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## Lent Schedule



### Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services with palm branches available for everyone. Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, everyone is invited to stay for lunch, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for children grades 6 and under. Bring a Basket!

### Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m. Join a combined worship with Grace UMC here at Greene Street.

### Friday, April 14—Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Service will be held here at Greene Street UMC, led by ministers of the community in our common worship of our great God.

### Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services—We will celebrate the greatest day on the Christian calendar—the day the grave could no longer hold our Savior!



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## Greetings Greene Street UMC!

It has been great to get to know you a bit over the past few weeks. My family and I would like to thank everyone for the warm and hospitable greeting we have received. We are looking forward to the season ahead!

It is hard to believe that the season of Lent is upon us. Folks interact with Lent in different ways. It has become customary for many to give something up for Lent. This of course reflects an attempt to fast from something in order to honor God. If you're really zoned in, then you would be fasting from something in order to draw closer to God. For instance, if you wanted to give up watching TV for Lent, you could take that time that you would normally be watching TV and spend it in prayer, or study, or some kind of worshipful attitude. For many of us, we give something up with good intentions, probably fail at what we want to give up, and then feel guilty because we didn't do what we thought we should. This is a similar kind of thing that happens every New Year when we convince ourselves that we are going to get healthy, eat better or become more disciplined in some area of our lives. But Lent can be something else. It can be personal renewal.

Joan Chittister in her book *The Liturgical Way* says that, "*Lent is a call to renew a commitment grown dull, perhaps, by a life more marked by routine than by reflection. After a lifetime of mundane regularity or unconsidered adherence to the trappings of faith, Lent requires me, as a Christian, to stop for a while, to reflect again on what is going on in me. I am challenged again to decide whether I, myself, do truly believe that Jesus is the Christ - and if I believe, whether I will live accordingly when I can no longer hear the song of angels in my life and the star of Bethlehem has grown dim for me.*"

So Lent can be a time of going through the motions, we can give something up if we want, but if it doesn't lead to a deeper engagement with our faith in Jesus, then I think we miss the point. Lent can be a time of renewal and a time to say again, Jesus, I believe.

I hope you'll join us for worship throughout Lent as we contemplate and think about what it means to follow Jesus!

Peace,

Will Leasure

Lead Pastor, Greene Street UMC

## Welcome Reception February 5, 2017







## Sunday Night Alive / Wednesday Night Alive

During February, the children attending SNA & WNA embraced an opportunity to be in service to others by lovingly putting together two gifts for each of our college students and creating beautiful valentine cards for our church family friends, residing in care facilities or at home, who are unable to attend worship. With each project, we prayed for their recipients!

Wednesday Night Alive, which meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30, will continue on just three Wednesdays in March.... March 8, 15 and 22. (No WNA on Ash Wednesday March 1, or March 29) Sunday Night Alive, which meets Sunday afternoons from 4:30 -5:30, also will be held on just three Sundays... March 5, 19 and 26. All children in Kindergarten through Sixth grade are invited to join us for an hour of singing and activities which help us to develop our prayer life in creative ways.

## Kidz Worship

On Sundays during the 10:30 Unveiled Worship Gathering, children are excused before the sermon for Kidz Worship and may attend one of two classes: children age five through Second Grade meet in the ABC room off the corner of the Narthex, and students in 3rd through 6th grade meet upstairs off the balcony in room 24. This month our Bible study includes four stories of Jesus: Showing love to ten lepers, the story of Zacchaeus, Jesus at The Last Supper, and Jesus in the Garden. March's memory verse is: "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other." John 13:34 Children who memorize this verse and recite it to Ms. Barb will earn a delicious prize!!



## Ministries for Children

### Save the date!

This year we will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 9th, following the 10:30 worship gathering! The entire church family is invited to stay for lunch, followed by the hunt for candy filled eggs. More details will be published soon.

As always, your generous donations of wrapped candy will be greatly appreciated! (no plastic eggs needed, thank you) Please place candy in the collection center baskets- education wing hallway- by March 31.

Thank you to the following volunteers who so lovingly spend time with our children on Sunday mornings teaching Kidz Worship:

March Kidz Worship Teachers		
Mar 5	Susan Hopkins	Jennifer Everett
Mar 12	Lindsay Lambert	Barb Hudson
Mar 19	Barb Hudson	Amanda Brown
Mar 26	Laura Jackson	Seth & Nicole

# TEEM Student Ministry

(Teens Engaged, Empowered and Mobilized)



**THANK YOU** for buying Holy Hoagies and Elder-Beerman Coupon books! Your support will help send the TEEM Student Ministry on a mission trip June 11-17 to Gatlinburg, TN. The students will be serving the people in the area as well as fellowshipping with other youth from around the country. They will experience worship and devotionals as well as hands-on service in unique and fun ways!

## Pinning Again!

Soon, the students will be “decorating” yards all over Piqua with our “Pinning”FUNdraiser! You can get involved in this and make our community a brighter place while supporting the TEEM mission trip! More details will be coming soon!

If you know of someone in 7th-12th grade who might like to join us for the mission trip, please contact Chris Miller for information. There are still spaces available!



## TEEM Student Ministry Update!

TEEM has been very busy in the last month! The students have been digging deep into a book study during our time together on Sunday evenings. The book is entitled Stark Raving Obedience by Ten and Isaiah Kallaman. The students have been challenged and stretched to live out a life of faith by listening for and discerning God’s voice. The students are asking important questions and living this out daily.

- February 5, TEEM enjoyed a wonderful time at the Stewart’s home for a Super Bowl viewing party. THANK YOU to the Stewarts for opening your home for a great evening!
- February 18, TEEM traveled to US Bank Arena for Winter Jam and a fabulous night of worship was had by all who attended! Winter Jam is an evening filled with contemporary Christian music, inspirational speakers, prayer, and worship. We look forward to going again next winter!
- February 19, TEEM made cookies and prayed for the Boys Chrysalis flight that was in the building over that weekend. As an added treat, some of the leadership from the Chrysalis flight came up and talked with the students about Chrysalis and answered many questions about the weekend. This generated a lot of interest and we should expect to see quite a few Greene Street grown Caterpillars on future flights!
- February 22 at Elder Beerman at the Mall, TEEM sold coupon books to the public to support the summer mission trip!
- March 11-12 TEEM Student Ministry will be partnering with another United Methodist Church from south Dayton to serve the Target: Dayton Ministry as well as Homefull Dayton. They will end their day of service with a Lock In! Please be in prayer for our students as they reach out into the world to lend a hand in the name of Jesus. For more information or to lend *your hands to this service project*, contact Chris Miller.



- In addition to all of that, TEEM has already begun planning how they can be involved in Vacation Bible School this summer! This is a group of students who love to serve Jesus!

## Gratitude

### College Care Thank you's . . .

Dear Greene Street Family,  
Thank you so much for the wonderful box of snacks for Valentine's Day. It made my stressful week that I had much better. I attend The Ohio State University in the Fisher College of Business as a marketing major with a graphic design minor. The exciting things that are happening in my life are that I just joined a sorority, Delta Zeta, and I am also involved in the Undergraduate Student Government here on campus. They both keep me very involved and busy. My plans for the summer involve living at home as I will be a marketing intern at Logan Services in Vandalia, Ohio. I'm very excited for the opportunity to learn and grow within my field of study. In the future, I plan to be on the marketing team for a company someday, whether that be small or large I'm not sure. I would like to work with social media, websites, advertising and graphic design. My favorite item in the box was definitely the popcorn! I ran out and it's such a great snack to have available. Please pray for me that I may do well and learn all I can this semester, as I have quite a heavy course load and it can be overwhelming at times. Thank you again and God Bless all of you!

Love,  
Caroline Elsass-Smith

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Hi! My name is Jonathan Popham – I am one of Roe Kienle's grandsons. Thank you all at Greene Street for sending the package! I'm a junior biology major at James Madison University. Currently, I am finishing up my pre-medical coursework and preparing to take the MCAT this June; this summer, I will be applying to medical school. I appreciate the prayers and support and am very happy you all thought of me!

Best,  
Jonathan Popham

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Greene Street Family,  
Thank you so much for the amazing care package! It puts a smile on my face and warms my heart to be a recipient of such a package and read through all the names that make up my Greene Street family! The treats and school supplies will be enjoyed by myself and my friends. I'm enjoying my second year here at Bowling Green State University as a middle childhood education major and learning lots through my field placement at a local elementary school. I'm on leadership for a Bible study through my church here on campus and finishing up a leadership class that goes along with that. I'm also in an environment group that is currently working on fighting the multiple pipelines going through Bowling Green. Thank you again for your generosity and love.

Love,  
Mandy Ellis

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Dear Greene Street Family,  
Thank you so much for my gift basket. I feel so blessed to be apart of this community. I am a sophomore at the University of Kentucky. I am a Marketing major on the Pre-Dental track. Again, I want to say thank you for this thoughtful gift. It was such a great surprise.

Thank you,  
Reganne Tate

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### Answered Prayers from the Food Pantry

We continue to reach out to the people who come to our food pantry. Here are some answers to our prayer:

Two people from the food pantry have been coming to Church.

In December a lady asked that we pray for the Salvation Army. In January she told us a large donation had been made to the Salvation Army (an answer to prayer—her words.)

Several people have gotten jobs.

One man had blood clots which were caught in time to keep him from having a major health problem.

One couple asked that we pray for someone fighting colon cancer. That person is now doing well.

A veteran of WWII had been to the VA and had seen young soldiers who are coming home without limbs. It seemed to be very emotional for him. He asked that we pray for our soldiers and veterans.

-Peggy Moorman





## More College Care Thank You's

Hello! My name is Melinda Meiring and I am writing to thank you for the care package. I appreciate it very much and it made my day to receive it. I am a sophomore at Wright State University in Dayton and am majoring in biology. Later on, I plan on going to grad school and getting my PhD in neuroscience. From there I want to do research, either on cognition or psychological disorders. I am currently working in a neuroscience lab on campus, and I enjoy every minute of it.

This summer, I plan on going back home and spending time with my family. I also plan on returning to my two jobs, one in a factory and one lifeguarding at a local pool.

Again, thank you very much for the care package. I really liked all the snack food as I used them as study breaks when studying late at night. It really meant a lot to me to receive the package and see all the names on the paper. I hope you all had a great Valentine's day and have a great rest of the year.

God bless,  
Melinda Meiring  
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Greene Street United Methodist Church,

My name is Jason Brunswick, Irene Clark's grandson. I want to sincerely thank you for the box of food and gifts that were sent. Random acts such as these are an incredible way to spread Christ's love and allow His light to shine in the darkness that so many live in. As St. Paul says in Philippians 4:17, the true beauty in giving isn't the gift itself, but that "more be credited to your account." I firmly believe acts of love such as this will be repaid hundredfold in Heaven.

I am a junior at The Ohio State University. I recently changed majors from Mechanical Engineering to Philosophy, being convinced that the Lord is calling me in a direction to work directly with others, particularly in my faith. I am very involved with St. Paul's Outreach here on campus, a Catholic Missionary Community. Leading Bible Studies, staffing retreats, giving talks, and evangelizing college students who are looking for more has brought the greatest joy in my life. I look to continue this in the future, in whatever calling I discern. I am also a Combat Engineer in the US Army National Guard.

This summer, I will be going to Calcutta, India for a few weeks with a religious order called The Brotherhood of Hope. On this trip, we will be serving the poor of the poor, alongside the Missionaries of Charities (the order Mother Theresa founded). I am excited to serve Christ, disguised in the poor and unwanted, and spread His love to both the poor and volunteers, who often come to India searching for something deeper in life. After this, I will spend the rest of the summer serving in a program called Detroit Summer Outreach. In this, I will work on service projects throughout the city, working alongside inner-city high school kids.

One reason I am so excited to serve in Detroit is that the program is ecumenical. There are Catholic brothers there and a Protestant seminarian leading, along with volunteers from the Catholic Church and many Christian denominations. I have been convicted that the Lord desires unity between Christians and plan to learn all I can about others to grow in understanding. During a summer co-op, I found my supervisor was a Baptist pastor. We had great Christian conversations, along with debates that allowed us both to grow in knowledge of our faith. In the end, it's Jesus Christ. Though I am a strong Catholic and very firm in my beliefs, I pray often for unity and strive to make friends in other churches.

This view is echoed throughout the Bible. Jesus prays, seemingly pleading with the Father in John 17 that we may be one, even as He and the Father are one. St. Paul tells us that "we are all one in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3:28). No house can stand divided, and there are far too many divisions between Christians today. I see so much darkness in the world, so much need. The harvest is ripe, but the laborers so few. The time wasted arguing and bickering has no place and needs to come to an end. If Christians (Catholics especially, I am by no means placing the blame on others) practiced what they preached, the world would be a drastically different place in a matter of days.

I will be sure to keep you all in my prayers as I continue this longing to end division and allow Christ to once again shine in the world. I am fully persuaded that Jesus can get below every division. We are all made for God, by God, and in His image. God created us, Jesus died for us, and the Holy Spirit makes us holy. And shouldn't that be enough? What more can we ask? Thank you once again for the thoughtful gift. It is greatly appreciated and will be shared with others. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Jason Brunswick  
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Your Brother In Christ,

## Small Group Updates

### Food and Hunger Team

Thank you to everyone who help with and participated in this years Chili Cook-Off.



Greene Street UMC

### Capital Campaign Update

Soon, exterior structural improvements will begin on our beautiful building! Campaign commitments to date top \$453,000! We are still celebrating this commitment to the vision that Greene Street United Methodist Church will remain a place where the Light Still Shines! We have already received over \$143,000 in honored commitments and gifts that support the campaign!

Please remember your commitment. You can give in a variety of ways:

- Online—by visiting our website
- Electronic Funds Transfer—set up through the church office
- Directly—through the offering plate

Our church is grateful to your faithfulness to this vision.



### VBS Planning Meeting March 5, 3 p

This meeting will be "geared" towards decorating and station leaders. If you are interested in planning or

helping with this years VBS, please contact Jenny Sweetman (773-5313 or [jennifer@greenestreetumc.org](mailto:jennifer@greenestreetumc.org)).

The first T-Shirt order will be made by 3/10. If you plan to purchase this years vacation bible school t-shirt, see Jenny.

### From the Daycare Director's Desk:

And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. (Mark 10:16)

Registration time is here! Greene Street has opened their arms many times for children. Help us to spread the news of Registration. Please pray for all the families as they begin their journey in choosing the best fit for their children. Open Registration will be March 9th @ 9:00 am.





## The Prayer Place

**Greene Street Church Family** - Ben & Jane Hiser, Al Erbes, Chuck Woods, Ann Elliott, Pat Smith, Helen Enos, Peg Hance, Carol Hepler

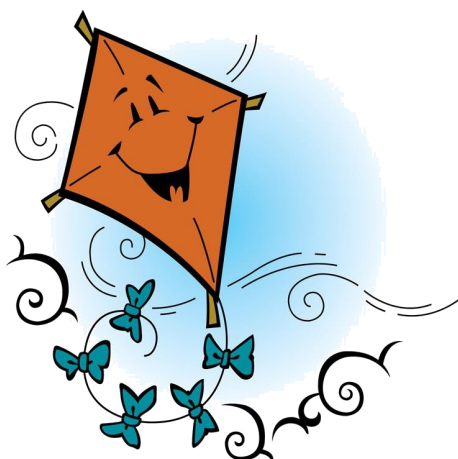
**Friends and Family of Greene Street** - Mike Jess, Sharon Barhorst, Jan Davis, Joyce Thornberry, Jennifer Bragg (Stilwell), Adam Love, Gary & Karen Miller, Margaret Amburgey (daycare), Angie Davis (Meckstroth), Dean Kerns (Elliott), Zoey Woodruff (Paldino), Doris Zerkel (Hopkins), Annette Lochard (Gaier), Stephanie Clemons (Hudson), Eric Meiners (Gaier), Matt (Kienle)

**Military** - Jed Cooper, Brian Pummill, Dasch Underwood, Clark Cripe (Elliott), Joseph Sherman (Shellenberg), Brent Efaw (Frazier), Ben Datu (Mullikin), Kris Palsgrove (Ash), Devon Parshall (Parshall), James Riley (Gaier), Dalton Ketrow (Stilwell)

**Care Facilities** - **Piqua Manor**: Dick Callison, Virginia Gross; **Garbry Ridge**: Barbara Minton, Jim Whetstone; **Spring Meade**: Martha Fraley; **Lincoln Park Manor**: Margie Trimmer; **Dorothy Love**: Ruth Brush, Gladys Mullen; **Brookdale**: Jane Flitcraft, Lois Erbes

We pray God's comfort to be with:

- Shaun and Rachel Castle upon the death of his grandfather Raymond Castle.
- Issac Hale upon the death of his grandmother Boo Law on December 5, 2016.



Hospitals no longer contact your local church. If you go to the hospital, please have your family contact us.

### March Birthdays

- 1 Micah Paldino  
Zachary Reimer  
Doug Stilwell
- 3 Natalie Fogt  
Rose Staley  
Braeden Teale  
Jim Whetstone
- 5 Tom Brinkman  
Renee Helman
- 6 Dot Casselman  
Dale Davis  
Emily Shawler  
Jake Vosler
- 7 Joe Adams  
Luke Jensvold  
Cameron Mohr  
Carly Mohr  
Elizabeth Paldino  
Hannah Parshall
- 9 Don Motter
- 11 Nicole Heckaman  
Blakelee Silvers

- 12 Katy Doak  
Jackson Elliott
- 13 Judy Elliott
- 14 Jenna Weimer
- 16 Jeff Leininger
- 17 Jacob Cox  
Kris Stewart
- 18 Morgan Brinkman  
Jonathon Cox  
John Tauber
- 19 Laura Brown
- 20 Jennifer Beaver  
Anna Tauber
- 21 Austin Johnson
- 22 Joanne Motter  
Darrell Seas
- 23 Molly Brinkman  
Joyce Paldino  
Brant Helman
- 24 Jeff Elliott
- 26 Mark Hopkins

- 27 Jenni Piatt
- 28 DiAnn Bateman  
Allison Drzewiecki  
Larry Grabo
- 30 Andy Pearson
- 31 Doug Dolder  
Virginia Gross



### March Anniversaries

- 3 Jeff & JoJo Marrs
- 6 Pat & Bob Smith
- 8 Jerry & Sharon Fogt  
Marcy & Phil Thomas
- 9 Bob & Peg Luby
- 23 Amy & Drew Hartman  
Gail & Jim Reas
- 25 Kris & Cecil Stewart
- 28 Cornelia & Mike Tinkler
- 30 Becky & Paul Doak





Unless otherwise stated . . .

**Sunday Schedules**

9 a.m. Liturgical Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Unveiled Worship  
 4 p.m. TEEM  
 6 p.m. Ch. 5 Rebroadcast

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 1 p Disciple Bible Study 6:30 p Praise Team Practice Ash Wednesday Service	<b>2</b> 6 p Girl Scout Troop	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9 a Chrysalis Board Meeting
<b>5</b> 4 p TEEM 4:30 p SNA 6 p Girl Scout	<b>6</b> 6 p Melody Men	<b>7</b> 6 p Melody Men	<b>8</b> 1 p Disciple Bible Study 6 p Girl Scout Troop 6:30 p WNA 6:30 p Praise Team Practice	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7 p Chrysalis Hoot
<b>12</b> 4 p TEEM 4:30 p SNA	<b>13</b> 6 p Choir Practice 7 p Girl Scout Leader Meeting	<b>14</b> 6 p Melody Men	<b>15</b> 1 p Disciple Bible Study 6:30 p WNA 6:30 p Praise Team Practice	<b>16</b> 6 p Girl Scout Troop	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8 a UMM Breakfast
<b>19</b> 4 p TEEM 4:30 p SNA 6 p Girl Scout	<b>20</b> 6 p Choir Practice 6 p Child Care Staff Meeting 7 p SPRC Meeting	<b>21</b> 6 p Melody Men	<b>22</b> 1 p Disciple Bible Study 6 p Girl Scout Troop 6:30 p WNA 6:30 p Praise Team Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 4 p TEEM 4:30 p SNA 6 p Girl Scout	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6 p Melody Men	<b>29</b> 1 p Disciple Bible Study 6:30 p WNA 6:30 p Praise Team Practice	<b>30</b> 6 p Girl Scout Troop	<b>31</b> 7 p Girl Scout Event	

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Easter Egg Hunt  
Palm Sunday, April 9th,  
following the  
10:30 worship gathering