



PURPLE DOOR CHURCH  
GROVE CITY UMC

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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!

### *Easter Services*

APR. 2<sup>ND</sup> - MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7PM, SANCTUARY  
APR. 3<sup>RD</sup> - STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 7AM-7PM, GC CAMPUS

**APR. 5<sup>TH</sup> - EASTER! WE CELEBRATE EASTER  
IN ALL OF OUR NORMAL SERVICES!**

MINISTRY	EVENT
<b>ALL CHURCH</b>	<p><b>YOU ARE AN AMAZING CHURCH</b> and have shown how much you <b>LOVE</b> our facility and realize the important work we do here! A few weeks ago, our Church Administrator, Nichole, made you aware of some very important unexpected repairs that needed funding – the roof leaks and a new fire door. <b>CHURCH FAMILY – YOU CAME THROUGH.</b> Because of your sacrificial generosity, we are funded and able to complete the necessary repairs to our roof and fire door. <u><i>Thank you for believing in our mission and our ministry! We appreciate you more than words!</i></u></p>

## MEXICO

**DEAR FIRST SERVICE CONGREGATION,** I have been singing regularly in our church since becoming a member in 1981. On behalf of our choir, your response to our Palm Sunday Cantata was unprecedented, heartwarming, and greatly appreciated. We sincerely thank you for your recognition and support.

Yours in music,  
Steve Smith, tenor, GCUM Choir

We will have a **MINISTRY FAIR ON APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>!** If your group would like a table to highlight its ministries, please contact Pastor Brandi!

Have questions that you don't have an answer for? Curious about ministries or other aspects of the church? The pastors will be doing **TWO PASTOR CHATS** this year! The first one is **April 26<sup>th</sup>** following the 11am service. Join us!

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, FOLLOWING 11AM SERVICE.** Lunch provided. Email Nichole, [NicholeA@gcumc.org](mailto:NicholeA@gcumc.org).

**GENEVA HILLS WORKDAY – May 9<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto:BrandiB@gcumc.org).

**PASTOR BRIAN'S SPRING BIBLE STUDY WILL START APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>.** 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](mailto:communications@gcumc.org)!

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

## KIDS/FAMILY YOUTH

Jordan, David Jordan, Bo Blackstone, Brandi Blackstone, Liam Blackstone, Jonah Blackstone, Eva Blackstone

### UPDATE FOR MEXICO PRAYERS:

Flight: 4/3

### MINISTRIES SERVING:

Women of Peace Ministry

House of Bethesda

House of Mercy

Nava School

Centinella Vacation Bible School

### OTHER WAYS TO PRAY:

Evangelism Opportunities

Travel Times

Backpack giveaways

**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 DUE!** Remember they are available for high school seniors and current college students. Please get those turned in as soon as possible!

**ATTENTION CAMPERS!** The second payment for camp is due soon! If you haven't turned in your registration form or made the first payment, reach out to Pastor Brandi!

### **YOUTH:**

4/5 – No Youth

4/12 – 5pm Youth Small Groups, 6pm Normal Youth

4/19 – 6pm Normal Youth

4/26 – 5pm Girls Small Group, 6pm Normal Youth

**MERGE!** Merge will gather to begin our spring session on 4/8. Spring session will wrap up on 4/29. Watch for summer info soon!

**NOTAS DE GRACIA “RECITILE”** - *Notas de Gracia* is our worship school we have had for almost 3 months and we will be finishing their

## ST. MARKS/ IGLESIA

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 4<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:LizzyO@gcumc.org).

**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](http://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!

**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](mailto:BrandiB@gcumc.org).

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



**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](mailto:AndreaN@gcumc.org).

**STREET CLEANING – 1<sup>ST</sup> Sat. of the month.** Questions? Contact Pastor Brandi, [BrandiB@gcumc.org](mailto: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 **133 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](mailto:sheri.dunagan@att.net) or call/text 614-439-7110.



Learn more online. GO TO [www.RealTalkOhio.org](http://www.RealTalkOhio.org) OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

CONNECT ON FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/groups/realtalkohio/](https://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 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

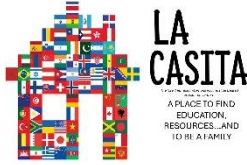
Girls in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older are invited to attend our small group meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 5pm. The girls have visioned devotion, music, crafts, missions, fellowship.

**Questions on any of the above or to RSVP for any events, contact Pastor Brandi, [Brandib@gcumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month, 8am. The leader of this group is Michelle McKitrick, [michellemckitrick@yahoo.com](mailto:michellemckitrick@yahoo.com).

***\*FOR ALL BIBLE STUDIES VIA ZOOM, CONTACT PASTOR BRANDI  
FOR THE ZOOM LINK: [BrandiB@gcumc.org](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 6pm at the church office. Questions? Contact Pastor Brandi, [BrandiB@gcumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month @ 12:30pm. For more info. or questions, contact Naomi Jordan, [Jordan.447@gmail.com](mailto:Jordan.447@gmail.com) or Annette Queen, [Honey5705@yahoo.com](mailto: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**

**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](mailto: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](http://purpledoorchurch.com). *For help with setting up online giving, or any questions regarding your contributions, please send all inquiries to [finance@gcumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:AndreaN@gcumc.org).