



# GREENE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

**MISSION**

"MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO TRANSFORM THE WORLD."



# Chili Cookoff

## MARCH 15, 2026

All are urged to participate and enjoy.  
We would love for you to bring your  
best chili. Bring your dollars to vote!  
Immediately following 10:00 Worship.

and don't forget the  
**DESSERT AUCTION**



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# COLLEGE CARE THANK YOU

Dear Greene Street Church,  
Thank you very much for the box that you gave me with all my favorite goodies in it! I appreciated every single one of them, and it was hard not to eat all the candies at once! I am very thankful that I have such an amazing church family that is backing me and my college journey, and that is the sweetest thing about the box.

I will continue to work hard on my studies knowing I have such a supportive backing! Thank you for your kindness,  
-Jacob Jensvold

To Greene Street United Methodist Church,  
Thank you so much for the care package you sent. It definitely brightened my day and it was very encouraging to receive such a great reminder of how amazing the church that I'm from is. Things are going great at the University of Findlay. My studies toward my degree in marketing have been going well and I've been having success in the football offseason as well. I appreciate the support from all of you. Thank you and God bless!

Sincerely,  
-Carson Marrs

THANK  
YOU!

I am Westin Marrs. I just wanted to reach out and thank Greene Street for sending me a college care package. It warms my heart to receive something so thoughtful from my hometown. Especially from the church that I grew up in. Thank you so much for remembering me and sending me something from the community.

Very gratefully,  
-Westin Marrs

Hello,  
Thank you for the thoughtful delivery! I appreciate it very much and plan to eat and use everything you gave me. This was my first care package so I am really grateful you guys took the time to make it.

Thanks  
-Wyatt Marrs

# COLLEGE CARE THANK YOU

Hello! I am currently a sophomore at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, studying Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Religious Studies.



Thank you so much for the care package! Thinking back to when I helped pack these boxes years ago, it makes it even more special to be receiving one now. I was super excited to enjoy all the snacks and share some with my 3 roommates, of course. This year has been a little smoother than last year so far, but filled with lots of good memories as well. I am always busy doing homework, studying for the next exam, or having fun with friends at intermural sports. It never feels like there is enough time to do everything in the day, but I know that it is a part of the process, and I will be on the other side of it before long. I am just trying to get the most out of my time while I am still here. It is always really comforting to know that the church family is always supportive and backing everything that I do. I really appreciate it. Thank You!  
-Richard Price



Thank you guys so much for the valentines day package! It was awesome! I attend Virginia Tech's Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. I am currently in my third semester and we are learning all things orthopedics and muscles this semester. Attached is a picture of my anatomy group heading in to learn all about the hind leg muscles. I recently got to help assist in a cow c-section and have been volunteering on weekends to do night shift pregnancy watch on our sheep and to help assist and process the new baby lambs. This has been a super fun/exciting time and a very good learning opportunity on learning how to handle the newborns and how important it is to have a good foundation in animal care. For the summer I plan to come back to Ohio and try to find a veterinary internship to continue my learning process and help volunteer at the local shelter. Out of all my items in the box, the animal crackers have been my favorite; they are so easy to put in my pocket and eat them as a snack!

- Andrea Marrs



# CREATION TIPS

**Care for Creation – Simple Ways to Act Plan for Earth Day/Month.** Visit a local environmental center, host a resource fair, plant seedlings, make seed balls, or organize a trail clean-up. Consider an outdoor worship service focused on Creation care.

**Connect the dots.** Climate change affects food prices through storms, drought, floods, and extreme heat. It's one of the biggest global impacts on daily life—and it's real.

**Be a bee saver.** Many bee species are at risk due to common lawn pesticides. Avoid harmful products and plant pollinator-friendly blooms from spring through fall.

**Use your influence at work.** Encourage coworkers to reduce single-use plastics, recycle, reuse, or compost. Even one shared action makes a difference.

**Learn and reflect.** Join a book club or Sunday school discussion on sustainability, environmental justice, and faithful action.

**Wait before you buy.** Pause 48 hours—or longer—before making purchases. Choose mindful consumption over impulse buying.

\*\*Considering our current Food Pantry situation (we have plenty of food), we are asking our congregation (if they would like to donate), please get Hygiene/ Toiletry items.

## HYGIENE ITEMS AVAILABLE

TOOTH BRUSH  
TOOTH PASTE  
DEODORANT  
SHAMPOO  
HAND SOAP  
RAZORS  
TOILET PAPER  
TAMPONS/PADS  
LAUNDRY  
DETERGENT

# FOOD PANTRY ANSWERS

## God's Faithfulness in Every Season

It has been a very cold and snowy winter. We were even closed for one week due to the weather—but the need for food never takes a break. People still need to eat.

Recently, we welcomed new friends who had come from California. The husband arrived wearing only a sweatshirt and light coat and was visibly shivering in the cold. In addition to food, we were able to provide him with a windbreaker and his wife with a hooded sweatshirt. He shared that he had recently given his life to Christ and felt that God was pouring blessings into their lives. They had found an apartment, received warmer clothing, and were able to get food. It was a beautiful reminder of God's provision.

Another friend told us she is currently housing two individuals who would otherwise be homeless. She often asks, "What would Jesus do?" and lives that out daily. She has even offered rides home to those who have walked to the pantry. She has truly been an answer to prayer.

One of our friends was able to find a part-time job, though others are still searching for employment. Please pray for continued opportunities.

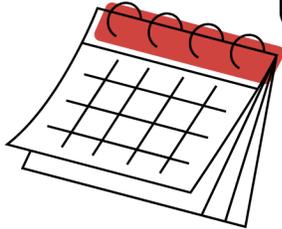
Another friend is excited to become a grandfather for the first time. He asked that we pray for a healthy baby.

Many of our friends request prayer for their health. Some are seeking new housing. There are so many needs.

Please join me in praying that God will meet each one of them and continue to provide in every season.

Peggy Moorman  
Certified Lay Minister





# Upcoming Family Events

March 29: Palm Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt

April 12: VBS Kick-off

**GREENE STREET UMC  
FAMILY MINISTRY**



## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

On February 8 after service, we packed eighteen college care packages. A huge thank you to all who stayed to help pack the care packages on that snowy Sunday and to all who donated items for the care packages! Our college students look forward to receiving this special gift each year!



### Thank you's

Thank you so much for thinking of me. The birds will also love your kindness. God Bless you all,  
-Joanne Motter

I wish to thank you for the Valentine gift. It has warmed up and the snow melted so I can feed the birds. Thanks for thinking of me.

Blessings, your friend  
Kathy Pedroff



## VALENTINES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Each year, the children send valentines to our congregation members who are homebound. This year, they made bird feeders and valentine cards during Sunday school to send some love and joy to those who cannot worship with us in person.



**Palm Sunday  
Easter Egg Hunt**  
Egg Hunt  
immediately following  
service March 28



# VBS KICK-OFF

It is time to start talking about VBS! On April 12, we will have our official Rainforest Falls VBS Kick-Off Event after service. You will be able to sign up to volunteer, find a list of items for donation, sign up kids to join us this summer, and much more!

If you are interested in volunteering, we are looking to fill the following positions: someone to run the media booth and our sign in/out table, crew leaders, craft station leaders, snack servers, and God Sighting leaders. Please contact Michelle Hart at (937) 418-6196 or michelle@greenestreetumc.org to find out more about any of these positions or to sign up!

We are collecting the following items for decorations and crafts this year: brown packing paper, toilet paper tubes, paper towel tubes, and newspapers. You can drop these off at the Family Ministry table in the narthex.

Save The Date

Family Style VBS

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

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring The Nature of God

more information to follow

## Calendar of Events

March 15	Chili Cook-off & Dessert Auction
March 21	Scouting for Food
March 29	Palm Sunday / Easter Egg Hunt
April 2	Maundy Thursday (TBD)
April 3	Good Friday (TBD)
April 13	Daycare/Preschool Art Show

## THANK YOU

What a wonderful surprise I received with a visit from Tawnya Gaier!

The visit was so very much appreciated as well as the lap robe (so beautiful) and the "goodies"!

Thank all and God's blessings now and always. - Glenn Devers

## DONATION THANK YOU'S

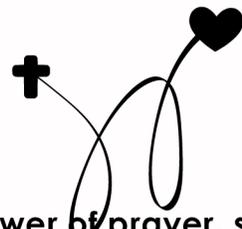
Rustic Hope is forever grateful for your very generous donations.

On behalf of the Piqua Lifewise board and volunteers, we would like to thank you for your donation. It is so exciting to see kids' and families lives changed by Jesus!

Thank you so much for the very comforting prayer shawls you made & donated to our patients.

You continue to be a blessing. We appreciate you all very much! - Hospice of Miami County

## 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** – Betty Clark, Robyn Cooper, Van Elliott, Steve Frazier, Duane Gaier, Shirley Gover, Robert Guenther, Jim Heath, Jenna Weimer

**Friends and Family of Greene Street** - Mike & Debbie Deeter (Clark), Mark & Donna Youtz (Collette), Kinsley Miller (Cooper), Conrad Modshieldler (Ellis), Jim Gaier (Gaier), granddaughter (Kiser), Travis Lucas (Marrs), Doug Lange, (Minton), Karen Jamison (Scroggins), Donna Casto, Val Seas (Seas), Christina Whittacker (Taylor), 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** - Garbry Ridge: Nancy Callison, Bea Jones; Brookdale: DiAnn Bateman, Shirley Sanders; Story Point: Carol Hepler; Piqua Manor: Darl Blevins, Debbie Blue, Helen Sharpe; Assisted Living in Sturgis, MI: Kathleen Pedroff.

You may notice that this newsletter was printed on colored paper. We are working to use up existing paper supplies instead of tossing them out. This is in the spirit of our Creation Tips that promote environmental responsibility.



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

	
<p>6 Dot Casselman Dale Davis 7 Luke Jensvold 10 Evan Brubaker Linda Price 11 Quinn Hartman Blakelee Silvers 12 Jackson Elliott 13 Judy Elliott Ann Stevens Jenna Weimer 17 Jacob Cox Kris Stewart 20 Jennifer Beaver 22 Joanne Motter 26 Jeff Elliott 28 DiAnn Bateman 30 Andy Pearson</p> 	<p>1 Barbara Hudson 2 Alyssa Davenport Reganne Meckstroth 3 Shirley Sanders 5 Diana Hall 7 Amy Sweetman 9 Marcy Thomas 10 Spencer Lavey 11 Donna DeBrosse Michelle Taylor 12 Drew Hartman Carol Hogston Larry Jurosic 13 Aurora Proffit 18 Austin Kline Kash Foster 19 Allison Pearson 20 Tom Hudson 22 Jennifer Sweetman 23 Polly Leasure Justin Meckstroth 24 Debbie Blue Austin Hadden 25 Sandra Christy Duane Gaier Ron Yount 27 Sophia Monnier</p>
<p>3 Jeff &amp; JoJo Marrs Steve &amp; Brandi Sink 6 Pat &amp; Bob Smith 7 Jim &amp; Shirley Gover 8 Megan &amp; Jed Cooper Marcy &amp; Phil Thomas 23 Amy &amp; Drew Hartman 24 Cornelia &amp; Mike Tinkler 30 Becky &amp; Paul Doak</p>	<p>7 Mike &amp; Donna DeBrosse 16 Jill &amp; David Weimer 21 Steve &amp; Debbie Frazier 22 Scott &amp; Suzy Phillips 23 Elizabeth &amp; Tim DuBois 27 Darryl &amp; Tia Lawson</p> 

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

- From Stephanie Maniaci: family and friends of Steve Baker, who passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2025.
- family and friends of Steven Terry, who passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2025. Steve is the husband of Cathy Cooper Terry, father of Robbie Wilzeck and son-in-law of Robyn Cooper.
- family and friends of Dottie Goater, who passed away on January 25, 2026 in Florida.
- Ryan & Nicole Lacy and family upon the death of his father Ronald Lacy on February 5, 2026.
- family and friends of Jeanne Zeller Winans, a former member, who died Friday, 2/13/26 in Columbus.
- Bill and Mona Walters upon the death of Bill's mother, Shirley Walters, who passed away on Monday, February 16, 2026 in Paoli, Indiana.
- Cork & Lou Oakes and family upon the death of his mother Joyce on February 17, 2026.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated hats or mittens to our Christmas Mitten Tree. We distributed 25 items to the elementary schools.

You helped provide warmth to a child this year!

Thank you - 



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# EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

Help decorate our sanctuary for Easter by remembering your loved one with an Easter Lily dedication. Order online at [www.greenestreetumc.org/events/newsletter](http://www.greenestreetumc.org/events/newsletter) or turn in the order form below by March 22.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lilies / Dedications \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication(s) - You may dedicate your lily/s in memory, in honor, in celebration, or any other dedication you would like. Dedications will be printed as listed.

- In lieu of taking a flower, I wish to make a \$20.00 contribution to the decorating fund (my dedication will still be printed as usual but I do not want a flower).
- I am ordering lily(s) from the church at a cost of \$15.00/lily.
- I am purchasing lily(s) from ANOTHER SOURCE (florist, store, fund raising group) and I will deliver them to the church sanctuary by Fri. April 3, 9 a.

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