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ST. MARK'S CAMPUS
PURPLE DOOR CHURCH

Building Located at:
5200 Sullivant Avenue
Columbus, OH 43228

**Use Grove City Campus address
and phone for all communication*

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK!

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

MINISTRY	EVENT
<p>ALL CHURCH</p>	<p>Hello church! We wanted to share that staff efforts to be as fiscally conscious as possible continue! Recently our long-term phone company increased our rates to over \$700 per month. We have since moved to a different provider and after reviewing our phone use, moved to a single cellular phone. <i>The number remains 61/875-5612 and is answered during normal business hours.</i> 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!</p> <p>UWF CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER FUNDRAISER MAR. 20th – Mark your calendars for Mar. 20th as the women involved in UWF (United Women in Faith) will host their annual chicken noodle dinner. Tickets: Adults, \$15; Kid4-12, \$5, AND Kids ages 3 and younger, FREE! Noodles are homemade and dry noodles will also be available for sale in the Great Hall.</p> <p>HAVE YOU RSVP'D FOR OUR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – MAR. 22ND, 12:30PM. We want to recognize and thank our volunteers for all of their service over this last year, so please be invited to join us for an appreciation luncheon: from café workers to greeters at our main doors or worship space doors, ushers, security, Sunday School teachers, small group leaders, musical involvement,</p>

liturgists, those who give contemporary announcements, audio techs, whether in streaming or running any type of technical component for our services, set design/helpers/church repair, bereavement/meal teams, community meal teams, and any other area of service to our church, **WE THANK YOU AND APPRECIATE YOU**. Because your family often gives up time being with you in order for you to serve, they too are welcome. Please RSVP ASAP with the number of attendees to Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org. We can't wait to celebrate you and say THANK YOU for your faithful service over this past year!

GROVE CITY CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT SUNDAY MAR. 22nd - "I Hear America Singing." Join us in the sanctuary at 3:30 pm. Doors open at 3pm. Come enjoy this free event!

If you have been joining **JUSTIN LONG'S BIBLE STUDY** already or hope to, *it will be switching between Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Fridays at 1pm as his work schedule fluctuates for a bit*. The upcoming meeting dates are: 3/18, 3/27 and 4/8.

CHURCH FAMILY! DO YOU LIKE MAKING COOKIES? We might have the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! Reach out to Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org!

We want to let you know about a **MINISTRY ON THE HORIZON** for revitalization. **STEPHENS MINISTERS** are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. They are trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour. This training takes time and involves a commitment to walking alongside others in their need. We want to invite you to pray about this ministry if you feel it might be a place that God can use you. Please reach out to Pastor Brandi to talk about this opportunity, BrandiB@gcumc.org.

While so many exciting things have been happening during this Lenten season, we are also seeing a few maintenance needs outside of our regularly budgeted needs. **SPECIFICALLY**, we need to complete roofing repairs at both campuses, replace a fire door off the kitchen, replace exterior doors in the family life center and have had to repair our main double refrigerator in the kitchen. While there are still door

quotes pending, the estimate for all of these repairs equals approximately \$16,000. We had a very generous donation of half that amount and are asking our church family, if you feel called to support these needs, to help raise the remainder of those funds. We know our church is generous and unwavering in your support of our ministries, outreach and building needs as well. We are so grateful for each and every one of you. If you have any questions about this, please reach out to our leadership staff or any member of our staff.

Easter Services

MAR. 29TH COMBINED PALM SUNDAY SERVICE @ 11AM,
TRADITIONAL

(8:30 & 9:30 service as normal)

APR. 2ND - MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7PM, SANCTUARY

APR. 3RD - STATIONS OF THE CROSS, ALL DAY, GC CAMPUS

APR. 5TH - EASTER! WE CELEBRATE EASTER IN
ALL OF OUR NORMAL SERVICES!

MEXICO

NEW MEMBERS CLASS APRIL 12TH, FOLLOWING 11AM SERVICE. Lunch provided. Email Nichole, NicholeA@gcumc.org.

GENEVA HILLS WORKDAY – May 9th. This is the camp our kiddos go to, and we'd love to give back by helping them get it ready for a summer of fun! If you'd like to join us, contact Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A CHURCH THAT CARES ABOUT MISSION! PLEASE KEEP OUR TEAM IN YOUR PRAYERS! Our team members are:

Dave Colborn, Peg Addington, Emily Hirth, Johanna Medina, Rocco Amicucci, Nichole Amicucci, Naomi Jordan, Kyle Jordan, Derrick Jordan, David Jordan, Bo Blackstone, Brandi Blackstone, Liam Blackstone, Jonah Blackstone, Eva Blackstone

PASTOR BRIAN'S SPRING BIBLE STUDY WILL START APRIL 7TH AT 6:30PM AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH MAY 26TH.

KIDS/FAMILY YOUTH

ST. MARKS/ IGLESIA

This Spring we will be looking at Paul's letter to the Galatians. This letter gives us much information on Paul's spiritual journey along with helping us understand what freedom as a Christian really means. We hope you'll be able to join us! If you have any questions, please email communications@gcumc.org!

Next **LUNCH AND LEARN IS 4/7**. Details to come. RSVP by emailing Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org.

FAMILIES! On **EASTER SUNDAY**, we will have stations for families to enjoy in the Great Hall, painting, cookie decorating and more. Come early for service or stay after and enjoy the opportunity to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior as a family and remember that Easter is about more than a bunny or a basket!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE! Those graduating high school and those currently in college are encouraged to apply for scholarships! You can grab those applications at the Welcome Desk!

YOUTH-

Youth - our girls group meeting on 3/22 at 5pm will be at Monterey Nursing Facility, so please meet us there. Parents are welcome to join us if they would like. We will be passing out baby dolls to residents in memory of a beloved saint.

3/22 6pm youth group

3/29 – NO YOUTH

MERGE WILL NOT MEET 4/1.

NOTAS DE GRACIA "RECITALE" - *Notas de Gracia* is our worship school we have had for almost 3 months and we will be finishing their first cycle with a recital. Please join the 3 guitar students, 3 voice students and 8 piano students with their teachers for a beautiful recital April 4th @ 3pm at our St. Mark's/Iglesia Hispana Campus (5200 Sullivant Ave. Columbus OH). They have been working and learning about instruments and God. We will have a potluck afterwards, so invite a friend and let's celebrate them! Questions? Contact Pastor Lizzy, LizzyO@gcumc.org.

	<p>LA MISION is our Friday night program we hold at our St. Mark's/Iglesia Hispana Campus where families meet at 6pm for dinner, 6:30pm for lesson and 7pm for a "Special Mission." Last season, we learned about the Beatitudes for 8 weeks, and we have different church members coming to lead "Special Mission" activities like craft, organized games, candle making, a painting session and more. We are starting our new season March 20th, and we will now be learning about the Fruit of the Spirit every Friday. We want to invite YOU! If you have a gift or a talent that want to share with our community family at Iglesia, please let us know! We have between 30-50 people joining us every Friday, and you can be part sharing your knowledge of your passion, gifts and talents with others!!! Contact Pastor Lizzy for more info., LizzyO@gcumc.org.</p>
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WE WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU MISS ANY OF OUR WEEKLY SERMONS IN EITHER OUR TRADITIONAL OR CONTEMPORARY SERVICES, YOU CAN ACCESS THEM ON OUR WEBSITE, www.purpledoorchurch.com/WORSHIP/WATCH ONLINE/ARCHIVED SERVICES.

ALL CHURCH:

VOLUNTEER NEEDS – Hospitality and Sunday school. We are looking for **GREETERS** to welcome our guests as they come through our doors! If you're willing to greet someone with a smile at our front doors or during any of our services, please contact Pastor Brandi, BrandiB@gcumc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - we are looking for volunteers at both 9:30 and 11am.



GRIEFSHARE began on Jan. 11th, **BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!** 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.*



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 –

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. 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. One of the best parts: you can have it delivered straight to the church (2650 Columbus St., Grove City, OH 43123)! Scan the QR Code to go directly to that list!

NEEDED ITEMS:

Small boxes of Cereal

Poptarts

Oatmeal

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Canned Pasta Sauce

Canned Veggies

Fruitcups

Applesauce

Rice



Pasta

Instant potatoes

Macaroni & Cheese

Ramen Noodles

Granola Bars

Crackers

Soups

Canned Meat: Chicken, beef, tuna

Fruit Snacks



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 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/

SCAN ME

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!

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

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE!



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 USING THE QR CODE!*



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.

Don't forget about our **YOUTH SMALL GROUPS!** The second Sunday of each month at 5pm, we have 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:
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!

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.



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](#)).



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 – “This is HIS Year.”

JUSTIN LONG'S BIBLE STUDY, diving into particular books of the Bible, beginning with the book of Acts. Meets either Wednesdays at 7pm, or Fridays at 1pm. Next dates: 3/27 & 4/8.

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 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.

1 Important Dates

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.