



# The Chimes

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## Graduate Recognition Sunday

Please mark Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, on your calendars for Graduate Recognition Sunday at Greene Street! If you or a Greene Streeter you know is graduating from high school, college, preschool, or other institution of higher learning, please give their contact info to the church office so we can recognize them on our Graduate Recognition Sunday.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Do you have a Graduate (preschool, high school, college) contact the church office by Monday, May 16.



## All Female Worship Sundays

March 20 & March 27



# Message from our Pastor



Greetings Greene St!

As I write this we are turning the calendar to May, though I want to pause and briefly reflect on March and April. What an incredible two months of ministry and worship we had at Greene St.!

To begin, we had a great time worshipping with our friends from Grace UMC, Fletcher UMC, Casstown UMC and Bethel UMC on Ash Wednesday. That night was a wonderful way to kick off the season of Lent, I am already looking forward to next year. Ash Wednesday was followed up by an equally enjoyable combined Maundy Thursday and Good Friday during Holy Week.

The month of April saw our two largest in person worship gatherings since the pandemic began. We are blessed to welcome 15 new members and their families which includes six baptisms...incredible! Please continue to be the warm and loving church that you are, I think we have exciting times ahead of us.

Please take time to look at all of the pictures contained in this newsletter that captured these memories along the way. From the chili cook off to our Easter Egg Hunt to Easter Sunday, it has been a rich time to participate in the life of Greene St. church. I am grateful for each one of you who calls this church your spiritual home.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Peace,

Pastor, Greene Street UMC  
revwill@greenestreetumc.org



## Outbound Ministry Update...

Thanks to all your faithful prayers, our nursing facilities are back to normal. It is such a blessing to see smiling faces! One lady had been concerned that she forgot how to pray, though she has been a Christian her whole life. She said she had missed our classes. I always spend one-on-one time with those that need a personal moment, such as this sweet lady. Whether it be a soft touch of a hand, a gentle prayer, or a belly laugh, I'm there! We are averaging 8-10 people each week at Piqua Manor. At Brookdale and Troy, we are averaging 10-12 people each week. I received a call from Shawnee Estates in Xenia, a "sister" facility to Brookdale. There we're averaging 20-25 each week. Pastor Will blesses the elements and all partake in communion except one, who is Catholic. One gentleman at Xenia said it has been a long time since they had communion. The facility director in Xenia, said they had been having a hard time finding someone willing to make a drive to them so a gentleman there had been holding a Bible study. This is the same man that said he had not had communion in a long time. What a blessing it is to be a part of this ministry! I will be seeking more facilities that are in need of Bible studies / worship services. Please continue to keep that in your prayers.

May God continue to bless and keep you, may he shine his face upon you and give you peace.

Becky Kelly, CLM



## Answered Prayers from the Food Pantry

We have been busy. One Monday in April we fed 48 people. We had cars lined up in the alley. We gave out a lot of food.

One lady came and was so excited because she had gotten a job. She had a totally different outlook on life. She was grateful for answered prayers.

A man came who had to move. He was thankful that God had been providing for him. Another prayer had been answered.

Several people asked that we pray for the people in Ukraine. That is certainly a terrible situation.

One gentleman is struggling with the fact his mother has dementia. He feels guilty when he is at work. He is doing the best he can. We have prayed with him.

Please continue to pray for our food pantry friends that all their need are met.

Peggy Moorman, CLM

### Update from Wordsower Liberia:

Last month we went on 238 mission trips. A mission trip can last from a few hours up to a week. Each mission team returns with testimonies. I will mention just a few from the hundreds that occur each month. Purposely names of communities and leaders are left out:

One of our indigenous missionary teams reported, "We are in a churchless village of an unreached Muslim tribe. We were ready to show the Jesus Film in their Limba language. The Iman (The Islamic spiritual leader, similar to a pastor) and other members of the Mosque begged us to not show the film... until they had finished their evening prayers so they could all watch it together!!!! So, we waited, with joy, and are now showing. Almost all the village is watching."

Participate with us in praise and prayer:

- Pray: For our indigenous missionary teams, that they will continue to fearlessly, boldly and sacrificially advance the gospel into the unreached tribes.
- Pray: For our new indigenous missionary team to Guinea. They are going to 2 unreached, Christian-less tribes. Pray that our Lord will reveal where they shall establish their base.
- Pray: For us we march into and live within the strongholds of Satan to, "snatch others from the fire and save them." Jude 1:23.
- Pray: "Finally, our friends, pray for us that the Lord's message may continue to spread rapidly and be received with honor, just as it was among you. Pray also that God will rescue us from wicked and evil people; for not everyone believes the message." 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2.

# Children's Ministry

## Thank you church family!!

Palm Sunday was a BIG DAY for the children of Greene Street! At the beginning of our 10:30 worship on April 10, they paraded up and down the aisles waving palm branches, rang bells during the service and attended Sunday School. Then following worship, thirty children and their parents stayed for the **Easter Egg Hunt** which included a fruit and cheese snack for the children before hunting for 1200 candy filled plastic eggs in the parlor, sanctuary, and front narthex. They also took home a bag of small gifts to help bring meaning to their celebration of Easter!

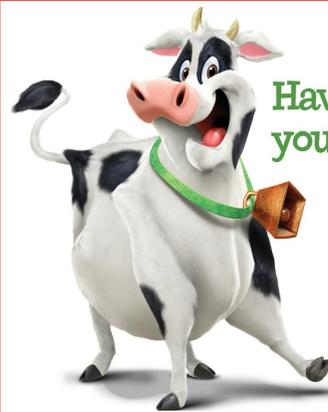
As always, **YOU** generously donated bags and bags of candy! We are extremely grateful for the youth who hid the eggs and helped monitor the children: Jacob Jensvold, Addie and Zoe Leasure, Richard Price, and Carsyn, Haylee and Payton Mecktroth. Also, we are indebted to the folks in the class meeting groups who willingly filled all those eggs with candy. After cancelling in 2020 and not scheduling this event in '21, it was delightful to watch our precious ones having so much fun in their warm and welcoming church home!

## Sunday School

Each Sunday during the 10:30 worship, children aged four through sixth grade are excused before the sermon to attend Sunday School (in room 24 upstairs off the balcony) and return to their families in time for communion. During May our lessons will include five important stories about the life of Paul from the book of Acts, and in June we'll learn about Pentecost, spiritual gifts and the fruit of the Spirit.



Children who attended on Easter Sunday took home an edible craft: the empty tomb!



Haven't you HERD?

HayDay VBS is here!

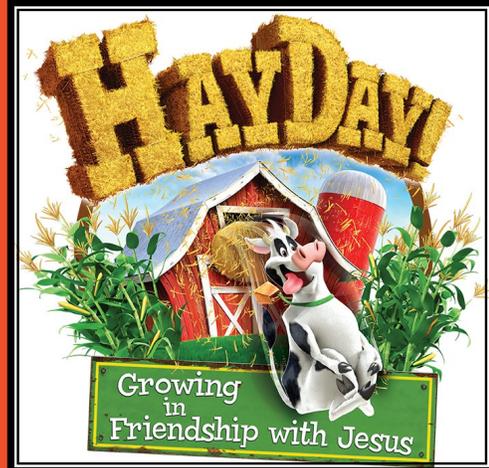
Location: Greene Street United Methodist  
(church name)

VBS will last from: July 17-21, 2022  
(VBS dates)

Farm fun begins at: 6:30 p.m.  
(VBS start time)

The cows come home at: 8:30 p.m.  
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: 937-773-5313  
(church phone number)



### VBS Planning Meeting

Please join this year's Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 7 p.m. and Monday, June 6, 7 p.m. in the Gathering Room. "Moo"re hands make for "moo"re friendship."

# Graduates



## Jackson Elliott

I am graduating from Piqua High School, where I played Basketball for 3 years, as well as track and tennis for 1 year each. I have received the Top 100 award for 3 years also. I will be graduating with an Honors diploma, and I am also ranked in the top 15th in my senior class. I'm attending Ohio State University this fall and my major will be accounting.



## Natalie Fogt

Natalie Fogt is graduating on May 27 2022, from Piqua High School. She is the daughter of Jerry and Sharon Fogt.

While in high school, Natalie has been a part of National Honor Society, volleyball team, swim team, link leaders, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. She is also active with the Greene Street food pantry.

This fall, Natalie will be attending the University of Kentucky, majoring in nursing.

 **Natalie and her family would like to invite the members of our Greene St family to help celebrate this joyous occasion on Saturday June 4th, from 1-5 pm at 3225 Cherokee Drive.**



## Nicholas Heath

Nicholas Dean Heath is the son of Jeff and Natalee Heath, grandson of Jim and Sherry Heath and Ray and Shirley Sheppard. Nicholas will be graduating from Piqua High School. Nicholas' focus throughout high school has been playing soccer and working through the aviation program.

This fall Nicholas will begin the Professional Pilot Program at Edison Community College where he will work towards an Associate's degree in Aviation and his single/double engine Pilot's License.



## Justin Osborn

Justin Osborn is the son of Catherine and Scott Osborn of Clarkston, Michigan, Justin is the grandson of Mitch and Kathleen Pedroff. He is graduating from the University of Michigan in Mechanical Engineering. He will graduate Summa Cum Laude on April 30, 2022. Justin will intern this summer at SpaceX in Hawthorne, California. Then he will go back to the University of Michigan to work for his Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Justin is a four year member of the Michigan BAJA Racing Team and is the Team Captain. Justin was baptized at Greene Street United Methodist Church.

# Graduates



**Maddy Fogt**

My name is Maddison Fogt. I am graduating on May 7<sup>th</sup> from the University of Akron with my Bachelor's degree in Nursing. I have enjoyed my years in college and am excited to start the next chapter in my life. I've applied to some local hospitals and am looking forward to being closer to my family and friends again. Thank you for all your support and prayers over the last 3 years!



**Cecily Stewart**

Cecily Stewart is the daughter of Cecil and Kris Stewart. She will be graduating from the University of Toledo College of Law with her Juris Doctor. While at the University of Toledo she was a member of Law Review, the Student Bar Association, and the President of Toledo Sports Law Society.

After graduation and passing the bar exam, she hopes to work in a local county as a prosecutor or in private practice, practicing Juvenile and Family Law.



**Katie Stewart**

I am graduating April 30, 2022, from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a major in Art Education. I was on the dean's list each semester from fall 19 to spring 22. I hope to teach in the area but will go wherever I am meant to go.

I was in the BGSU Undergraduate Art Exhibition '22 for one of my photographs and received the President's Suite Award for that same art piece.



**Leanne Price**

Leanne Price, daughter of Jeff and Linda Price, graduated from Butler University in December with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. While at Butler, Leanne was highly involved in biochemistry research on campus and was a member of Phi Eta Sigma and NCSC honor societies.

Leanne is currently working at Butler University as a lab assistant. In the fall, she will attend the University of Louisville to pursue a PhD through the biochemistry and molecular biology department.

## Boy Scout Food Drive:



Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Boy Scout Food drive by either donating your canned food items in your neighborhoods or by volunteering your time on Saturday, March 19th, to help count, sort, and stock our food pantry shelves! It was really neat to see scouts in uniform dropping off the collection of canned foods and it was nice to visit with them. There were over 2,000 items donated by the community (including some vintage refried beans from 2006 that some of the men really wanted to open to taste test) and the day ran like clockwork with everything wrapped up in just 2.5 hours! We were blessed to have so many helping hands and joyful people being the hands and feet of Christ at this event, hope to see all of you and more at next year's event!



## Chili Cook Off and Dessert Auction! - April 3

Congratulations to the winners of our Chili Cookoff!

3rd place went to Edna Middleton

2nd place went to Doug Stilwell

1st place went to Arlys Fogt

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our chili cookoff by either battling it out for the best chili or being an outstanding taste tester of the 8 pots of chili! Special thank you to those who demonstrated their baking abilities by donating over 90 desserts that included chocolate covered strawberries, homemade cakes and pies, peanut brittle, fudge, and brownies (or for one who contributed crafts because of her lack of baking ability). And finally to all of those who placed bids and walked away with a few of those 90+ desserts! Together this event earned around \$1200 for the Greene Street Food Pantry and what a wonderful afternoon it was to reacquaint ourselves with friends we haven't seen for a while and to get to know some of our new members! Thank you for your generosity!



**United Methodist Men Breakfast**  
 May 21, 8 a.m. **Last Meeting**  
 in Basement **of the Season**  
**All Men are Welcome!**

**UMM Pancake Breakfast—March 26, 2022**



★ Military Care Cards ★

**Military Care Cards**

This year our Military Care Team would like to do something a little different. We are asking you to donate money to Military Care. The team will then get gift cards to select places that our military men/women will be able to use. For those who have a military person, please get current address to Jenny in the office ([jennifer@greenestreetumc.org](mailto:jennifer@greenestreetumc.org)) by June 21. If you have questions contact Linda Carter (937-773-3380).

Refresh, Renew, Restore 2022 PAUMCS Conference



Thank you to everyone who has supported me on this journey. Being the Church Office Manager can sometimes, especially at Easter, be really hard and tiring. With the relationships and continued education I get through the Profession Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure, I can continue to smile.

This past weekend we talked about everyone needing that Sabbath Time, even people who work for the church. Ways to Refresh ourselves and laughter will help us deal with stressful situations and stay renewed every day.



Again Thank you for supporting me,  
 Jennifer Sweetman  
 Certified PAUMCS Administrator

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## MAY Birthdays

- 1 Joey Kline
- 2 Joshua Heath  
Ryan Vosler
- 6 Lindsey Penrod
- 7 Karen Kist
- 8 Alex Thompson
- 10 Dottie Goater  
Judy MacKellar
- 12 Maura DuBois  
Scott Phillips  
Jade Schneider  
Joseph Sherman  
Lauren Sweetman
- 13 Bill Wright
- 15 Sharon Fogt  
Lisa Meckstroth
- 16 Bonnie Trissell
- 18 Christina Meckstroth  
Abby Peeples
- 19 Kelsea Ellerman  
Richard Donnelly
- 22 James Schneider  
Layland Zerkle
- 27 Billy Taylor
- 28 Nancy Callison  
Lila Prouty

## MAY Anniversaries

- 8 Jim & Melanie Sever
- 10 Mark & Susan Hopkins
- 11 Duane & Tawnya Gaier
- 14 Kris & Cindy Brown
- 16 Joyce & Chris Ellerman
- 19 Robert & Jamie Salisbury
- 25 Tom & Melissa Wagner
- 31 Karen & Jim Schneider



## MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

**Church Office Closed  
Monday, May 30, 2022**

## JUNE Birthdays

- 1 Kaylee Lacy
- 3 Lindsay Lambert
- 4 Isabella Lawson  
Patricia Taylor
- 5 Holly Jensvold
- 7 Elliott Larger  
Steve Stanford
- 8 Terry Fry
- 11 Katie Erbes
- 16 Landon Adams  
Jenny Erbes  
Mary Guenther  
Carolyn McClannan
- 18 Nancy Cox
- 19 Aubrey Cox
- 21 Zoe Leasure  
April Vosler
- 22 Leanne Price
- 23 Amanda Seas  
Gloria Tapp
- 24 Nancy Brogden  
Will Leasure  
Robert Salisbury
- 25 Eric Taylor
- 27 Dave Palmer
- 29 Libby Brown  
Jeff Heath  
Addie Leasure

## JUNE Anniversaries

- 1 Ed & Sally Ellis
- 4 Jim & Lisa Meckstroth
- 6 Jim & Sherry Heath
- 10 Dorthea & Ken Casselman
- 12 Jessica & Peter Sullivan
- 14 Doug & Amy Sweetman
- 15 Jennifer & Curt Everett
- 17 Fred & Wanda Shellenberg
- 20 Don & Joanne Motter  
Eric & Jenny Sweetman
- 22 Joe & Julie Adams
- 23 Jeff & Ashlee Larger
- 24 Jim & Nancy Brogden  
Dave & April Vosler
- 26 Pat & Pam Brown



## The Prayer Page

### Greene Street Church Family –

Darl Blevins, Don Brown, Mary Guenther, Jim Heath, Ken Heath, Pat Helman, Harold (Doc) Pummill, Doug Stilwell, Ron Yount

### Friends and Family of Greene Street Church –

Cheryl Vollette (Ash), Gary Johnson (Collette), Bev Kaser (Cooper), Brittne Waugh, Melissa Lawrence (Daycare), Warren McNemar (Ellerman), Valerie Frazier (Frazier), Megan Apple (Gaier), Rhonda Gates, Angie Shroyer (Helman), Dave Beal (Hopkins), Grace (Jackson), Riley Hume (Jurosic), Cindy Fisher (Leasure), Sherry Hyder (MacKellar), Ryan Motter, Glenn Devers (Motter), Marilyn Ketrow, Becah, Mike and Lowell Jess (Stilwell), Megan Underwood (Underwood)

### Military –

Jed Cooper, Ronnie Cooper, Taylor Huebner (Frazier), Piqua #1487 Transport Unit (Hopkins), Cadet Allison Osborn (Pedroff), Joseph Sherman (Shellenberg), Dalton Ketrow (Stilwell), Alex Rossman (Sweetman), Tom Place (Tapp), Dasch Underwood

### Care Facilities –

Garbry Ridge: Nancy Callison, Betty Gary, Jean Francony; Brookdale: Judy Meckstroth; Story Point: Rose Staley, Carol Hepler, Dan Califf; Piqua Manor: Debbie Blue, Hannah Kingrey

## Thank You's

Greene Street Church,

Thank you for all the prayer. The scans came back all clean.

Jim Gover

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Thank you all, yet again, for your kindness & generosity. The blankets are sure to brighten any room! Such skills!

Again, Thank you, Beth Shreke, Hospice of Miami County

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Dear Greene Street UMC,

We are very thankful for your kind donation of \$496.86 to the Rehabilitation Center from the Bucket Collection. It is because of generous supporters such as you that we are able to help our clients improve their quality of life.

Thank you again for helping us provide "Hands that Give Hope." - Carla Bertke, Executive Director

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Thank you so much for all your continued work at such a hard time!! Please know everyone sees your efforts. Stay safe and be well as we figure out a new normal.

Sending a huge Thanks in this small card to you all! Thinking of you & hoping for many good things ahead. Thanks from a grateful neighbor for finding ways to help.

-Julianna

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

Prayers for God's peace are extended to family and friends of Hubert Bateman, who passed away on Friday, February 25, 2022.

From Lisa Seas: Please pray for the family of Shirley Sherwood Robertson as they cope with her passing.

From Joanne Motter: prayers for the family of Bill Sharp who passed away Sunday, March 20. Bill was a dear friend and a Korean War Veteran.

From Daycare: Prayers for staff Kyrsten Penny in the passing of her mother, Christina Landers on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Prayers for Kyrsten and the family.

We pray for God's comfort to be with Lou and Cork Oakes and family upon the death of her brother Scott Halm on Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

From Jenny and Lauren Sweetman: We pray God's comfort to be with Stephanie Sells (Mom) and Kristen Lewis (sister) and the rest of their family upon the death of Katelyn Lewis, daughter and sister on Monday, March 28, 2022.

Prayers for Amy Sweetman and family upon the passing of her step-sister, Annalise Osborne on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

From Michelle Underwood: Please pray for the family of Peggy Cheney who passed away April 1 after a brave battle with cancer.

From Jenna and Larry Jurosic: Please pray for the family of Michele Ewald.

From Joann Motter. Asking for prayers for the family of Dale Snyder, who passed away Saturday, April 9. Dale was a good friend and a Korean War Veteran.

Prayers for God's peace to be with the friends and family of Gary Meek, who passed away on Monday, April 18, 2022.

We pray for God's comfort to be with Ed and Sally Ellis and family upon the death of his step-mother, Carol Ellis on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

## We pray God's blessings upon:

Proud grandparents, Bill and Linda Carter and excited big sisters Maggie and Vivi request we pray God's blessings upon Megan and Andy Pearson with the birth of their daughter, Allison Carter Pearson, on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

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