



THE MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2019



Poured Out Church September 13-15

Interested in ways to live out your faith? Want to make a difference in our community?

Community Outreach Weekend Sponsored by the Poured-Out Church Committee is the weekend of September 13, 14, and 15. Here are some possible activities you might do to reach out to help someone.

Sign-ups are now on-line. Type in: <https://www.signupgenius.com> Click on the 'search icon (little magnifying glass) in the upper, right-hand corner; On the left side: Search for a Sign-up; Type in mammyd2@gmail.com and verify you aren't a robot; Sign up for the activity or activities of your choice. Sign-up sheets will also be available in the Narthex.

Please prayerfully consider how you can be of service in our community.

Weekend Schedule

Friday:

- Dropping off cookies at GCUMC by noon.
- Assembling cookie plates (Cookie Brigade from 3-5pm).

Saturday:

- Home Projects (for example: cleaning gutters, trimming bushes, painting, doing home repairs, etc.)
- Volunteering at the Food Pantry
- Bagging and Carrying out groceries at County Market

Sunday:

- Washing windows at Casey's North or South or F.S. (2-4pm)
- Card Making at Holly Brook
- Tying quilts—YES, it is a go this year!
- Collecting bags with supplies
- Praying around the community, North Park or South Park
- Delivering cookies
- Finishing home projects
- Telling your church/community memories
- Singing hymns
- Helping at Shepherd's Closet
- Bagging and Carrying out groceries at County Market

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Saturday • 5:30pm—Casual Worship
Sunday • 8:45am—Traditional Worship
Sunday • 11:00am—Contemporary Worship
Sunday School—10:00am

Worship

Visit us at gcumc3.org or Find us on Facebook: "Gibson City UMC"

SEPTEMBER NOMINATIONS SIGN-UP

Every Christian is a minister. God has a calling on each of our lives to serve. This year the Nominations Committee is asking you to pray and consider where God is calling you to serve. In September, there will be volunteer sign up sheets outside the sanctuary for all our committees and teams. Please pray. Consider where God wants you to serve and sign-up. None of the committees involve a huge time commitment. Most only meet for no more than 1 hour per meeting.

Covenant Council – meets 8-9 times/year

Presently, the Covenant Council meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The Covenant Council is the main decision-making body of the church. It consists of the chair-people of the committees of the church. However, at-large congregational members are needed from the congregation.

SPRC – meets 4-5 times / year

Presently, SPRC meets on the second Monday of the month at 5:00. The primary goals of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) are to encourage, strengthen, nurture, and support the pastors and staff and their families, and to promote unity in the church.

Finance – meets 5-6 times / year

Finance presently meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. The Finance Committee oversees the expenditures, budget, and audit of the church finances.

Trustees – meets 6-7 times / year

Presently, the Trustees meet on the first Monday of the month at 7pm. The Trustees are mainly responsible for maintaining all church property. They also oversee memorials and endowments.

Worship – meets 4-5 times / yr

Presently, Worship usually meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. The Worship Committee oversees our weekly worship services and plans special services throughout the year.

Missions– meets about 4 times / year

Presently, the Mission Team meets on the second Thursday of the month. The Mission Team oversees our outreach projects and missionaries. They help organize mission trips and projects, raise funds, and choose the recipients of the monthly mission socks offerings.

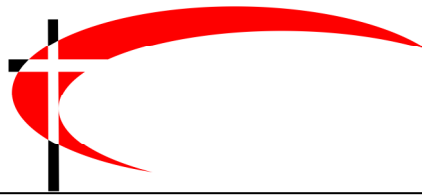
Connection Team – meets 9-11 times / year

Presently, the Connection Team meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm. The Connection Team is concerned with the invitation, hospitality, and congregational care of new visitors and the members of the church.

Children's Ministries -

The ministry towards our youth and children needs individuals to volunteer as (1) teachers and helpers for our Sunday School and Wednesday night education; but also needs (2) individuals who would be willing to organize special nights and projects such as the SS and Wed. Night Kickoffs, the Wed. Night Fall Festival, the Wed. Night Luau, Christmas programs, and oversee the supply room.

~Pastor John



Wednesday Night Youth Group



Summer is over and it's **BACK TO SCHOOL!** We hope that everyone had a blast this summer! Our Wednesday Night Youth Program, GIG (Growing in God), will kick-off on Wednesday, September 12th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

We will have a bounce house and many fun carnival type games for the kids to play along with snacks and drinks.

We are looking forward to seeing the kids again on Wednesday Nights!! We are always looking for volunteers to make this program possible. Please contact April Rotramel if you are looking for an opportunity to get involved.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Wednesday night Fellowship regular programming will resume on September 18th.

Join us at 5:30 for a delicious meal! Youth Programming will have their kick-off party that evening, so please see above for details on that.

Here is the Wednesday night schedule:

- 5:30-6:30 Fellowship Meal
- 6:30-7:30 Youth Programming (PreK-High School)
- 6:30-7:30 Chime Choir (contact Sue Shields if you are interested in joining Chimes)
- 7:30-8:30 Sanctuary Choir

2019 Rally Day



Please join us on September 9th as we kick-off a new year of ministry at GCUMC! We will have Sunday School registration as well as many fun activities planned for our youth from 10-11am.

September Mission Socks - MMDC

Our Mission Socks Collection for September will take place the weekend of the 14th/15th. Money collected from that will benefit the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

NAMES NEEDED FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Sunday is November 3rd. All church members who have died in the last year will be recognized. GCUMC extends this day of remembrance to any family who has lost a loved one in the last year. If you have a deceased loved one which you would like to have honored and remembered, please submit their name to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, October 23rd.

Choir Members Needed

The Sanctuary Choir is looking for new members! Choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 and shares their music during the 8:45 worship services during the months of September—May.

Please see details below:

- **Position:** Openings for soprano, alt, tenor and bass. No others need apply.
- **Physical Qualifications:** Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director.
- **Experience:** No applications will be accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the bathtub or shower at some time.
- **Beginning Wage:** Increased satisfaction and joy in the service of God.
- **Fringe Benefits:** Social Security: We promise you the security of social fellowship with other choir members.
- **Hours:** Wednesday evenings from 730-830 and Sunday mornings. There is occasional opportunity for overtime.
- **Retirement:** Generally determined by the printed notes getting too small, the hymnal too heavy, notes too high, the sanctuary too hot or too cold, or the organist unable to play the notes you sing.
- We are an equal opportunity employer!

PRAYERS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

| | | |
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| | Patrick Morris | 16 |
| | Kevin Knerr | 17 |
| | Rick Ertel | 18 |
| | Karleigh Kietzman | 18 |
| | Merle Jones | 19 |
| | Todd Littell | 19 |
| Joan Bedel | 2 Libby Shields | 19 |
| Bob Link | 3 Fran Davis | 20 |
| David Littlefield | 3 Lauren Blackford | 20 |
| Austin Rotramel | 4 Kathy Bennett | 21 |
| Joel Hood | 5 Tim Shields | 21 |
| Lynne Severson | 5 Avery Baird | 23 |
| Ashley Morris | 6 Evan Baird | 23 |
| Katie Quinley | 8 Glenn Riddle | 24 |
| Jared Clark | 9 Roger Arends | 24 |
| Kay Bell | 10 Melissa Jamison | 25 |
| Mark Sauer | 10 Mary Rhodes | 25 |
| Zander Wier | 10 Wes Leenerman | 26 |
| Roger Main | 11 Bonnie Dewey | 27 |
| Chad Rosendahl | 11 Patricia Goembel | 27 |
| Aleka Seneca | 11 Kent Steinman | 28 |
| Tom Borton | 12 Doug Schultz | 28 |
| Gail Anliker | 13 Brandon Boma | 29 |
| Carey Davis | 13 Jordan Nagle | 29 |
| Megan Moody | 13 Craig Kummerow | 30 |
| Kaitlyn Whitehouse | 13 Carl Dewey | 30 |
| Lucas Clinton | 14 Pat Peagram | 30 |
| Susie Dueringer | 14 | |
| Ethan Freehill | 14 | |
| Wayne Snyder | 14 | |
| Samantha Chase | 16 | |
| Danielle Jones | 16 | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

| | Day | Years |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| Doug & Rhonda Eckerty | 10 | 31 |
| Ty & Kara Royal | 12 | 27 |
| Tom & Sue Briggs | 15 | 56 |
| Kenneth & Bonnie Farmer | 20 | 5 |
| Gary & Debra McCullough | 27 | 45 |
| Kent & Julie Steinman | 28 | 23 |
| Patrick & Ashley Morris | 29 | 6 |

Food Pantry Help

Our next Saturday to help at the Food Pantry at the Hospital is September 28th. Please contact the office to sign-up.

Thank You

To the Methodist Church Family:
Thank you so much for blessing Marie Schneck with cards and hugs and smiles. She told me she felt lucky and loved!

~Marie & The Schneck Girls—Elaine, Kathy, Sue

Pray
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ceasing

Servicemen and women

SSG Colton Young
AB Cody McCoy
PFC Glenn Mehl III & Taylor

Health Concerns

Delmar Bedel
Edith Christensen
Nancy Davis
Gabe Fairchild
Ruth Fisher
Phil Lutz
Bill Rusher
Heidi Brown

Nursing Home Residents

Manor

Delores Brown
Ruth Fisher
Edna Goembel
Carol Hari
Jane Hill
Alfred Landau
Phil Lutz
Judith Peters

Annex

Mary Rosebraugh
Doug Hager
Marie Schneck
Joan Longmire
Evelyn Wachstetter
Wayne Apperson

Paxton Health Care

Bill Dueringer

Offering & Attendance

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| Jan—July 2019 Offering for Budget | \$151,888.43 |
| Jan—July 2019 Operating Expenses | \$187,517.90 |

| Weekend | Sat 5:30 | Sun 8:45 | Sun 11:00 |
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| August 3rd & 4th | 19 | 118 | 22 |
| August 10th & 11th | 17 | 102 | 22 |
| August 17th & 18th | 16 | 113 | 20 |



September 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------|--------|--|
| 1 Communion 7:00AM Men's Breakfast 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship | 2 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM Prayers | 3 1:00 PM Communion Manor/Annex | 4 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir | 5 1:30 PM Connection Team | 6 | 7 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship |
| 8 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship | 9 9:00 AM Prayers 7:00 PM Covenant Council | 10 | 11 7:00 PM Pie Night @ Manor 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir | 12 | 13 | 14 Mission Socks 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship |
| 15 Mission Socks 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship | 16 9:00 AM Prayers | 17 Newsletter Articles Due | 18 Wednesday Night Fellowship Growing in God Kick-Off | 19 | 20 | 21 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship |
| 22 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship | 23 9:00 AM Prayers | 24 10:00 AM Communion/ Holly Brook | 25 Wednesday Night Fellowship 9:00 AM Newsletter Prep | 26 | 27 | 28 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship |
| 29 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship | 30 9:00 AM Prayers | 2019/2020 Wednesday Night Fellowship 5:30-6:30 Fellowship Meal 6:30-7:30 God's Treehouse (Pre-K/5th Grade) 6:30-7:30 Youth Groups (MS/HS) 7:30-8:30 Sanctuary Choir | | | | |



SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

| | Liturgist | Greeters (West, South, North) | Acolyte | Sound Room (8:45) | Projector (8:45) | Projector (11:00) |
|----------------|--------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sept 1 | Jenny Arsenault | Dean & Lisa Farmer Don & Janet Jensen Greg Pool & Family | Maysen Frashier | Steve Hawthorne | Olivia Hawthorne | Katie Steidinger |
| Sept 8 | Amy Hood | Jim & Chris Hazen Phil & Jean Noellsch Joyce Dewey & Family | Grace Steidinger | Lonnie Engel | Connor Engel | Kearfott Family |
| Sept 15 | Mick Kingsley | Jim & Chris Hazen Phil & Jean Noellsch Joyce Dewey & Family | Demi McCullough | Jon Clark | Zander Wier | Phillip Littell |
| Sept 22 | Lisa Farmer | Bill & Karla Hunter Jim & Amy Hood Jon & Bonnie Clark | Zoe Wier | Steve Hawthorne | Olivia Hawthorne | Katie Steidinger |
| Sept 29 | Rhonda Eckerty | Bill & Karla Hunter Jim & Amy Hood Jon & Bonnie Clark | Ian Rotramel | Lonnie Engel | Connor Engel | Phillip Littell |

Head Usher for September is Phil VanSwol

OUR STAFF

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 Administrative Assistant—April Rotramel office 217-784-5452 email: gcumc@sbcglobal.net

Church Custodian—David Merritt Nursery Attendants—Melissa Jamison
 Organist—Beverly Nagle Susan Schultz, Volunteer
 Choir Director—Ruth Davis



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