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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Youth Group (grades 6-12) 3-5 p.m.



**GREENWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## PREVIEW OF COMING GUMC EVENTS



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|-------|-------|--|
| March | 2     | World Day of Prayer                              |
|       | 3     | UMM Lenten Breakfast at GUMC                     |
|       | 2-4   | Fruitful Congregation Journey Consultant Weekend |
|       | 21    | Prime Timers to Trinity Broadcasting Network     |
|       | 22/23 | UMW-Kiwanis Rummage Sale                         |

FEBRUARY 2012



# The Spire

Greenwood United Methodist Church

### February Dates of Interest

- 5 Sunday School, 9 am  
Worship, 10:15 am  
Souper Bowl Sunday Fundraiser  
Ad Council, 11:30 am  
GYG, 3 pm  
Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm
- 6 Cub Scout Blue & Gold, 6:30 pm
- 11 Missions Meeting
- 12 Sunday School, 9 am  
Missions Sunday Worship, 10:15 am  
GYG, 3 pm  
Missions Concert & Dinner, 4 pm  
Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm
- 15 Prime Timers, 11:30 am
- 18 GYG Lock-In, 7 pm
- 19 Sunday School, 9 am  
Worship, 10:15 am  
GYG Snow Tubing, 1 pm  
Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm
- 21 Kitchen Food Safety, 6:30 pm
- 22 Ash Wednesday, 7 pm
- 23 UMW to Capitol Rotunda, 9:30 am  
Women's Wellness, 5:30 pm
- 25 UMM at Greenwood Village, 8 am  
Family Movie Night, 5 pm
- 26 Sunday School, 9 am  
Worship, 10:15 am  
GYG, 3 pm  
Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm  
UM Food Drive & Concert  
at Honey Creek UMC, 5 pm
- 27 Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm

### MISSIONS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12

Many thanks to everyone for their contributions to local and global missions throughout the year! We truly appreciate your response to the needs of our community and our world.

~ GUMC Missions Committee

We will celebrate Missions Sunday beginning with worship. Roger Hogan of Operation Centurion will speak about his work with providing Bibles to soldiers overseas. We will also have a speaker from St. Thomas Clinic share with us at worship. Please bring used eyeglasses, hearing aids or medications you no longer need for St. Thomas Clinic. Your old 'useless' items can provide someone in need with sight, hearing and good health.

### VALENTINE MISSION CONCERT & DINNER



That afternoon come and enjoy a concert by Don White at 4 p.m. in Suter Hall. After the concert Mission Committee members will serve a beef stew dinner—stew, salad, bread, drink and dessert from 5-7 p.m. Buy tickets at the door for \$10. All profits will be donated to our international mission projects.

### FOOD DRIVE FOR INTERCHURCH FOOD PANTRY

The Johnson County UM Churches are all collecting items for the InterChurch Food Pantry. Greenwood UMC members have been asked to bring toilet paper, diapers and basic hygiene items to the Gathering Place by Sunday, February 26.

**There will be a Concert of Prayer on Sunday, February 26 at Honey Creek UMC . All UM churches are to deliver their items between 3-5 p.m. that day. The Concert of Prayer is at 5 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and lift up those in need in prayer and music.**

### THE SPIRE

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### Comfort Zone vs. Faith in Action

For many years my comfort zone was being with my parents, siblings, nephews and nieces and a few close friends. I could forget about all my responsibilities. I liked the feeling of going back to the good old days when we roamed around the countryside carefree and having fun. No heavy topics outside of family welfare, no heavy responsibility; just playing and enjoying each other's company. It didn't require much courage, imagination, nor discipline on my part but just be there as a decent member of the family. That way everyone feels safe and secure.

However, I have become restless while in the comfort zone where there is no active imagination, courage or character building opportunities. It is like being around a sunny swimming pool 24/7. While it is an ideal place to rest and recharge, especially after a challenging year, it just is a plain bore after a few days.

A faith journey is similar. While we seek to be around the familiar faces and environments of a sunny poolside, we can't stay there too long. The sunny poolside can become a dangerous place after awhile as it requires no faith, no active participation outside of family circle.

**What happens when we live in a place where faith means nothing?** Resignation: We become resigned to the world as it is, to injustice, to pain and despair. We cannot even begin to imagine the world as it could be, the world as God intends because the comfort zone eliminates the need for conviction, courage or imagination—some of the most wonderful gifts of the Spirit. I can't imagine a life without those gifts. As much as I love being with family, I can't imagine living the rest of my life as I lived it as a child—carefree and without conviction, courage, or imagination. Where are you in your faith journey? Are you in your own comfort zone devoid of the rich spiritual gifts God has showered you with?

**Faith in Action:** Stepping into a congregational journey for worship, study, fellowship is an act of faith. Studying together the Word of God is an act of faith. Coming together to learn to witness Christ to encourage and inspire others is an act of faith. By definition, that makes it an act of conviction, of courage and of imagination. We cannot try to be a part of faith without those traits; we cannot get into a comfortable groove and witness the faith because a comfort zone is a place where faith is not needed.

Our responsibility as faithful members of this community is not to resign ourselves to the world as it is and blend into it. The task given to us by our Lord is to imagine life as it could be, as it will be in the kingdom of God. We then attempt boldly to lay out that vision according to the Word and inspire others to act upon that vision as we ourselves are moved to act. That is faith in action.

One of the things that happen from time to time is that we have to revise how our entire congregation sees the reality of the community in which we belong and serve. And that requires studying the less glamorous details such as numbers while deeply engaged in faith practice and spiritual discipline such as regular worship, daily devotionals and intentional faith development.

As we enter Phase II of the Fruitful Congregation Journey (FCJ) we welcome an FCJ consultant who will join us the first weekend of March. He will lead us in taking a good look at ourselves as we are and as we want to be. I hope you will participate March 2-4, give your input, participate in the workshop and attend the Town Hall meeting to hear the FCJ consultant's report at the end of the weekend.

Tucked into the nondescript section of our congregation, there's courage, imagination and trust in the make up of GUMC. Having recognized the danger of staying in our own comfort zone, we have begun this Fruitful Congregation Journey in order to return to the vibrant congregation overflowing with the conviction, courage, and imagination that active faith requires.

Pastor In Suk

## SUPER BOWL SURVIVAL 101

Rev. David Mark Owens was asked to put together some advice for the UM website and we'd like to share it with you:



**BE A GOOD HOME TEAM:** Go out of your way to show that Hoosier Hospitality. Many of the visitors will be sporting their team's colors. They are in our city to have fun and root for their team. We'll expect such treatment when they host our Colts in future Super Bowls.

**SECURITY:** Don't hesitate to contact authorities if any thing, or any one, seems "out of place."

**ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE:** Indianapolis, and the surrounding areas, will be in the national spotlight. Be proud! It could be many years before we host a Super Bowl again. So, be part of the event. Go downtown before game day. Experience all the Super Bowl zipping, kicking, singing, passing, eating, punting, dashing, colors, pageantry, guests, sites and sounds!

**PATIENCE:** Momentum for the Indianapolis Super Bowl has been building for years. And now, the pace of events really picks up. Likewise, pace your energy, money, and time to have something left for game day.

**LOGISTICS:** Thousands of guests are coming our way. Anticipate traffic & know road closures; all restaurants, parking and businesses will be crowded. Allow extra time. Get your team together early for "skull" sessions to plan strategy and your game plan.

**CELEBRITIES:** If you see anybody famous, be courteous and give them their space.

**MODERATION:** Everything in moderation—food, drinks, finances, sleep.

**GAME DAY:** Best advice is to stay home with family. Leave downtown to the visitors. The game doesn't start till 8:30 p.m. Take a nap.

**NOT EVERYONE LIKES FOOTBALL:** Give everyone a smile and realize the Indianapolis Super Bowl is probably not a happy time for everyone.

**BE FAMILY:** Remember that the extra activities, foods, guests can be a strain for some members of our family. Same goes for our pets. Give them some extra time with you the "coach."

**KEEP NORMAL:** Go to church on Sunday! Maybe take an afternoon nap, so you can stay up late on Sunday evening.

**DON'T BE A COUCH SLOUCH:** Your body, and mind, will appreciate some exercise.

**MONDAY FOLLOWS SUNDAY:** You will find Monday morning a little challenging. Don't call in sick! Your boss will see through your symptoms.



**MANDATORY FOOD SAFETY COURSE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
6:30-8 P.M.  
SUTER HALL**

Anyone wanting to use the kitchen for any kind of food preparation is required to take this class for us to continue to meet the Health Department guidelines.

This is for GUMC members as well as any group that uses our church and may want to use the kitchen.

Any questions? Contact Julie Penoff via email at [foodforethought@att.net](mailto:foodforethought@att.net) or call the office and leave her a message: 881-1653.



**FRUITFUL CONGREGATION JOURNEY—PHASE II**

The FCJ consultant will be with us the entire weekend of March 2, 3 and 4.

- Mar. 2 Staff interviews; Pastor & spouse interview; Focus group interviews
- Mar. 3 Meeting with Ad Council; all church workshop & luncheon
- Mar. 4 Worship Town Hall meeting for everyone to hear the FCJ consultant's report

**THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE**

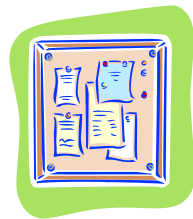


Have you eaten at The Shepherd's Table on Tuesdays? It's delicious, uplifting and a great time for fun & fellowship. Our inside and outside populations are growing each week! Many new folks are coming to church on Sundays! Invite a friend to come and have lunch with you. Under the weather and need a meal delivered to you? Call the office.

Please join us any Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Want to help? There are a number of ways you can:

- Pick up ingredients for the next meal.
- Sign-up to volunteer to work a shift.
- Donate to this growing ministry.



Visit the bulletin board right outside the kitchen to volunteer or pick up a shopping list of needed items. Questions or comments? See Julie Penoff or Jane Stillely.

**NEW OFFERINGS!**

Pick one or two for you!

**Women's Wellness**

Meets Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm begins Feb. 23; Hosted by Mary Kay Anthony, Gloria Hubbuch, & Joyce Kring

**Game On!—Chuck & Phyllis Meek**

Family Time Fun! Watch for monthly activities! **Movie Night, Saturday, Feb. 25, 5-8 p.m.** Suter Hall; Admission: Bring an item for the Food Drive (paper product or hygiene item)

**Holy Week—Rev. David Mark Owens**

"The Seven Last Days of Jesus" Bible Study on Sundays, 9-10 am, Feb. 26-April 8

**Financial Peace University—Joe Kring**

Meets Mondays, 5:30-7:30 pm begins Feb. 27

**Lenten Bible Study—Pastor In Suk**

Sundays, 9-10 am

**Caregiving Support—George & Carole Small**

Meets at the Small's house; Date & time TBA

**Parables and Passion—Bob & Linda Pope**

Group Study of John Indermark's book. Meets at the Pope's house. Date & time TBA

Questions? See each group leader/host.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Bob Thompson**

*God grant him eternal rest.*

**GUMC Annual Statements**

The 2011 annual statements were mailed out. If you did not receive your statement or if you have any question about your statement, please contact the office at 881-1653.

**PRIME TIMERS 2012**

Mark your calendars!



**Wednesday, February 15, 11:30 a.m.**

Pipers Restaurant, 2130 W. Southport Road; Sign up and note if you need a ride.

**Wednesday, March 21**

Tour Trinity Broadcast Network (TBN) followed by lunch at Arni's. TBN is America's most-watched faith channel.

**Wednesday, April 18**

Tour the historic Bates-Hendricks House in South Indianapolis.

**Wednesday, May 16**

Tour Indianapolis Landmarks followed by lunch downtown.

**Wednesday, June 20**

Tour Terre Haute's CANDLES Holocaust Museum & Education Center.

**Wednesday, July 18**

Lunch at Aunt Aimee's Country Tea Room in Hope, Indiana.

**Wednesday, August 15**

Tour James Whitcomb Riley House, Greenfield followed by lunch at the Kopper Kettle in Morristown.

**Wednesday, September 19**

Visit Apple Works Orchard in Trafalgar.

**Wednesday, October 17**

Lunch at Aunt Aimee's Country Tea Room in Hope, Indiana.

**Wednesday, November 21**

Visit the Sock Factory or Middle Davids Artisan Candles in Martinsville.

**Wednesday, December 5**

Boggstown Cabaret Supper Club.

Prime Timers is for everyone—no age requirements or restrictions. Sign up the two Sundays before a trip. As always, watch the bulletin for details. Call Missy Johnson with questions.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**



Special happenings this month!  
**Please bring a family photo to display in the room.**

- 6 Pre-K trip to National Institute for Fitness & Sport
- 10 3's & 4's Valentine Party Day\*
- 14 Pre-K Valentine Party Day\*
- 15 Dad's night for 3s & 4s 6:30-7:30 pm
- 16 Dad's night for Pre-K AM 6:30-7:15 pm  
 Dad's night for Pre-K PM 7:30-8:15 pm
- 17/20—NO SCHOOL—President's Day
- 27 Pet Day—bring a photo of your pet(s).
- 28 Hawaiian Beach Day

\***Valentine cards should only say who they are from and bring them on your party day.** You may bring other treats—food, stickers, etc. to put in our goodie bags.

**Feb. Pre-K letters: Vv, Ee, Kk, Ll**

**Register for 2012-13 classes by Feb. 10.** If you are a returning student or registering another family member turn in your forms and deposit by Feb. 10. Open enrollment for the public begins Feb. 13.

**Open House for new students will be Tuesday, March 6, 6-8 p.m.** We have flyers for you to pass out to your family, friends, neighbors and relatives. You are our best advertisers! Please tell someone about the Open House.



Remember to follow the Center Grove School Corporation closings in case of bad weather.

However, if they are only delayed, **we are not.**



**February Acolyte & Cross Bearer Schedule**



- 5 Riley Weber & Faith Peebles  
 CB Calvin Weber
- 12 Aidan Weber & Michael Loper  
 CB Nick Griffin
- 19 Olivia Stilley & Mitchell Sutton  
 CB Sam Hicks
- 26 Alyssa Stilley & Maecee Terhune  
 CB A.J. Vleck

Acolytes needed for Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 22. Please see Jane Stilley.

**Greenwood Youth Group**

**G** February is full of exciting things for GYG. **Y** Save you spare change! On Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> GYG will be doing the "Souper Bowl" fundraiser after service to help raise money for The Shepherd's Table. **G** There will be a lock-in on the 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> for GYG and friends. Plus on the 19<sup>th</sup>, we will go tubing after lunch! If you are going you need to have a GYG permission slip as well as a Perfect Slopes Wavier signed.

February

- 5 Super Bowl Party, 3 pm
- 12 Youth Group, 3 pm
- 18-19 Lock-in/Retreat, 7 pm
- 19 Tubing at Perfect North Slopes, 1 pm
- 22 Ash Wednesday, 7 pm
- 26 Youth Group, 3 pm

GYG is for grades 6-12. Questions? Contact me. Katie Esterline; call 270-4504 or email to [youth@greenwoodumc.org](mailto:youth@greenwoodumc.org)

Summer Mission Trip in the works!

**THANK YOU**

I came to your church to visit and stayed when I saw Jesus in your kind & loving people! I love the people of GUMC and know God loves y'all too! I am now living near family in Bloomington. Call or come visit anytime. Just ask the office for my contact information. Miss you!

Love & Hugs, Bonnie Fazio

Thank you for letting us use your bus on Christmas Day for picking up those wanting a Christmas dinner. We appreciated it very much. We served over 450 hot meals.

Peace, Andy Kinsey  
 Grace UMC

Thank you so much for all the prayers, thoughts and cards. I feel so blessed to be a part of such a loving congregation.

Kip Krebs

Dear Members & Friends,  
 Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, visits, gifts, food, shopping, travel assistance, love and concern for me the past few weeks. Miss you.

Love to all, Helen Abbott

**Your Lenten Season Calendar**

- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday, 7 pm
- March 11 Change your clocks
- April 1 Palm Sunday  
 Confirmation Sunday
- April 5 Maundy Thursday
- April 6 Good Friday
- April 8 Easter Sunday  
 Sunrise Service  
 Breakfast  
 Egg Hunt  
 Worship, 10:15 am



**UMW News**

**UMW-Kiwanis Rummage Sale, March 22 & 23.**

We take children's clothing, dishes, toys, jewelry, purses, electronics, artwork, furniture, CD's, albums and holiday decorations. Please wash toys before bringing them. Thank you. Please limit adult clothing to high quality items since they do not sell as well. Bring items to the church or drop them off at Tom Anthony's State Farm Office, 825 N. Madison Avenue.

**UMW Advocacy Day:** We will be taking the GUMC bus to the Capitol Rotunda on Thursday, Feb. 23 to show our support for 20/20 Visioning an Aids-Free World. Sign up if you are planning on going.

**Mark your calendar! Spring is coming!**  
**UMW Spring Luncheon** on March 10 at 1 p.m.



The United Methodist Men will host the

**UMM LENTEN BREAKFAST**  
**Suter Hall**  
**Saturday, March 3 at 8 a.m.**

Please sign up in the Gathering Place to help with the breakfast. We hope everyone will attend and welcome our guests.