

# The Good News of Granger

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## Thoughts Along the Way...



I recently participated in a conference sponsored by Healthy Congregations. This event included Margaret Marcuson, author of the book, Leaders Who Last: Sustaining Yourself and Your Ministry. I admit, her topic was something God planned for me to hear. (Thank you, God!)

On Marcuson's book jacket it reads, "**Is helping others overrated? Is ministry a recipe for burnout? How can pastors last the course?**" Author and pastor Margaret Marcuson introduces the notion of "sustainable ministry," which trains and empowers pastors to focus on their inner resources for proactive leadership, instead of trying harder to help, fix or change others." Obviously, these sentiments spoke to my soul.

I will observe another birthday this year and I intend to last to observe even more. I conclude if I am too last, I must reclaim the disciplines that will ultimately sustain my ministry. I also conclude others have slowed their momentum as Christ's servants.

Therefore, out of concern for myself and those I lead, I developed a sermon series that will focus on regaining momentum for life as a servant of Christ. This series will be my attempt to not only regain my personal momentum,

but to remind others who are realizing that maintaining life momentum is imperative if followers of Christ are going to faithfully navigate a way through the world of clouded moral boundaries.

If what I have admitted in myself also begins to describe you, or someone you love, then join GUMC in June as we learn about D.R.I.V.E We will learn together and support one another in a model of living that will sustain our service to Christ.

June 6 - Regaining Momentum for Life: D.

June 13 - Regaining Momentum for Life: R.

June 20 - Regaining Momentum for Life: I.

June 27 - Regaining Momentum for Life: V.

July 4 - Regaining Momentum for Life: E.

Together we will focus on our inner resources and seek to be refreshed as the servants Christ called us to be!

Living in Hope,

Rev. Bruce



What a beautiful early May day it was to celebrate my retirement with family and friends at Granger UMC! Thank you all for the kind words, cards, and gifts I received that Sunday and over the last few weeks.

My time as Office Manager was the best “job” anyone could want, and the people God sent to GUMC over the years made it a fantastic place to share together God’s love through ministry and mission.

I thank God for sending me to the little basement office of Pastor Fred, who welcomed me with joy and enthusiasm all those years ago. From that day on your care for me, your confidence in me and your encouragement blessed me time after time. Thank you!

In His care,  
Elaine

I would like to thank everyone at GUMC who have participated in the music program over the last 27 years. I have always appreciated your dedication and support.

But above all else a huge thank you to the Chancel Choir who did so much for me personally and for the church. A shoutout to Phyllis Hummel whose expertise on those 88 keys was always a joy for the choir and a huge help for the director AKA me. Thanks also to the Jr. Choir alumni who have been heard humming or singing the songs as adults.

God Bless You All, Lynne Rench



I would like to thank everyone reaching out and saying “Hi” to me. I feel extremely welcomed. The generosity of cards and flowers have brought a sense of belonging. A special Thank You to Elaine Konyha for her training & her continued support.... I hope I can meet each and every one of you soon. Please if you need anything please call me at the Office 330-239-2396.

Snacks



### SNACKS FOR HIGHLAND LIBRARY

Granger Church is continuing to provide snacks for the children using the Highland Library. Donation of individually wrapped snack foods will be gratefully accepted at the church office.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



June 3 David & Joyce Molnar  
 5 Kenneth Ferguson  
 6 Daniel Woods  
 8 Dan & Peggy Arden  
 8 James & Denise Connelly  
 9 Mary Simmons  
 11 Roxanne Woods  
 14 Beverly VanderVeen  
 15 Rick & Cindy Lenhart  
 18 Diana Coddling  
 18 Winifred Dolezal

18 Case Hummel  
 19 Janel Schroeder  
 20 Richard & Rita Frantz  
 24 Bryce Reich  
 25 William & Sandy Payne  
 25 Lori Silva  
 26 Robert & Phyllis Hummel

26 Stephan Hummel  
 26 Cathy McEvoy  
 27 Carleton & Jeanine Kirsch  
 27 Jeffrey & Melissa Wert  
 28 Mackenzie Hitchcock  
 28 Dorothy Keck  
 29 Fred & Millie Haddix  
 29 Carla Walton

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of those who have passed away last month:  
 Dorothy Starcher

## Attention Crafters:

We are hoping to be able to restart our craft gatherings again soon, obviously with Covid safety in mind. Since Medina Fall Foliage will be in Granger October 9 & 10 this year, we are looking at having a craft bazaar that weekend, possibly in the pavilion, as we did successfully in 2020. As is customary, our proceeds will benefit places like Flat Rock Homes, Highland Support Network, and Choais in Haiti. In addition, we would like to be able to supply feminine hygiene products for needy women, another effort we have supported for many years. We are considering options where we can donate items we have made to places like Midwest Missions where we have donated cloth diapers or Church World Service where we have donated school bags. If you are in need of craft supplies, ask us and we may be able to provide you with what you need or if you have ideas for crafts or beneficiaries of our efforts, please contact Roberta Gifford at 330-239-2169 or JoAnn Boruvka 330-239-2691



If you would like to serve Christ by reading scripture in worship (either online recording, in person or both), contact the office. Our intent is to establish a rotation of readers. Email at [office@grangerumc.org](mailto:office@grangerumc.org)

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### *Sunday Worship Schedule:*

**9:30 a.m. in person in the sanctuary;**

Also available on our website anytime during the week at [www.grangerumc.org](http://www.grangerumc.org), on our Facebook page, YouTube and toll free by phone at 330-222-3264

# Summary of 2021 Virtual Worship Service Views/Listeners plus In-Person

As of 6/1/2021 5:00 pm

	YouTube Views*	Facebook Views*	Listen Online	Phone	In Person	Totals 2021	Totals 2020	General Funds	Building funds
May 2 (MT)	18	41	5	5	26	95	29	2938.20	81.75
May 9 (E)	5	32	7	4	26	74	38	2860.00	430.00
May 16	11	21	6	3	26	67	23		
May 23	14	42	7	3	30	96	n/a	4245.00	250.00
May 30	24	23	3	3	26	74	55+	1190.88	8.00

Total Facebook Likes as of 5/31/2021: 217

Sources: GUMC YouTube Site; GUMC Facebook Site; GUMC Website Listen Page via Google Analytics; Sermon by Phone Listings. \* Note YouTube and Facebook count only count as one per view, however viewership may be a couple or an entire family, so these numbers under represent the number of actual viewers.

Have a wonderful summer!



### UPDATED MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Updated directories are in the office and on the table in the worship hall. Please call the office if you need one mailed or emailed to you.