GREENE STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

the Chimes

NEWSLETTER

MISSION

"MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS WHO TRANSFORM THE WORLD."









Please Pardon Our Dust! 🚧

As construction continues on our basement project, we appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work through the changes to our building. On October 20, our Administrative team met to brainstorm next steps and discuss where we go from here. There are still decisions to be made, and we will continue to keep the congregation informed as plans develop. Thank you for your understanding and for being part of the Greene Street family as we navigate this process together!

GREENE STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

415 W. Greene Street
Piqua, Ohio 45356
www.greenestreetumc.org
937-773-5313
office@greenestreetumc.org

Pastor
Rev. Dr. William Leasure
revwill@greenestreetumc.org

Office Manager
Jennifer Sweetman
jennifer@greenestreetumc.org





2026 Backpack Drive Wrap Up

Our Greene Street family and friends donated 73 beautiful backpacks this year. All five PCS buildings have received their bags just in time for school to begin. A heartfelt thanks for sharing our generosity with students.

I needed some extra help this year, a very special thanks to: Jennifer Sweetman, Duane and Tanya Gaier, Michelle Hart, Stephanie Maniaci, Diane, Colletti, Barb Hudson and Jackie and Martin Pollock. You are the best!

This is year 12 for our backpack ministry, our total number is 1024 backpacks. Can you visualize a room full of that many backpacks needing a child to take them home?!

Blessings, Susan Hopkins.

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Help decorate our sanctuary this Christmas season by remembering your loved one with a poinsettia dedication. Order online at www.greenestreetumc.org/events/newsletter or turn in the order form below by December 14.

Name _____

Number of Poinsettias / Dedications ____

- ☐ **In lieu of taking a flower, I wish to make a $18.00 contribution to the decorating fund (my dedication will still be printed as usual but I do not want a flower).**
- ☐ **I am ordering poinsettia(s) from the church at a cost of $18.00/poinsettia.**
- ☐ **I am purchasing poinsettia(s) from ANOTHER SOURCE (florist, store, fund raising group) and I will deliver them to the church sanctuary by Fri. Dec. 18, 9 a.**

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

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

CREATION TIPS

Recycling: A Second Chance for God's Creation

Our faith is built on grace, the gift of second chances. Recycling is one way we can extend second chances to Earth. Here are a few simple ways to make a difference:

- Buy thoughtfully. Choose products with less packaging, avoid single-use plastics, and look for items made from recycled materials.
- Recycle correctly. Keep recyclables clean and dry, never place them in plastic bags, and check your local recycling guidelines.
- Give items a second life. Shop at thrift stores, donate gently used clothing, and recycle paper and cardboard.
- Recycle electronics responsibly. Find a local e-waste recycling program.
- Give worn sneakers another purpose. Look for sneaker recycling programs or consider organizing a collection.
- Speak up for creation. Recycling helps, but reducing unnecessary packaging and single-use plastics matters, too.

Remember, caring for creation begins with small choices.



Each Christmas, our Hat and Mitten Tree helps keep ears and fingertips warm. This year, we're adding SOCKS to bring a little extra warmth to the toes! The socks will be donated to those who visit the Greene Street Food Pantry, including individuals experiencing homelessness and others in need. We are blessed with warm clothing, shelter, and heat in our homes. With these blessings comes the calling to help others, not only with food but also with warmth, kindness, and compassion. This Christmas, please open your hearts and share your blessings. Help us grow our Hat, Mitten & Sock Tree! Together, we can warm hands, heads, toes, and most importantly, hearts. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!.🙏🙏🙏



FOOD PANTRY ANSWERS

As we look back over the past two months at the Food Pantry, I am reminded how much our friends are struggling. Rising costs are creating hardships, and two families shared that their utilities may be shut off. Others are searching for jobs, better housing, and hope for better days.

One gentleman looking for work shared that he had been riding his bicycle two hours each way to a temporary job in Greenville. His determination reminds us of the challenges people face just to make ends meet.

Our friends ask for prayer for many needs, including overcoming addiction, maintaining sobriety, improving health, strengthening marriages, and managing financial difficulties. We celebrate those making positive changes and continue praying for those who struggle, trusting God's promise to walk beside us and provide for our needs.

We are grateful to help families through difficult times. One gentleman shared that 12 people live in his household—imagine the challenge of keeping everyone fed! He was truly thankful for our help.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Food Pantry through donations, volunteering, and prayer. Please continue praying that our friends' needs will be met and that they will find hope and encouragement. We are blessed to share God's love through both practical help and prayer.

Peggy Moorman
Certified Lay Minister

Thank you to Gloria Tapp for making dresses for the little girls recieving Christmas Shoeboxes from Greene Street!



GREENE STREET UMC
FAMILY MINISTRY

Upcoming Family Events

October 29: Trunk or Treat 6-8pm
November 14: Horse Parade 6-7pm
November 22: Church-giving
December 12: Santa's First Stop 10am
December 20: Children's Musical

Third Grade Bibles

On September 27, we presented our third grade students their own Bible. The following students received their Bible this year: Lettie Meckstroth, William Monnier, Maggie Pearson, and Aurora Proffit. We hope that they use their new Bibles to deepen their love and understanding of God and His love for us.


Back to School Prayer


3rd Grade Bibles


Backpack Sunday

Check it out





UMCOR Hygiene Kits

United Methodist Committee on Relief

On October 4th, families gathered to pack the supplies donated during VBS into hygiene kits which will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief to be distributed to people who have been through natural disasters and other crises. We packed nearly 70 hygiene kits!





Horse Parade

We are looking for volunteers to bake cookies and help pass out cookies and hot chocolate for Piqua's Holiday Horse Parade. The parade passes right in front of our church and we have enjoyed this community outreach the last few years. Join us for all the fun November 14 from 6-7pm (parade starts at 7pm) or sign up to bring in cookies with the Family Ministry team!





Family Ministry Presents The Christmas Story

December 20

During service the children and the Family Ministry Team will bring the nativity to life while singing Christmas carols and sharing the good news of the birth of Jesus!

Christmas Musical

Each year, our children enjoy sharing music and the Christmas Story with us. All children are welcome to participate and can join us any time, even on the day of the event. We sing well-known Christmas songs and have lots of costumes and speaking parts. Join us in enjoying the Children sharing the nativity story on December 20th during regular service at 10am.

THANK YOU

Greene St. Church,
Thank you very much for the donation of backpacks for our students in need. They were needed! We appreciate your care and thoughtful provision for the needs of our families. We have had a wonderful start to the school year.
-Sincerely, Washington Primary staff.

Many many thanks for the book bags that were dropped off to PHS! I am sorry that I missed you when you dropped them off. Having the backpacks is such a blessing to our students and we sincerely appreciate all the love and support.
-Shelli Mitchell, Piqua High School Secretary

Greene Street Church,
We are covering you and your congregation in prayer. May God continue to bless you in your work of being the hands and feet of Jesus to your community.
-Peace, Connection Ministries of West Ohio Conference.



As the children learned during this summer's VBS:
Praise and Thanks!
How do I thank you for my wonderful Greene Street family?
And how do I thank all of them for the surprise 90th birthday celebration?
Along with having all 12 of my family members with me to celebrate,
my church family's celebration
was the highlight of the week!
WOW, GREENE STREET FAMILY!
Thank you for making my 90th birthday so special!
Many Blessings to each and every one!
Sincerely,
Nancy Woods

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).

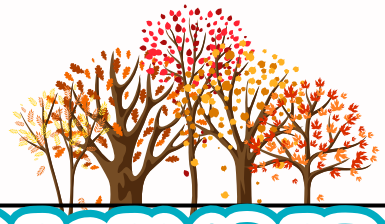
Greene Street Church Family – Jo Anderson, Joan Beck, Gary Bowdle, Tawyna Gaier, Shirley Gover, Lou Ellen Oakes, Abby Silvers, Bill Walters, Bill Wright,

Friends and Family of Greene Street - Mike & Debbie Deeter (Clark), Mark & Donna Youtz (Collette), Kinsley Miller, Evelyn Shortidge (Cooper), Tammy (Ellerman), Jim Gaier, Dave Reeves, Steve Thomas, Weston Houts, Kash Foster (Gaier), Uncle Wilson, Uncle Bob, Mauger Family (Hadden), Christy Hight (Hall), Jeremy Root (Helman), Paul & Wendy Beal (Hopkins), Mom (Huelskamp), Holmes family, Mary Schultes, Kritz family, Barb (Jurosic), granddaughter (Kiser), Nancy Pruner (Leasure), Travis Lucas, Jeff Cox (Marrs), Angie (McLargin), Josie Farris (Middleton), Doug Lange, (Minton), Jodi McGraw (Price), Karen Jamison, Forrest Foster (Scroggins), Donna Casto, Val Seas (Seas), Brandon, Don Patty,Tim Ferree, Carly (Stilwell), Christina Whittacker, Carol Greene, Cindy Fair, Garrett Brewer (Taylor), Crystal, Diane, Nikkea, Carol H, Connie T, Doug & Teresa, Richard, Wendy (Thorpe), Jeb Friend (Underwood), Dave & Kris Brown (Vosler), Candy, Hayley Spencer (Weimer), David Shortidge (Wilzcek), Stephanie (Woods), Diana Swafford, Mike Miller, Jerry Nicks (Food Pantry)

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

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



NOVEMBER

1 Jed Cooper
2 Tina Elliott
3 Blair Elliott
4 Ashlee Larger
5 Kelly Meckstroth
6 Deb Kiser
8 Jim Christy
9 Haylee Meckstroth
10 Megan Kline
11 Hillary Jaqua
12 Nolan Silvers
Amanda Wion
13 Jeff Price
Gryffin Salisbury
14 Cecily Stewart
Grady Stewart
Allison Wagner
16 Sally Ellis
Carol Hepler
Colt Maniaci
17 Josh Meckstroth
19 Darl Blevins
21 Miranda Sweetman
22 Jason Jones
Jim Otey
24 George Sweetman
26 Carol Cain
29 Linda Carter

7 Devan & Kenzie Shade



DECEMBER

2 Ruthie Mohler
Vivian Pearson
3 Marian Couchot
Kelli Meckstroth
Caitlin Mohler
5 Peggy Moorman
7 Jillian Boyd
8 Rita Ash
Michelle Hart
9 Greg Trissell
10 Katie Hitchman
Stephanie Maniaci
13 Pam Ford
14 Joyce Ellerman
Jordan Lawson
Aaron Thompson
15 Elizabeth DuBois
16 Ron Kiser
17 Pat Helman
Jeff Marrs
19 Steve Frazier
Alison Sink
20 Fred Shellenberg
23 Donavan Taylor
Logan Wagner
24 Tristyn Frazier
Faye Oakes
28 Paul Doak
Penelope Salisbury
29 Marj Stilwell
Nick Thompson

10 Martin & Jackie Pollock
18 Megan & Andy Pearson
21 Billy & Jennifer Wright
26 Tom & Jeanne Ringer
Steve & Gail Staley
28 Jim & Sandra Christy
29 Dale & Barbara Davis
31 Reganne & Corbin Meckstroth

We pray God's comfort to be with:

- Diana & Jeff Hall and family upon the death of her father Duane on September 7, 2026.
- Sherry Heath and family upon the death of her husband Jim Heath on October 3, 2026. A service to honor Jim's life will be announced in the near future. Memorial contributions may be made to Greene Street United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.
- Dick and Betty Clark and family upon the death of his sister, Barb Bennett, on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.
- Eidemiller and Shawler families and friends of Ed Eidemiller, who passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2026.
- Pastor Keith Gebhart of Saint Paul's Church died Wednesday , October 14 after a courageous battle with cancer. Prayers for Keith's wife Crystal and daughter Megan and his faithful congregation.

We pray God's blessings upon:

- Robyn Cooper's new great-grandbaby. His name is Miller Wilczek born to Matthew & Quinn Wilczeck. Matthew is Robbie Wilczeck's brother.
- Jacob & Alexa Clifton with the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Ivy, on Thursday, October 15, 2026. Eleanor Ivy is the 1st Great Grandchild of Pat Helman

The Chimes - Newsletter
Greene Street United Methodist Church
415 W. Greene Street
Piqua, Ohio 45356-2198

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Piqua, Ohio
Permit No. 268
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

