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Good News Information

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Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service

10:10 am

Youth Sunday School Classes and
"HIS KIDS" Children's' Program

11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday Adult Study Classes

8:00 am

Larry Well's Bible Study

8:10 am

Myra's Bible Study

10:10 a.m. Study Groups

Nursery & Toddler Care

provided for both services

The Good News



Connect. Serve. Grow.

YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH

This should wake us up.

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye,

"I took your place!"

A United Methodist Congregation



Children of the Resurrection

Amen! Hallelujah! And any other theological exclamation of joy you can think of. What a great Lenten season, Holy Week and Easter celebration here at GUMC were absolutely awesome. I am so pleased and impressed with your efforts in the midst of change to reach out and exhibit the hands and feet of Christ. On Easter morning we had 488 people in attendance and we mugged approximately 20 families the first two Sundays of the Easter season. That totals 111 visitors since the late fall representing 78 families. Of those families 19 families are participating in Sunday worship here at GUMC. *AMEN and Hallelujah!*

Over the Lenten season we offered new discipleship classes on Sunday morning and on Wednesday nights. We had 6 new classes on Wednesday evening averaging 56 people participating. Our Sunday morning classes culminated in 4 new members to the church and we baptized 4 new souls during the Lenten season. We also have been averaging 20 youth in worship during this time frame. *AMEN and Hallelujah!*

We are now seeing some of our After School youth participating in youth activities on Sundays. We have had several After School youth worshipping with us on Sunday mornings and 4 new youth from our After School Programming joining our youth activities on Sunday night! *AMEN and Hallelujah!*

Well done church, you have displayed wonderful hospitality to these new young people. We have been adding tutors to the Whiz Kids ministry and are tutoring more children every Monday. GUMC has over a dozen people tutoring, supporting and providing ministry through Whiz Kids. *AMEN and Hallelujah!*

I have heard stories of how some of you connected with new traveling companions, we have collected over 100 Go-To scriptures that you utilize and our worship over the last several weeks was pure and Spirit filled. In a word, *AWESOME!*

Groesbeck UMC, job well done. Thank you for navigating the change with such enthusiasm and resiliency. You are Sons and Daughters of the resurrection! *AMEN! And Hallelujah!*


Lets continue to make a difference in Colerain township for the Glory of God. You and we can and are changing lives today!

AMEN and Hallelujah!!!

Pastor Dave

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

EXCITING NEWS - NEW PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY !! We are in the process of getting a new pictorial church directory. The dates to SIGN UP at church for pictures will be on **Sundays, April 21 & 28 as well as May 5 & 12 in Fellowship Hall between the services.** The dates for photography will be... **Thursday May 30th, Friday May 31st, and Saturday June 1st.** There will be online sign up as well Monday through Friday only. Sign up early to get the best time. For questions call Lois Varland at 513.741.2022.

| Budget  Report | YTD THRU PRIOR MONTHS 2013 | ACTUAL MARCH 2013 | YTD THRU MARCH 2013 |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Operating Income | \$ 131,241.25 | \$ 56,835.43 | \$ 188,076.68 |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 92,421.45 | \$ 44,534.08 | \$ 136,955.53 |
| Operating Loss/Gain | \$ 38,819.80 | \$ 12,301.35 | \$ 51,121.15 |



CHANGE FOR MISSIONS

MAYS CHANGE....The coins you drop into the offering plate during May will be given to SON Ministries, which is housed right here at GUMC. This ministry has been in operation since 1991 and provides emergency food and toiletries for the areas served by the Northwest school district.

LOVE PACKAGES

This is a hands-on ministry to missionaries around the world that all Christians can be involved in. We are collecting old Christian material: books, devotionals such as Guidepost & Upper Room. Bibles, CDS, DVDS & VCR tapes. These items are then sent to missionaries here in the U.S. & around the world. Place your donations in the container located on the lower level just left of the stairway. For more info call Debbie Dieterle or go to their website: www.lovepackages.org

RECYCLING



Thank you to all who have been bringing their paper to the church for recycling. **REMINDER** - bring your catalogs, magazines, office paper, newspapers, junk mail, fax paper, notebooks and folders. Basically anything that comes in the mail or from an office — **NO cardboard or phonebooks or plastic.** Just bundle up the paper or put in a clear or white trash bag. Thank you, Benji Sayre.

KINDNESS IN ACTION—KIA

On Sat., June 1st, we will be holding the first Block Party of the summer at the Woodmere Apartments on Colerain Avenue. The last Block Party of 2012 was held here and we are intentionally returning to this location for a couple events this year. Our hope in these repeated visits is to build a relationship that is based on trust and caring evidenced by the obvious priority and investment we are making in these events. The only thing missing is YOU to make that connection, so mark your calendars now to save the date. More information will follow in the Sunday bulletins and the website. Call Sharon Powers (923-3320) or Annette Murray (385-0116) with questions.

In March, we served the visiting crafters at the annual Kingdom Assignment Craft Show a free BBQ lunch to enjoy while they sold their creations. Every year, the response from the crafters is so appreciative that we feel like we are being served instead of the ones doing the serving. We hope the reaction to this outreach opens the door to an invitation to other interactions with our congregation. Like the Radical Hospitality principle states, every time someone new comes thru our door, it's an opportunity to show God's love! We will continue to be intentional in our outreach events to bring visitors into our congregation to experience that love.

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS



PANTRY HOURS ARE: Monday & Wednesday 10am - 12 noon & Wednesday Evening 4:30 - 6:30pm. *The Yellow Bags are a very special way to help those in need and are warmly*

welcomed!. **BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE NEEDED!!**



Mark your calendar and prayerfully consider participating in the Freestore Foodbank 2013 Annual Hunger Walk on **Memorial Day, Monday May 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Sawyer Point.**

Your contribution or registration fee is tax-deductible and will be credited to SON Ministries account. Registration Forms are located in the Connection Center in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see Carol or Walt Watson, 385-1753

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Director, Dianna Sheely
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UPCOMING CLUB 456 EVENTS!

May 27th, 2013 – Free Store Food bank Hunger Walk!

Club 456r's are forming a team to walk for Hunger! Please help us in supporting this great resource for our families in need in the greater Cincinnati area. Cost is \$20.00 and will need to be turned in at the April 19th meeting. We will be heading downtown together - so watch for more details to come. Now is the time to lace up your shoes and hit the pavement for a tremendous cause! This year marks the Free store Food bank's 10th annual Hunger Walk and 5K Run! Over the past 10 years, the race has raised almost \$1 million to help feed our neighbors in need through our network of partner agencies. With each step you are taking you are directly impacting lives of those in our community.

It's time to talk ROADTRIP!!!!

**Sunday, July 7, 2013 - 4:00pm to
Friday, July 12, 2013 - 5:00pm**

This year we will be taking not only the Club 456 kids – but anyone up through the 12th grade is welcome to attend!!!

Wondering what to do after the Fourth of

July has come and gone? **Camp Wesley** has so much more to offer than some stinky old fireworks (which are not allowed at camp, by the way). From whipping down our slick Slip n' Slide, to conquering the challenge course, to learning how God wants us to live, you will experience a lifetime of activities that will have you smiling ear to ear. Did I mention the epic canoe ride down the Mad River? Camp Wesley is the place to be. Deposit of \$30 is due by May 1st, 2013 – however, please let me know as soon as possible if your child is planning to attend this year. We will have some fundraising opportunities available, so we need a head count in order to set these up. Parents are welcome to attend as volunteer staff, please see Dianna to find out more details.

Camp Wesley



July 7-12



YOUTH MINISTRY



Director of Student Ministries
Melissa Rosser
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CHAOS//Afterschool will wrap up the year on Thursday, May 9th.

CHAOS CELEBRATES.....A HUGE thank you to everyone who made this year possible!! God moved in some miraculous ways that have changed the lives of many students as well as many of our own lives and this was made possible through the willing hands of the risk taking servants here at Groesbeck UMC.

CHAOS//Afterschool Servants: Stay tuned with us through the summer about our exciting community events that we very much would love and need you to be a part of to carry on the great momentum built from this school year into the fall.

SUPPORT CHAOS//STUDENT MINISTRIES SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

We will be sending out Middle School and High School teams of students again this summer to make a difference for the Kingdom and we would LOVE for the whole church to have the opportunity to be a part of our efforts!

Our High School Mission Trip will take place **June 23 - 29**, offering **Hurricane Sandy Relief** to the people of Northern New Jersey in partnership with the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.

Our Middle School Mission Trip will take place **July 21 - 27**, offering hope and compassion to our neighbors here in Cincinnati in partnership with the **Awaken the City Ministries**. We are inviting you to join us in prayer for all that will take place during those specific weeks but also in the preparation of the team beforehand as well as the life change that we hope will be lived out after we return home. We would also love to invite you to give toward the costs of the trips to help offset the expense of registration for students who may need the scholarships. The High School trip will cost \$300 and Middle School \$175.

If you feel called to give to this cause, know it will be greatly appreciated and used to bring glory to God! Thank you for all the ways you help make ministry happen in and through the lives of young people!!

Surf over to groesbeckyouth.wordpress.com for the latest happenings in and around GUMC youth ministry. You can also subscribe to the blog so you will get an email notification each time it is updated.



CONTRATULATIONS GRADS



Danielle Odell is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from University of Cincinnati on April 27th.

Trey Odell will be graduating Ross High School in June. He has applied and been accepted to The Ohio State University, Univ. of Cincinnati and Miami University.

Jenn Spitznagel is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from College of Mount St. Joseph on May 11th.

Jake Savage is graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Administration from University of Cincinnati in April.

Tiffany (Rickard) Elston is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education from Cincinnati Christian University on May 18th.

Ben Spitznagel is graduating from Colerain High School on May 23rd and will be attending Dakota Wesleyan University, majoring in Business.

Zachary Cochran is graduating from Colerain High School on May 23rd and is applying at several colleges for Music Composition Theory.

Amanda Sheely is graduating from Northwest High School on May 21st and will be attending Stetson University, double major in Psychology and Biology.

LaQueena Mitchell is graduating from Northwest High School on May 21st and will be attending the University of Cincinnati.

Brianna Williams is graduating from Northwest High School on May 21st and will be attending the University of Cincinnati.

Brittany Lanham is graduating from Mt. Healthy High School on June 1st and will be attending Xavier University.

Ariel McCoy is graduating from Colerain High School and will attend Miami University majoring in Science Education.

CHAOS Grads:

Rick Case, Fredy Morris & Keiton Smith



FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR INFORMATION ...in regards to the

church, you can text Pastor Dave or email the Lay Leader, Diana Noelcke. For Pastor Dave, text him at **513-394-6792**. For Diana, gumcyourvoice@gmail.com.

FOR INFORMATION ON GETTING CONNECTED, SERVING OR GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES: call Mary in the office, 513.385.1750 ext. 10 or email office@groesbeckumc.org.

GUMC GIFT CARDS

INSTANT GIFT CARDS

We now have the ability to print gift cards while you wait at the Stewardship Table in Fellowship Hall. Cards in varying denominations can be printed on the spot for nearly 100 different merchants. No need to wait till next week to pick up your cards. So if you have a last minute gift that you need to purchase you can pick it up while you're here. If you need to stop for gas on the way home today or pick up some gardening supplies at Home Depot today, you can use an instant gift card and help the church with more funds to have a greater impact for Christ in our community. Stop by the Stewardship Table for a full list of all the merchants in this new program.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Our on-going fundraiser with Kroger has been one of our most successful in recent years. In order to continue in their program, each of us must re-enroll on-line during the month of April. This will allow our church to receive 4% of anything we purchase at Kroger whenever we swipe our Kroger Plus cards. For instructions to re-enroll, go to Kroger.com or visit the Stewardship table in Fellowship Hall. Thanks for helping us have more impact for Christ in our community.

HOW TO RE-ENROLL YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD...

You need to do this in order for GUMC to continue to get credit from them.

- Go to Kroger.com - Click "Community" on the right near the top)
- Click "Sign in" if you have an account (top right) or create an account if you don't have one
- Enter e-mail and password - Click "Community Rewards" (left middle)
- Click "enroll now" next to your location (Cincinnati, OH). Type **Groe** in step one and click "search"
- Click "Groesbeck United Methodist Church" in step 2
- Click "Save" That's it; you're good for another year.

PRIME TIMERS' UPCOMING EVENTS

The *PrimeTimers* newsletter is available in Fellowship Hall and the information rack at the front entrance. They are updated every other month.

Upcoming Events:

- Wed May 8, 10:45 am**—Tour and Lunch
- Wed May 22, 9am**—Breakfast at Bob Evans
- Wed June 12, 9:45am**—LaComedia, "Sound of Music"
- Wed June 26, 9am**—Breakfast at Bob Evans

* Get signed up for upcoming events:
"Peter Pan" on August 14th
"Church Basement Ladies #2" on Oct. 9th
All at LaComedia Playhouse. To sign up for events check out the list in Fellowship Hall or call Maxine Welch.

THANK YOU!!



Dear Benji & Pastor Mack,
On behalf of Pleasant Run Middle School's staff and students, we would like to sincerely thank you for the three beautiful bulletin boards. We are truly grateful for your generosity both by giving us the boards and delivering them personally. It does take a village to raise a child, and you are a very important part of our village. Since you were kind enough to give us three boards, each grade level can now have a special place to highlight our students' achievements. When we were first approached about this donation, we had no expectation that your gesture would be so grand. It is very important to us that you know you are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, David Maine, Principle & Maureen Ruether, Asst. Principal

I would like to thank you so much for all your prayers, God is answering them! I am recovering very well since my moderate-severe stroke on December 9, 2012 (the day before my Dad's funeral). Your prayers and my hard work with therapy have amazed even my neurologist on how well and quickly I am recovering. I hope to return to work early June. Thank you also for the wonderful cards. God bless you all. Jill Dunham

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PLEASE ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

Bradley & Erin Johnson baptized on Sunday March 3rd. Erin is the daughter of Melissa & Bradley. Bradley is the son of Pam and Chuck Wood.



Connor Stehlin baptized on Sunday April 7th. Connor is the son of Greg & Melissa.

Following are those who were baptized at the Easter Sunrise Service: Lori Burger, Leshia & Anthony Booker. The Bookers are children of Tiffany Wilson.

SYMPATHY NOTES



The family and friends of Bud McKenney who passed away on Thursday March 14.
Charlie Butke, family and friends of Esther who passed away on Monday March 25.



GOODNEWS NEWSLETTER REMINDER

The information for the JULY/AUGUST 2013 Newsletter is due in the office on **TUESDAY JUNE 11th.**

2013 BIRTHDAYS

MAY & JUNE

05/01 Nancy Temple
 05/01 Blake Sheely
 05/01 Nigel Buckley
 05/02 Pam Thorpe
 05/02 Gary Weddle
 05/02 Nicole Savage
 05/02 Jeannette Loyer
 05/03 Karen Adamson
 05/04 Richard Huber
 05/04 Amy Luechauer
 05/05 Vicki Otten
 05/06 Diana Noelcke
 05/07 Kenneth Borchelt
 05/07 Jessica Gear
 05/08 Joyce Crouch
 05/08 Claire Schmithorst
 05/10 Jim Armstrong
 05/10 Greg Epure
 05/10 Carli Colina
 05/11 Frede Slupek
 05/12 Ian Dietsch
 05/12 Rachel Crum
 05/12 Annie Sayre
 05/14 Willadean Campbell
 05/14 George Clark
 05/14 Joyce Cullum
 05/17 Susan Davis
 05/18 Carl Grasham
 05/18 Carol Ritchie Schoepf
 05/18 Brittney Lanham
 05/20 Brett Bernard
 05/21 Judy Phillips
 05/21 Terry Stegeman
 05/21 Abby Ervin
 05/22 Lynda Cooper
 05/22 Candice Alexander
 05/25 Lynda Galinari
 05/26 Norman Neely
 05/27 Joan Chapman
 05/28 Gabrielle Harper
 05/29 Roz Swigert
 05/29 Sean Maher
 05/30 Skip Mackay
 05/30 Cathy Petersman
 05/30 Aaron Peterson
 05/31 Joyce Lehn
 05/31 Andrew Watson
 05/31 Caleb Rosser

06/01 Peg Lohstroh
 06/01 Jeff Phillips
 06/01 Tara Vice
 06/03 Kelly Venturini
 06/04 James Conroy
 06/04 Kasey Stegeman
 06/05 Paul Johnson
 06/05 Tim Nugent
 06/06 Carol Lefferson
 06/06 Bradley Johnson
 06/07 Dawn Yeager
 06/07 Monica Epure
 06/07 Clark Sayre
 06/11 Jim Bertram
 06/12 Lois A. Mackay
 06/12 Dotty Bridges
 06/12 John Adamson
 06/12 Sean Miller
 06/14 Russ Sammons
 06/14 Ed Lohstroh
 06/15 Kenneth Lehn
 06/17 Garrett Epure
 06/18 Jennifer Spitznagel
 06/20 Richard Spitznagel
 06/20 Gabi Bishop
 06/21 Zoe Dietsch
 06/22 T. J. Meloy
 06/23 Chuck Gunn
 06/24 Lauren Bishop
 06/28 Iris Porter
 06/28 Gladys Hollis
 06/28 Karen Doerflein
 06/30 Jim Vogel
 06/31 Camielle Lawwill



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Also, it is available on our church website: www.groesbeckumc.org.

Our Mission Statement:

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Our Vision Statement:

"To build an innovative Christ Centered Community focused on relationships, targeting children and youth."