

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Summer is here!

As the 4th of July comes around the corner, it reminds me that my family and I have been with you for a full year! We have been so blessed to serve at Groveport UMC. You have shown us great love, patience, and compassion. My hope is that each of you have also received the same love from us.

When I first came to GUMC, we held meet the pastor sessions where I got a chance to know you and you got a chance to know the Mann family. Very soon we hope to compile the notes from those sessions and ask the question, where is God leading us the next year, 5 years, and beyond. But I wanted to share a quick reflection with you three things that have stayed with me:

1. You are a praying church! You take prayer seriously in service. You take seriously the prayer chain. You have a space devoted to prayer in the back of the sanctuary. I have been asking myself, how do we continue to grow in prayer? A few ideas have come to mind, hopefully we can try some of these soon!
2. Disciple Bible study was a transformative power for your church. This fall it is my hope to bring back the Disciple Bible Study on Wednesday Nights- including providing childcare. Will you join with me in this adventure?
3. You all described the church as family. My prayer is that you still feel this way despite the turmoil the denomination is currently weathering. But maybe even more importantly, how do we extend this experience of loving family to the younger generations in our community that do not have regular contact with church? Every day I drive by soccer fields filled with families and when I go to the aquatic center, children and young people are everywhere. How is God calling us to reach those families with the Gospel?

I am sure much more will come from reflection, but it is clear to me that we cannot lose sight of prayer, discipling through study, and intentionally reaching out to our community. Continue to pray that our church would be the best we could be and that each of us could continue to build the kingdom.

Grace and Peace, Jonathan Mann

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Meetings and Events at GUMC



July 2019



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2 7 pm Boy Scouts	3	4 11 am Festivities on the Lawn/Parade 5 pm Party at the Hilbert's	5	6 730 am Men's Emmaus SG 9 am Women's Emmaus SG
7 6 pm Boy Scouts Cmte Mtg	8 6 pm Missions Team Mtg	9 6 pm Lillian Faith Ladies Night Out 7 pm Boy Scouts	10	11 630 pm Men's Emmaus SG	12	13 730 am Men's Emmaus SG 9 am Women's Emmaus SG
14 5 pm Pizza with Pastor	15	16 7 pm Boy Scouts	17	18 630 pm Men's Emmaus SG	19	20 730 am Men's Emmaus SG 9 am Women's Emmaus SG
21 6 pm VBS Vacation Bible School	22 6 pm VBS 7 pm Leadership Mtg	23 6 pm VBS 7 pm Boy Scouts	24 6 pm VBS	25 6 pm VBS	26 6 pm Feeding His Children-Prep	27 7 am Feeding His Children 730 am Men's Emmaus SG 9 am Ministry Table 9 am Women's Emmaus SG
28 VBS Sunday	29	30 7 pm Boy Scouts	31			

Meetings and Events at GUMC

August 2019



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 630 pm Men's Emmaus SG 7pm Grief Share	2	3 730 am Men's Emmaus SG 8am-2pm Sunday School Assembly 9 am Women's Emmaus SG
4 8am-2pm Sunday School Assembly	5	6 7 pm Boy Scouts	7	8 630 pm Men's Emmaus SG 7pm Grief Share	9	10 730 am Men's Emmaus SG 9 am Women's Emmaus SG
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WELCOME SUMMER

(let the good times roll)

4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES!

Don't miss the annual 4th of July festivities going on at GUMC! The parade begins at 11:00 am and the GUMC lawn is a wonderful place to sit and watch! The men will be selling hot dogs, brats, chips and pop before and during the parade. So come out and enjoy some hometown food, fellowship, and festivities!

LILLIAN FAITH SUMMER PLANS

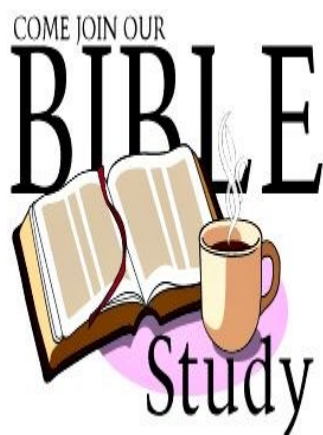
July 9th at 6:00 pm. All ladies are invited to attend the next Lillian Faith meeting. It's an evening meeting so ALL ladies can come! We will eat, meet and learn more about the projects that the Lillian Faith Circle does throughout the year and also the charities that the Circle donates the money they earned to. We work real hard to make money to spend! We will also talk about the date of making the infamous buckeyes for the Apple Butter Festival in October. The elevator will be available.

RADA knives for sale.

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

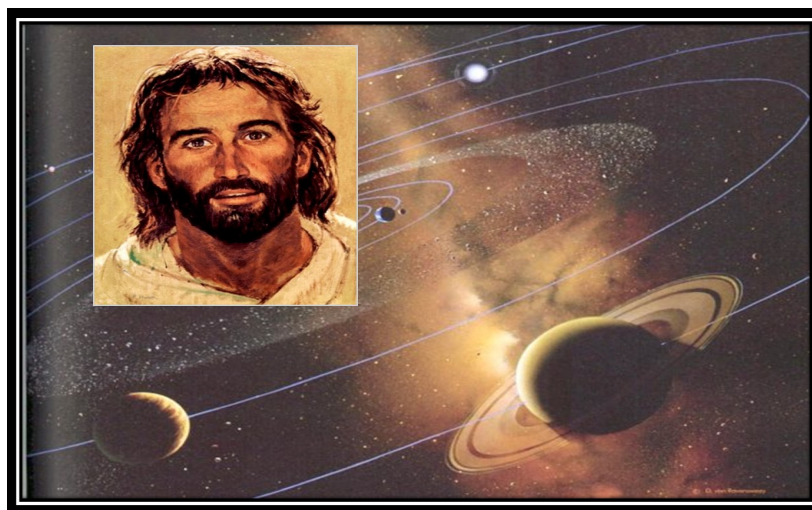
July 14th 5-6pm . Come meet Pastor Jonathan, his wife Kelly, and their children. Learn more about Groveport United Methodist Church, what it means to be a member of GUMC and the many ways to be involved.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars! This year's Vacation Bible School will be from July 21-25 at 6:00 pm, with a special closing program on Sunday evening July 28 at 6:00 pm right here at GUMC! The theme is Out of this world with Jesus, and volunteers are still needed, so please prayerfully consider how you might be able to assist with this great ministry. A variety of volunteer positions are available to accommodate various schedules. So whether you can help out just one night, or you can help out every night, please contact Steven Shirley at (614) 835-0251. Online registration is available on the GUMC website (groveportumc.org).



DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY 1

This Fall Pastor Jonathan will be facilitating the Disciple Bible Study. This Study was originally brought to your church years ago and was one of the most commonly mentioned things from the meet the Pastor Sessions.

Disciple Bible Study is a 34 week program that involves reading and reflecting on the whole Biblical story. Being a participant involves individual daily reading and taking notes (around 30-40min a day) and a weekly meeting with the class that involves video from Biblical Scholars and discussion time with the class (for us this will be 2hrs).

- Wednesday Nights from 6:30-8:30pm
- Free Childcare will be available
- Manual for the class costs \$32. You can purchase these individually yourself through Cokesbury or contact the church office before the class starts.
- Each participant will take turns providing a snack for the class.
- Classes will start September 25, 2019 and go until beginning of Summer 2020. We will take breaks for holidays.

Nothing will challenge you to grow deeper in your faith than studying scripture!

School Supply Collection

CGMHN School Supply Distribution will be held Sunday, August 11th at the Middle School North between 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Missions Team plans to have 200 packets available to pass out (last year we put together 150 and ran out!). There is such a need in our community! A list of needed items for the distribution will be in the Sunday bulletin in July.

Feeding His Children at Claire UMC

We continue to feed the people at Claire UMC in south Columbus the 4th Saturday each month, prepping the meal the Friday night before. This has been a blessing to us and to those we are feeding. They are so appreciative and a joy! Please join us in reaching out. We also provide toiletry items to the Greater Groveport Area Human Needs Food Pantry. We would love to have you join us!

Opportunities coming soon:

Samaritan's Purse

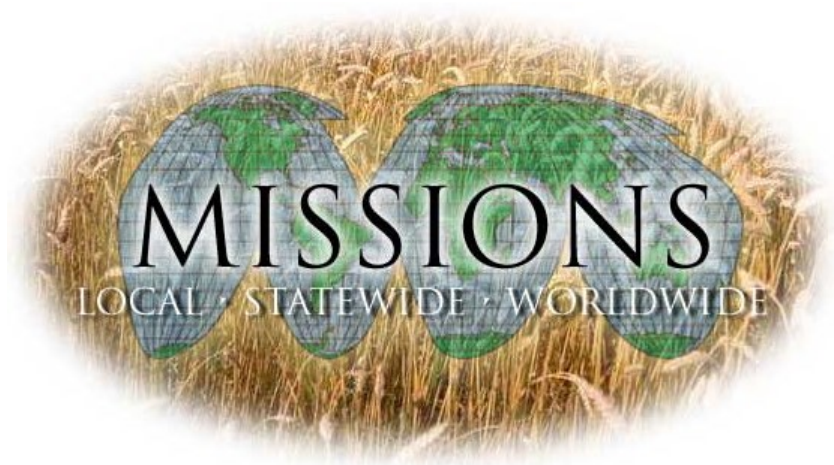
Last November, OUR CHURCH, did a great job of filling **65** shoeboxes with goodies, clothes, toys, supplies and LOVE for children around the world. Thank you all!

Angel Tree Ministry

THANK YOU to all who purchased, sorted, wrapped and delivered gifts to children whose parent/guardian is incarcerated through our Prison Fellowship/Angel Tree Christmas Ministry in December. We served 4 families with a total of 13 children.

Mitten & Hat Tree

YOU all outdid yourselves COVERING our Mitten and Hat Tree with hats (many handmade) and gloves in December. It was a wonderful sight! We delivered 38 hats and 8 pair of gloves to Groveport Elementary School and the same number to Glendenning Elementary School. They were very glad to receive these. Thank you all!





The GriefShare small group is a friendly, caring group of people who understands your circumstances and will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. The grieving process is complicated and lonely but you do not have to go through it alone. GriefShare is a 13-week video seminar series that features the nation's most foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video.

Groveport UMC will sponsor a GriefShare group commencing Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The group is open to anyone in our community or surrounding area who has experienced the loss of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. Please share with your family, friends and co-workers. If you would like to learn more about GriefShare, check out the website at <https://www.griefshare.org/about>.

Registration on-line is now available at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/108826>. If you have questions, please contact Patty Upperman at 614-582-0611 or Vicki Babbert at 614-537-7081 or send an email to groveportgriefsharegroup@gmail.com.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Peace United Methodist Church at 235 Diley Road on Pickerington accepts medical equipment that you are done using. Also, they loan out equipment that you might need (canes, walkers, wheelchairs, bath chairs, etc.). In addition to these pieces of equipment, hospital beds are available for use. Any questions can be directed to Linda at (614) 837-3732.





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Worship God Build Disciples Change Lives

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

By Roger Robicheau

One Nation Under God we live
Think about all some had to give

We the people share freedom's life
In a world of ever present strife

Be grateful to those who keep this true
Warriors of our red, white, and blue

They're trained by those of great skill
Honed to perform, so strong their will

They show what love is all about
They'll fight for us, there is no doubt

Defending bravely what we are
No holding back each heartfelt star

Highly praise these men and women
Giving thanks time and again

Those in uniform will always be
The golden pride of this country

