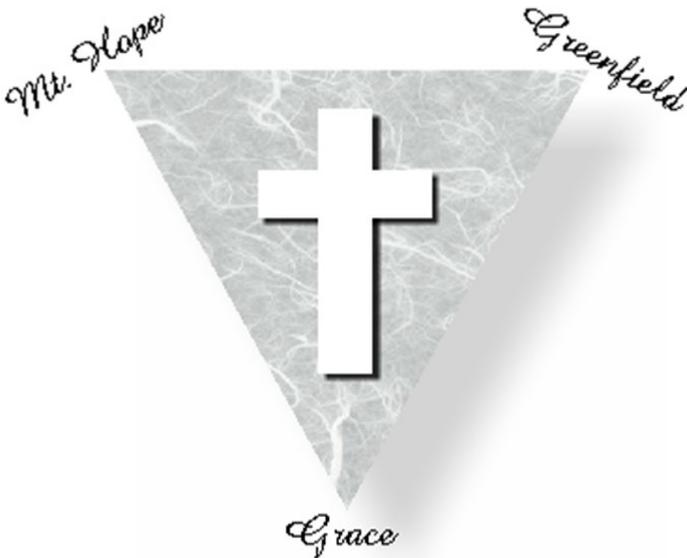


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The Greenfield Charge



United Church of Christ



Leading the Charge!

- A Message from Wendy

One Sentence Sermon!

“Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” Jonah 3:4b

Nothing like short, sweet and to the point. To be able to hear a complete sermon in just a few short words is the wish of all church service attendees. To the person preparing and giving the sermon, it would be a Godsend. Who wants to spend hours preparing a sermon when a one-line sermon can accomplish so much more than a 10-minute sermon? The congregation would not even have enough time to yawn, let alone fall asleep!

But this is what Jonah did when he finally relented and followed God’s command. He was to go to Nineveh and proclaim the message God gave him. The message was a simple 5-word sentence spoken in Hebrew. In English it’s still a simple 8-word sentence: *“Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown”*. We can assume that the message Jonah spoke to the people of the town, were the words God provided. Why can we assume that? Because the scriptures tell us that the Ninevites immediately believed God and overturned their way of life. When God saw what they did and how they had changed from their immortal ways, God relented, and the destruction did not fall on Nineveh. If Jonah had given any other message, the outcome may have been completely different.

It’s interesting to note that the sermon wasn’t preached in a synagogue or a church. We can make an assumption that Jonah preached from the town square. It’s surprising that Jonah wasn’t lynched or stoned since we know the people of Nineveh were known to be brutal people. The town of Nineveh was notoriously known as a city of violence, known for its brutal treatment of those it conquered.

How many were saved from this short sermon? A hundred and twenty thousand people plus animals, herds and flocks were saved in just that one day.

The point of any sermon should be to speak the message God has placed in your heart. And if the people are truly willing to receive the message, the sermon probably doesn't need to contain all the fluff, examples, and parables. Unfortunately, we are all human and we get distracted. A child cries out at the most inappropriate time. Someone else is thinking about the lunch that's cooking in the oven or the business meeting they have tomorrow. Distractions will happen so, we need to state, restate, and restate again the true message God wants each of us to hear, including the person giving the sermon.

Therefore, we don't have 10 second sermons, but we pray that each person was able to hear the piece of the sermon that was meant for them. That the sermon speaks to each individual and in their own way.

Blessings,

Wendy

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*You cannot do a kindness too soon,
for you never know how soon it will be too late.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Greenfield Charge

Schedule of Church Services Second Quarter, 2020

Below is if the COVID-19 didn't exist. Date and Titles are valid whether we have services or not. We will be taking each week one at a time. Follow the calendar at <http://www.greenfieldcharge.org/charge-calendar.html> for the latest information.

Date	TIME	Location	TYPE	Title	Event
Sunday 4/5	10am	Greenfield	Joint	Palm Sunday	Joint Consistory Mtg
Thursday 4/9	6pm 7pm	Grace	Special	Maundy Thursday	Covered Dinner Service
Friday 4/10	7pm	Greenfield	Special	Good Friday	
Saturday 4/11	1pm	Mt Hope	Special	Easter Egg Hunt	
Sunday 4/12		All 3 Churches	Regular	Easter Sunday	
Sunday 4/19		All 3 Churches	Regular	2 nd Sunday of Easter	
Sunday 4/26		All 3 Churches	Regular	3 rd Sunday of Easter	
Sunday 5/3	10am 11am	Mt Hope	Joint	4 th Sunday of Easter	Blessings of the Field Covered Dish Brunch
Sunday 5/10		All 3 Churches	Regular	5 th Sunday of Easter	Mother's Day
Sunday 5/17		All 3 Churches	Regular	6 th Sunday of Easter	

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<u>Date</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday 5/24		All 3 Churches	Regular	Ascension of the Lord	Memorial Day Service
Sunday 5/31		All 3 Churches	Regular	Day of Pentecost	
Sunday 6/7	10am	Grace?	Joint	Trinity Sunday	
Sunday 6/14		All 3 Churches	Regular	2 nd Sun- day of Pentecost	
Sunday 6/21		All 3 Churches	Regular	3 rd Sunday of Pente- cost	Father's Day
Sunday 6/28		All 3 Churches	Regular	4 th Sunday of Pente- cost	
Sunday 7/5	10am	Greenfield	Joint	5 th Sunday of Pente- cost	4 th of July

Regular Services Times

Time	Church
8:30am	Mt. Hope
9:50am	Greenfield
11:00am	Grace

Information from the church

Website: <http://www.greenfieldcharge.org/>

Calendar: <http://www.greenfieldcharge.org/charge-calendar.html>

Facebook: Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ (2 spaces between Charge and United)



The Power of Prayer to Deal with Coronavirus Anxiety

When facing the fear of the unknown, turning to an all-knowing God is a good start to responding with clarity and direction.

Writing to the church at Philippi, where he had once been beaten and imprisoned, Paul tells the believers in the book of Philippians not to worry or to be anxious about anything. Instead, Paul instructs them they should pray for God's blessing and make supplication for his protection and do it all with thanksgiving.

Studies show that prayer reduces anxiety and depression. A reduction in anxiety allows people to process and react to external events with a more cognitive rather than emotional manner. And a time in which there is worldwide concern over a virus without a treatment, a strategic and peaceful approach to problem solving is a good thing.

Amid crisis, whether coronavirus, a natural disaster, a terrorist attack or another calamity, we must not allow the mockery of the anti-faith crowd to drown out our prayers for the hurting, for the protection of our families, our communities, and our country. Let the mockers mock, but let the people pray to the great Physician first and then get to work helping the sick.

From: Tony Perkins is president of the Family Research Council and is an ordained Southern Baptist pastor. Follow him on Twitter: @tperkins

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:

*When we aren't sure, God,
help us be calm;
when information comes
from all sides, correct and not,
help us to discern;
when fear makes it hard to breathe,
and anxiety seems to be the order of
the day,
slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts,
when we can't touch with our hands;
help us to be socially connected,
when we have to be socially distant;
help us to love as perfectly as we
can,
knowing that "perfect love casts out
all fear."*

*For the doctors, we pray,
for the nurses, we pray,
for the technicians and the janitors and
the aides and the caregivers, we pray,
for the researchers and theorists,
the epidemiologists and investigators,
for those who are sick, and those who
are grieving, we pray,
for all who are affected,
all around the world...
we pray
for safety,
for health,
for wholeness.*

*May we feed the hungry,
give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked and house those
without homes;
may we walk with those who feel they
are alone,
and may we do all that we can to heal
the sick—
in spite of the epidemic,
in spite of the fear.*

*Help us, O God,
that we might help each other.*

*In the love of the Creator,
in the name of the Healer,
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in
all and with all,
we pray.*

In Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

—A prayer during times of COVID-19 by the Right Rev. Richard Bott, originally posted on Facebook. Moderator Bott encourages the sharing of prayers he posts throughout his term.

Operation Christmas Child



We have been collecting special offerings for the Shoeboxes during the monthly Joint Services. During the year, WINGS members will purchase items for the shoeboxes. Picking up items when they go on sale. At the end of the year, we will meet to assemble the shoeboxes with the items purchased throughout the year.

You can still purchase items and assemble your own shoeboxes!

Thanks to all who donated. So far, we have collected \$264 over two services.

Special Thanks!

Thanks to Barry & Andrea Weyandt, our tenants at the Parsonage, who recently installed new carpeting in the Living Room and on the steps going upstairs. This was done at **no cost** to the Charge and looks very nice.

If you see either Barry or Andrea, please thank them. They have been very good tenants.



W.I.N.G.S

(Women Into Nurturing God's Spirit)

WINGS meets on the third Monday of each month at 7pm at Greenfield. The next meeting dates are April 20, May 18 and June 15. No major projects underway at the moment BUT it's never too early to start planning and buying for the basket auction at Community Days!

WINGS sponsored the March birthday party for the residents of the Springfield unit at Homewood. Social distancing is in place at Homewood so there was "technically" not a party. WINGS delivered wrapped gifts and cupcakes for the March birthday residents and the Homewood staff distributed the goodies to the residents in their rooms. A good compromise during a very uncertain time.



Claysburg Community Easter Sunrise Service

Where: Upper Claar Church of the Brethren

When: April 12 at 6:30am

Speaker: Pastor Ron Bashore

Light Refreshments to follow!!

Sponsored by the Claysburg Ministerium

**THIS SERVICE IS CONTINGENT ON THE STATUS OF
THE REGULATIONS ON LARGE GROUP GATHERINGS
DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS.**



BIBLE STUDY

Each of us is known by many names or titles: our given name, a nickname, or a title, such as mother, father, sister, brother, etc. Did you know that God has many names and titles as well? This year we will be studying many of the names and titles of God in the Bible. Our study will give us a deeper knowledge of our awesome God by learning the significance of His various names as revealed in the Old and New Testaments.

The date and place for our Bible Study to be determined.

Easter Blessings

May Christ's glory and
the promise of this joy-
ous
time of year, bring
peace
and happiness to you and



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE!

KyLeigh Lynette Alexander, a member and acolyte at Mt. Hope, is graduating from Portage Area High School this Spring. She is the daughter of the late Courtney Alexander, granddaughter of Louis and Laura Alexander, great-granddaughter of Rhea Costello and Ruth Alexander, sister of Kane, and niece of Kristen and Ryan Gribbin.

While in high school, KyLeigh has been a member of the softball team, track team and the Girls Basketball team. Her basketball team finished their regular season undefeated and earned first place in the WestPAC. They also won the school's first District VI championship.

KyLeigh plays clarinet in the High School Marching Band and Concert Band. She served as senior drum major during 2019 football season. She was chosen to represent her school in County Band in each of her high school years. This school year she was selected for District Honors Band, which took place at Everett Area High School in February. She is also honored to have been selected to perform at the Regional level, which was scheduled to take place at Penns Valley High School the end of March. However, that concert has been postponed due to the recent health concerns. She was also chosen to represent her school band at the Ken Lantzy All-Star Classic football game scheduled for June.

The Challenge Award Program, Inc. presented monetary awards to KyLeigh during her Junior and Senior years, for academic improvement. She has been a member of the High School Chorus, and SADD, Interact, Remembering Adam, Spanish and Science Clubs.

KyLeigh plans to enter Penn College, Williamsport, in the pre-dental hygiene program in the fall.

The Greenfield Charge extends its congratulations and blessings to KyLeigh for her continued success!!

April, May and June Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

1st Cara Ebersole
1st Brian Helsel
1st Allison Walter
4th David Burket, Sr.
11th Cara Berkhimer
13th E. Louise Smith
14th Quentin Burket
16th Kera Knisely-Furry
17th Canaan Boyer
21nd Evangeline Yoder
23rd Peggy Berkhimer
24th Casey Zimmerman
24th Makenzie Ebersole
25th Stephen Walter

May Birthdays

1st Rhea Costello
3rd Reagan Boyer
4th Lindsey Hobaugh
5th Jean Gordon
9th Jeffrey Farber
10th Craig Bivens
16th Bob Gordon
17th Robert Wees
20th Samantha Yoder
22nd Edna Berkhimer
22nd Leah Farber
23rd Emma Kelly
24th George Smith
24th Taylor Corle
28th Joni Elliott
31st Eden Yoder

June Birthdays

1st Aubrey Hobaugh
4th Ryker Boyer
5th Hannah Bowmaster
6th Lou Ann Mock
8th Kay Burket
10th Sophia Walter
11th Amy Boyer
13th James Berkhimer
14th Emily Corle
14th Gage Barnes
19th Tiffani Corle
19th Shirley Roudabush
22nd Nellie Cowher
23rd Cheri Berkhimer
23rd Donna Glass
23rd Haydden Kranik
23rd Robin Pozgar
24th Joe Claar
26th Adam Helsel
27th Regina Gordon
29th Jacob Claar
30th Susan Meredith

April Anniversaries

6th Joel & Donna Claar
27th George & E. Louise Smith

May Anniversaries

15th John & Peggy Lingenfelter
22nd Ted & Erika Reynolds

June Anniversaries

12th Jonathan & Kera Knisely-Furry
24th Roger Knisely & Pam Bowser
28th Dave & Betty Burket

If there are any additions or corrections to the birthday/anniversary lists, please contact Emily Corle.

Thanks!