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Hello members and friends of Green Street Church!

World Communion Sunday – October 3

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with millions of our brothers and sisters around the world. On that day, we will remember that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves or our church.

Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. Those sisters and brothers may be in our very congregation, or in remote places around the globe. They may be in the pews or watching on-line. Regardless, we are all one in Christ. Our on-line viewers are Invited to provide their own elements and participate fully in the Communion service.

World Communion Sunday is always a profound worship experience. We will receive the real presence of Christ, and

remember and affirm Christ as Lord. This year, when coupled with our sermon "Jesus Heals", I pray that the service will be especially meaningful as we pray for unity and healing together.

Baptism and Membership – October 17

On Sunday, October 17 at 10:00 AM, we will celebrate baptism and receive members during this special worship service. Baptism is God's unmerited, loving grace given freely to us. Church membership is our loving gift back to God. If you have not yet received the sacrament of baptism, and/or, you have not yet become a member, I am personally inviting you to participate!

To prepare for our October 17 celebration, I have scheduled a 2-week series that will meet at church in the Lounge at the times listed on the following page. Whether you are new to the church, or a seasoned veteran of the faith, you are invited!

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Session 1 - History of the Church

Sunday, October 3 at 11:00 am (after church); and, Tuesday, October 5 at 7:00 pm.

Session 2 - Sacraments

Sunday, Oct 10 at 11:00 am (after church); and, Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 pm.

Attending will provide you with information about the United Methodist Church and will answer many of your questions about baptism and membership. I am also available to meet with you at your convenience to discuss these things. Please contact me at 517-588-1619 or brycefeighner@yahoo.com if you would like to get together.

Thank You!

I am so grateful to you all for the gift of this church in my life! You have sustained me through one of the most difficult times in my pastoral career. The pandemic has changed the world, especially the church world. But your willingness to embrace changes and accept your call to even greater discipleship roles during these tough times has impressed me!

Your faithfulness in giving has been even more impressive. There is no church that gives more to support this local community than you all. Hundreds of people come to this church every week to receive assistance, both temporal and spiritual. Your routine giving allows all of these ministries to happen!

May God continue to shine his grace on you!

Blessings, Bryce

Air Conditioning Update - We have completed installation of the air conditioning units in the Nursery and KidZone and they are working beautifully! We are still receiving quotes for air conditioning in the Worship Center and anticipate it will be installed and fully operational for next summer. We are still receiving special gifts for the project. We know now that that no General Fund or routine Tithe/Offering giving will be needed for this project!



Thank you! Thank you!

Denna Sherry, Trustee Chair



Fall Rummage Sale is coming up!

The dates are: October 6 and 7: 9:00 am-5:00 pm, and October 8: 9:00 am -1:00 pm. Ingathering will be October 4 and 5 between 9:00 am-4:00 pm. If questions you may call: Margaret Hollenbeck at 269-945-4701; or, Linda Hill at 231-620-9114.

They would appreciate empty paper grocery bags for this project. If you have any to donate please put them in the old choir room. Thank you!

CROP Walk is Sunday, October 10 at 1:30 pm starting from Nashville UMC. Contact Becky Wright to receive your walker information kit.



Alpha Women's Center Fall Banquet—Thursday, October 21 at 5:45 pm at Hastings Baptist Church. Call 269-948-9013 to RSVP or for more info.

Family Promise[®]

Your next opportunity to serve in **Family Promise** is October 24-31. Jenny NeSmith-Lauer is our Family Promise Coordinator. If you would like to help, please contact her at:(269) 744-2534 or <u>Jenoo9999@yahoo.com</u>



We are looking for a dependable - safe - nurturing individual to serve our smallest members (ages 0-5) in the nursery each Sunday 8:30am to 11:30am with the possibility of more hours.

If interested contact 616.886.0301 or nomolos47@gmail.com.

KidZone



Jesus Has Power Over All Things

Continuing in our study of the book of Mark, this month we will begin looking at stories where Jesus demonstrates His power over all things.

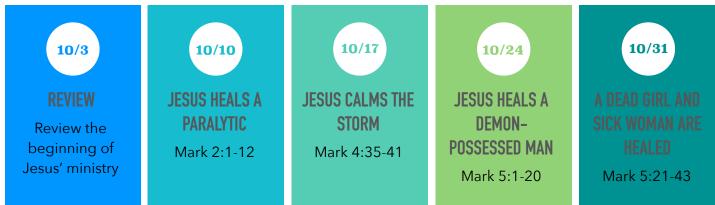
In keeping with the COVID policies at local schools, we are asking that students and any adults around them wear masks at church related events. Thank you.



Memory Verse But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. Mark 2:10a



Missions The kids will be taking a **noisy collection on Oct. 10** for the CROP Hunger Walk. The CROP Hunger Walk raises money to help feed the hungry throughout the world, with a percentage of money raised being distributed to local food pantries.



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

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