

# caring sharing daring

## Greetings!

Hello members and friends of Green Street United Methodist Church!

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time we were worshipping outdoors and wondering when we would ever get through this pandemic! Well, it's been nearly sixteen months in the making, but this may be the last COVID-related pastoral letter I send your way! Life is beginning to feel more and more normal as infection rates continue to drop and folks emerge from their hunkered-down lifestyles. Thanks be to God!

*Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more!* (Heb. 10:25)

But giving up the habit of meeting together is exactly what many have done for the past sixteen months. Now, by God's grace, the time has come for more of us to renew our habit of meeting together, as some are already doing!

I am enjoying seeing more and more of you returning to in-person worship and hearing your stories of resilience amid this pandemic.

Though the past year has brought its share of challenges, the Holy Spirit has been present through it all in ways that have not only helped us weather this public health crisis but also advanced the mission we share here at to proclaim Christ and nurture faith that connects to everyday life. May God continue to bless our ministries with an abundant measure of grace!

## Can I Get an "Amen!"

As we emerge from pandemic mode, it's important to recognize those whose efforts behind the scenes made it possible for us to continue our worship life in a meaningful and impactful way despite significant restrictions. I want to shine the light on our singers, musicians and technical folks as a way of lifting up the good and faithful work they have done over the past year. These folks continued to share their talents in-person to create worship when many folks were not comfortable attending church at all. This has resulted in an expansion of our congregation's reach throughout the region. We celebrate them this month, and invite you to share your appreciation and support for a job well done!


## Still Seeking Input on Fall Ministries!

As we are preparing to fully launch worship and new ministries this fall, I want your input! What day and time do you prefer for worship? What style of worship do you prefer? What type of music do you prefer? What topics for sermons and small groups would you like to see? These are just a few of the questions I would like you to think and pray about. And, please consider the “unchurched” in your prayers and responses. I appreciate your comments and responses received so far. If you have not yet responded, there is still time. Please provide your input via email ([brycefeighner@yahoo.com](mailto:brycefeighner@yahoo.com)), in the comments section of the offering envelopes, or call me at (517-588-1619).

## Thank You for Your Support

Your gifts to Green Street United Methodist Church are making a big difference in the lives of folks in this very community. Your regular giving is a witness to your faith in Jesus Christ and your love of God and neighbor! Thank you!

Blessings,



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## July 2021 Sermon Series: Everyday Prophecy

It is easy to view the prophets of the Hebrew Bible as marginal characters in strange circumstances distant from our contemporary times. But there are tremendous lessons to be learned from the way these prophets responded to their everyday situations. They were well-known for the way they boldly answered the call of God and critiqued the world of their day. We need modern-day prophets in the Church to speak out for justice and righteousness in our world. The work of the prophet is not based on status or talent, but on presence and availability to the call of God. This series will investigate how that call is carried out in everyday ways by viewing a “profile” of an important prophets each week as shown below.

- July 4 – Ezekiel: React or Respond
- July 11 – Amos: On the Job Training
- July 18 – Jeremiah: Looking for Good
- July 25 – Elisha: More than Enough





Church softball season is in full swing! (see what I did there???) We are about halfway through the season, so there's still plenty of time to join our team or come out to **cheer us on!** Games are on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm, and we always play a double header. The remaining locations are:

July 6 @ Presbyterian Church  
July 13th @ Freeport Field #1 (north field)  
July 20 @ Presbyterian Church  
July 27 @ Presbyterian Church

Game locations after that will be part of the tournament and will be decided at a later date. We'd love to see you out there! Please contact Matt if you have any other questions.

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