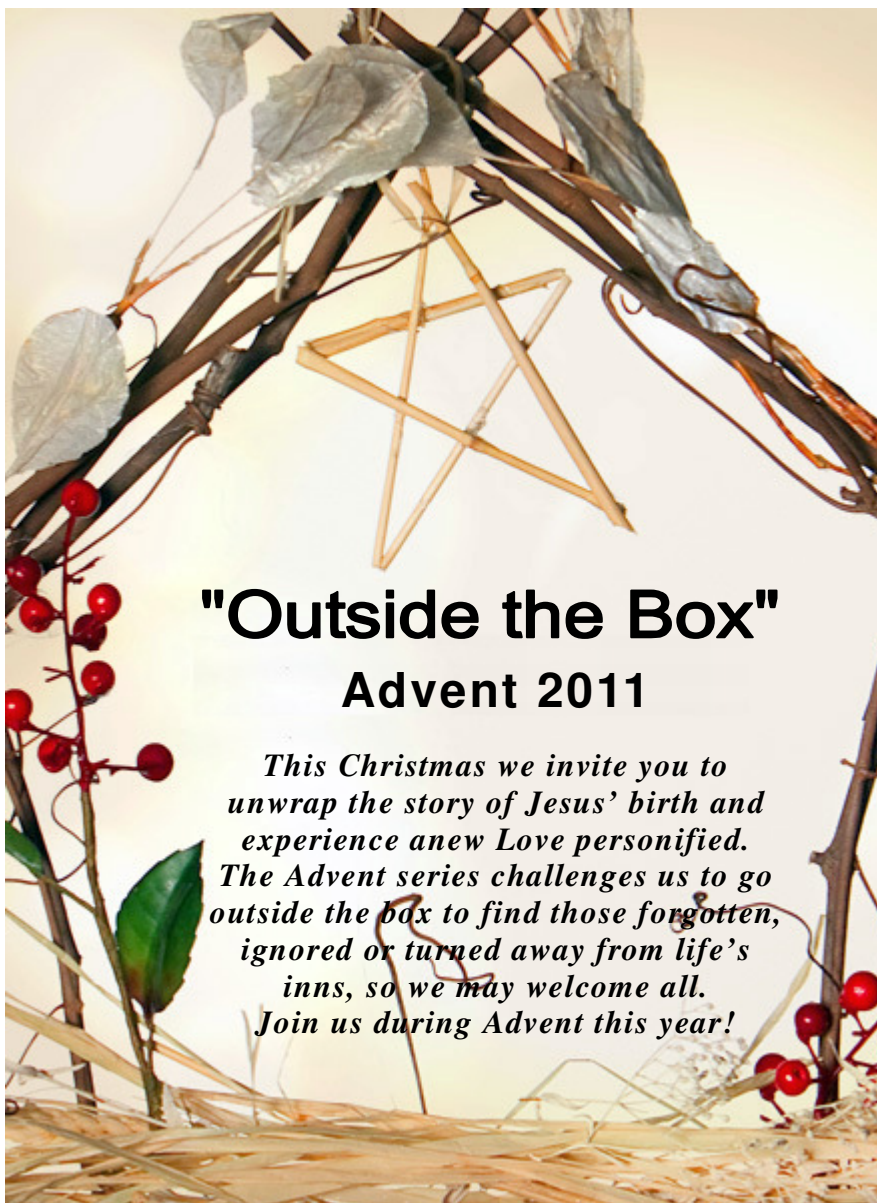




November–December 2011

The Good News

Spreading the *Good News* of Jesus Christ



"Outside the Box" Advent 2011

*This Christmas we invite you to
unwrap the story of Jesus' birth and
experience anew Love personified.
The Advent series challenges us to go
outside the box to find those forgotten,
ignored or turned away from life's
inns, so we may welcome all.
Join us during Advent this year!*

Our Mission Statement:
"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"

Our Vision Statement:
**"To build an innovative Christ Centered Community focused on
relationships, targeting children and youth."**

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Sunday Worship & Classes

8:25 a.m.

Myra's Sunday School Class

8:30 a.m.

Seekers Adult Sunday School
Class

9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service,
Adult, Single Adult, Youth Sunday
School Classes and
"HIS KIDS" Children's Program

11:00 a.m.

Celebration Worship Service and
"HIS KIDS ROC" Children's
Program

Nursery & Toddler Care
provided for both services



"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"
and
*"To Build an Innovative Christ Centered Community Focused
on Building Relationships targeting Children and Youth"*

These two statements represent our mission statement and vision statement. The mission statement implies our purpose as individuals and as a church it is born out of the great commandment that Jesus teaches out of the Gospel of Mark 10:29-31 "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself, there is no commandment greater than these." To know Christ is to love Christ, to make Him known is to love others as Christ would love others. Our vision represents our current focus or direction. How do we apply our mission or purpose in real and practical ways? We have determined to build relationships and connections with children and youth. We will endeavor to seek innovative and creative new ways to build those bridges to these young people. We want to offer them Christ in the context of community. We have begun to seek out these new ways to reach our community and I am certain we will continue to do this in the future.

I pray this Holiday season that for each of us individually, in our families, in our church and in our community that we might focus our lives on Christ. We might experience Jesus in a more real way this upcoming season. I pray that each of us is open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in new ways. This season look for the presence of God in new places, new people and new circumstances. What if we experienced the movement of the Spirit in those wonderful traditions within our families, church and community but this year we shared those experiences with some new people. What if we open ourselves up to the movement of the Spirit in unexpected places or in ways we had never thought possible before. My prayer for us is that we might Know Christ better, deeper, wider and in more wonderful ways these next several months. My prayer for us is that we might share Christ in these next several months in new and exciting ways and that each of us might get out of the box for the sake of sharing Jesus.

Blessings to you and your family over the Holidays.
Pastor Dave

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Budget Report	YTD THRU AUGUST 2011	ACTUAL SEPTEMBER 2011	YTD THRU SEPTEMBER 2011
Operating Income	\$ 349,132.40	\$ 35,432.29	\$ 384,564.69
Operating Expenses	\$ 355,878.57	\$ 43,525.25	\$ 399,403.82
Operating Loss/Gain	(\$ 6,746.17)	(\$ 8,092.96)	(\$ 14,839.13)

SON MINISTRY (Serving Our Neighbors)

Your donations helped serve 1,056 people in August and September, 544 adults and 512 children. In **November and December**, your help is needed for our Holiday Baskets. You can do this through our bag hunger program by picking up a yellow bag and filling it with the holiday items listed. Thank you for your continued support!!



BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE NEEDED!!

FOSTERING HOPE



In **November** we are collecting cleaning supplies, sponges, buckets, etc. In **December** we are collecting laundry supplies, detergent, softener, laundry baskets, hangers. If you have any questions, you may talk to Carol Watson. Thank you for your generosity in continuing to help foster children who are just starting out on their own.

CHANGE FOR MISSIONS

Change for Missions will support **Eve Centers in November**. There are two centers, one in Silverton and one in Price Hill. The mission of Eve Centers is to provide free, faith-based peer counseling by women to women age 18 and above wanting to be heard, heal and grow. The Eve Center is intentionally designed to create an environment where non-judgmental listening, sharing, encouragement and prayer support take place. More information about this local organization can be found on the Missions bulletin board outside the GUMC fellowship hall or at www.evecenter.org.



Interfaith Hospitality Network of Cincinnati will receive the change you give in December. The mission of Interfaith Hospitality Network is to provide homeless families emergency shelter and hospitality through interfaith communities and to work with these families to find and retain stable housing. IHN is a unique response to homelessness, combining volunteers from the religious community to reintegrate families into the community. Host congregations are area churches that provide three meals a day and private sleeping space for the families. Support congregations (like GUMC) assist by providing donated meals and volunteers.

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. We are collecting books, devotionals - including 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

KINDNESS IN ACTION—KIA

In **October**, we hosted a Free Block Party Cookout for the residents of the Northgate Meadows Apartment complex. This was intentionally scheduled to precede the Trunk or Treat event at our church so we would have the opportunity to personally invite the families at the cookout. Thank you to all who supported this event by your participation and prayers.

WE WILL NOT HAVE K.I.A. IN NOVEMBER!!!

On **December 10th**, we will meet in the Parlor at **10:30am** for our annual in-house K.I.A. Christmas event to prepare the holiday gift bags to be distributed by the congregation during the rest of the holiday season. This is a time to reflect on the past year and those we've had a chance to meet in our outreaches. Our mission as a ministry of Groesbeck is to open the eyes and hearts of our community to the offer of love and salvation thru Jesus Christ. Please consider joining us for this final effort of 2011 and a special lunch. If you have any questions, please call Sharon Powers or Annette Murray.

NATE'S TOY BOX

Christmas is a great time for reaching out to children who may not have the opportunity to experience the joy and excitement of gifts under the tree. To fill the need, SON Ministries is once again joining efforts with **Nate's Toy Box, the Northwest Local School District and Sharing Hope**. Last year this collaboration helped over 500 children. Please consider donating a toy or gift card to help those in need within your community. Toys should be unwrapped, can be for a boy or girl and be for any age from 2 to 16. Each toy should not exceed a \$25 value. Gift cards to Target or Wal-Mart would also be appropriate to use for older children. Please no stuffed animals. **Toys may be dropped off to SON prior to December 15.** Please see Walt or Carol Watson if you have any questions. Thank you for helping to make Christmas special for so many local families.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Director, Dianna Sheely
385.1750 ext. 21
email: childrens@groesbeckumc.org

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir rehearses on Sundays at 12:15 after the 2nd service in the His Kids room, led by Tami Mack.

CLUB 456

Calling all 4th, 5th and 6th graders... join us on the following evenings for some fun events created just for you!

November 20th - Annual Turkey Dinner

December 18th - Caroling & Visiting our Seniors

HISKIDS! MISSION

As a community service project, "HisKids" will be collecting *Pull Tabs* to donate to Cincinnati's Ronald McDonald House. We're helping keep families together when it matters most and we're teaching our children that they can make a difference in someone else's life, no matter what age they are as well as the value of recycling! Kids and adults can bring tabs to Sunday School in any non-breakable container to be collected in the "HisKids" K—3rd Grade room. Just look for the big can – you can't miss it!

Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for the families of critically ill children seeking medical treatment at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Pull tabs are recycled to earn money to help provide all the comforts of "home" to these families. "HisKids" can also earn rewards for participating in this program. Our goal is to become a member of the "Thanks a Million Club" by collecting 1,000 pounds of tabs and earn a visit from Ronald McDonald himself! We can also earn certificates of appreciation and gifts for increments of 250 and 500 pounds.

Contact Dianna Sheely or visit RMHCincinnati.org for more information. Your support of this program and the families of critically ill children is greatly appreciated.

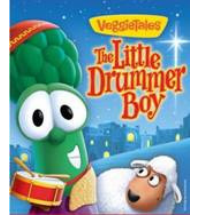
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling All Kids!.....We have an exciting year of fun activities and learning about God planned for the 2011 - 2012 year. We Need You!! Sunday School is from 9:30 - 10:30 am during the 1st service time and 11:00 - 12:00 pm during the 2nd service time. Let mom and dad know you want to join us.

We love you, Kindergarten - 3rd grade teachers.

FAMILIES FOR CHRIST

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FEATURING.... "The Little Drummer Boy" on Friday **December 9, 7:00 pm.**



It's a Veggie re-telling of a holiday classic! Junior Asparagus portrays Aaron, a lonely drummer boy who follows a star on a journey that leads to the birth of baby Jesus. With no gift to lay before the King, he gives the best gift of all -- he plays his drum.

We will be having some fun Christmas snacks, and will take the time to put together some "tool kits" for WHIZ KIDS!

Items needed for these packets are as follows:

- * Pencils - both wooden and mechanical
- * Pencil sharper - with receptacle
- * Eraser, Pencil grip - optional
- * Glue stick, Scissors - rounded
- * Box of crayons, Dry erase marker - small
- * Board eraser (felt, sock, etc.)
- * Spiral notebook
- * Index cards - for tutor-made flash cards
- * Dice - for math practice
- * Deck of cards - for math practice

****Volunteers are needed to help with set-up... Please contact Dianna in the Children's Ministry office to sign up for this event and/or help with this event.

WHIZ KIDS PROGRAM

In January of 2012...HisKids Children's Ministry is entering into a partnership with City Gospel Mission and the Whiz Kids program. We will become the sponsoring church for a new program at Taylor Elementary. **AND WE NEED YOU!!**

Tutoring hours will be Mondays from 3:00 - 4:30pm
Sign up today and let's get ready to reach out to those kids in our community who might need a little extra help and encouragement to do their best. Also needed are key individuals to help facilitate our Monday tutoring sessions. All materials are provided. The following are positions available: Curriculum Coordinator, Activity Director, Snack Coordinator and Event Coordinator.

If you would like more information on these positions please contact Dianna Sheely.

**Saturday November 5,
turn clocks back 1 hour**

YOUTH MINISTRY



Assistant/Youth Pastor, Benji Sayre
385-1750 x14

Email: benjisayre@groesbeckumc.org

YOUTH BID-N-BUY FUNDRAISER

The Youth Group is planning a Bid-N-Buy this year on **December 4th and 11th**. The money raised will go towards youth group activities and the mission trip next summer. The Youth Group needs YOUR help to make the Bid-N-Buy as successful as possible. Below is a list of ways to donate and contribute to this. On Sunday Oct. 11 the church family will have the opportunity to bid on items through a blind, silent auction format. Donated items can be from any of the following:

Home – gently used items, antiques, furniture, art work, jewelry, dishes, pottery, toys, books, appliances, etc.
Business – salon, bakery, restaurant, contractor, retailer, etc.

Talent – jewelry making, knitting, woodworking, crocheting, sewing, dessert baking, dinner, etc.
Service – babysitting, cleaning, car wash, car maintenance, etc.

Brand New – item that you purchase or get donated from a business or service
Gift Certificates or Gift Cards (purchase gift cards from the church gift card program)
Themed Baskets – You can participate with a group of people to create a themed basket. This has become such a fun part of the Bid-N-Buy and our church family does a wonderful job with these. So, get your creative juices flowing! Some of the baskets in the past have included themes such as Christmas, Car Maintenance, Cincinnati, Baby and Coffee/Tea, just to name a few. Typically we have around twenty baskets donated so let's keep this fun tradition going!! Team up with your growth/share group, music group, ministry group, or Sunday school class so that more people can get involved.

If you have something to donate or have a basket theme idea, please call Becky Savage at 741-4095 or find her at church to make arrangements for getting the items to church.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY NIGHT MEETINGS:

November 6th, 13th & 30th
December 4th & 18th

YOUTH GROUP OUTSIDE EVENTS:

November 29 – 5:00 pm IHN Dinner
December 11 – 4:15pm Progressive Dinner
November 20 & December 18 go to State Avenue UMC



1st Sunday of Advent - November 27th

Christmas Eve - Saturday 12/24,
7:00 pm Family Service & 10:30 pm
Candlelight service

Christmas Day - Sunday 12/25 - Time to be determined.



Christmas
Worship
Times

PRIME TIMERS' UPCOMING EVENTS

The PrimeTimers newsletter is available at the Welcome Center in the rack and at both the front and back doors. They are updated every other month. Upcoming Events:
Wed. Nov 9 – 12pm Thanksgiving Potluck in FH
Wed. Nov 16 – 9am Breakfast at Bob Evans Colerain
Wed. Dec 14 – 12pm Christmas Lunch at Clovernook Country Club. Bring a \$10 gift for Nate's Toy Box
Wed. Dec 21 – 9am Breakfast at Bob Evans Colerain

PRIMETIMERS THANKSGIVING BUFFET NOVEMBER 11th at 12 NOON

Join us if you are over 50. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes will be provided. Bring a veggie, salad, or dessert and your own table setting. PLUS a non-perishable item of food for S.O.N. Ministry. The "**Sociables Trio**" will entertain with music we love from our younger era!



MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WE NEED YOU...CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES in HISKIDS!!

Volunteers are needed for the following Sunday morning classes on a Monthly basis.
2nd Service PreSchool on the 2nd Sunday of the month.
Nursery – 2nd Service / 5th Sunday
Toddler Room – 1st Service / 4th Sunday – **every other month beginning in Oct.**
Toddler Room – 2nd Service / 5th Sunday
See Dianna in the Children's Ministry office or call 385-1750 ext 21. Be blessed and bless a child for Jesus.

Surf on 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 e-mail notification each time it is updated.



THANK YOU!!



Dear Pastor Benji:

On behalf of State Ave. UMC and our children and youth, we thank you, your Senior Pastor, Chairperson Cheryl Bean, the Mission Team and

all the congregation of Groesbeck UMC for your gracious donation of \$458.06 from your "Coin Collection" for missions. We thank God for all of you and for your commitment to help us and to be in mission with us. We also thank you, Kevin and all the volunteers who every month help us with Sunday school with such love and care. In Christ's love, Rev. Dr. Nilsa Saliceti, Pastor, State Avenue UMC

Dear Groesbeck Family,

Thank you for everything, your prayers, cards, gifts and love shown to me as I walk this hard journey. It is a blessing knowing that I am walking along with other saints. Sincerely, Maggie McMurtry

Dear friends,

Bert and I want to thank each of you for your prayers, your caring words and your many cards on the passing of my brother John Hyde.

Blessings to each of you, Bert and Bob

Dear Friends,

Sending out a big thank you to my church family for all the support, prayers, cards, calls, and offers of help. I miss seeing everyone, but it will have to be that way for a while. Germs are my enemy right now. I'm thanking God for my doc and all the nurses on the chemo suite and all of you. His ways are mysterious at times, but He is in charge. And God bless Pastor Dave. Love & Blessings, Judy Meyer

SYMPATHY NOTES



Our Sympathy is extended to Loni Moran, family and friends of Dottie Thompson who passed away on Saturday September 24th.

And to Michael & Teresa Maher, family and friends on the death of Michael's father, Walt Maher, on October 6th.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Dick Huber, Twin Towers
5343 Hamilton Ave., Apt 421 AL - 45224

**PLEASE MAKE THESE
CHANGES TO YOUR
DIRECTORY**



PAPER RECYCLING

Thank you to all who have been bringing their paper to the church for recycling. **REMINDER** - bring your catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, office paper, 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.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on Your New Baby! Brennan Paul Bromwell born to Becky & Paul and big sister Heather on Thursday November 6th.



Congrats to Sandy Weber & Terrance Allen



who were married on Saturday September 24, Pastor Dave officiated. Sandy is the daughter of Randy and Ann Weber.

GROESBECK UMC 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!!

November Birthdays

Brian Sidow	11/1	Delena Girdler	11/14	Bonnie Hase	11/19
Jacob Gaviglia	11/1	Larry Yelton	11/15	Myra Kapelis	11/19
Dave Mack	11/2	Sam Combs	11/16	Shirley Strauss	11/19
William Kaeser	11/4	Gene Cullum	11/16	Carole Daley	11/20
Amy Cochran	11/7	Arne Erickson	11/16	Dan Platt	11/23
Rebecca Bromwell	11/7	Donna Fanta	11/16	Mike Powers	11/23
Pam Wood	11/8	Irv Bollinger	11/16	Allison Miller	11/24
Patricia Rolfert	11/10	Chris Fuqua	11/16	Sharon Powers	11/25
Travis Bernhardt	11/11	Zachary McMurtry	11/16	Zander Robers	11/26
Faith Johnsen	11/12	Andi Compton	11/17	John Rodrigez	11/27
Mary Lou Gray	11/13	Timothy Smith	11/17	Lauren Price	11/29
Alex Vice	11/13	Amanda Hall	11/18	Diana Swisshelm	11/29
Dottie Monroe	11/14	Barbara Deck	11/19	Jan Rickard	11/29
Meghan Rose Gaviglia	11/14	Tom Colina	11/19	Bunny Borchelt	11/29

December Birthdays

Olivia Epure	12/1	Howard Sherrett	12/14	Jack Pennington	12/24
Zachary Price	12/3	John Rodrigez	12/15	Jeremy Hase	12/25
**Gordon Rudolph	12/3	Penny Simpson	12/15	Danielle Combs	12/25
Jeffrey Minor	12/4	Rose Sprague	12/16	David Tracy	12/27
Michael Maher	12/5	Barbara Buckley	12/17	Nathan Spitznagel	12/27
Max Alfonso	12/5	Norman Neely	12/19	Kyle Shepherd	12/28
Charlene Drago	12/5	Debbie Dieterle	12/19	**Thelma Hartman	12/28
Dea Huber	12/5	Linda Crawford	12/20	Lisa Crum	12/28
Brad Powers	12/6	Don Hammer	12/21	Dianne Boyer	12/29
Melody Pennington	12/6	Isabella Ervin	12/21	Chris Schoepf	12/29
Hanna Kovacs	12/10	Meggie Baker	12/21	Lia Odell	12/30
Irene Fricke	12/10	Abby Miller	12/21	James Sidow	12/31
Hazel Winings-Defferen	12/10	Willodean Sheffield	12/23	Paul Venturini	12/31
Bobbi Weddle	12/14	Eunice Weaver	12/24		

**** denotes homebound**



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**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

GOODNEWS NEWSLETTER REMINDER

The information for the **January/February** Newsletter is due in the office on
Tuesday December 13. Thank you.



You can pick up a copy of the latest **"GoodNews"** in the side narthex, **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**.