

News & Updates

October 2019



It's a NEW SEASON for 9:30am Mission & Outreach WORSHIP!



You recently shared your thoughts, visions, and dreams in the pastor's listening circles regarding services at the Mission and Outreach Building, and we listened! Come join us every Sunday for worship in the Mission & Outreach Building at 9:30am with Pastor Debbie Head. We have added more uplifting worship music and our amazing youth will be serving and becoming more involved in worship as well! Come and see all that is happening at this exciting service!

Service Opportunity Available! Oct. 13th - 27th

We will be hosting families for TWO WEEKS and we have the opportunity to welcome these families to Gruene UMC during their stay.

Service opportunities are open in the following areas:

- * Set up
- * Bring Dinner
- * Bring Breakfast
- * Overnight Host
- * Clean up



Please contact Kristi Morris at (719) 310-2292 or gumcfamilypromise@gmail.com.

- o Set-Up (Sunday, October 13th @ 12p): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449a4aa29a4fa7-setup4>
- o Dinners and Host (Pick a night – 530p): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449a4aa29a4fa7-dinners4>
- o Stock the Fridge: Take-Away Breakfasts & Lunches (Sun. Oct 13th/20th @ 6p): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449a4aa29a4fa7-stock2>
- o Overnight Host(s): Pick a night – 800p to 600a: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449a4aa29a4fa7-overnight4>
- o Hot Breakfasts (Saturday, Oct 19th and 26th @ 730a): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449a4aa29a4fa7-hotbreakfast4>
- o Take-Down and Laundry (Sunday, Oct 27th @ 630a): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449a4aa29a4fa7-takedown3>

GRUENE UMC PUMPKIN PATCH



The Pumpkin Patch gives us an awesome chance to welcome our neighbors! Gruene UMC has wonderful opportunities to serve in the pumpkin patch! Come sell a few while greeting folks in the community with signs of God's love! All money from sales of the pumpkins goes towards youth, children and family ministries and community missions.

For more info, contact Brandi Carnes

at brandi@gmail.com.

Sign up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044dadad292-gruene>

HAY RIDES & CRAFTS SATURDAYS 10AM - 12PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (830) 625-7200

HELP UNLOAD THE 2nd TRUCKFUL OF PUMPKINS SUNDAY OCT. 13th at 9:30am!

Our First Annual Pumpkin Patch Raffle is HERE!



Five:32 Students (Youth Ministry) will be selling raffle tickets on Sundays at the gathering space in the main building to support Youth Mission and Outreach Programs.

Tickets are \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00.

Come check out our Five:32 Facebook page to see the awesome prizes including condo and hotel stays, yeti and golf packages!

The drawing will be on November 2nd after the 11:00 service. **winners do not need to be present**



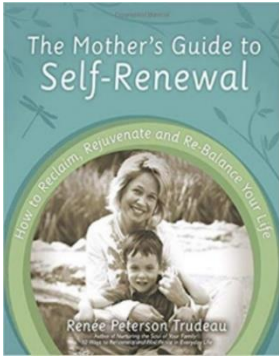
Were you Born in the 70's, 80's, 90's?

Join us for a fun evening of fun, food, & friendship
Sunday October 20th from 4:30-7:00pm
at John & Sarah Jambers' Home.

Bring yourself, your spouse, and/or your family and come meet others from the church as we eat and enjoy the hopefully cooler weather.

RSVP & find more information at www.grueneumc.org!





Mindful Mamas' Book Study

As moms in order to lovingly care for our homes, businesses, families & friends.... we must take time to pray, connect within, & care for ourselves. This is a purposeful group of moms meeting for reflection, prayer, connection & laughter. We seek to find greater renewal & restoration. We will always start & end with prayer. We will follow Renee Trudeau's book "The Mother's Guide to Self-Renewal".

Third Friday of every month (October thru May)

9:30 - 11:30 am

in the Mission and Outreach Building.

Childcare available upon request.

Facilitated by Gillian Amaro Gillian.Amaro@gmail.com

Register at grueneumc.org.



Mindful Munchkins FREE Parent & Tot Yoga

Playfully integrating our minds, bodies & hearts Mindful Munchkins is a 40 minute class for little ones and their families. This is a perfect way to connect with your child after their day at school. We have very relaxed expectations for kids (and parents!) in this class and the focus is on having FUN! We will integrate many different skills & activities including games, songs, socialization, deep breathing, meditation, mindfulness, parent-child bonding, and of course practicing yoga!

For children 5 years old & under and their guardian(s)

4 week series offered on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 2:10-2:50pm

**Participants can choose either the Tuesday or Wednesday class
Tuesdays-10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12 or Wednesdays- 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13**

Contact Gillian at (512)585-8238 with any questions. Register at www.grueneumc.org.

MEN'S HUDDLE

Kick off the "fall" (Texas version) season and with good food and fine Christian fellowship at the next Men's Huddle at Noon on Wednesday October 9th at Buttermilk Cafe as we hold a drawing to see what lucky man will get a free lunch. For further info please contact Terry McCaffrey at (571) 577-7074.



Make a difference in the life of a child!

We have several servant and discipleship opportunities available on Sundays during all worship services serving children and their families. We would like you to consider one or two Sundays a month for one service.

- **Welcome/ Check-In Desk- 30 minutes before and 15 minutes after service**
- **Upstairs Greeter & Hallway Support-9:15-11am**
- **Storyteller or Children's Message Substitute- 9:30-10am**
- **Small Group Leader Substitute from 9:15-11am as other leaders need subs**

Contact Pastor Chéri at cheri@grueneumc.org or our Nursery Director Brandi Carnes at brandi@grueneumc.org to find out more.





Find Balance in the Busyness with Immanuel Yoga

The Immanuel Yoga Series is back in time to prepare for the holidays- the “holy” days! Join us for this special time to worship with your entire being — mind, body, and spirit. Whether you are brand new to yoga, or an experienced yogi...this is a class for you!

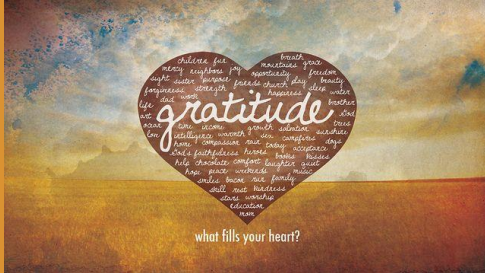
Classes are FREE and FREE childcare is also available.

A Love donation will be collected to support mental health ministries and missions. Classes will be led by Katti Henderson, a registered 225-Hour yoga instructor, and will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Gym in the Main Building.

Register today at www.grueneumc.org.

For more information, contact Katti Henderson at kattihenderson4@gmail.com.

November Gratitude series- Tuesdays in November 6:30-7:30pm

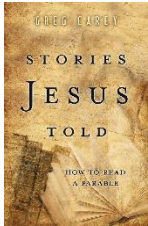


Nov. 5th
Nov. 12th
Nov. 19th
Nov. 26th

December Advent by Candlelight series- Tuesdays in December 6:30-7:30pm



Dec. 3rd
Dec. 10th
Dec. 17th
and a virtual
video session for
Christmas Eve



WHAT DOES THAT PARABLE MEAN?

If you've ever wondered what the parables *really* mean, join our Faith Lessons Small Group for this 6 week video-based study by acclaimed author Greg Carey to learn how to read, interpret and understand the parables of Jesus and what they mean for our own lives today. Join us Sundays in Room 301 of the Mission Outreach building at 9:15am Oct. 6- Nov. 10. If you have questions, please contact Terry McCaffrey at (571) 577-7074.



For the month of October Steve's Pantry will be collecting:
Chunky Soup, Jelly, children's clothes, and men's jeans.
Please drop your donations off at Steve's Pantry during their business hours. Thank you for your continued support!

Steve's Pantry Update!

What a blessing it has been to watch Steve's Pantry grow through the years! THANK YOU to ALL our amazing volunteers who continue to serve our friends in need. Your love and special gifts are greatly appreciated and needed as we continue to expand each year.

Stephanie Anderson has done an amazing job working with our servant team in Steve's Pantry. As she transitions out of this leadership position, we have a new opportunity for a Servant Team leader to recruit and schedule folks who are serving at Steve's pantry.

We want to thank the following volunteers for continuing to serve in Steve's Pantry:

Terry Powell- Food Procurement and Interim Coordinator/Pantry Facilitator.

Laurie Powell- Sorting and organizing clothing donations; Interim Volunteer Coordinator.

Jamey Roy- Data entry and pantry volunteer.

Kendel Marrou- Implementation and training volunteers on new computer software.

Kelly Ludecke- Promotion/Advertising; Kelly will assist in marketing Steve's Pantry within the church and recruiting interested volunteers.

If you are interested in serving in Steve's Pantry in any capacity, please contact Pastor Debbie at: debbie@grueneumc.org.