

October 2020 . . . Brief

Gravel Hill UMC

Dan Lebo, Senior Pastor

Greetings Gravel Hill,

As we transition to using the Beacon Brief, our goal is to consolidate the information we get out to you so that we can highlight the most important events going on in the church. My thought was that as we make this transition, I would use my space to invite you to reflect on a quote or thought that I found helpful or inspiring in my own life. The last few months of our collective experiences have been difficult. In my conversations with other parents, grandparents, small business owners, and pretty much everyone else, I have seen that we are all stressed, and our capacity to function as our best selves can be strained. As I mentioned in my sermon this past Sunday, we are all human, and I think we are all keenly aware of our humanity and limitations at this time. My reflection for this month is on seeing the positives of the awareness of our humanity. We often don't want to admit it, but it is good for us to remember that we are human and, just as important, that the people around us are human as well. I have been thinking about this quote from author Jen Hatmaker from her book, *For the Love: Fighting for Grace in a World of Impossible Standards*:

"One of the best parts of being human is other humans. It's true, because life is hard; but people get to show up for one another, as God told us to, and we remember we are loved and seen and God is here and we are not alone. We can't deliver folks from their pits, but we can sure get in there with them until God does."

Let's be human together. In this time of incredible stress and uncertainty for all of us, let's show up for one other and stand in the pit as a witness to God's love and care in our time of need.

Thank you for your patience with all of the COVID restrictions and procedures, but our persistence in taking care of our brothers and sisters in Christ is what will help keep us safe. Thank you for your care and concern for each other.

Worship Notes:

- For Communion on October 4, please bring your own bread and juice or water.
- Masks are required to attend worship. Even during the service, while in the Sanctuary.
- Please RSVP using the online option from [our website](#) or by calling the church office. It is helpful for planning purposes if your rsvp is received by 2pm on Fridays.
- As the weather turns colder, we ask that you keep your coats/belongings with you.
- Online Worship is available through YouTube and also on our [Facebook page](#). If you want to be notified when Gravel Hill goes live, access [Gravel Hill UMC on YouTube](#). Click on the word SUBSCRIBE and click the bell to the right of the word to receive notifications.
- Please consider supporting the purchase of new audio/visual equipment by using the newest Highlighting Ministry envelope included with your envelope packs or by noting Worship Resources & Outreach in the memo line of a check. You may also provide a cash donation in support of this fund, by marking the outside of an envelope clearly with the fund name. Thank you!

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Christmas Market 2020 (For Information: Sandy Fausey (jfsf75@outlook.com))

The Christmas Market team has decided that a virtual Christmas Market event will replace the in-person version that is typically scheduled for November. However, we recognize that this decision may impact the charities supported yearly through this effort. To that end, Gravel Hill is asking that you prayerfully consider providing a monetary donation to the Christmas Market fund, knowing that your donation goes directly to the charities identified as the beneficiaries of the 2020 Market. Please mark any donations for this effort with "Christmas Market." If you would like to use our online giving option, please take note that there is a new option in Vanco for Christmas Market.

Please consider providing a gift in the amount of money you may have spent:

- On the ingredients for baked items for the Bake Shoppe or candy for the Candy Shoppe
- Creating crafts
- On items for the kitchen
- On purchasing items at the Christmas Market

We are also setting up a virtual Silent Auction. We are looking for a few items (min. value \$25.00) that we can post online. If you or your group would like to donate a silent auction item, please contact Sandy Fausey. Basket suggestions include: Craft items, theme based gift basket, gift card tree, etc. Watch for further information as we try to work out the bidding logistics.

Though we will miss seeing everyone during this fantastic event (and we look forward to the possibility next year may hold), let's pull together for the good of those charities and the people relying on them for a successful Christmas Market 2020. Your donations are truly a blessing to others who are in need. Spread God's love in our community by giving from the heart, knowing that we are shining the light of Christ and providing for those who are in need. Please send your gift to the church office marked Christmas Market or watch for an online opportunity to donate.

Online Giving Options



You can access online giving from the GH website. There are two new accounts noted online to which you may provide your financial support. The first is shown to the left as Worship Resources and Outreach. This will support the update of our dated audio/visual equipment in order to improve our recorded online presence by look and sound, as well as in person worship experience. The second new fund is for the Christmas Market. The 2020 Christmas Market will be all online due to COVID. If you have any questions, please email Dawn Schaffer at dawn@gravelhillumc.org.

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GH Church Benefit:
Babe's Grill House, 20% of sales from 4:00pm-12:30am will go to GHUMC
Jake Nguyen to play from 5:00-7:00pm

October 31

Fall Feeding Frenzy, 9:00-11:00am at Londonderry Village, Palmyra
\$20/participant

ONGOING

Consider supporting the GO FUND ME effort on Facebook: Coffee and Donuts for Law Enforcement Officers

Special Thank You Notes

Thank you for your prayers, cards and support during this difficult time for our family.
Karen Smith

Thank you to our church family for the cards, phone calls and social media posts for sympathy for the loss of my Dad.
Sandy, Jim and family.

Teachers Needed

Gravel Hill Christian Child Care currently has part-time and full-time openings for teachers and kitchen help. If you are interested, please call 717-838-3620. You may send your resume to dawn@gravelhillumc.org.