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Dear members and friends of Green Street Church!

Our Holy Week and Easter were fantabulous this year!

The "Living Last Supper" drama that was presented on Palm Sunday was a highlight of the Holy season. Thanks to all of the actors and behind the scenes workers who made this possible. Check out the "Academy Awards" elsewhere in this Newsletter! Special thanks to Sandy and Randy Kozan for bringing this idea to us!

Our community Good Friday service included participants from several area churches. The passion of Jesus Christ is always powerful, but that, coupled with the beautiful music, and the ending ambience of darkness and silence, moved me like no previous Good Friday service.

And then there was Easter! Wow! The Sonrise service included great testimonies by Mindy Shepler, Dorothy Shaffer and Riley Shults. The Easter breakfast was awesome! I wish I could have eaten more!

Green Street Church 209 W Green Street Hastings, MI 49058 • 269.945.9574 office.greenstreetumc@gmail.com Office Hours Mon-Thur 9:00 am to 12:00 pm The 10:00 am service was truly a celebration that Jesus Christ is alive in this church! The sunflowers on the altar rail in honor of the people of Ukraine were beautiful! So far you all have given nearly \$6000 to UMCOR Ukraine relief! Your giving for Ukraine is especially significant since it is beyond your routine tithes and offerings. You are a generous people!

The celebration of our Risen Lord continues in May!

On May 1, we will celebrate Baptism and Membership Sunday! Baptism is God's greatest gift to you. Baptism is God's unmerited, loving grace given freely to you. You can't earn it. You can't completely understand it. That's one reason why we baptize babies. Membership is your greatest gift back to God. When we join the church we are saying that we will cooperate with God's grace and with other Christians to live a holy life and to build God's Kingdom on this earth. Church membership is our loving gift to God.

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On May 8, we will celebrate Mothers' Day with a special gift for all the ladies!

On **May 15**, our worship leader, Carl Surma, will make his preaching debut here at Green Street! I am excited to hear his message!

On **May 29**, we will celebrate **Graduation Sunday**. If you have family members who are graduating and would like to be recognized during the worship service, please let me know.

Easter is a season not one Sunday! In this season of rebirth, may you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new. Praying this season will be bright with the hope and joy of our Risen Savior. He is Risen!

Thank you for the privilege of being your pastor!

Blessings, Bryce

May Meeting Dates:

SPRC - Tuesday May 10 at 6:30pm Finance Committee – Monday May 16 at 6:30pm Trustees - Tuesday May 24 at 6:00pm Church Council - Tuesday May 24 at 7:00pm





On-going service opportunities:

- Yard Work and Gardening—Would you like to help? If so, please call Janet Day at 269-945-4094.
- Family Promise If you would like to help contact Jenny NeSmith Lauer at jenoo9999@yahoo.com; 269-744-2534.
- Hand2Hand If you are interested in working in the program such as packing backpacks, please contact Andi Schmidt (Coordinator) at andijene@yahoo.com.
- Community Meal please contact Pastor Bryce if you would you like to help prepare or serve the meal.

Let's Get Connected! Please take a moment and fill out the information portion of the enclosed connect cards. If we can serve you in any way, or if you have **questions**, comments, or prayer requests, please indicate so. If you would like Pastor Bryce to call you or visit you, please indicate that, as well. If you would like to work in one of our many ministries, please indicate that, too. Please place the connect card in one of the blue buckets in the front or back of the Worship Center or mail it to the church.

Camp Scholarships - are available for youth that want to attend a church camp. Contact the church if interested.



Spring Rummage Sale: Once again the United Methodist Women will be holding a rummage sale: The dates are:

Ingathering – Mon. and Tues. May 9th & 10th <u>9:00am to 3:00pm</u>. **Sale** - Wed. and Thurs. May 11th & 12th <u>9:00am-5:00pm</u>; and, Fri. May 13th <u>9:00am-1:00pm</u>.

Donated items MUST BE CLEAN AND IN WORKING ORDER. Clean out your cupboards, your closets, your garage. Those things you are no longer using could be a treasure to others!! Please, <u>NO large furniture or exercise equipment.</u> For info please call Margaret Hollenbeck: 269-945-4701 or Linda Hill: 231-620-9114.

On-going prayer and study opportunities:

- Adult Sunday School meets Sundays after church in the Lounge.
- Bible Study Tuesday's at 6pm in Board Room with Sandy Kozan.
- Women's Study meets Thursdays at 10 AM in the Lounge with Terri Trupiano Barry.
- Men's Study Saturdays at 7:00 AM at the State Grounds Coffee Shop.

KidZone



Being Part of Jesus' Family

In May we will be starting the last unit of our study from the book of Mark. We will be

looking at scripture from Mark that addresses being part of Jesus' family. We will not have KidZone on May 1st of May 29th because of baptism and membership Sunday and Memorial day. There will be pew packs available in the Wiggle Room those weeks.

ARMOR UP!

VBS is back! Knights of North Castle will be July 10-13 Here's how you can help now:

1.Pray for this ministry.

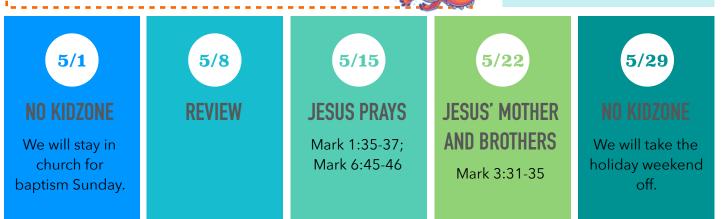
- 2. Watch this update each month for items to donate.
- 3.Contact Salina kidzone.greenstreetumc@gmail.com
 - if you are interested in being a Station Leader,
 - Group Leader, Decorating Leader,
 - or helping in any other way.



Memory Verse Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b



Missions This month's noisy collection on **May 8th** will go to the Serenity Club.



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Sunday Worship In-Person <u>and</u> Facebook LIVE 10:00 AM