

## A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Hello GUMC Family,

In case some of you haven't heard the news, the Lord is taking me in a new direction, and I am going to be working in the High School office at Madison Christian School, where my daughter Jenna attends school.



I wanted to let you all know how much I have truly enjoyed my last 5 ½ years here at Groveport United Methodist Church. You all have been so warm, gracious, and welcoming....both to me and to my family, and I really feel like you all have become part of MY extended family! Jenna has spent many hours here along with me, and has gotten to know those upstairs classrooms quite well! Everyone was always so kind to Jenna when she was here, and as a mama I truly appreciate that!

I was not searching for a job, but the opportunity at MCS opened up and after much prayer and discussion with my family, I felt like God was leading me to this new journey to work and serve Him.

I have been so blessed to work with Pastor Jonathan these last few months, and am thankful for his understanding and graciousness with me as I have worked through wrapping things up here at the church. GUMC has been truly blessed with another great pastor in Jonathan, and I will be excited to hear about where his leadership will take GUMC in the days to come!

Please know that I will miss you all, and I hope to see many of you out and around town at restaurants and events. And of course I will keep GUMC in my prayers, and I know He will bring someone wonderful to fill my position (although maybe not QUITE so wonderful that you all forget me....LOL!!)

Blessings to you all,

Joy Habegger

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# Meetings and Events at GUMC

~ September 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Women's SG 9 am
2 Prayer Circle 9:30 am  Women's SG 2 pm	3 	4  Women's Emmaus SG 6 pm  Bible Study 6:30 pm  RUMC Emmaus 7 pm	5     Choir 7 pm	6  Men's Emmaus SG 6:30 pm  Meet the Pastor 7 pm (@ Parsonage)  GriefShare 7 pm	7     Meet the Pastor 7 pm (@ Parsonage)	8 UM Men's Breakfast 8:30 am  Women's SG 9 am  Meet the Pastor 12 pm (@ Hilbert's)
9 Prayer Circle 9:30 am  Women's SG 2 pm  Meet the Pastor 6 pm (@ the Babbert's)  Boy Scout Cmte Mtg 7 pm	10    Missions 6 pm  Scouts 7 pm	11  Lillian Faith 10 am    Women's Emmaus SG 6 pm  Bible Study 6:30 pm  Cub Scouts 7 pm	12    Care Team 1 pm    Choir 7 pm	13     Men's Emmaus SG 6:30 pm  GriefShare 7 pm	14	15 Women's SG 9 am  Aldridge Wedding
16 Prayer Circle 9:30 am  Women's SG 2 pm  GUMY Sr. 5 pm	17    Scouts 7 pm	18  Women's Emmaus SG 6 pm  Bible Study 6:30 pm  Cub Scouts 7 pm	19    Choir 7 pm	20  Men's Emmaus SG 6:30 pm  GriefShare 7 pm	21	22 Women's SG 9 am
23 Prayer Circle 9:30 am  Women's SG 2 pm  GUMY Sr. 5 pm	24    Scouts 7 pm	25  Women's Emmaus SG 6 pm  Bible Study 6:30 pm  Cub Scouts 7 pm	26    Choir 7 pm	27  Men's Emmaus SG 6:30 pm  GriefShare 7 pm	28  Feeding His Children Prep 6 pm-9 pm	29 Women's SG 9 am  Feeding His Children 7 am-2pm
30 Prayer Circle 9:30 am  Women's SG 2 pm  GUMY Sr. 5 pm	<b>Notes:</b>					

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~ October 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>  Scouts 7 pm	<b>2</b> Women's Emmaus SG 6 pm  RUMC Emmaus 7 pm  Cub Scouts 7 pm	<b>3</b>   Choir 7 pm	<b>4</b>   Men's Emmaus SG 6:30 pm  GriefShare 7 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Women's SG 9 am
<b>7</b> Prayer Circle 9:30 am  Women's SG 2 pm  GUMY Sr. 5 pm  Boy Scout Cmte Mtg 7 pm	<b>8</b>   Scouts 7 pm	<b>9</b> Lillian Faith 9 am (@American Legion)  Women's Emmaus SG 6 pm  Cub Scouts 7 pm	<b>10</b>   Choir 7 pm	<b>11</b>   Men's Emmaus SG 6:30 pm  GriefShare 7 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> UM Men's Breakfast 8:30 am  Women's SG 9 am  APPLE BUTTER DAY!
<b>14</b> Prayer Circle 9:30 am  Women's SG 2 pm	<b>15</b>  Trustees 7 pm  Leadership 7 pm  Scouts 7 pm	<b>16</b> Women's Emmaus SG 6 pm  Cub Scouts 7 pm	<b>17</b>   Choir 7 pm	<b>18</b>   Men's Emmaus SG 6:30 pm  GriefShare 7 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Women's SG 9 am  Ministry Table 9 am
<b>21</b> Prayer Circle 9:30 am  Women's SG 2 pm	<b>22</b>   Scouts 7 pm	<b>23</b> Women's Emmaus SG 6 pm  Cub Scouts 7 pm	<b>24</b>   Choir 7 pm	<b>25</b>   Men's Emmaus SG 6:30 pm  GriefShare 7 pm	<b>26</b> Feeding His Children Prep 6 pm-9 pm	<b>27</b> Women's SG 9 am  Feeding His Children 7 am-2pm
<b>28</b> Prayer Circle 9:30 am  Women's SG 2 pm	<b>29</b>   Scouts 7 pm	<b>30</b> Women's Emmaus SG 6 pm  Cub Scouts 7 pm	<b>31</b>   Trunk-or-Treat	<b>Notes:</b>		

## Liberian Scholarship Program

We thank God for Jeff Myers' and David Kudel's safe return from Liberia this summer. Once we receive the year-end grades from the Phebe Lutheran Community School, we will award scholarships and assign students to sponsors. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry.

## School Supply Collection:

Through YOUR generosity in donating supplies and funding, members of the Missions Team (plus Pastor Jonathan!) distributed 190 packets to G-M students in the 8<sup>th</sup>-12 grades August 12. We had prepared 150 packets, then realized we would run out, so we divided some packets and were blessed with supply donations from other groups. Those receiving the packets were SO grateful. Philippians 4:19 says "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We pray that He will use us at GUMC to meet the needs of those around us and to point them to Christ.

## Feeding His Children at Claire UMC

Our feeding team continues to serve a meal at Claire UMC on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month to very appreciative and hungry folks. We invite you to join us as we prepare food on Friday night and serve on Saturday morning.

## Coming Soon:

Summer is (almost!) over and we look forward to our fall/winter programs. A preview of upcoming Missions programs & events:

## Samaritan's Purse

Our annual campaign to participate in *Operation Christmas Child* through the Samaritan's Purse organization begins October 14. "Shoebboxes" are filled with gifts, school supplies and personal care items and – most importantly – materials that tell the children about Jesus! These are distributed world-wide in an amazing effort to reach children and families and tell them about God's love for them. Dedication of the boxes will be November 11 during worship.

## Mitten & Hat Tree

A GUMC tradition of many years, we will have a tree in Fellowship Hall that you can decorate with new hats, gloves, and mittens for children from October 21 into January. These will be distributed to area elementary schools for children who are in need of these.

## Angel Tree

On November 4 we will begin collecting gifts for children whose parent(s) is incarcerated through the Prison Fellowship Ministry's Angel Tree program. These gifts will be wrapped and delivered in time for Christmas to local families by GUMC Missions Team and volunteers. The 'wrap & delivery' party will be December 8.

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# Lillian Faith

## LADIES, COME ONE COME ALL

We Welcome ALL Ladies to the next Lillian Faith Meeting on September 11 at church at 10am. We will meet in the Serendipity Room. We will be planning to make buckeyes for the Apple Butter Festival in October. Sign ups will be made for buckeye ingredients. Hope you can come!

## APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL IS OCTOBER 13

Mark your calendars to come to the Festival and visit the Lillian Faith Booth. Buckeyes will be sold, Rada knives and Ultimate cloths will also be available for purchase. It is another great way to support GUMC.

## OCTOBER LILLIAN FAITH MEETING

The October Lillian Faith Meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall in Lithopolis on Tuesday, October 9th. It will begin at 9am. We will be making buckeyes to sell at the Apple Butter Festival. We will have a short meeting (work schedules will be made), including devotions during lunch (pizza). Please Plan to come!! We will have fun, eat lunch and a meeting with friends. If you have never been there, you have missed a good time. If you need directions or a ride, please see Charlene Nutter.

# GUMC Care Team

Approximately 2 years ago GUMC organized a Care Team. The purpose of the Team is to keep in contact with parishioners who can no longer come to church on a regular basis. The contact may be: sending a card to them, making a phone call to them or even a visit on a monthly basis. The parishioner may temporarily incapacitated or permanently no longer able to attend church.

If you know of someone who would appreciate a contact from the Care Team, feel free to contact any member: Charlene Nutter, Patty Upperman, Becky Cassidy or Patty Flowers.

In addition, IF you would like to be on the Team, we would welcome you! Please see Charlene Nutter. Our next meeting is coming soon, in September.



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## PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Join us Sunday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> following worship to spend time in prayer for our schools.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall following worship and split up into groups to go to various schools to pray for the students, teachers and faculty. We will need a lead person for each school to guide each group in the prayer time (we will have a sheet of prayer suggestions). \*\*If you are able to be a leader or have any questions, please contact Paige Pickett or Jen Hertl. Thank you for always keeping our schools in prayer.

## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is pastor appreciation month! Please make sure to write a letter, send a gift, or just tell Pastor Jonathan how much you appreciate him and his dedication!

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

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## TRUNK OR TREAT

On Wednesday, October 31, we are going to have "Trunk or Treat" in the church parking lot in conjunction with the City of Groveport's beggars night festivities. We are looking for folks who are willing to pass out candy and treats from their cars that are decorated. This is a wonderful way for us to reach out to our community and have interaction.

If you would be willing to enter your car, van or truck, please contact Steve Shirley at (614) 561-1554 or the church office at (614) 836-5968.

## APPLE BUTTER DAY

Don't miss Apple Butter Day on Saturday, October 13 from 10 am-6 pm on and around the grounds of Groveport's 1820's Log House on Wirt Road! Be sure to stop by, as our ladies of Lillian Faith will be selling their delicious homemade buckeyes!

## MEET THE PASTOR

The SPRC (Staff Parrish Committee) will be hosting various "Meet the Pastor" sessions. We encourage you to sign up for one of the available "Meet the Pastor" sessions. This is a great opportunity to get to know Pastor Jonathan, his wife Kelly and their family. This is also a wonderful way for them to get to know you as well.

Each session will include a "host/note taker" who will provide refreshments and take notes on the discussion. Please pay close attention the LOCATION of the sessions, as many will be held at the parsonage and hosted by a member of SPRC. \*\*Continue reading to the end of the email to see a list of dates and locations.

Please note that there will be a separate "Meet the Pastor" for our GUMY and that the "Meet the Pastor" sessions do not include childcare.

We are using a "Signup Genius" to make signing up easier. If you have any trouble signing up, please email back to [info@groveportumc.org](mailto:info@groveportumc.org) and I can assist you. We will also have SPRC members in the Parlor following worship on Sunday to assist in getting your session scheduled. You can click the link below or copy and paste this url:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44ada92ba64-meet>

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Need some GUMC gear? We will start taking orders on September 16th! See Jen Hertl or contact her at [info@groveportumc.org](mailto:info@groveportumc.org) for more information.

## GROVEPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Short Sleeve T-shirt**  
with front and back imprint  
Youth S-L; Adult S - XL :\$8.00  
2XL: \$10.00  
3XL - 4XL: \$12.00



**Long Sleeve T-shirt**  
with front and back imprint  
Youth S-L; Adult S - XL :\$12.00  
2XL: \$15.00  
3XL - 4XL: \$17.00



**Hat**  
with front embroidery  
\$12.00



**Short Sleeve Polo**  
with left chest embroidery  
Youth S-L; Adult S - XL: \$20.00  
2xl: \$22.00  
3XL: \$24.00  
4XL : \$26.00



Contact Jennifer Hertl at church or by email: [info@groveportumc.org](mailto:info@groveportumc.org)

# Autumn Word Search

B U G U N T L C Z M A D A O F  
M Q A E A T Y I Q U R P E A L  
E T A U H S P S T K P E M G F  
A C N A N A N U E L O I W N E  
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S K G V O N D C P Y O G Z U A  
S M X C M Y I D S U X M B V T  
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ACORN  
APPLE CIDER  
AUTUMN  
BONFIRE

FAMILY  
HAYRIDE  
LEAVES  
PUMPKIN

SCARECROW  
SMORES  
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## AUTUMN TREES

Are the Autumn trees now awake...  
Casting reflections upon the lake?  
Orange, yellow, colorful trees,  
Delight in the air of a lingering breeze.  
Sunlight waltzes straight down the lines  
Of the groves filled with fresh-scented Pines.  
The trees God made have a special voice,  
Listen carefully and you'll hear them rejoice.  
Picnic under them in their cool shade,  
Where favorite memories never fade.  
The trees of Autumn are a blessing for all,  
Adding their brilliance to the season of Fall.



by Julie Pisacane