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ST. MARK'S CAMPUS
PURPLE DOOR CHURCH

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and phone for all communication*

January 14, 2026

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK!

If there is any new news, it will appear here!

MINISTRY	EVENT
ALL CHURCH	<p>WEEKLY SCHOOL FOOD BAGS - We are up to 125 SCHOOL BAGS A WEEK. 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. Amazon food list found here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/XRQLQX8HNMEU?ref_=wl_share</p> <p>We need help! We are looking for SOME VOLUNTEERS to help with SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30am. You would be placed in the rotation to teach once a month. Please reach out to Pastor Brandi.</p> <p>IF YOU HAVE MOVED, OR MOVE DOWN SOUTH FOR THE WINTER, PLEASE CONTACT NICOLE TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE UP TO DATE INFORMATION FOR YOU SO THAT YOU'RE NOT MISSING ANY INFORMATION! You may reach her at NicholeA@gcumc.org.</p> <p>OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JAN. 19TH IN OBSERVATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY! However, if you are in need of a pastor, call the church office and leave a voicemail as it will be forwarded to the pastors: 614/875-5612.</p>

STATE OF THE UNION CHURCH ADDRESS FEBRUARY 8TH, FOLLOWING OUR 11AM SERVICES! A time to review 2025, and let you know where we're headed for 2026! All are welcome!

We are looking for a volunteer(s) willing to lead a **FINANCIAL PEACE** class. This class is an opportunity to learn to take control of your money, attack debt with a vengeance and pay it off fast, save for emergencies, choose the right insurance plans, invest wisely and build wealth and give generously (the best part). When we have offered this class in the past, people walked away encouraged and grateful. If you would be interested in leading this ministry or being a part of, please reach out to Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org.

LUNCH & LEARN will be back in February! We will gather February 3rd at 11:30am. We are finalizing the topic and will let you know soon, but we look forward to a time of learning and - of course - **LUNCH**. **RSVP to Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org.**



GRIEFSHARE began on Jan. 11th, but it's not too late to join us! Come Sundays, 4-6pm, facilitated by Dave Colborn, Sharon Moore & Pastor Clarence. You can register for the class using the QR Code. *Class runs through April 12th.*



BIBLE JOURNALING UPDATE! We will be switching to the fourth Tuesday of every month! Questions? Contact Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org.

KIDS/FAMILY

CAMP! Our main camp fundraiser, **WINTERFEAST**, will be February 27th, and we are looking for donations – items, goods/services, and/or baskets that can be used for the silent auction. We also need desserts for the dinner. Tickets will be on sale soon, so be sure to grab yours and help send our campers to camp! If you'd like to more info. on the items needed or would like to donate, contact Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org.

MERGE will be back January 14th and we hope you will join us from 6-8pm. Merge is our midweek gathering for families. We come together for dinner,

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worship, fellowship, missions and to study the Word. Sign up on our signup genius so we know you are coming!

Our **GIRLS GROUP** is expanding to a second Sunday. 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.

YOUTH FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY:

1/18 – will not have normal youth as we will be in Operation Grove City
1/25 – normal youth
2/1 – normal group
2/8 – 5:00 small groups/6:00 normal youth
2/15 – tubing trip
2/22 – 5:00 girls small group/6:00 normal youth

ST. MARK'S DONATIONS – If you are able and willing to help transport some of the donations that come in for our St. Mark's Campus, we could use the extra hands. Your generosity has been AMAZING! If you're willing to help take a load of donations to our St. Mark's Campus, please contact Pastor Lizzy, LizzyO@gcumc.org.

We are starting **A NEW MUSIC PROGRAM** at **IGLESIA HISPANA ST. MARK'S** called “*Notas de Gracia*” (Notes of Grace) on Saturday, and we're looking for some instruments for our students to practice at home.

We will be offering classes of guitar, piano and singing. We have 12 students, they will be learning the instrument plus the Word of God. We are in need of 4 piano keyboards and 4 acoustic guitars. If you have any or know of anyone who might have any of those instruments, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Lizzy, LizzyO@gcumc.org.

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](http://www.purpledoorchurch.com/WORSHIP/WATCH%20ONLINE/ARCHIVED%20SERVICES).

ALL CHURCH:

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FINDING A SMALL GROUP TO JOIN? We have many small groups that meet all throughout the week, different times, different days. If you're interested in finding your people, reach out to Pastor Brandi, and she will help! BrandiB@gcumc.org.



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!:

BOTH CAMPUSES NEED BIBLES. Go to our website for specific Amazon link!

OUR ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION IS ONGOING and is a way we continue to raise funds for our mission trips. You can leave them at the Info. Desk!

BAGS OF HOPE - FOOD/BACKPACK PROGRAM – LOCAL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS – Many children in our community experience food poverty and we are trying our best to provide for those needs. We have partnered with many local schools to send home weekend food bags for those kiddos. 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. One of the best parts: you can have it delivered straight to the church (2650 Columbus St., Grove City, OH 43123)!

WEEKEND BACKPACK UPDATED SHOPPING LIST – go to the link or scan the QR Code:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/XRQLQX8HNMEU?ref=wl_share.



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

For questions, contact Sheri Dunagan at sheridunagan@att.net or call/text 614-439-7110.

Learn more online: www.RealTalkOhio.org.

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>.



FAMILIES & KIDS!

CAMP - Are you interested in serving as a camp counselor for our 2026 camp? It's time to chat! Reach out to Pastor Brandi to learn more about the role.

MERGE: Our mid-week family programming! During the school year, this happens Wednesday evenings, 6-8pm.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4baaad23a75-merge3#/>



HEY TEENS (7th-12th grade)!

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

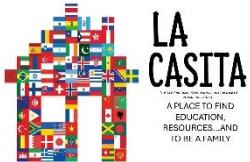
We are looking for **DINNER** volunteers! Sign Up here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/9040D4BAAAD23A75-ignite>

Don't forget about our **YOUTH SMALL GROUPS!** The second Sunday of each month at **5pm**, we have a **GIRLS SMALL GROUP** and a **BOYS SMALL GROUP**. These groups are open to those preteen and older.

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

ST. MARK'S CAMPUS:



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!

BOOK COLLECTION! We are collecting Christian base books or coloring books (for babies to high school age). If you have some in good condition, we will take them! We have been buying some for our toddlers at the dollar store. This is to share with the kids who are attending the afterschool program in our church.

*There will be a box on the Information Desk with a sign
“Iglesia Hispana / St. Mark’s Campus.”*

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 for 0308

“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.

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:

A group meets **SUNDAY AFTERNOON**.

A group meets **TUESDAY EVENING**.

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 – “This is HIS Year.”

A group meets **FRIDAY AFTERNOONS @ 1PM**, led by Justin Long, diving into particular books of the Bible, beginning with the book of Acts.

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. This season, we are studying the Parables of Jesus.

BIBLE JOURNALING: Are you creative? Do you enjoy time in the Word? Join the two together and come hang out with us on the 4th Tuesday 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 OF 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 Peg Addington (614-877-4200), 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**

2026

Friday Feb 6 @ 6:30pm

Sunday Mar 1 @ Noon

Friday Apr 3 @ 6:30pm

Sunday May 3 @ Noon

Friday Jun 5 @ 6:30pm

Sunday Jul 5 @ Noon

Friday Aug 7 @ 6:30pm

Sunday Sep 6 @ Noon

Friday Oct 2 @ 6:30pm

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.

NEEDED ITEMS:

***Monetary donations, new socks & underwear and toiletries are always welcome!**

GIVING - SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH FINANCIALLY: You have a few options: collection plates during all services brought around by ushers, giving boxes outside of both worship spaces where you can drop off your offering anytime, and also **ONLINE** through our online offering platform, **QR CODE in seat back pocket** and/or on our website purpledoorchurch.com. *For help with setting up online giving, or any questions regarding your contributions, please send all inquiries to finance@gcumc.org.*

CALL TO ONLINE GIVERS - Thank you for your faithful giving! If you'd like to help our church with offsetting the fees associated with your online gift, but not sure how to... Email Andrea! She would be happy to help with this small change that helps in a **BIG WAY** when it comes to online giving! AndreaN@gcumc.org.