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“Behold, I am making all things new.” – *Revelation 21:5*

## From Pastor Bryce

Happy New Year! I pray that this year will be filled with blessings for you all; with the comfort of God’s love and love in your human relationships; with the strength to help those who need your help, and the humility and openness to accept help from others. These are the essential elements of living as God’s people in community with one another.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope knowing that all things are possible with God’s help. Let us also not forget our human part in bringing about the Kingdom of God. This is the truth of the incarnation of Jesus Christ, and the meaning of the Christmas story which is fresh in our minds.

Our human part in bringing about God’s Kingdom largely involves how we allocate our time in the coming year. We all have the same amount of time, whether rich or poor, sick or well, powerful or weak. We all have 24 hours every day and 365

days every year with which to use (or not) for the work and worship of God. And regardless of how we choose to use it, time will march on at the same pace for everyone. You can’t stop it, slow it down or bring it back. Once the year is gone, it is gone.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the Kingdom of God.

The New Year is a yet unspoiled page of time in your book of life. It is your next chance at the art of living for God. It is your opportunity to practice what you preach. It is a dream come true for all the faith you claimed but did not have and all you hoped for but did not will to be done. It is your opportunity to renew your allegiance to God who said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

The New Year is ahead of us and full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

Blessings, Pastor Bryce





Pastor Bryce is conducting Communion training for any and all who are interested at the following times in the Lounge:

Sunday, January 12; 11:00 am

Tuesday, January 14; 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 15; 10:00 am

This training is especially recommended for folks interested in serving Communion during worship and/or subsequent to worship to the homebound. All 3 times will contain the same content so you only need attend one session.

## Community Meal

Weekly Meal Preparation Coordinators Sign Up Opportunity!

Every Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. we serve a free meal at the church in our Gathering Place for anyone who cares to attend. In addition to the great food, this meal provides an opportunity for fellowship, community building, and worship. As the weekly meal preparation coordinator you will plan the menu, purchase food as necessary, and supervise the kitchen activities including cooking and clean up. Serve once a quarter? Once a year? With your family or small group? Other churches and organizations? They all add up to having all 52 weeks of the year covered! For more information contact Pastor Bryce Feighner at [brycefeighner@yahoo.com](mailto:brycefeighner@yahoo.com) or 517-588-1619. Thank you for being a partner in this important ministry!



We are looking for a dynamic individual to serve our smallest members in the nursery each Sunday. This part time position is available immediately and is a very important part of the Ministry at Green Street UMC. If you have interest or questions please contact Ed Solomon at 616.886.0301. Please feel free to share this with friends and family.

## Nursery Help Needed

We are again hiring for a nursery attendant however, we still need to have an additional person in the nursery each week. If you are interested in helping in the nursery every so often please give Stacy a call in the church office and we'll try to set up a rotation. 269.945.9574 #2 This is a really low commitment opportunity to serve.



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).

\*Starting in January 2020 all of the offsite worship services will be held in the same weeks instead of peppered throughout.

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

**Jan 6** - Hast Rehab 11:15 and Woodlawn 12:30

**Jan 8** - Carveth 12:30

**Jan 9** - 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

# Growing Young

## “Growing Young” Sermon Series and Discussion Groups

All churches grow old. Strategic churches grow young. The age demographic of 15 to 29 year olds is missing in most churches. Let’s do something about that!

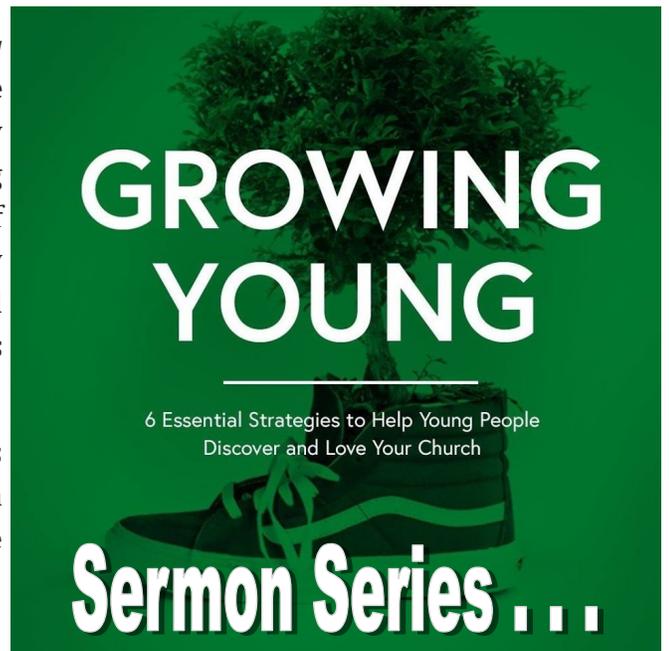
On Sunday, January 19, we will begin a 6-week sermon series based on the book *Growing Young*. During the month of February, there will be small group discussion groups at various times and locations based on *Growing Young*.

Across the United States, churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation's leading congregations, *Growing Young* provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain teenagers and young adults. It profiles innovative churches that are engaging 15 to 29 year olds and as a result are growing--spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. *Growing Young* shows pastors and ministry leaders 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 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.”

I hope you will engage with the congregation on this important endeavor and participate in worship and a discussion group. If you would like to read the book, please see Stacy Steward to obtain a copy.

Blessings



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## Monday Emails

Do you feel like you’re missing something on Sunday Mornings or do you occasionally miss worship? Sign up to receive a Monday morning update with all of the bulletin announcements, verbal announcements, calendar, and prayer requests. Call Stacy in the church office or send an e-mail to [office.greenstreetumc@gmail.com](mailto:office.greenstreetumc@gmail.com) if you’re interested.

## Prayer List “Chain”

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](mailto:office.greenstreetumc@gmail.com)

# KidZone

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Find the words from this month's memory verse in the word search. Don't forget about the reference!



### Memory Verse

So they went out and proclaimed that people should change their hearts and lives.

*-Mark 6:12*



### Winter Missions

This winter we are collecting money for the Jubilee Project, an organization that seeks to alleviate poverty in Hancock County, Tennessee.

## Loving God, Loving Neighbor

### Jesus Leads the Community

This month's Bible lessons teach about Jesus' ministry. Once he was baptized he began sharing the good news to all who would listen. He reached out to those who were not religiously trained, had low social statuses, and were viewed as sinners. Jesus knew that his message was for everyone in the communities that he and the disciples were in and shared the good news with all who would listen. How can you live and model this example for the children in your life?

1

### JESUS IS BAPTIZED

When Jesus was baptized God anointed him as His Son, and he began to prepare for his ministry on Earth.

2

### JESUS BRINGS GOOD NEWS

Jesus began his ministry, sharing the good news that he was the anointed one.

3

### JESUS CALLS LEVI

Jesus initiated relationships with social outcasts like tax collectors and sinners.

4

### JESUS SENDS THE DISCIPLES

Jesus gave instructions on how to spread the good news while depending on God.



## VBS 2020 is Coming!!! The theme is set! The dates are set! JUNE 15th - 19th!!!

It's hard to think about VBS when we're surrounded in snow, but this year's theme is Knights of North Castle! Our knights will be going on a Quest for the King's Armor throughout the northern kingdom on June 15-19. We are going to be turning the sanctuary into something of a winter wonderland, so if you notice any fake snow, snowflake decor, etc. on sale/clearance after the holidays, we can put it to use.

**North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is.**

*Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the **Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation**—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Help kids take up the gauntlet this summer and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love in a world that needs it more than ever.

## Parents Night Out!

Need something for your kids to do while you celebrate Valentine's Day? We will have a movie night here at the church on Friday, February 14 from 6:00-9:00. We had a great attendance last February! We'd like to advertise this event and invite the community to drop off their children for free childcare. In order to do that, we are in need of some adult volunteers to be present during this event. Please see Matt St. Jacques or Salina Eggers with interest. What a great opportunity to serve our community!



# Youth Group

## January

12th - First Youth Group of 2020!

19th - Winter Jam!

*Winter Jam* is an incredible evening of live concerts by the top artists in Christian music, plus worship and ministry, to encourage believers and share the good news with those who have yet to trust Christ. ... When you attend a *Winter Jam* event, you can count on ministry being the main focus.



## 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



**THANK YOU** to all our volunteers and supporters from 2019! Your prayers, time, and leadership are a blessing to this ministry!

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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.

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

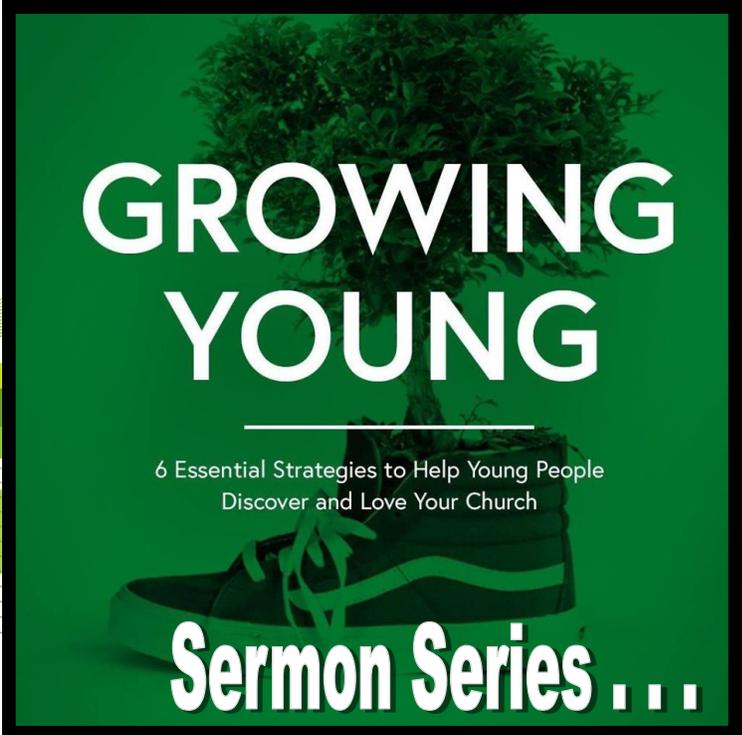
A typical night includes fellowship time-games and snacks-and a discussion based study that gets us into the Word. There are also extra opportunities for fun and service.

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**