. We want to thank the church for their vision of letting us stay open and provided food for our clients. On Wednesday March 18, we made our first attempt to open with limited contact with our clients. With the shut downs we were the link to keeping our clients supplied with food.

After much discussion and preparation, we began with a skeleton crew masked and ready to serve. We had a number of people in the community that were out of work and willing to fill in spaces that were needed. Our clients never leave their cars and the people loading groceries put the food in their trunk when able.

We had requests for clothing needs during this season and began a process to distribute what they needed. The church One Board agreed to allow us to use the gym at this time to help with clothing distribution and storage. Thank you for the foresight and vision to realize what a great opportunity we have to help our clients. We will begin in September with safe procedures to accommodate and allow clients to come inside the gym area only to select their items that they need.

The City of Green has been very helpful and supportive of our efforts. There will be a second food drive in October to help supply our shelves. We do not have any government money coming into our treasury and we depend on the people in this area to help us stock our shelves.

One of our current challenges has been help delivering food to those who because of Covid are not able to get out. If you would like to help please contact Pat Stiles.

We can't give hugs any more but we do get lots of smiles and thanks from the people that are so grateful for their free food and clothing.

Green Good Neighbors

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