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ST. MARK'S CAMPUS
PURPLE DOOR CHURCH

Building Located at:
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**Use Grove City Campus address and phone for all communication*

October 21, 2026

**PLEASE NOTE THE HOURS THE CHURCH DOORS ARE PHYSICALLY OPEN:**

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| **MONDAY – FRIDAY:** | **7AM – 9PM** |
| **SATURDAY:** | **CLOSED** |
| **SUNDAY:** | **7AM – 2PM** |

# WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK!

| MINISTRY | EVENT |
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| **ALL CHURCH** | **DONATOS DINE OUT FUNDRAISER – OCTOBER 25TH, ALL DAY!** 20% of sales benefits our Detroit Mission Trip! Digital code 539.<br><br> <br>**FALL FEST/TRUNK OR TREAT – OCTOBER 25TH!**<br>Families! Our Fall Fest is coming up October 25th, 12:30-2:30pm! You are invited to join us for afternoon of fun! Bounce houses, sno cones, games, crafts, hot dogs and trunk or treat! We invite you to sign up to attend!<br>**CHURCH FAMILY! Are you available to decorate a trunk or help with our fall fest? We ask that trunks are all faith themed!**<br><br>**Can't make it but want to help? We are seeking hot dogs, hot dog buns, chips and candy as donations!**<br><br>Our partnership with **WIDE OPEN HEARTS** is so appreciated. They support a number of our ministries by collecting food for our weekend food bags, donating proceeds to our missions trips, allowing our group to handle concessions during their events, allowing us to raise money for our missions trips, and we would LOVE to be able to give back. On NOVEMBER 7TH, they are having their WINTER MARKET, and we'd love to show up for them. If you're able to help in a volunteer capacity, please contact Pastor Brandi. Let's do what we do so well and show them the love we are known for! |

Specifically, we are looking for: **volunteers, cakes for the cake walk and items for the Secret Santa Shop.**

NOV. 1ST - CHILLI COOKOFF – **PLEASE RSVP to attend but also sign up to enter your chili!** Contact Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcucm.org.

**Didn't get a chance to look around our MINISTRY FAIR?** Don't worry: many of the tables will still be setup this coming Sunday for you to check out if you missed it. As always, if you have questions about particular ministries, feel free to contact us: communications@gcumc.org.

**WEEKEND FOOD BAG NUMBERS ARE INCREASING** – and we are grateful for every item that comes in. Please continue to check out our Amazon list of particular items **AND PLEASE free to SHARE THAT LIST OF NEEDS WITH OTHERS. We will be making a social media post this upcoming week so please feel free to share it on your pages, as well!**

🌟 **LIGHT THE WORLD TREE AUCTION – 2ND ANNUAL!** 🌟

We're inviting our church ministries, Bible study groups, circles, small groups, members, and families to decorate and donate trees, garland or wreaths for our 2nd annual tree auction! You can pickup your item of choice this Sunday at our ministry fair. They will be displayed throughout November, and the highest bidders will take them home. All proceeds support our mission team's trip to Detroit. **We ask that they are returned on Nov. 1st!!**

For the last few years we have been providing **THANKSGIVING MEALS** to students in our local schools and each year it continues to grow. We would love for you to pray about sponsoring a Thanksgiving meal for one of the students and their family. ***Starting this Sunday at the Ministry Fair in the Great Hall we will have bags with shopping list to grab -*** with details on when to return as well. ***We will then have our 2ND ANNUAL TURKEY DROP event on November 23rd!***

**MEN'S RETREAT!**

2026 Purple Door Men's Retreat

**Date**: Nov 13-15

**Cost**: $180 total

- **$30 deposit due 10/11**

**Contact**:

- Kyle Jordan: 614-674-4672
- Bo Blackstone: 614-204-0577

**Registration** - Contact Kyle Jordan

- Text: 614-674-4672

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| | • Email: kyle.jordan.02@gmail.com<br>**Activities**:<br>• Fishing<br>• Paintball<br>• Archery<br>• Human Foosball<br>• Games<br>Join us this November for a time of faith, fellowship, and fun. Beyond the activities, we will also be doing a Bible study. Food will be provided.<br><br>**GRIEFSHARE SESSIONS COMING UP: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS – NOV. 1ST AND DEC. 6TH, 4-6PM**. If you've endured any kind of loss – recent or even maybe quite a while ago - making it more difficult for you during the holiday season, we'd encourage you to join these sessions. If you'd like more info., contact Dave Colborn, 614.361-2321. |
| **MERGE** | **OUR OCTOBER 28TH – MERGE - WILL BE OFFSITE!** We will meet at Barn Church for a bonfire, hayride and pumpkin activity evening. ***Please RSVP*** on our signup genius so we have enough supplies! |
| **GIVING UPDATE** | **GIVING:** In response to the recent message shared by our Pastors and feedback from you, our congregation, we would like to move toward more transparency in our finances specific to giving across both campuses.<br>As a church, we aim for an undesignated offering of **$20,000/week** across both campuses to meet our minimum "thriving" expenses. To date, we have been averaging **$15,876** per week which keeps us in the red.<br><br>This past week's offering was an amazing blessing and increase to that average - we received **$15,469** in undesignated giving. (This includes all in person offerings as well as online giving)<br><br>If you have any questions or would like to check in on your current giving total as a member, please feel free to reach out to the finance office directly, finance@gcumc.org. |
| **FREE STORE** | Thank You, Purple Door Church!!<br>Between the two campuses, we are sending **240 BAGS OF LOVE TO CHILDREN IN FOUR VILLAGES IN HONDURAS.** What a wonderful way to share our love at Christmas with these children! You are awesome, and our Missions Task Force thanks you!<br><br>Our **FREE STORE** is serving hundreds every week. The need in our community is growing – ***therefore, so is our need for VOLUNTEERS***. If you're able to help our Free Store attendants from 4-7pm on Wednesdays, please contact Nancy Hampson to get scheduled: 614.214.3735. |

**WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU MISS ANY OF OUR WEEKLY SERMONS IN EITHER OUR TRADITIONAL OR CONTEMORARY SERVICES, YOU CAN ACCESS THEM ON OUR WEBSITE,** www.purpledoorchurch.com/WORSHIP/WATCH ONLINE/ARCHIVED SERVICES.

## ALL CHURCH:

**CALLING THE CHURCH:** We have since moved to a different provider and after reviewing our phone use, moved to a single cellular phone. ***The number remains 614/875-5612 and is answered during normal business hours***. You may leave a message as well. We are pleased to share that change will offer us significant cost savings annually as well as simplifying the process for our members to reach staff in a timely manner. Thank you!

**CONNECT & SERVE COMMUNITY MEAL: SPONSOR A PLATE: A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE TO OUR COMMUNITY IN A TANGIBLE WAY** - ***SPONSOR A PLATE*** *was born out of the need for this community meal to continue, and for a donation of just $2.50, you can provide a meal for a person in need walking through our doors. Your donations are tax deductible and can be attributed to your giving records. Perhaps your business or your small group would be willing to contribute – or even just a single gifted donation of the $2.50 would help.*

We thank you for continuing to partner with us in this endeavor as we become the hands and feet of Jesus, giving to those in need. Should you have any questions, please contact Andrea Nance, AndreaN@gcumc.org.

**STREET CLEANING – 1ST Sat. of the month.** Questions? Contact Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org.

**WHERE YOU CAN HELP!:**

**Greeting, ushering, serving communion, serving at the welcome desk!**

**OUR ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION IS ONGOING** and is a way we continue to raise funds for our mission trips. ***Please drop off your cans by the shed at the office.***

**BAGS OF HOPE - FOOD/BACKPACK PROGRAM – LOCAL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS** – Our food bags never stop. If you are able to donate any food items for those bags, we'd appreciate it. Our school partnerships are so important to us as our love is making an impact in the schools around us. Many children in our community experience food poverty and we are trying our best to provide for those needs. Check out the Amazon Wishlist we've created with specific food items for those who would like a simple way to grab some of our needed items.

Scan the QR Code to go directly to that list!

**NEEDED ITEMS:**

***Small boxes of Cereal***
***Poptarts***
***Oatmeal***

***Peanut Butter***
***Canned Pasta Sauce***

***Canned Veggies***
***Fruitcups***
***Applesauce***
***Rice***
***Macaroni & Cheese***
***Ramen Noodles***
***Granola Bars***
***Crackers & Fruit Snacks***
***Soups***
***Canned Meat: Chicken, beef, tuna***

**NEW GIRLS' GROUP MINISTRY: JESUS LOVES YOU, PERIOD.** Our youth group girls are SO excited about this ministry they dreamed up. Once a month, they're making bags specifically for girls in the local schools and at St. Mark's.
If you'd like to donate, you can have items delivered straight to the church.

Please go to the link below or scan the QR Code:

**https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1A8GGN49NDB3I?ref_=wl_share**

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**MERCH!** Check out the website at https://www.24tees.shop for merch! T-shirts, hoodies, hats –you can order it online and get it in a SUPER FAST turnaround – AND – the company will donate $5 back to the church for every item purchased! You can also request your favorite name brands be used – for an increased price! If you ordered merch, you can pick it up at the Info. Desk!

**REAL TALK, REAL SUPPORT -** A peer-led, social-emotional support group for parents and caregivers of children with mental health struggles. Two meetings a month:

***2nd Tuesday of the month**, 6:30-8pm – The Buckeye Ranch (5665 Hoover Rd.), Mary Dunn Building*

***4th Tuesday of the month**, 6:30-8pm – The Purple Door Church, Fireside Room*

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For questions, contact Sheri Dunagan at sheri.dunagan@att.net or call/text 614-439-7110.
Learn more online. GO TO www.RealTalkOhio.org **OR SCAN THE QR CODE**.
**CONNECT ON FACEBOOK:** facebook.com/groups/realtalkohio/

**GET INVOLVED!** We love being able to serve our families and our community and we have SO many opportunities to plug in at The Purple Door Church. We are fully open and have all of our activities available to our congregation and community! There are plenty of places for you to serve – WE NEED YOU and want to encourage you to check out list of opportunities – go to our website: https://www.purpledoorchurch.com/opportunities-to-serve.

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## FAMILIES & KIDS!

**MERGE:** Our mid-week family programming! During the school year, this happens Wednesday evenings, 6-8pm. During the summer, we have specific dates to meet. **SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE!**

## HEY TEENS (7th-12th grade)!

**YOUTH GROUP**!

***SUNDAY NIGHTS, WE MEET AT 6PM IN THE FLC FOR A TIME OF DINNER, WORSHIP, MESSAGE & SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!***

We are looking for ***DINNER*** volunteers! *Sign Up USING THE QR CODE*!

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR YOUTH SMALL GROUPS!**

The second Sunday of each month at **5pm**, we have a **BOYS SMALL GROUP**.
This group is open to those ***preteen and older***.

## GIRLS GROUP

Girls in 5th grade or older are invited to attend our small group meeting the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 5pm. The girls have visioned devotion, music, crafts, missions, fellowship.

***Questions on any of the above or to RSVP for any events, contact Pastor Brandi, Brandib@gcumc.org.***

## ST. MARK'S CAMPUS:

**SCAN HERE TO GO TO FACEBOOK PAGE**

**LA CASITA – "THE LITTLE HOUSE" - at our St. Mark's Campus is a dream that is beginning to come to life!** Pastor Lizzy is beginning to collect kitchen gadgets and household goods and furnishing so we can give them to those members of our extended church family at the St. Mark's Campus in need. *Did you know that many have arrived in Columbus with NOTHING?* Many are sleeping on the floor, or have no bedding, no kitchen utensils – the things we use daily and take for granted. We'd love to be able to provide those items to them that we use daily. As you are replacing items in your home, if they are still in good working condition, we'd appreciate it if you'd consider donating them to our St. Mark's Campus. There is a bin beside the Info. Desk where you can place the items (toasters, coffee pots, toaster ovens, etc.), silverware, cooking pots, pans, skillets, cooking utensils, blenders, dishes (i.e., plates, bowls, etc.), bedding (sheets, mattress pads, comforters, etc.). ***Bigger items also needed***: washer, dryer & love seats. To drop off these bigger items, contact Pastor Lizzy to arrange. If you have an item that is not listed here, but you'd like to ask if it's needed, you may contact Pastor Lizzy, LizzyO@gcumc.org. Thank you for your continued support of our St. Mark's Campus as we continue to reach those in that west side community!

## MISSIONS:

**THE PURPLE DOOR MISSIONS TASK FORCE** meets once a month for one hour to pray, plan and discuss different missions projects in our community, country and world. *You can be part of this too! Contact Pastor Lizzy, LizzyO@gcumc.org.*

**SHOP AT KROGER AND GIVE BACK!** Did you know that you can make a financial contribution to our Missions Task Force JUST by shopping at Kroger? It's simple! All you have to do is link your Kroger Shopping Card to **Grove City United Methodist Church**.

Go to Kroger.com and log into your digital account (or create a digital account, if not already created).

Scroll down to "Community Rewards" and click. From there, you can select our organization by either scrolling or searching for0308

"Grove City United Methodist Church." Make sure our name matches our organization number, which is XY804. Enroll. Easy as that! Kroger will make donations to the organization based upon spending of those whose cards are connected to that organization.

Any questions regarding enrollment need to be directed to Kroger individually.

## WALMART "SPARK GOOD" PROGRAM: ROUND UP!

GCUMC is now included & verified for the Walmart "Spark Good" program where purchasers can choose our non-profit to "round up" when making a purchase on Walmart.com or in-store (***provided you have a Walmart.com Account***).

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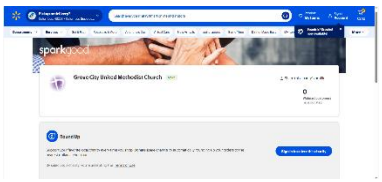
Now, every time you shop on Walmart.com or in-store, you have the opportunity to round up your change and donate it to Grove City United Methodist Church! Learn how small acts can lead to big impact at https://www.walmart.com/nonprofits/5cb3675f-796f-47b9-a535-afb38ad0a942/profile **(OR SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE)**.

On this page in the "Round Up" section you should see a link that says, "Select this Charity" or "Sign in to Select this Charity."

## THIS IS WHAT THE WALMART PROFILE PAGE LOOKS LIKE!




After signing into your Walmart.com Account, you can add our church as your favorite local charity.

Every time you shop, you will donate your spare change by automatically rounding up the order to the nearest dollar at checkout. Similar to the Kroger rewards - it's a set it and forget it!

**CAFÉ:** ***The time slots to volunteer in the café are: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30am. A sign-up sheet will be on the donut counter in the café area. If you'd like more info. or to volunteer, contact Pastor Lizzy, LizzyO@gcumc.org***

**Refreshments are available in the café upon donation and all proceeds will go to further Missions projects throughout the year.**

## PRAYER:

**PRAYER REQUESTS** - We want to remind you that we are here for you! If you need prayer during this time, please reach out to us at communications@gcumc.org. You may also drop prayer requests into our Purple Prayer Box in our parking. It's located at the front of the lot facing Columbus Street.

**PRAYER TEAM** - Prayer is powerful and an amazing gift from God. We have the opportunity to talk directly to our Creator and the ability to pray on the behalf of others. Our prayer team started meeting this past Monday and we will continue to meet every week on Mondays at 9am. During our time together, we will be praying over our Sunday morning prayer requests, needs of the church, our community and nation. We will be prayer walking the church as well. If you are interested in joining, please contact Clarence Dinnen, cmdinnen@gmail.com.

**PRAYER BOX** – Did you know we have a Prayer Box located in our parking lot? It is a little purple mailbox located in the front of our parking lot facing Columbus Street. Our Prayer Chain is committed to praying for the people of this church and our city. If you have a prayer request, you can drop it in that box at any time. Prayer requests are collected weekly and prayed over by our committed prayer team.

## BIBLE STUDIES/SMALL GROUPS:

**BIBLE STUDIES, SMALL GROUPS** - Just a reminder that **Right Now Media** is available to all our members as you think about your relationship with God in this upcoming year. **Right Now Media** is a database FULL of online Bible studies and social groups for individuals, families, children and groups. We often use this media resource in our Bible studies and small groups throughout the year. It's a GREAT resource for you or for your family to be able to plug in to God's Word and in the times we use it in our own church group setting. If you'd like to take advantage of this ***FREE*** online resource, contact Pastor Brandi to get set up. She just needs your email address. Your faith journey isn't one you were ever meant to take alone. God made us for community!

**SMALL GROUPS:** If you are interested in joining one of these, please reach out ASAP to Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org. If these days don't work for you to try out, let her know so we can put together more options!

**MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY, VIA ZOOM, 7PM** – **DIVING INTO THE BOOK OF HOSEA.**

**PASTOR BRIAN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY - TUESDAYS THROUGH NOV. 3RD.** Meet at 6:30pm in the Hospitality Room (behind the Welcome Desk!). We will be studying the Book of John.

**SATURDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, VIA ZOOM** - meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, 8am. The leader of this group is Michelle McKitrick, michellemckitrick@yahoo.com.

****FOR ALL BIBLE STUDIES VIA ZOOM, CONTACT PASTOR BRANDI FOR THE ZOOM LINK: BrandiB@gcumc.org.***

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** This Bible study group meets Thursday mornings at 10am in the Hospitality Room.

**BIBLE JOURNALING:** Are you creative? Do you enjoy time in the Word? Join the two together and come hang out with us on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6pm at the church office. Questions? Contact Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org.

**PURPLE DOOR WOMEN:** Our main focus is on our church, church family (especially shut-ins) and our community. Questions: please call or text Jean Davis, 614.282-8590. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10am.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:

Looking for a place to fellowship with other women, gain encouragement, give encouragement, and grow deeper in your faith? We have three groups (aka "Circles") that meet regularly throughout the week, have different areas of interests, and we'd love to invite you to find your fit!

**REBECCA CIRCLE** - meets the third Tuesday of the month @ 11:30am. For more info. or questions, contact Ann Beal (614-371-4472) or Linda Crews, lcrews4@aol.com, who are the leaders.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** - meets the 2nd Monday @ noon. For more info. or questions, contact Sue Flowers (614-357-7935) or Nina Riley (614-579-4624), who are the leaders.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE** – meets the 3rd Sunday of each month @ 12:30pm. For more info. or questions, contact Naomi Jordan, Jordan.447@gmail.com or Annette Queen, Honey5705@yahoo.com, who are the leaders.

## MEN'S GROUP:

**Rooted in Christ | Stronger Together | Built for Purpose**

**Are you ready to grow deeper in your faith, build real friendships, and make an impact?**

**Join our Men's Group** — a space created **for men like you** who want to live with **intention, integrity, and faith.**

💬 **What to Expect:**

- **Faith That Matters** – Grounded time in the Word and prayer
- **Real Connection** – Honest conversations, brotherhood, and support
- **A Call to Serve** – Living out our faith through service and action

This isn't just another meeting. It's a **movement** toward becoming the men God created us to be.

🔥 **Whether you're:**

- New to faith or a lifelong believer
- Looking for encouragement or just a place to belong
- Hungry for more than surface-level conversation

**This group is for you.**

📅 **Important Dates**

**Sunday Nov 1 @ Noon**

**Friday Dec 4 @ 6:30pm**

**SUNDAY MEETINGS** are a Potluck and Devotional time in the Fireside room at the Church.
**FRIDAY MEETINGS** are a dinner out and sometimes service to the church.
**Please follow us by scanning the QR code below for details on locations.**

**Details**

**Contact: Bo Blackstone 614-204-0577**
**The best place to stay up to date is via the Men's Group on the Band app!**

**TO GET PLUGGED IN WITH ANY OF OUR BIBLE STUDIES OR SMALL GROUPS, CONTACT PASTOR BRANDI, BRANDIB@GCUMC.ORG.**

**FREE STORE:** Our Free Store is open every Wednesday, 5-6:30pm and serves 150-275 people each week. Lately, we have been serving individuals from 4 or 5 halfway houses, drug/alcohol rehab centers and addiction recovery centers. Therefore, we have several critical needs, especially for men.

## GIVING/FINANCE:

We are deeply thankful for the faithfulness and generosity of our congregation! Your faithful giving allows us to continue serving our church family, supporting ministry efforts, caring for the needs within our community, and continue to share the good news in tangible ways.

I also understand that stewardship and church finances are important matters, and we want to be a church that operates with integrity, transparency, and wisdom. If you ever have any questions, concerns or would simply like more information beyond that shared in our Annual State of the Church, quarterly leadership update to the congregation, or the weekly Blast regarding church finances, budget, or how funds are being used, we encourage you to reach out! I/we would love to have a conversation with you.

Please feel free to contact Nichole Amicucci (nicholea@gcumc.org), Diana Bernard (dianab@gcumc.org) or Andrea Nance (andrean@gcumc.org) or by calling the church at 614-875-5612. (Our website also has everyone's contact information - www.purpledoorchurch.com).

We value open communication and want every member of our church family to feel informed and cared for. Thank you again for your continued prayers, support, and faithful giving! We are so grateful for all the ways God is working through our church together.