



# GREENE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

MISSION

"MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO TRANSFORM THE WORLD."



Sabbatical Summer. Our journey continues. Please join us.

### Upcoming Events

<p><b>APR 26</b></p> <p>AFTER CHURCH</p> <p>Will's Tribute Concert *Lunch Provided Bring a dessert to share!</p>	<p><b>MAY 3</b></p> <p>DURING &amp; AFTER CHURCH</p> <p>Rod Miller - Worship and Q&amp;A</p>	<p><b>MAY 31</b></p> <p>AFTER CHURCH</p> <p>Book Club with Dr. Justus Hunter</p>
<p><b>JUN 28</b></p> <p>AFTER CHURCH</p> <p>Book Club</p>	<p><b>JUL 25</b></p> <p>8 PM - 10 PM</p> <p>Christmas in July - outdoor movie</p>	<p><b>JUL 26</b></p> <p>AFTER CHURCH</p> <p>Book Club</p>
<p><b>AUG 17</b></p> <p>5 PM - 7 PM</p> <p>Community Night at Tecumseh Woods</p>	<p><b>AUG 30</b></p> <p>AFTER CHURCH</p> <p>Book Club</p>	<p><b>SEP 13</b></p> <p>AFTER CHURCH</p> <p>The Reunion Party</p>

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# FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings Greene St.,

Thank you for the gift of a sabbatical this summer. It truly is a unique opportunity, and I'm grateful for your support in making this time possible.

While I'm away, we have plans and leadership in place to keep things running smoothly. A lead team of committee heads will help address anything beyond day-to-day needs.

Jenny Sweetman, our Office Manager, will serve as the communication hub—helping connect people and keep things organized—but the work of ministry belongs to all of us. Thank you for your continued willingness to step in and support one another.

My encouragement to you is simple: keep being the church. Show up for worship, stay engaged in ministry, bring your families to VBS, participate in shared learning opportunities, and most importantly—pray. Pray for the church's continued growth and for renewal in the season ahead.

This is an exciting time at Greene St., and I look forward to all that God will continue to do among you. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

Grace and peace,



Rev. Dr. William E. Leasure



**TOWN HALL MEETING**  
with Rod Miller

Date: May 3rd  
Time: Following Church Service  
Venue: In the Sanctuary

# MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER: BUILDING & COMMUNICATION UPDATES

As we prepare for Rev. Will's upcoming sabbatical, a few clear policies are being put in place to help our ministries run smoothly — now and into the future. These updates are not about adding red tape, but about safety, communication, and good stewardship of our shared space. Thank you for helping make this a smooth and positive transition for everyone.

## Building Access During Daycare & Preschool Hours

(Monday–Friday, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

- All individuals entering the building during these hours must sign in at the Front Office window. This is required by state childcare regulations and ensures accountability for everyone in the building while children are present. Exceptions (such as Chrysalis or funeral meals) may be granted by the Office Manager.

## Scheduling & Event Approval

To avoid conflicts and keep communication clear:

- All meetings and events must be scheduled through the Church Office
- Availability must be confirmed before promoting an event
- A Facility Request Form is required for all building use
- Events are only official once approved and placed on the church calendar
- If it's not on the calendar, it's not scheduled.

## Announcements & Communication

Submit all announcements in writing to Jenny ([jennifer@greenestreetumc.org](mailto:jennifer@greenestreetumc.org))

Deadline: Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

The office will determine the best way to share the information (email, bulletin, pulpit, Facebook, etc.)

## Prayer Requests & Hospitalizations

Prayer requests are shared through church emails (typically Tuesday and Friday) and on Sunday mornings. If you or a loved one is hospitalized or having a procedure, please notify Jenny as soon as possible. For inclusion in weekly communications, please share updates by Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. When appropriate, we will also help arrange a group to pray with you and your family after Sunday worship.



## CREATION TIPS

### Caring for God's Gift of Water

Through baptism, we are reminded that water is a sacred gift from God—one that sustains life. Caring for it by keeping it clean, safe, and available to all is part of our call as stewards of creation. To learn more about your personal water use and ways to reduce it, visit [watercalculator.org](http://watercalculator.org).

As drought conditions become more common, small daily habits matter. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth, shorten showers, and only run the dishwasher when full. Fixing leaks and using water-efficient fixtures can also make a big difference.

What we eat impacts water use as well. Producing beef requires significantly more water than other foods, so even occasional swaps for turkey or plant-based options can conserve thousands of gallons each year. Spring is a great time to plant native species, which require less water and support local wildlife. Communities can also work together to make an impact—like planting trees near waterways to improve water quality and reduce flooding.

You can get involved locally by connecting with water experts or serving on a Citizen Advisory Committee. And don't forget to enjoy God's creation—on a warm rainy day, try washing your car with rainwater for a fun, water-saving activity!

Let's continue caring for this precious gift in ways both big and small.



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## FOOD PANTRY ANSWERS

### Food Pantry & Community Care Update

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the recent Boy Scout food drive. Because of your efforts, we were able to fully stock our shelves and continue supporting those in need. Our next food drive, in partnership with the Post Office, will take place on May 9. We will need volunteers again, so please consider lending a hand!

We continue to walk alongside many in our community who are facing cancer and other health concerns. We remind them—and ourselves—of God's promise to never leave us or forsake us. Having Jesus in our hearts gives us hope, even in difficult times. We have also been asked to pray for peace in the midst of global conflict, especially regarding tensions involving Iran. With so much loss and destruction, we are called to come together in prayer for peace and healing.

Many families are struggling due to the current economy. In addition to food, we strive to provide essential items such as laundry detergent and personal hygiene products. Any donations the congregation can offer are greatly appreciated.

Recently, we have been sharing a spring devotional that reminds us of God's provision. Scripture tells us that God knows our needs before we ask, yet also encourages us to bring those needs before Him. We trust in His promise to provide.

We also find moments of joy in our ministry. Recently, we received small pillows shaped like Hershey's Kisses. When a friend stopped by, we would ask, "Would you like a kiss?"—and then hand them one of the pillows! It brought lots of laughter and smiles. While our mission is meaningful and important, we are grateful for the joy we share along the way.

Please join us in praying that the needs of all our friends will be met. We are building meaningful relationships, and it is clear that our friends know they are cared for and loved.

Peggy Moorman  
Certified Lay Minister



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GREENE STREET UMC  
FAMILY MINISTRY



# Upcoming Family Events

May 31 VBS Set-Up

June 7 Family Meal and VBS starts 5pm

June 8-11 Rainforest Falls VBS 6:30-8pm

## He is Risen & We are Rejoicing!





VBS Kick-Off



We want to extend a huge thank you to all the incredible volunteers who helped us stuff hundreds of eggs for our Easter egg hunt!

Don't forget to sign up for VBS!

**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
Exploring the Nature of God

June 7th 5-8pm  
June 8th-11th 6:30-8pm

SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX OR SCAN THE QR CODE



CONTACT MICHELLE FOR MORE INFORMATION



# THANK YOU

Dear Greene Street family,

I wanted to make sure you all know I felt each and every one of your prayers regarding my surgery.

I was extremely anxious the week prior and I woke up the day of and felt an immediate sense of calm and peace.

Many of you know I grew up in this church. My brothers and I played hide and seek in the sanctuary while waiting on my mom to finish up whatever she was doing. There is not a better way to feel the love and support of my entire family from my second home.

My Dr. explained to my husband that my cervical discectomy was by far one of the easiest he has ever performed. I owe that to you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God is good. All the time.

With love and gratitude,  
Nancy Cox

Dear Greene Street Church,  
Thank you all so much for the package! My name is Hank Davis, I am currently an online student pursuing my dream of playing hockey! My grandmother, Susan Hopkins, signed me up to receive a box, and with my demanding hockey schedule, a box full of yummy treats and kind notes was the best Valentine's surprise ever! Next year I committed to play hockey and study at the University of Kentucky. Opportunities like that aren't possible without a support system like Greene Street Church, and for my sweet grandma and all the members of Greene Street I am eternally grateful.  
All the best, Hank Davis.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Do you have a  
Graduate  
(preschool, high  
school, college)  
contact the church  
office by Monday,  
May 18.



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# 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](mailto:jennifer@greenestreetumc.org)).**

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

**Friends and Family of Greene Street** - Mike & Debbie Deeter (Clark), Mark & Donna Youtz (Collette), Kinsley Miller, Evelyn Shortidge (Cooper), Tammy (Ellerman), Conrad Modshielder (Ellis), Uncle Jack, Aunt Janet, Jeff Thiebau (Frazier), Jim Gaier, Dave Reeves (Gaier), Uncle Wilson (Hadden), Nancy Cox (Heath), Jeremy Root (Helman), Ed Eidemiller (Hudson), Holmes family (Jurosic), granddaughter (Kiser), Travis Lucas (Marrs), Doug Lange, (Minton), Jodi McGraw (Price), Karen Jamison (Scroggins), Donna Casto, Val Seas (Seas), Harley S, Brandon, Mike Jess, Don Patty (Stilwell), Christina Whittacker, Carol Greene (Taylor), Crystal (Thorpe), Dave & Kris Brown (Vosler), Candy (Weimer), Hal Heiner (Woods), Diana Swafford

**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.



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# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Joey Kline</li> <li>2 Joshua Heath</li> <li>6 Lindsey Brubaker Chris Proffit</li> <li>7 Karen Kist</li> <li>8 Alex Thompson</li> <li>9 Nikki Williams</li> <li>10 Judy MacKellar</li> <li>12 Maura DuBois Scott Phillips Joseph Sherman Lauren Sweetman</li> <li>13 Steve Sink Eliza Underwood Thomas Underwood Celeste Underwood Bill Wright</li> <li>15 Lisa Meckstroth</li> <li>16 Bonnie Trissell</li> <li>19 McKenzie Proffit</li> <li>20 Eleanor Jurosic</li> <li>21 Richard Donnelly</li> <li>22 Janet Butsch Layland Zerkle</li> <li>27 Billy Taylor</li> <li>28 Brandi Sink</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Jenna Jurosic Kristina Proffit</li> <li>3 Lindsay Lambert Isabella Lawson Patricia Taylor</li> <li>5 Holly Jensvold Elliott Larger</li> <li>8 Terry Fry</li> <li>10 Harvey Mohler</li> <li>11 Katie Erbes</li> <li>16 Jenny Erbes Mary Guenther Carolyn McClannan</li> <li>18 Nancy Cox</li> <li>19 Aubrey Cox</li> <li>21 Zoe Leasure April Vosler</li> <li>22 Leanne Price</li> <li>23 Sophia Elliott Amanda Seas Gloria Tapp</li> <li>24 Nancy Brogden Will Leasure Robert Salisbury</li> <li>25 Eric Taylor</li> <li>27 Dave Palmer</li> <li>29 Jeff Heath Addie Leasure</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 Larry &amp; Jenna Jurosic</li> <li>8 Jim &amp; Melanie Sever</li> <li>11 Duane &amp; Tawnya Gaier</li> <li>16 Joyce &amp; Chris Ellerman</li> <li>19 Robert &amp; Jamie Salisbury</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Ed &amp; Sally Ellis</li> <li>2 Lindsey &amp; Chris Brubaker</li> <li>4 Jim &amp; Lisa Meckstroth</li> <li>6 Jim &amp; Sherry Heath</li> <li>10 Dorthea &amp; Ken Casselman</li> <li>12 Jessica &amp; Peter Sullivan</li> <li>14 Doug &amp; Amy Sweetman</li> <li>15 Jennifer &amp; Curt Everett</li> <li>17 Fred &amp; Wanda Shellenberg</li> <li>20 Eric &amp; Jenny Sweetman</li> <li>23 Jeff &amp; Ashlee Larger</li> <li>24 Jim &amp; Nancy Brogden Dave &amp; April Vosler</li> <li>27 Amanda &amp; Eric Piascik</li> </ul>

## We pray God's comfort to be with:

- family and friends of Bea Jones, who passed away on Friday, February 27, 2026.
- family and friends of Nancy Callison, who passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2026.
- From Barb Hudson: Please pray for the family of Mary Beth Prouty, Molly Hudson's mother-in-law.
- family and friends of Ronald Yount, who passed away on Monday, April 6, 2026.
- Carla Brogden and family upon the death of her mother on April 3, 2026.
- family and friends of Vicki Couchois, who passed away on Friday, April 10, 2026.

## DONATION THANK YOU'S

A little card to say a big thank you

The prayer shawls are so lovely and will bring such comfort to patients and their families! Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity!  
Hospice of Miami County -  
Vicky McKinley



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A vibrant graphic for a VBS event. The background is a lush green rainforest with palm trees and sunlight filtering through. In the center, there's a wooden sign with a waterfall and a bird. The sign says 'RAINFOREST FALLS' in large, colorful letters. Below the sign, it says 'Exploring The Nature of God'. To the left of the sign, the text 'Save The Date' is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below that, 'Family Style VBS' is written in a similar font. Underneath, the dates and times are listed: 'June 7th 5-8pm' and 'June 8th-11th 6:30-8pm'. At the bottom of the graphic, it says 'more information to follow' in a cursive font.

Save The Date

Family Style VBS

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June 8th-11th  
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