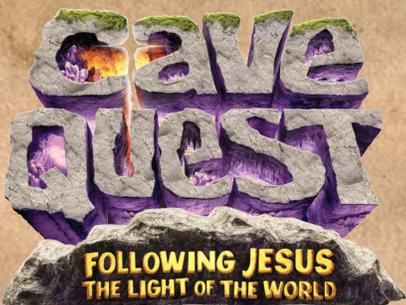


SAVE THE DATES

Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 11 -
Friday, July 15
6:30 - 8:30 p
Ages 3 yrs - 6th grade



Vacation Bible School

July 11-15
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Mark your calendars now!

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Decorating Work Day-June 5, 2 p.m.

July 6 & 10, 6:30 p.m.

Tear Down Day-July 15, 8:30 p.m.

The more that help the more that gets done.

Thank you! More places to help . . . Contact Jenny Sweetman (773-5313) (jennifer@greenestreetumc.org)

Register On-line www.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/greenestumc or by scanning this QR Code. (First 70 families to pre-register receive a VBS Music Digital Download or CD)



June



July 9 VBS Warm-up

A family day is planned as a preview/warm-up for our Vacation Bible School! This year our VBS theme is Cave Quest. On Saturday, July 9th, we will have a real live cave tour as we visit Ohio Caverns! The church buses will leave Greene St. at 9:45 for the one hour drive to West Liberty. (Or you may provide your own transportation) The first 25 people to arrive will begin the "Natural Wonders Tour" at 11:00, followed by a second group at 11:15. The cave tour lasts one hour. The picnic shelter has also been reserved and families are encouraged to pack a lunch and enjoy the large playground. We will return to Piqua around 3:00. The Children's Ministry Team will purchase tickets for all children 18 and under. Adult tickets are \$15 (group rate) and can be paid for that day or purchased ahead of time. Please call the church office to reserve your family's spot.



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Reframe it!

The children were playing with a bouncy ball, tossing it up and down the stairsteps leading to the second floor of the parsonage. This was not a gumball-sized bouncy ball one retrieves from a run-of-the-mill vending machine, but an extra-large, extra energetic, extra-everything bouncy ball that is difficult to contain. At the bottom of the stairsteps hung five portraits of our extended family, each with pictures paying tribute to particular branches of our family tree. Tanya and I thought we could trust Elijah to catch every ball launched in his direction as he eagerly awaited each toss from his sister Chloe, but we were wrong. After merely a few tosses, each picture lay broken on the floor, with Elijah blaming Chloe for her lack of accuracy while Chloe blamed Elijah for his weak receiving skills.

Tanya had spent much time selecting the perfect portraits and positioning them for optimum effect. Each portrait hung in neatly-aligned, symmetrical order. The frames themselves were ideal for the pictures they displayed. But now, it's back to the drawing board, a place we visit frequently in a home with four active children and one grumpy schnoodle. I suspect it will not take long for Tanya to share a new idea for this particular space, including new, updated pictures trimmed with fresh, modern frames. The wall will look and feel completely different when a few simple changes are made.

Perhaps the adventure of life is no different. Ordinary spaces, places, and rhythms can look and feel completely different with a few, simple tweaks. Perhaps a change in attitude, outlook, and perspective can make something old feel brand new. Perhaps a change in schedule can revitalize a tired routine. All that is required is reframing, and a brand, new picture emerges.

Throughout the month of June, we will discuss this concept while looking at the amazing life and legacy of Joseph. Perhaps no other biblical character dealt with more ups and downs, highs and lows, peaks and valleys than Joseph. He was constantly in need of reframing his experiences to view them in light of God's promises and purposes. How did he maintain his passion for God when he was vying for his life in a pit or while imprisoned? How was he able to cling to God's presence and purpose while serving pagan leaders? How did he find reconciliation with his family who had left him for dead?

These questions will be discussed each Sunday, along with much more. If you'd like to add to our worship theme decor, bring in picture frames of every shape, color and size. Feel free to add your unique contribution to our set design. If you'd like your frames returned, simply place your name on the back of each item. Donations can be placed at the collection site located near the end of the educational wing hallway.

As always, I am excited to see where God leads us as we open ourselves to the leadership of his Spirit, asking him to reframe our lives in order to view them from his perspective. I am praying that we find a more clarified vision regarding our present purpose and future steps. Thank you for daring to dream, and courageously living a life of faith in the footsteps of Jesus. I cannot wait to see what adventures unfold!

Your Fellow Adventurer,



Rev. Kenneth A. Stewart

Small Groups and More

From the pantry

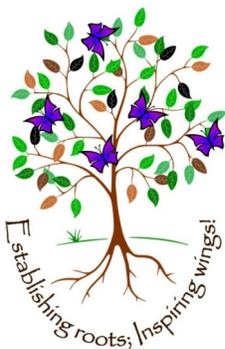
The recent Boy Scout and Postal Food Drives were huge successes! Our shelves are full. Thank you scouts and our neighbors in Piqua. We also extend a special "thank you" to the volunteers who gave up their Saturday to help sort, organize and put away.

Fresh Foods: While planting this year's garden, consider planting a row for the Food Pantry.

Donations: We recently received monetary and food donations from the employees of French Oil - as well as cases of food from True Point. We also received a box of 30+ pounds of venison from Sunset Meat through the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. We sincerely thank these organizations for their thoughtfulness and support.

Thank you to HH Gregg in Piqua for allowing us to purchase a new chest freezer for the pantry AT COST. A special thanks to Erin Larsh, Travis Petty and Scott Hammel for helping us choose a freezer, complete all of the required paperwork and coordinate the free delivery. We are truly blessed to have the support of this local business.

Junes's Highlighted Food Item Request: Canned and boxed dinners (i.e. Chef Boy-R-Dee, Hamburger Helper, etc.)



From the Director's Desk:

Matthew 24:32 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."

As the leaves unfold from the buds we are preparing for a fun filled summer. Summer begins on June 6th and runs through August 19th. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as summer approaches and field trips begin. The children are looking forward to all the special places they will get to visit. Summer calendars are available for anyone interested in attending during the summer.

Ministries for Children



On Mother's Day Sunday, May 8th, all ladies who attended worship were given a colorful butterfly treat, made by



the children using goldfish crackers.

"We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives! It's time for us to more than just survive... we were made to thrive."



On Sunday, May 15th, the children sang for the congregation during Unveiled Worship, to

honor our eight students who were confirmed. The song "Thrive" was learned by listening and watching a YouTube video on personal devices at home, with very little rehearsal at church.

This was a huge success and the children were wonderful! Their commitment to glorifying God by praising Him through song and worship is very evident!



Every Sunday, 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. During June in Kidz Worship we will be studying Noah and the Ark from Genesis 6-9.

Our Memory Verse for this month is: "This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth." (Genesis 9:17). Any child who memorizes the verse and recites it for Ms. Barb on Sunday mornings will earn a small prize!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: we are planning a Family Day at the Farm to take place Sunday, September 18th at the Stewart Family Farm near Arcanum.

Confirmation Class

May 15, 2016



(Left to Right) Jackson Elliott, Nicholas Heath, Chloe Stewart, Elijah Stewart, Maddison Fogt, Reece Tate, Dylon Sever, Devon Sever



June 5	Lindsay Lambert	Barb Hudson
June 12	Natalee Heath	Mike Taylor
June 19		Laura Jackson
June 26	Michelle Underwood	Doug Dolder

Ministry Opportunities

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE

There was a mega church near the congregation I served in Pennsylvania who always canceled Sunday worship gatherings when Christmas fell on a Sunday. My initial reaction was, "how weird...canceling worship on a day called 'Christmas,' a day that literally means, 'gathering in Christ.'" It always saddened me, and I believe it sent the wrong message to the world, as though all the trappings of the holiday super-ceded the importance of worshiping as a community of Christians. Nonetheless, it is always an interesting dynamic to host worship gatherings the morning after Christmas Eve worship.

This year, Christmas falls on a Sunday. So get ready for it. Start making mental preparations. We're going to host our typical Christmas Eve format of offering worship gatherings at 7 and 11 pm December 24. The following morning, we will host a combined worship gathering. After all, shouldn't the church of Jesus Christ be gathering at the manger in worship and adoration of our Savior? We would also like offer a meal in service to our city. After all, shouldn't the church of Jesus Christ be in the business of giving on the day God gave his Son?

If you'd like to give of your time on this most holy and treasured day, you will be asked to RSVP in a letter that accompanies your quarterly giving statement in July. Although we do not want to disrupt longstanding family traditions, we would also like to suggest making a new tradition with your family in serving others on the day God gave his greatest gift. Consider this option and prepare your heart for a Christmas to remember...even if it's only June!

44th Anniversary of the
GREENE STREET
Christmas Market

Thursday, October 13th
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Market Update:

Mark your calendar—Thursday, October 13,
10 a-7 p

We need your help!

Things you can start doing now:

- Bring gently used kitchen items for the Kitchen Shoppe (we have a room to store these items (Rm 26 on the balcony)—if you need someone to pick up your items, contact the church office)
- Start canning / preparing summer produce for Country Store.
- If you are interested in putting personal items for sale in a consignment booth, please contact church office by August 1st. We already have 1 member interested! Hopefully there will be more so that we can have a consignment booth this year. Remember—this is a collaborative member booth. No charge for booth rental, 10% of sales go to Greene Street – you keep the rest. We probably need 3-4 interested members to have a booth.

Thanks for your help.

General Conference and New Focus

General Conference

Portland was the site of the 2016 General Conference of the United Methodist Church from May 9 thru May 20. 864 delegates attend representing United Methodists from Concordat, Philippines, Northern Europe, Germany, Central and Southern Europe, West Africa, Congo, Africa Central and United States. General Conference happens every four years. Greene Street's Sherry Heath attended one week of the General Conference providing secretarial support for legislative committees. She arrived on Monday for training and meetings. She experienced live the sermon given by West Ohio's Bishop, Rev. Gregory Palmer. The legislative committee met Wednesday for election of officers and continued Thursday and Friday in session. She attended all worship services and was impressed by the design and the music. Prayers spoken together in everyone's first language were very special. The next General Conference will be in 2020 in Minneapolis.

New Focus

Imagine No Malaria has been a partnership of The United Methodist Church, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, The United Nations Fund, The Global Fund and the Alliance for Malaria Prevention. Using the resources of this combined effort we have issued 2,300,000 bed nets reducing malaria deaths by half, improving the way people fight the disease, using bed nets and providing access to diagnostic tests and medicine, draining standing water and improving sanitation. In 2008, The United Methodist Church (UMC) as a denomination committed to join the global fight against malaria, embarking upon a \$75,000,000 Imagine No Malaria fundraising campaign. To date, The Global Fund has received over \$9.6 million in payment from this campaign. UMCOR has directly implemented over \$6 million for malaria programming. As the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church, Global Ministries is called to cultivate partnerships and implement malaria control programs across Africa. At the 2016 General Conference in Portland a celebration was held signifying a new focus for our denomination for the next four years- Abundant Health: Our Promise to Children. "Health is the ultimate design of God for humanity," said Bishop Thomas

Bickerton, Imagine No Malaria chair. "Health and wholeness have been a hope for Methodists since John Wesley got on a horse in 18th-century England to preach about the love of God and the meaning of faith in Jesus Christ. "What began with the bite of a mosquito has transformed into a faith-driven global health movement." Noting that worldwide 6 million children die every year from preventable diseases, the report introduced the next step - an effort to reach a million children with lifesaving and health-promoting measures by the next time General Conference convenes in 2020. Building on the success of Imagine No Malaria, the Abundant Health program seeks to engage at least 10,000 U.S. churches in programs that encourage promoting physical activities, healthy diet and nutrition, education for tobacco- and drug-free living and mental health education. "We've imagined no malaria; now let us imagine abundant health," said Thomas Kemper, Global Ministries top executive. A song written especially for this campaign was issued free on Amazon on May 18. "Able" is the title and is free for downloading. Greene Street congregation can share in this ministry and celebrate the conclusion of Imagine No Malaria. Watch for more information.

Thank You's and More

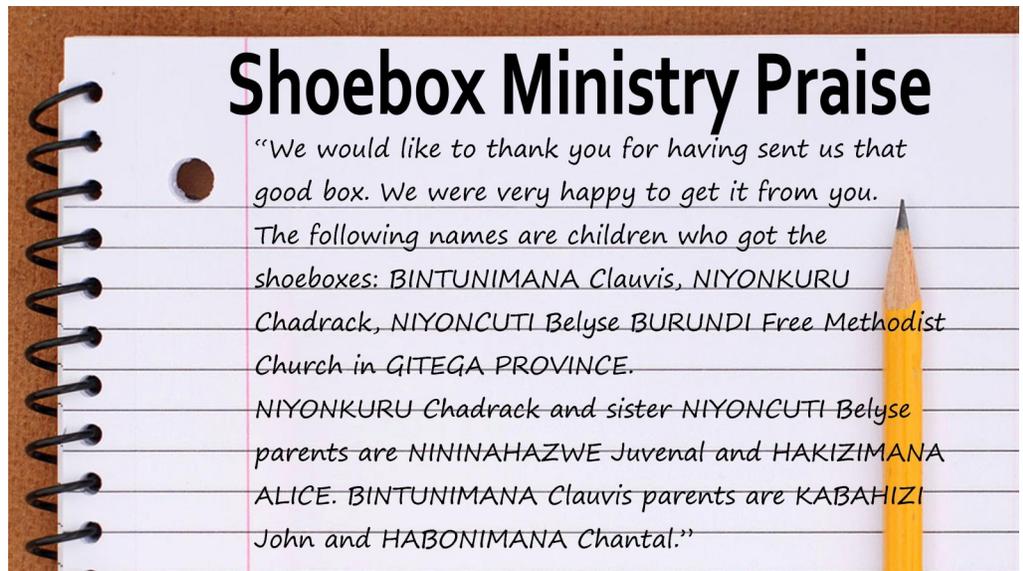
Dear Greene Street Church Family,

Thank You! Your contributions to Piqua Compassion Network have made very real differences in lives here. In 2015 PCN gave crisis assistance to 701 people. That number represents 407 children in these families.

Two Examples of Care:

- An employed single mother with two children who had unexpected car repairs and a utility bill. PCN was able to avert her shut-off.
- A woman who is employed hourly, was hospitalized for pneumonia. PCN was able to pay for her prescriptions.

Your contributions are continuing to make real differences in lives here!



Love Packages

Love Packages is a ministry aimed at putting Christian literature and Bibles into the hands of people around the world. They collect Bibles, Sunday School materials, devotionals and distributed freely to people hungry for the Word of God. The materials are being used to reach souls for Christ, encourage and build up the Church, and the raising up and training of leaders to shine the light in dark places. They ship out 20 tons of literature every week. Every piece of literature is read by 20 people.

Greene Street recently sent 20 boxes of Christian materials to Love Packages. Please save your old Upper Room and other Christian materials. You may put your items in the "Love Packages" box at the collection center.

Because We Are Family

Greene Street Church

Family - Ben & Jane Hiser, Joyce Ellerman, Brenda & Paul Rice, Al & Lois Erbes, Rita Ash, Chuck Woods, Stacy Patton, Robyn Cooper

Friends and Family of

Greene Street- Carol and Mike Jess(Stilwell), Carol Wick (Harbison), Maggie Campbell, Moira Datu (Mullikin), Casey Evans, Adam Love (daycare), Sharon Behrman (Weimer), Mary Hage (Hartman), Carolyn Stevens (Mottter), Ron Cooper, Aaron Anderson (Reed), Ernest Crane (Brogden, Jim Peltier (Montgomery)

Military - Ron Cooper, Jed Cooper, Andy Pearson (Carter), 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)

Care Facilities - Piqua

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

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Steve and Debbie Frazier and family upon the death of his cousin Justin Houze on May 3, 2016.
- Jerry and Arlys Fogt and family upon the death of his mother Joan on May 7, 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO:

- Chase and Jessie Underwood with the birth of their son, Jonathan (Jack) Scott, on Wednesday, April 27. Chase is the son of Michelle Underwood.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Please mark Sunday, June 5th, on your calendars for Graduate Recognition Sunday at Greene Street! If you know someone who is graduating from high school, college, pre-school, or other institution of higher learning, please give their contact info to the church office. Pick up an information sheet to complete about the graduate, and we'd also love to have a photo!

Birthdays

- 2 Ed Eidemiller
- 3 Suzanne Brown
Lindsay Lambert
Bruce Whited
- 4 Patricia Taylor
- 5 Holly Jensvold
- 7 Lynn Eidemiller
Elliott Larger
- 8 Missy Brinkman
Terry Fry
- 9 Mark Haldeman
Josh Trombley
- 11 Katie Erbes
- 13 Barbara Heater
- 14 Jim Reas
- 15 Kathy Califf
Martha Fraley
- 16 Landon Adams
Jenny Erbes
Mary Guenther
Carolyn McClannan
- 18 Nancy Cox
- 19 Jessica Apple
Aubrey Cox
- 21 April Vosler
- 23 Amanda Seas
Gloria Tapp
- 24 Nancy Brogden
Katie Farris
Steven Farris
Robert Salisbury
- 25 Eric Taylor
- 27 Dave Palmer
- 28 Jennifer Kist
- 29 Libby Brown
Jeff Heath
- 30 Hayden Hare

Anniversaries

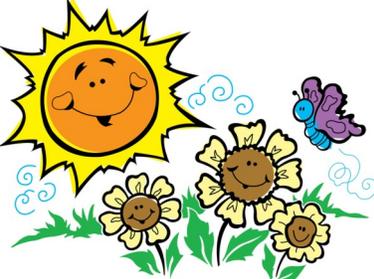
- 1 Ed & Sally Ellis
Roger & Jeanne Hale
- 6 Jim & Sherry Heath
- 8 Lloyd & Fay Shoemaker
- 10 Dorthea & Ken Casselman
- 13 Ed & Ann Elliott
- 14 Doug & Amy Sweetman
- 15 Jennifer & Curt Everett
Chuck & Nancy Woods
- 17 Kaitlin & Brett
Peterman
Fred & Wanda
Shellenberg
- 20 Don & Joanne Mottter
Eric & Jenny Sweetman
- 22 Joe & Julie Adams
- 23 Jeff & Ashlee Larger
- 24 Jim & Nancy Brogden
Steven & Katie Farris
Dave & April Vosler
- 26 Pat & Pam Brown
- 28 Hubert & DiAnn Bateman

JUNE

Unless otherwise

Sunday Schedules

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

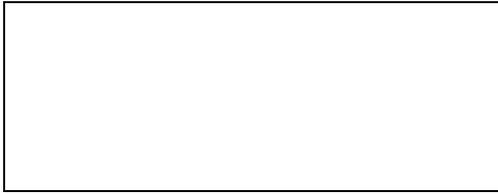
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1 p Disciple Group 3:45 p Building Improvement Project 6:30 p Praise Team	2	3	4 9 a Girls Chrysalis Meeting 6 p Girl Scout Troop
5 2 p VBS Decorating Work Day 4 p TEEM	6 6 p Melody Men	7 6 p Melody Men	8 1 p Disciple Group 6:30 p Praise Team	9	10	11 9 a Girls & Boys Chrysalis Meeting
12 4 p TEEM	13	14 6 p Melody Men	15 1 p Disciple Group 6:30 p Home Visitation Team 6:30 p Praise Team	16	17 6 p Girls Chrysalis Meeting	18 9 a Girls & Boys Chrysalis Meeting
← TEEM MISSION TRIP TO COOPERHILL, TN →						
19  Happy Father's Day 4 p TEEM	20 6 p Child Care Staff Meeting	21 6 p Melody Men	22 1 p Disciple Group 6:30 p Praise Team	23	24	25 9 a Boys Chrysalis Meeting Wedding
26 4 p TEEM	27	28 6 p Melody Men	29 1 p Disciple Group 6:30 p Praise Team	30 9 a Newsletter Folding		



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