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## From Pastor Bryce

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Thank you for the privilege of serving as your pastor!

I hope you have enjoyed (and have been challenged!) by our sermon series so far based on the book *Growing Young*. If you would like to read the entire book, please see Stacy Steward to obtain a copy.

This sermon series will continue in February with the added component of discussion groups meeting at various times and places as noted below:

Sundays after The Word @10:30 am; Room 108 (child-care provided)

Sundays after The Table @11:00 am; Lounge (child-care provided)

Wednesdays @10:00 am; Lounge

Tuesdays after Community Meal @ 6:30 pm; Lounge (child-care provided)

### **Why should you care about *Growing Young*?**

Because across the United States, churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. The age demographic of 15 to 30-year olds is missing in most churches. Let's do something about that! Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation's leading congregations, *Growing Young* provides strategies any church can use to involve and retain teenagers and young adults. It profiles innovative churches that are engaging 15 to 30-year olds and as a result are growing--spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. *Growing Young* shows pastors, ministry leaders, and congregants how to position their churches to engage younger generations in a way that breathes vitality, life, and energy into the whole church.

There are things I particularly appreciate about *Growing Young*. First, the authors recognize that there is hope for the church today. All is not lost. There are congregations truly engaging and equipping the next generation. Second, young



We are pleased to announce the hiring of Kristina Krol as our Nursery Attendant. Kristina is married to JT and they have a son Able who is almost 4. Kristina has much experience working with young people. She works during the week for Barry County Intermediate School District as a paraprofessional in their Special Education program. Previously she worked at the St. Rose Preschool. Kristina enjoys spending time with family, crafting and camping. Please welcome Kristina when you get a chance!



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the 40 days that precede Holy Week and Easter. In the Christian Scriptures the number 40 relates to the period spent in the Ark by Noah, the period spent by Israel seeking the Promised Land after the Exodus, and the amount of time Jesus was in the wilderness after his baptism and prior to beginning his ministry. For us, the Season of Lent is an invitation to 40 days of renewal ("Lent" means "spring"), 40 days to prepare ourselves to take in the Good News of Easter through deeper disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ashes are the traditional sign of sorrow and repentance and are also a sign of "mortality". Receiving the Imposition of Ashes reminds us that God's love is triumphant over sin and death, and that in Christ, our mortality is overcome.

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people should not be an add-on to the church, but the heart of the church. When this is done right, it brings a true vibrancy to the entire congregation. As the authors observe, "The good news is that when we bridge generation gaps, everyone grows young."

**Why should you participate in a *Growing Young* discussion group?** Because as good as my sermons are (☺), none of this preaching and none of this research matters if it doesn't help our church reach and engage young people well. None of it matters if it doesn't inspire new vitality in our congregation. My dream is that you will use the discussion group opportunity alongside your personal sermon notes and the book *Growing Young* as tools to help lead our congregation deeper into the implications of the research for our own context. And no one knows our own context better than you! I hope you will engage with the congregation on this important endeavor and participate in worship and a discussion group. We need your input and ideas as we discern together where God is leading us as a church! And, we need your prayers!

Thank you for all you do for Christ and His Kingdom!

Blessings to you and yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryce".



If you would like to know more about how you can connect, serve and grow with Green Street UMC, you are invited to express your interest with Pastor Bryce by using the comment portion of the Offering envelope (this is a great way to get messages to the church office) or by email/phone 517-588-1619 or [brycefeighner@yahoo.com](mailto:brycefeighner@yahoo.com).



Worship **OUT** of the building! - we have folks that we visit regularly and serve Communion, sing hymns, and fellowship with at Carveth Village, Thornapple Manor, Woodlawn Meadows and Hastings Rehab. Pastor Bryce would like to invite you to join him!!! If you are available, we would love to have you...no RSVP required. Please contact Pastor Bryce if you have any questions. 517-588-1619 [brycefeighner@yahoo.com](mailto:brycefeighner@yahoo.com).

All dates and times will be printed in the bulletin or sent in the Monday email.

- Hastings Rehab - E North Street, Hastings
- Woodlawn Meadows - 1821 N East St, Hastings
- Carveth Village - 690 W Main St, Middleville
- Thornapple Manor - 2700 Nashville Rd, Hastings

**Feb 3** - Hast Rehab 11:15 & Woodlawn 12:30

**Feb 5** - Carveth 12:30

**Feb 6** - Thornapple Manor 1:30

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## FREE Rides!

Need a ride to/from worship on Sunday mornings?

Green Street UMC and Family Promise BC have teamed up to offer FREE transportation to Green Street UMC Worship!

Worship begins at 9:30AM and concludes by 11AM so the bus will run accordingly.

To make arrangements, call Steve at 269-205-8981 and leave a message with your name, address and phone number. 24 hour notice preferred.

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## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 3pm

If Hastings Area Schools is closed due to the weather the church office is also closed. Additionally, all scheduled church activities are also canceled unless you hear specifically from the person leading the group/meeting/rehearsal!

## Sundays!!!

9:30 The Praise

10:00 The Word

10:40 The Table

11:00 Adult Sunday School

5:30 Youth Group

## Chancel Choir

Do you like to sing and raise your voice in songs of praise? Do you like foot-stomping, hand-clapping music? The Chancel Choir has a place for you! We have recently purchased new music...Spirituals and Gospel Music as well as old favorites for 3-part harmony and we need your voice!

We meet Wednesday nights 6:00-7:30 PM and then have a review at 9:00 AM on Sunday morning. Singing is good for the soul. Studies show that it reduces stress and enhances social well-being by being part of a special group. It has physical benefits as well. WOW! And with these spirituals, we may even be inclined to dance!

Come.....join the choir! It's fun and a wonderful way to enhance our worship. For more information see Sheila Huis or contact her at 269-945-9113/huishausproductions@gmail.com.

## Prayer Group

There is a prayer group in the works. This has been talked about for a couple of years and it is happening! If you have interest and want to participate please see Matt St. Jacques or Becky Wright. On Sunday mornings we will meet in the prayer room (in the back of the Worship Center) at 9AM and start praying for **you** and the worship service. We welcome you to join us. You don't have to speak out loud if you aren't comfortable. If you need prayer and have concerns, this is also a great opportunity to receive prayer over your concerns.

If you'd like to receive email prayer requests or if you have a prayer need, email Stacy in the office. office.greenstreetumc@gmail.com

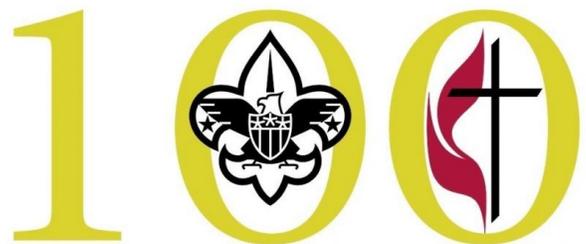
## Family Promise

Our next Family Promise week will be March 1st through 8th. We will need some help during this opportunity to serve. Please pray about helping the homeless in our community and county.

\*Dave Macqueen 616.570.8906 or 269.945.8832

## Gallon Milk Jugs

Over the course of the next couple months we are challenging you...YES YOU...to stuff Pastor Bryce's office FULL of gallon sized milk jugs!!! They can be any brand, white or clear, and must be rinsed out. He laughed when we asked him ... Wonder if he thinks we can't do it?? Ha ha. These jugs are for a surprise structure for the kids at Vacation Bible School. Ask Salina ... she'll tell you!



**SCOUT SUNDAY 2020**

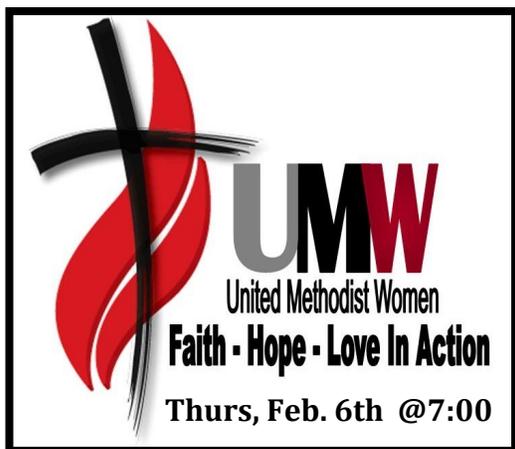
**Sunday, February 9th      Worship @9:30AM**

# 180 Conference

**180 Turn-Around Conference** - Several of us have attended this conference the last few years and have had a great time and come back with a ton of information and refreshed! Would you like to go with us this year???

**Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:30AM - 4:30PM**

Please contact Pastor Bryce or Stacy Steward if you're interested or have questions. There is a multi-page flier available in the back of the worship center with all the workshop choices for the conference.



## Roots Returns March 3rd

“Roots” is a 16-week class (this begins the 2nd half) designed to promote understanding of our beliefs as United Methodists by studying our Biblical and historical roots. Class sessions will generally begin with a 15-minute video followed by discussion.

Meets for 8 weeks in March and April 2020 on:

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM; Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM; Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM.

Dates listed below are for the Tuesday evening sessions. Wednesday and Sunday classes cover the same material as the previous Tuesday. Come to any or all sessions. All are invited. If you have questions, please contact Bryce Feighner at 517-588-1619 or [brycefeighner@yahoo.com](mailto:brycefeighner@yahoo.com).

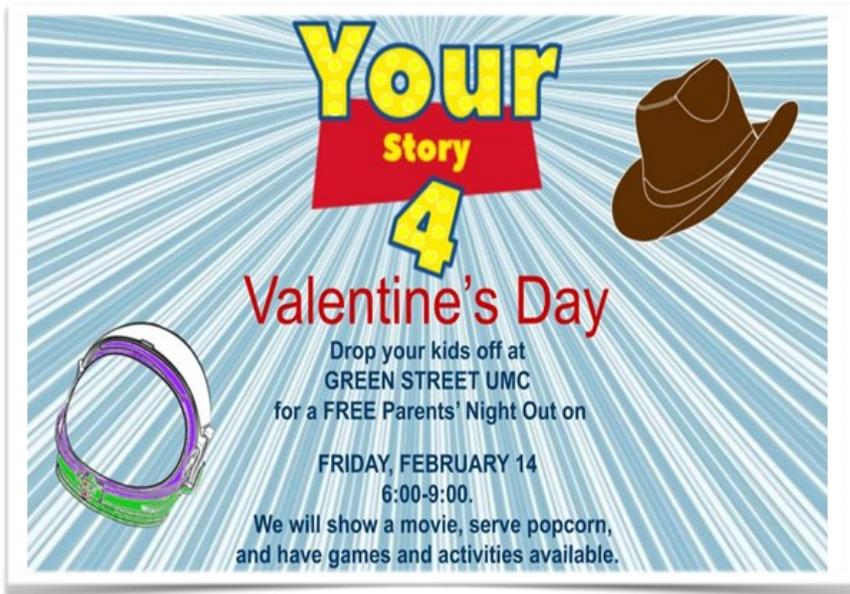
All you need is your Bible. Suggested Bible readings are listed next to each date and subject. If you have time and want to know more, read the entire Bible book referenced.

A field trip will take place to an Orthodox Church in the spring before Orthodox Easter.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Later Judaism and Early Christianity</i> <i>Subject</i>	<i>Suggested Readings</i>
March 3, 2020	Apocalyptic and Inter-Test. Literature	Mark 13, Daniel 11
March 10, 2020	Early Church	Acts 2, 15
March 17, 2020	Earliest NT Writer: Paul	Galatians 1, 2, 3
March 24, 2020	Gospels	Matthew 5, 6, 7

<i>Date</i>	<i>Orthodoxy to Methodism</i> <i>Subject</i>	<i>Suggested Readings</i>
March 31, 2020	Orthodox Doctrines	Apostles and Nicene Creeds
April 7, 2020	No Class – Holy Week	
April 14, 2020	East/West Schism	James
April 21, 2020	Protestant Reformation	Ephesians
April 28, 2020	Distinctive Methodism	Handouts

# KidZone



**Your Story 4**  
**Valentine's Day**  
 Drop your kids off at  
 GREEN STREET UMC  
 for a FREE Parents' Night Out on  
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
 6:00-9:00.  
 We will show a movie, serve popcorn,  
 and have games and activities available.

## Leaders of the Community

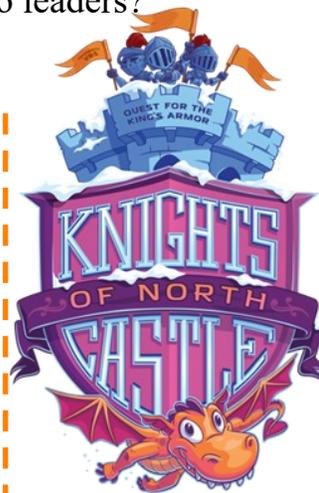
God has a habit of choosing unlikely leaders. This month we'll be learning about some of these unlikely leaders

from the Old Testament - Deborah, David, Josiah, and a servant girl. God can do BIG things with ordinary people. What can God do with YOU in this community? How can God form our children into leaders?

### ARMOR UP!

This year's VBS, Knights of North Castle will be June 15-19. Here's how you can help now:

1. Pray for this ministry.
2. Watch this update each month for items to donate.
3. Contact Salina ([kidzone.greenstreetumc@gmail.com](mailto:kidzone.greenstreetumc@gmail.com)) if you are interested in being a Station Leader, Group Leader, Decorating Leader, Publicity Leader, or helping in any other way.



### Memory Verse

He did what was right in the Lord's eyes.

-2 Kings 22:2



### Missions

Our Blue Bucket collection for the fall was the highest we have had yet! We were able to send just over \$400 to the Jerusalem Princess Basma Center. Thank you!

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### DEBORAH

Deborah was a leader in her community who helped people with problems and gave glory to God.

2

### DAVID

David was chosen by God to be a king because of his heart, not because of his appearance or status.

3

### THE SERVANT GIRL

The testimony of a young servant girl was able to help her master find healing through the words of Elisha.

4

### JOSIAH

As king, Josiah realized the people were not following God's commandments so he led a spiritual revival.

# Youth Group



## February

21st-23rd - The Big Chill Winter Retreat

### What you can expect:

- Solid Bible teaching from a trusted speaker
- Breakout sessions and small group discussion time
- Broom ball tournament
- Ice bowling
- Tubing Hill
- Carpet ball & ping pong
- Coffee, hot cocoa and snacks from the Trading Post
- Meals included

The details this year will work much the same as last year. I am asking a \$50 deposit to secure your student's spot on our registration. This can be paid directly to the church and will cover all expenses for the weekend. If you would like to go as a chaperone, you go free! We will provide transportation and leave Friday late afternoon and return mid-day on Sunday. I have reserved spots for our students BUT still need you to register your child and submit a waiver. Please email me if you need information on how to accomplish that. Lastly, we do not want cost to be a barrier; this applies to all activities; if you would like to send your child but can not pay the deposit please talk to me.

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Have you ever thought about helping with youth? We are always in need of more adult leaders! Our youth ministry is a vibrant part of our congregation. Do you love Jesus? Are you OK with pizza? Then you're in! Please talk with Matt, or email [youth.greenstreetumc@gmail.com](mailto:youth.greenstreetumc@gmail.com) to get plugged in! Sundays 5:30pm-7:30pm 6th-12th Grades.

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Green Street UMC Youth Ministry meets weekly—Sunday nights at 5:30pm! Grades 6-12 are welcome!

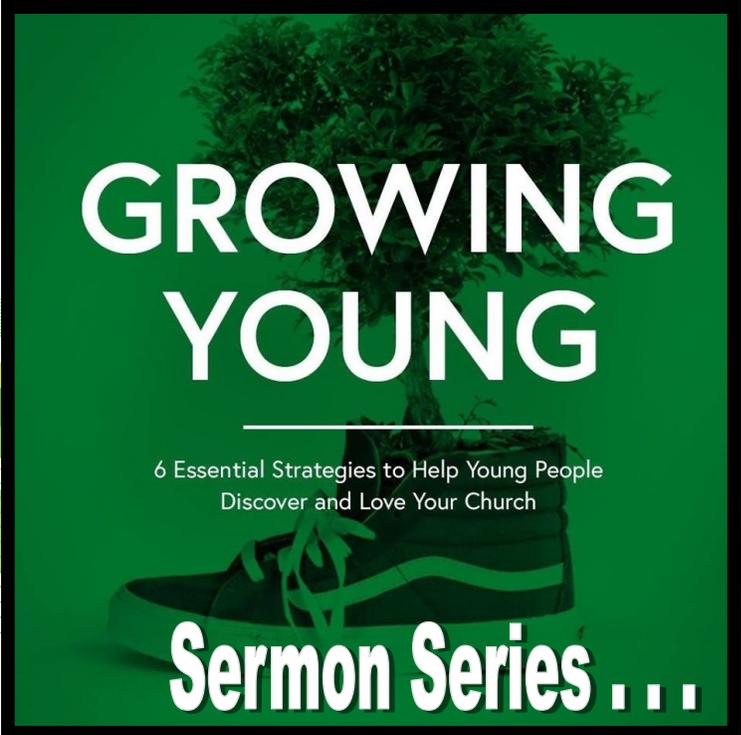
A typical night includes fellowship time-games and snacks-and a discussion based study that gets us into the Word. There are also extra opportunities for fun and service.

We hope you'll join us!

—Matt St. Jacques, Director of Youth Ministries



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# **GROWING YOUNG**

6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People  
Discover and Love Your Church

## **Sermon Series . . .**

**Sunday Worship**

**9:30AM**

**The Praise**

**The Word**

**The Table**