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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

See next page for Lenten classes

**Nursery & Toddler Care
provided for both services**

The Good News



Connect. Serve. Grow.

HAPPY EASTER



HOLY WEEK Schedule

MAUNDY THURSDAY Service, March 28th, 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY Service, March 29th, 7:00 pm

EASTER Services, March 31st

Sunrise - 7:00 am

Traditional - 9:00 am

Contemporary - 11:00 am

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Journey to Hope

As I write this newsletter we will be in the midst of our Lenten *Journey to Hope* which will culminate with the celebration of Easter. We live in a broken world. Even though we experience extreme abundance as compared to the billions of people who have lived before and with us on this planet we still cannot escape fear, hatred and hostility.

This is a fallen world that is yearning for the return of the Messiah and the redemption of all of creation. Yet for the time being we live in this fallen world filled with sin and brokenness. Our journey ought to be a *Journey to Hope*. Though we in the church experience sin and brokenness, we cannot escape the suffering that comes to life and culminates in death, *we walk a Journey to Hope*. Though often we can be the problem rather than the solution, *we walk a Journey to Hope*. We do not walk this journey alone. We walk it with each other and we walk this journey in the Spirit. The cross which exemplifies sacrificial suffering is only part of our story for Jesus who died, rises to fulfill the promises of God, *we walk a Journey to Hope*. Our message is that sin and suffering is NOT the end of the story for, *we walk a Journey to Hope*.

God has the last word and the last word is intended to be the reconciliation of the world, your redemption and mine. We Walk a *Journey to Hope*. Do not forget who you are and whose you are. In the midst of darkness may God's Light shine in you and me. May we walk a Journey to Hope.

Happy Easter!

Pastor Dave



GROW

LENTEN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Begins... February 17 thru March 27th

Sunday Mornings:

- 8:00 am - Larry Wells, *Study of Hebrews*, Back Parlor
- 8:15 am - Myra Kapelis, *Journey to Hope*, Room 18
- 10:10 am - Wes Flannery, *Journey to Hope*, Back Parlor
- Carolyn Lindsley, *Jesus Parables about Discipleship*, Front Parlor
- Ed Daley, *Membership/Christianity 101*, Room 18
- Jan Gee Slattery, *Journey to Hope*, Room 19

Wednesday Morning: 10:00 am Pastor Dave, *Journey to Hope*, Parlor

Wednesday Evening: Immediately following a time of Worship (7:00-7:15 pm)

- 7:20 pm - Pastor Dave, *Marks of Discipleship*, Back half / Fellowship Hall
- Sharon Busse/Joyce Crouch - *Cycle of Bonding*, Front half/ Fellowship Hall
- Brian Price - *Preparedness Peace*, Front Parlor
- Larry Wells - *Lectionary Bible Study*, Room 19
- Benji Sayre - *Animate*, Back Parlor
- Melissa Lindley - *Journey to Hope for Women*, Room 18
- Youth, Middle & Senior High, *Journey to Hope*, Student Min Center
- Children K-6 grade - *Journey to Hope*, His Kids classrooms

Nursery & Toddler room is available for infant - 4 yrs.



KINDNESS IN ACTION—KIA

On Saturday, March 9th, we will be serving lunch to the visiting crafters at the annual Kingdom Assignment Craft Show. We will begin lunch prep at 11:00am and conclude serving by 1:00pm. Some volunteer assistance will be required to assemble the lunches to be delivered by the Youth Group. If you are interested, please notify Sharon Powers (923-3320) or Annette Murray (385-0116).

Plans are being made for the remainder of our 2013 outreaches to coordinate with many of our church's annual programs. Our prayer is that we will develop relationships with our Groesbeck neighbors through intentional, consistent opportunities to serve them and fellowship together. Please consider joining us as we follow along the path where God is leading our congregation.

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 box in Fellowship Hall. If you would like more info call Debbie Dieterle or get on the 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.

CHANGE FOR MISSIONS

MARCH'S CHANGE is supporting a Children's Defense Fund Freedom School hosted by State Ave UMC and it partners in Lower Price Hill. The Freedom School provides a summer enrichment experience that encourages children to read, builds self-esteem, and promotes the importance of learning in each child's life. Children spend the morning with servant leaders, young individuals from the community that have a passion for learning, working on their reading skills through educational, captivating activities. The afternoons are spent participating in enrichment activities that compliment the mornings learning in fun and interactive ways. The Freedom School is a safe and fun place for children to spend the summer with adults that care about them, we thank you for your support!

APRILS CHANGE... will be contributed to Living Hope Transitional Homes. The mission of Living Hope is to provide a loving, secure environment for women and their children in transition from homelessness to stable, independent living. It is a private, nondenominational, nonprofit organization. We know that God provides all the resources needed for Living Hope, whether it's a volunteer to do parenting classes or a financial donation to pay the light bill. The following scripture is the foundation of this ministry: (1 Peter 1:3-4) "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a *living hope* through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and to an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you. **Living Hope Transitional Homes provide** loving encouragement, secure housing and spiritual renewal that gives women a living hope that never fades as they learn skills that allow them to become stable and independent.

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS



PANTRY HOURS ARE:
Monday & Wednesday 10am - 12 noon & Wednesday Evening 4:30 - 6:30pm.

SON MINISTRIES

BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE NEEDED!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Director, Dianna Sheely
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TWIN THEATER'S ~ APRIL 12TH

Join us at 7pm....Featuring...

When the Three Little Pigs roll into Cabbageville looking to build some new houses, they meet one

builder with a plan and two without a clue! Larry builds with hay, Mr. Lunt with bricks, but only Bob builds his houses on a firm foundation - following the wise plans from the Master Builder's



Handbook! Will the Little Piggies make the right choices when it comes to building their houses - and their lives - on solid ground? Find out in this parable that shows kids when they follow God's blueprints, they can

stand strong when the storms come!

This animated flick starts out focused on villainous deeds, but it quickly becomes a yarn about *heroic* choices and the life-changing impact of love and family. At the heart of that transition are a set of orphans who desperately long to have a family of their own. When Gru shows up to ostensibly fulfill that desire, however, Margo and Edith are a little hesitant. Could this odd-looking guy actually be a good father to their needy brood? Young Agnes, on the other hand, grabs his leg with delight and never looks back. In fact, her childlike joy at having a real daddy eventually impacts nearly everything and everybody in Gru's world.

So grab your family and friends and join us for the free event designed for you to connect with others and learn ~ how love can change lives!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Director of Student Ministries
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CHAOS//AfterSchool Activity Leaders Needed:

Thursdays 3:30-5:00PM, Bi-Weekly Commitment:

Examples: Art, Games, Science, Cooking, or if you have another talent or gift that you would like to share... call Kelly Venturini, [513.385.1750](tel:513.385.1750), ext. 13 or email at kellyventurini@groesbeckumc.org.

CHAOS CELEBRATES....

There is much to celebrate in CHAOS//Student Ministry! Here is simply a small snapshot of all the GREAT things God is doing in our midst:

- * 12 Student from CHAOS/ASM assisted in transporting and organizing the Christmas Food Boxes with SON Ministries in December!
- * 25 Students from the after school program participated in the Good Grades Incentive during Second Quarter.
- * 7 Women from Groesbeck UMC served on the Northern Lights Girls Chrysalis Flight in January, 2 of which were Teens and we had 1 who attended the retreat.

Get excited about how the Spirit of God is moving in the lives of young people in our church and community!

SUPPORT CHAOS//STUDENT MINISTRIES:

There will be 2 upcoming opportunities to help support the mission and vision of CHAOS//Student Ministries through your generosity:

- * Craft Show: March 8th & 9th.
- * Easter Pancake Breakfast: March 31st.

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.



YOUTH FUNDRAISING EVENT



**8th ANNUAL KINGDOM
ASSIGNMENT CRAFT SHOW
MARCH 9, 2013 10 AM - 3 PM**

FEATURING A VARIETY OF AFFORDABLE GIFTS WITH
OVER 40 VENDERS!

Unique Hand-crafted items, baked goods and door prizes. Free admission. And all the proceeds from this year's Kingdom Assignment Craft Show will be given to the Groesbeck Youth Group. They will be participating in Two Mission opportunities this year. The money will be split between hurricane Sandy recovery work and literacy education and inner city Mission work in the Cincinnati neighborhood of Lower Price Hill.

Any questions, please contact Celine Ehrnschwender, 741-1995 or Teresa Maher, 741-1372.

GUMC GIFT CARDS

***DO YOU EAT OUT—SHOP—BUY GAS & GIFTS?
SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES THRU
"GROESBECK UMC'S GIFT CARD PROGRAM"!!***

See the Stewardship Table in Fellowship Hall Savings - 2% to 20%. Vendors: Cracker Barrel, TGI Friday's, Bath & Body Works, Speedway and so many more... full list: www.glscrip.com

Great gifts AND everyday purchases. Give forms to Rick Johnson on Sunday & pick up the following Sunday. Questions, Call Rick Johnson - 851-1695

KROGER RELOADABLE CARDS!

Pick up a Kroger card on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Ask Kroger cashier to load your card **BEFORE** they begin ringing up your order for any amount you wish. Use your card to pay for your purchases then reload your card each time you shop! Pay with cash, check or credit card. The Church will receive 4% of the value of reloads and purchases. Also use for gas purchases! Just reload at window for gas! Pick one up from Rick on Sundays!!



**YOUTH SERVED PANCAKE BREAKFAST
MARCH 31ST
EASTER SUNDAY 8:30—11:00 AM
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**



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.

MUSIC CONNECTION & NEEDS

GOOD VIBRATIONS BELL CHOIR: Practices on Mondays 7:00 pm (We are in need of a couple of people who read music to join us) Call Charlene Drago - 923-339.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Rehearse on Thursday evenings 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please consider serving in singing praises to God on Sunday mornings at the 9am Worship Service.



SERVING OUR CHILDREN'S NEEDS

NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

Children's Ministry Needs YOU! Our children's ministry program "HisKids" is growing! We need more servants...right now the areas in need are as follows: **1st Service HisKids Worship** - K-3rd grade leader every other month. **2nd Service HisKids Worship** - Preschool leader every other month. **Nursery: 3rd Sunday of the month** - every month - 2nd Service & **4th Sunday of the month** - every month - 1st Service. Please pray where God is calling you to serve and contact Dianna today! 513.385.1750 ext 21.

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 March 13—Lunch at Olive Garden at noon.

Wed March 27, 9am—Breakfast at Bob Evans

Wed April 10, 9:45am—LaComedia Trip, "9 to 5"

Wed April 24, 9am—Breakfast at Bob Evans

* Get signed up for upcoming events:

"9 to 5" on April 10th

"The Sound of Music" on June 12th

"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!!



I don't know how to thank those who "plated us" a couple of weeks ago or thank all who have supported us, Sarah, Dakota and Sage during this very difficult time. But to all of you,

thank you very much, it means a great deal to us and has blessed us.

Larry & Cynthia Wells

Dear Friends, A special thank you for your continual prayers during my recent surgery. The lovely cards, flowers and meals were so up-lifting. Thanks so very much for caring and sharing.

In Christ's love and mine, Lois Alexander

Dear Friends, As I reflect back on the many years I've spent with you I have an abundance of wonderful memories! I feel blessed to have met so many great and caring friends. You have each touched my life in such tremendous ways! Whether it be a hug, a smile or a cheerful word when I'm down you have always been there to help me. Words cannot express how much your friendship means to me! You guys are my second family and I will hold you near and dear to my heart forever! I look forward to spending time with many of you at building blocks and getting my hugs. So there is no good-byes, just see you later. Once again thank you all so much! I enjoyed all of my years serving the Lord with you.

Lots of Love and Prayers, Sylvia

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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.



SYMPATHY NOTES



Ruth Stoffer and family on the death of Lew on Monday December 31st.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS SUNDAY MARCH 10TH,
MOVE CLOCKS
FORWARD 1 HOUR
ON SATURDAY
NIGHT MARCH 9TH.



2013 BIRTHDAYS

MARCH & APRIL

Jim Reigel	3/02	Lana Connelly	4/03
Grant Johnson	3/02	James Trader	4/05
Kim Hoerst	3/02	Iris Bollinger	4/06
Jennifer Miller	3/02	Becky Savage	4/06
Ruth Cinnamon	3/06	Kimberly Trader	4/06
Ken Phillips,	3/07	Roy Scheid	4/07
Max Welch	3/09	Judy Meyer	4/07
Charles Butke	3/09	Kristin Crawford	4/07
Beth Price	3/10	Jan Eddie Romero	4/08
Joel Hafer	3/10	Dean Doerflein	4/09
Carolyn Lindsley	3/14	Zane Hill	4/09
Kevin Savage	3/14	Julie Shepherd	4/10
Johnathon Schoepf	3/14	Gladys McDine	4/11
Julie Dietsch	3/15	Sandy Sherrett	4/12
Noah Funk	3/15	Rebecca Henderson	4/12
Marty Smith	3/16	Megan Underwood	4/13
Stephanie Binz	3/16	Mark Dunham	4/14
Teresa Underwood	3/16	Irene Hammitt	4/15
Ian Romero	3/16	Noah Cochran	4/16
Jacob Savage	3/18	Tracy Gaviglia	4/17
Leslie McDine	3/19	Brianna Williams	4/17
Virginia Lanham	3/19	Blaine McCarthy	4/17
Pauline Graham	3/20	Jeffrey Layne	4/18
David Bernhardt	3/20	Randy Weber	4/19
Linda Eslick	3/21	Barb Schnitzer	4/21
Lonnie Houlihan	3/21	Hannah Petersman	4/21
Joe Nickel	3/21	Aaron Shepherd	4/22
Betty Johnson	3/21	Maggie McMurtry	4/23
Staci Kovacs	3/24	Lisa Ernst	4/24
Caleb Robinson	3/24	Skyler Purcell	4/24
Chris Armstrong	3/25	Caryn Johnson	4/26
Dave Deck	3/25	John R Nolte	4/27
Carly Coleman	3/25	Daniel McCarthy	4/28
Bertha Neely	3/26	Gabrielle Hase	4/28
Julia Rodriguez	3/26	Philip Sprague	4/28
Matthew Lindley	3/27	Roger Crozier	4/29
Carolyn Whitaker	3/28	Jennifer Vogel	4/29
James Conroy	3/28	Bev Reigel	4/30
Jessica Connelly	3/29	Emily Lanham	4/30
LaQueena Mitchell	3/29		
Bobbie Yerkes	3/30		
Herb Doerflein	3/31		



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GOODNEWS NEWSLETTER REMINDER

The information for the **MAY/JUNE 2013** Newsletter is due in the office on **Tuesday, April 9th.**



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our *friend* for more GUMC happenings.



GoodNews
Newsletter

You can pick up a copy of the latest *"GoodNews"* at the front & back doors and at the welcome desk *or* it can be emailed directly to you, just email the office at **office@groesbeckumc.org** to let us know your email address.

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."