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Greetings to all the members and friends of Green Street Church in the name of Jesus Christ!

Super Bowl Sunday is February 13, the day that has come to be known as America's unofficial holiday. Please join us for a church-wide **Super Bowl Party** in the Gathering Place! Please bring your favorite snacks to share! We will watch **The Chosen** as we have been doing at 5:30 pm, then shift our focus to the Super Bowl at 6:30 pm for the kick-off. Oh, and did I mention? Please bring your favorite snacks to share! The commercials and the snacks are often the best part of the game!

It is said that more Americans watch the Super Bowl than any other program on TV. Advertisers will pay over a million dollars for a 15-second opportunity to promote their products. The revenues alone for the entire event would be enough to fund a small country. It is an event that truly vies for the national attention.

In contrast, there are those places to which people frequent on Sundays called churches. While there are many Americans who claim to be Christians, not nearly as many show the kind of devotion and zeal that is seen in preparation for the Super Bowl. Oh, there are some who prepare, preachers, teachers, students of the word, but most simply decide at the last minute whether they will show up.

Super Bowl Sunday boasts a record number of snacks consumed. We will offer a pretty important snack on Sunday, February 6 during worship. We call that snack Communion. Sunday, February 6 is the day that we will celebrate God's only begotten Son in the memorial feast that commemorates his sacrifice for us. It is the one holy meal of which the Lord's church partakes. It is low in sugar, low in salt, and low in calories. But it is high in healing, high in wholeness, and high in forgiveness. I hope you will decide right now to show up.

It is quite doubtful that anyone will pay a million dollars for a 15-second spot of the greatest message ever told. These events hardly merit the attention of the local media, much less the national attention. Yet for all of the hype surrounding Super Bowl Sunday and its events, and all of the apathy toward the other fifty-one Sundays of the year and their events, just one ordinary Sunday is still more super than Super Bowl Sunday, provided that Sunday is spent in the pursuit of the Lord.

For Sunday is the day that the saints of God gather in fellowship with each other and to hear God's word and to pray. It is on this day, Sunday, that Jesus rose triumphantly from the grave proclaiming the defeat of evil and victory over death, that we assemble to honor, praise, and worship him!

I love football. Don't get me wrong. I attend most home Michigan State football games. And while I'm not a big pro sports fan, I do love the Super Bowl. So let's have fun with that together as a church family on February 13! But also, let's do our part to make every Sunday super! And step one toward that end is simply deciding to show up.

Blessings, Bryce



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you from Donna Mathews to the United Methodist Women (and even a few good men!) for all of the help setting up, cleaning up, and preparing food over the last several weeks serving others.

Thank you from Dan and Mindy Shepler and Casarez families for the outpouring of love and support after Jennifer's passing. The cards, the calls, the love and the hugs were deeply appreciated. A special thank you to **Donna Mathews** and the team for the food that was prepared and served.

Thank you to Janet Day for all of her hard work cleaning the kitchen ceiling over several weeks! **Thank you to Phil Hemenitt** for providing proper door stops in the entry way and for installing the Green Street Café sign. **Thank you to Eileen Feighner** for the many tasks she does every week here at church!

The Chosen Small Group Series (You can still join a small group!)

Watch Parties at Green Street

Sundays at 11:15 am in the Lounge (with the Adult Sunday School group)

Sundays at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Place (A light dinner and snacks will be served.)

Discussion Groups at Green Street Unless Otherwise Specified Below

Sundays at 6:30 pm (groups created especially for children, youth, and parents)

Mondays at 1:30– 3:00pm in the Lounge

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the Board Room (following the Community Meal)

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in person and Zoom at 3:00pm **at Hope UMC**

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Zoom only using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81073022862>

Thursdays at 3:00 pm in the Lounge

Meet Our New Treasurer Danielle Fox!

Hi! My name is Danielle Fox. I am originally from Sparta, Michigan. I met my husband Cliff back in 2004 and we have been married for 15 years. Jordyn, age 11, is our only child. She is your typical pre-teen middle schooler and enjoys softball, dance, swimming, 4H, youth group, and girl scouts. Cliff works at a local dairy farm that he has been at full-time for the last 15 years (he has worked there for many years prior part-time). I, myself, have a full plate as well. I work full-time at a local bank as teller since September 2020. Previous to that I worked at Kmart for 12+ years and as a nanny some of that time too! I am also the secretary for Barry County Steam, Gas, & Antique Machinery club. Not like I needed more added to my plate, I am taking college classes online, working on my second bachelor's degree. Down the road, my goal is to become a CPA, but for now I will be content working on my Bachelor's in Accounting. My other degree is Bachelor's in Business Administration with a major in marketing and minor in management. My favorite season is Summer, or anytime temps are at least 65 degrees and sunny! I enjoy puzzle books, some crafting like making cards, listening to a variety of music, and most importantly quiet time!

I'm looking forward to this "new to me" position and all the opportunities that it may bring me and others. Thanks to Pastor Bryce and the SPRC for giving me this opportunity to serve the church and God. **Danielle**



Hand2Hand Update

We are now supplying approximately 65 Hastings schools students with backpacks of food items to help them through the weekend.

Thanks to all who support the program financially and via in-kind giving! Thanks to Green Street folks who routinely work in the program, especially **Teresa Borton, Peggy Surma** and **Andi Schmidt** (Coordinator).

For February, we are needing peanut butter, pudding, Yoo-hoo shelf-stable chocolate milk, individual serving cereal boxes.

As the chair of the **Finance Committee**, I want to say **THANK YOU** for your continued support to our church.

Last year, once again, was a challenge for many of us to attend in person services. However, that did not stop our congregation from continuing to provide monetary and service support to our mission to serve our Lord.

Because of your generosity our church ended 2021 with a strong bottom line. In addition we were able to minister to the community. We were able to provide fellowship and food at the Tuesday night Community Meals. At Thanksgiving more than 300 meals were shared with the community. We also provided food gift certificates to those in need.

Again, thank you for making Green Street United Methodist Church a sharing, caring, daring and loving community.

Mindy Shepler

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Sunday Worship
In-Person
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