



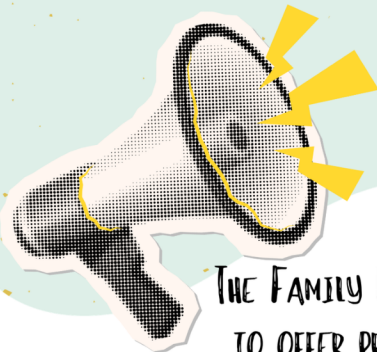
GREENE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

MISSION

"MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO TRANSFORM THE WORLD."



YOUTH GROUP IS COMING THIS FALL!

For youth in grades 7-12

THE FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM IS VERY EXCITED TO BEGIN TO OFFER PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR TEENS AND THEIR FAMILIES STARTING THE FALL OF 2026. WE WANT TO BRAINSTORM IDEAS WITH YOU AND START LINING UP VOLUNTEERS AS WE TAKE THIS STEP IN GROWING OUR MINISTRY. JOIN US AFTER SERVICE ON BACKPACK SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS! CAN'T MAKE IT? SEND US AN E-MAIL AT MICHELLE@GREENESTREETUMC.ORG

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SUMMER BACKPACK DRIVE IS COMING UP!

2026 marks our 12th annual Backpack Drive for our five Piqua City School buildings spanning kindergarten through high school. Our Greene Street family has already donated over 1000 backpacks; we have such generous church family and friends! Preparing for a new school year can bring additional stress to family's budgets. New quality backpacks brings pride, increase confidence and a feeling of being cared for as our students go into the new school year. I called all five schools and their backpack supply closets are empty!

Backpack racks will be hung in the Narthex at the end of July and will remain through August. Please select full size packs with sturdy zippers. School supplies are not needed as they are supplied by Piqua City Schools.

Through your generosity, we can continue this tradition of helping local families showing Christ's love in a practical way.

Thank you for supporting this ministry,

In God's Love,
Susan Hopkins



Greene Street Christmas Market to honor Henrietta Hahn

The 30th annual Greene Street Christmas Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 at the corner of Greene and Caldwell streets, and church members who have been preparing since last January are putting the finishing touches on their work.



Hahn

Some of the features of the market, a Piqua institution, will be the home-made breads, jams and sweets of all kinds for sale in the Country Store, the craft vendors from around the area exhibiting a wide variety of hand-made gift items, lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner from 5-7 p.m.

This year's event is dedicated to the memory of the late Henrietta C. Hahn. Mrs. Hahn was well known throughout the Piqua community for her dedication to the Piqua City Schools, but she was also a faithful servant to her church. She served as chairwoman of the Christmas Market from 1993-97, and even when she wasn't chairing the event she was always a key contributor to the work of planning and meal preparation. Visitors to the market might not have been aware of Mrs. Hahn's involvement, which could be explained by the fact that she would be hard at work in the kitchen in her typical anonymous style.

Another little-known fact is that the concept of assembling and selling gift theme baskets — a new project added to the market for the first time in Oct. 1999 — was introduced by Mrs. Hahn and her sister, Hannah Kingrey.

The theme baskets have been very popular since their introduction, and will once again be offered for sale by silent auction this year.

This year's market will feature a brand new cookbook,



Church members Pat Walker, Mary Guenthner and Rita Ash assemble theme baskets for the Greene Street Christmas Market, coming Oct. 10

SUBMITTED PHOTO

"The Christmas Market 30th Anniversary Cookbook," dedicated to the memory of all who have faithfully participated in the past 29 Christmas Markets. It includes many of the recipes used at the market, as well as many church members' favorite recipes. It also contains lots of history of past Christmas Markets, which will make it particularly interesting to both church members and marketgoers. The cost of the cookbook is \$7.50 and it can be purchased during the event or at the church office.

The Greene Street Christmas Market began in 1972 when the United Methodist Women were searching for a way to raise money for missions. The proceeds from the market have been used for various mission outreach projects, and to purchase various equipment for the church and update the church kitchen.

This year there are nine Commission groups responsible for putting together the 30th Market, and each group

will share equally in the proceeds. Some of this year's proceeds will go to support the Green Street food pantry, child care, Habitat for Humanity, and United Methodist worldwide missions.

Preparation for the market begins in January when the chairman, or in this case, co-chairmen, is selected and committees are headed. Preparations are ongoing throughout the year to ensure a smooth and successful event.

To make the Christmas Market a reality requires many church members working together. They sell tickets, bake all of the homemade foods for the Country Store, make pies and caramels, assemble theme baskets, and prepare all the food for the lunches and dinners. There will also be a large group of people working in the kitchen, cleaning tables and helping with the take down/cleaning up chores. The fun and fellowship that result from this time of "rolling up our sleeves" and

working as a team is as much a part of the Christmas Market as the fundraising efforts themselves.

Most of the craft vendors from last year are returning, but there will also be a newcomer selling wooden toys.

This year's theme gift baskets are being prepared for purchase by silent auction. Rita Ash is chairwoman of the theme basket committee and is assisted by a group of about eight church ladies.

Just a few of the basket themes this year will be get-well baskets, a toolbox, an outdoorsman basket, Halloween and Christmas baskets, bath/body items, a picnic basket, college team baskets, and a bird-lover's basket.

Theme baskets will be displayed on the stage and sold by silent auction with bidders recording their bids for any baskets they are interested in. Higher bids may be recorded throughout the day and the bidding concludes at 7 p.m. There will be a variety of price ranges and they make wonderful gifts.

CREATION TIPS

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, gave us three simple General Rules that continue to guide our lives as Christians:

Do No Harm.

Do Good.

Stay in Love with God.

These timeless principles also provide a wonderful framework for caring for God's creation.

Do No Harm - Everyday choices matter. We can reduce harm by choosing reusable cups and food containers instead of Styrofoam and single-use plastics, avoiding microwaving food in plastic containers, conserving water by fixing leaks and taking shorter showers, and reducing food waste by planning meals and enjoying leftovers. Even choosing natural-fiber clothing or washing clothes less frequently helps reduce microplastics entering our waterways.

Do Good - Creation care is an opportunity to love our neighbors and our communities. Shop at local farmers markets, plant native flowers and trees that support pollinators, let your lawn grow a little taller to improve water absorption, or organize a cleanup at a local park or stream. Small acts of stewardship become powerful acts of service when we work together.

Stay in Love with God - One of the best ways to deepen our faith is to spend time in God's creation. Take a walk through a park, visit a United Methodist camp or retreat center, sit quietly under a tree, or enjoy a summer evening with family and friends. As we slow down, we are reminded that the beauty around us is a gift entrusted to our care.

Simple Ways to Practice Creation Justice This Month:

-  Plant native flowers or trees.
-  Bring reusable shopping bags and water bottles.
-  Take a shorter shower and only run the dishwasher when it's full.
-  Wash your car with a bucket instead of a running hose, or use a car wash that recycles water.
-  Shop at a local farmers market and support local growers.
-  Reduce, reuse, and recycle before buying something new.
-  Skip one beef meal this month or plan leftovers to reduce food waste.
-  Spend at least two hours outside enjoying God's creation and giving thanks.

FOOD PANTRY ANSWERS

Food Pantry & Community Care Update

God continues to bless our Food Pantry ministry in so many ways.

Recently, two different families were able to help their daughters and grandchildren leave abusive situations. We have been praying for these families for many months, and we rejoice that those prayers have been answered.

On one especially busy day we were short on volunteers. Just when we needed help the most, God provided a new volunteer who walked through our doors at exactly the right time. His willingness to serve was a true blessing.

One of our pantry friends surprised me by asking how he could pray for me. It was a wonderful reminder that we all need prayer and that God works through each of us to encourage one another.

We also celebrate with another pantry friend who, after many prayers, has found an apartment. We simply say, "Thank you, Jesus!" Thank you to everyone who continues to support the pantry by donating items to the grocery box at church. Hygiene products are always in high demand and are greatly appreciated.

With children home from school for the summer, we expect to serve even more families. Please keep our pantry friends, volunteers, and ministry in your prayers as we continue to share God's love and provide for those in need.

Peggy Moorman
Certified Lay Minister



RAINFOREST FALLS

VBS Wrap Up

The week of June 7-11 we opened our doors to nearly 40 children and their families for this year's Vacation Bible School. This was our biggest year since taking over VBS and we were saying "Wow, God!" all week as we sang, played, and learned all about David, the Psalms, and who God is together. Then, on June 14, we shared a very special VBS take-over service with the entire congregation.

During VBS, we talk about God-sightings. These are ways we see God show up in our lives everyday. Our God-sighting this week was all of the amazing volunteers we had both behind the scenes and hand-on during VBS week. We cannot do this without all of your donations, prayers, and helping hands! Thank you for all your support!



Can you find all the buddies and Dr. Scout's butterfly hiding in the photos?





(hiding from King Saul with David)



We are hoping you will join us for next year's VBS in June of 2027!

THANK YOU

Dear Greene Street family,
Hello to everyone at Greene Street United Methodist!

I would like to start off with a huge thank you to everyone at the church for the gift box I received this year. I think I can speak on behalf of every student that received one when I say they are absolutely appreciated and looked forward to each year.

I attend school at Ohio State University, and I am currently a senior with a graduation date of May 10th, 2026. Upon my graduation I plan on staying in the Columbus area, as I have made a decision to sign on full time with the franchise-owned tax office here that I've worked for a little over a year and a half now. I will also begin studying for the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) exam(s), and have already purchased the materials needed to do so.

My favorite item from the box is always the signed card from my fellow church members. I'd like to give a special thank you to the prayer ladies at the church, as I always receive your cards whether it be for upcoming holidays or my birthday. I never take for granted how many great people I have back home who support me in what I want to do in life. I greatly appreciate everyone at the church and can't say thank you enough.

I'd like to ask that the church keep all of my family members in their thoughts and prayers. That includes but is not limited to the Elliott's, the Gaier's, the Larger's, the Boyd's, the Spraul's and the Foster's. I wouldn't be the man I am today without all their love and support, so I want to let it be known that I'm very grateful for them all.

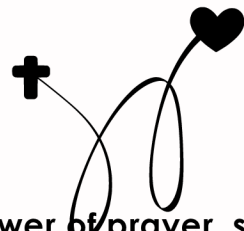
Once again, thank you Greene Street United Methodist for everything you've done for me.

- Jackson Elliott



Hi people! I just want to say hi and thanks for the gift you made me. I really loved all the things that were inside. You make me really happy! Have a nice day and God bless you all the time.

PRAYER REQUESTS



We believe in the power of prayer, so please keep us updated! Please communicate to the church office manager via email (jennifer@greenestreetumc.org).

Greene Street Church Family – Jo Anderson, Joan Beck, Betty Clark, Robyn Cooper, Van Elliott, Steve Frazier, Shirley Gover, Robert Guenther, Jim Heath, Paul Rice, Fred Shellenberg, Bill Walters, Bill Wright, Jenna Weimer,

Friends and Family of Greene Street - Mike & Debbie Deeter (Clark), Mark & Donna Youtz (Collette), Kinsley Miller, Evelyn Shortidge (Cooper), Tammy (Ellerman), Uncle Jack, Aunt Janet, Jeff Thiebau (Frazier), Jim Gaier, Dave Reeves (Gaier), Uncle Wilson (Hadden), Christy Hight (Hall), Nancy Cox (Heath), Jeremy Root (Helman), Paul Beal (Hopkins), Ed Eidemiller (Hudson), Mom (Huelskamp), Holmes family (Jurosic), granddaughter (Kiser), Travis Lucas, Jeff Cox (Marrs), Angie (McLargin), Doug Lange, (Minton), Jodi McGraw (Price), Karen Jamison, Forrest Foster (Scroggins), Donna Casto, Val Seas (Seas), Harley S, Brandon, Don Patty (Stilwell), Christina Whittacker, Carol Greene (Taylor), Crystal, Dian, Nikkea (Thorpe), Dave & Kris Brown (Vosler), Candy (Weimer), David Shortidge (Wilzcek), Diana Swafford, Mike Miller, Jerry Fogt, Patty Carr (Erbes)

Military - Jed Cooper, Ronnie Cooper, Taylor Hubner (Frazier), Elijah Young (Guenther), LTJG Allison Osborn (Pedroff), Myles Hoffman, Brendon Tisher (Seas), Joseph Sherman (Shellenberg), TC Place (Tapp),

Care Facilities - Brookdale, Piqua: DiAnn Bateman, Shirley Sanders; Story Point: Carol Hepler; Piqua Manor: Darl Blevins, Debbie Blue, Helen Sharpe; Assisted Living in Sturgis, MI: Kathleen Pedroff; Brookhaven, Brookville: MaryJo Morgan.



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

GREENE ST. UMC

FELLOWSHIP AT THE POOL

COME JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
FUN IN THE SUN!

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TECUMSEH WOODS
AUG 17 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM
1103 LENOX

ENTRANCE FEE IS \$8
WE ARE HAPPY TO COVER COST IF HELP IS
NEEDED.

GREENE ST. BOOK CLUB

Please join us for a summer community reading event.

BOOK Club

READ. REVIEW. REPEAT.

We'll be reading four books this summer and meeting together to discuss the books following the church service on the last Sunday of each month.

May: The Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way by Dr. Justus Hunter

June: The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

July: Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference by Timothy Keller and John Inzau

August: Club Pick

GREENE ST. BOOK CLUB

July

*Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a
World of Difference*
by: Timothy Keller



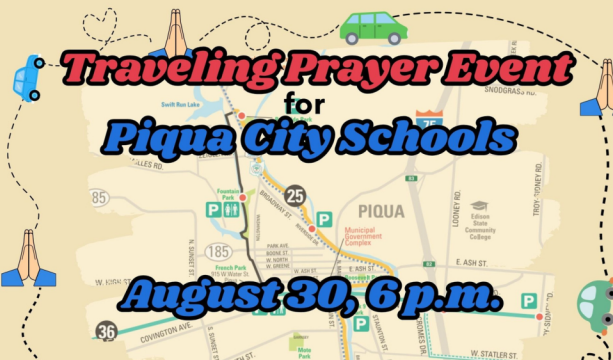
Book Club Discussion: After church on July 26
Join us for fellowship, discussion, and a light lunch

The Book Club will vote on our August book, our final
pick of the summer!



**LET US KNOW
HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?**

Summer isn't over yet.
The Service Project team is in need of ideas for July and August projects. If
you have a need or know of someone in our community who could use a
little help, please let us know. We'll show up.

Traveling Prayer Event for Piqua City Schools

August 30, 6 p.m.

We will start our community prayer event to lift up our students, staff, and parents at Washington Primary. We will meet in the parking lot then move and follow the same procedures at PCIS, PHS & PJHS, and end at Springcreek Primary. ALL are welcome!



Blessing of the BACKPACKS

**August 30
10 am**

KIDS OF ALL AGES, BRING YOUR
BACKPACKS TO OUR WORSHIP GATHERING

 **GREENE STREET**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



July

AUGUST

- 1 Linda Harrison
Dutch Jaqua
Joe Thompson
- 2 Megan Sweetman
- 3 Devon Sever
Dylon Sever
- 5 Doug Sweetman
- 6 Avery Marrs
Marin DuBois
- 8 Becky Doak
Mike Tinkler
- 9 Van Elliott
- 11 Jason Jensvold
- 12 Kasey Jo Marrs
- 13 Jacob Jensvold
- 14 Rick Kist
Mary Pummill
- 15 Troy Maniaci
- 16 JoJo Marrs
Lisa Seas
- 18 Gwen Sullivan
- 19 RJ Monnier
- 22 Cohen Brown
- 23 Cork Oakes
- 25 Pat Smith
- 26 Carol Palmer
- 27 Kenzie Shade
- 28 Corbin Meckstroth
- 30 Joan Beck
Bob Smith

- 1 Madison Beaver
- 2 George Conaway
Maggie Pearson
- 4 Bill Carter
Natalee Heath
Sable Shade
- 7 Tawnya Gaier
Kathleen Pedroff
- 8 Benjamin Hart
Lettie Meckstroth
Jim Brogden
Debbie Frazier
- 10 Carson Marrs
- 11 Sherry Heath
- 12 Libby Elliott
- 13 Barbara Davis
Adele Penrod
- 14 Jeff Hall
Jim Heath
- 16 Alexandria Preston
Emma Preston
- 17 Maeve Jaqua
- 18 Thea Reas
Ronald Weimer
- 21 Alex Pollock
- 22 Gabe Lawson
Martin Pollock
- 23 Marty Pollock
Adam Seas
Dave Vosler
- 24 Nicole Lacy
Erin Monnier
- 26 Steve Staley
- 28 Suzy Phillips
- 29 Kathy Sweetman
- 31 Robyn Cooper
Jessie Sullivan
Jim Sever
Robbie Wilczek

- 5 Greg & Bonnie Trissell
- 13 Will & Polly Leasure
- 15 Jason & Holly Jensvold
- 17 Caitlin & Ross Mohler
- 19 Bill & Linda Carter
- 20 Erin & RJ Monnier
- 24 Jeff & Natalee Heath
- 30 Rick & Terry Fry

- 2 Dick & Betty Clark
- 4 Jordan & Krystal Lawson
- 7 Dan & Adele Penrod
- 8 Jim & Phylis Otey
- 10 Dave & Carol Palmer
- 12 Dustin & Amanda Brown
- 14 Blair & Lindsey Elliott
- 17 Hal & Carol Cain
- 21 Tom & Barbara Hudson
Cork & Lou Ellen Oakes

We pray God's comfort to be with:

- the family and friends of Hal Heiner, who passed away on Monday, April 13, 2026.
- Andy & Megan Pearson and family upon the death of his grandmother, LaDonna Crist on May 16, 2026.
- friends and family of Omar Rivera, passed away in a motorcycle accident.
- From Jurosic Family: Continued prayers for the Family of Jane Krites, Jenna's aunt
- the family and friends of Don Ruffner, who passed away on Friday, June 19, 2026.

We pray God's blessings upon:

- Chris and Stephanie Gaier with the birth of their identical twin sons, Elijah & Isaiah, on Friday, May 1, 2026. They are welcomed by big brothers Teddy & Miles, and Grandparents Duane and Tawnya Gaier. They are now blessed with 14 Grandchildren!



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