

## Getting Ahead Volunteer (Thursday Evenings)

Support program directors Lori Miller and Haley Trueblood.

Share a meal. Build relationships. Encourage participants as they reflect on poverty's impact, build personal resources, set SMART goals, improve communication skills, and work toward long-term stability.

Getting Ahead is a community that supports and challenges participants as they envision a better future for themselves and their families.

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## Summer Enrichment Program

For five weeks, approximately 65 children participate in enrichment activities focused on fine arts, science, sports, social skills, and more. Each child receives breakfast and lunch daily, along with a weekend food package on Fridays.

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## DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Fourth Week in Lent: *Sunday*

**Prayer:** Nurturing God, the world may be a harsh place, but I have known love. I have been on the receiving end of a prayer, a casserole, or a “thinking of you” text. I have been given a hand to hold, an encouraging word, an “I see you” head nod. The world may be a harsh place, but I have known love and care. So on long, hard days, help me be sustained by these acts of loving care. On long, hard days, may this love be a balm to my spirit. Amen.

When in your life have you felt cared for? How did that care impact you?

**Good news mantra:** Like Jesus, I will choose love.

**Daily Lenten Devotional Cards and a Devotional Booklet can be found on our website!**

**[www.gobinchurch.org/devotionals](http://www.gobinchurch.org/devotionals)**



*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 15, 2026

*Please take the opportunity to fill out the Prayer and Gratitude Card, along with a Connection Card. You'll be invited to place them in the offering tray later in the service.*

## ENTRANCE

**Prelude**

Jill Dombrowski

**Welcome**

**Centering**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God loves the field mouse.

**People: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

Leader: God loves the baby, cooing in the playground.

**People: God loves the child who rocks and claps.**

Leader: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**People: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

Leader: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**People: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.**

Leader: God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

**People: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

Leader: So let us worship this good-news God!

**People: Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

UMH # 465

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

## PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

### Prayer for Illumination

Julia Bruggeman

### First Reading

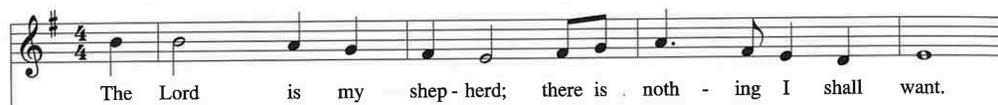
**Deuteronomy 24:17-22**

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23



- *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.*
- *He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your rod and your staff that give me courage.*
- *You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*
- *Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.*

### Gospel Lesson

**Matthew 19:13-15**

*Silence follows. Then the People stand as they are able.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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*After the Gospel, the Pastor says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### Sermon

Dr. John Mark Day

### Prayers of the People

## MISSION & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Loving God by Loving Neighbor — Through Personal Relationship  
At Gobin, we believe care is not abstract.

It is personal. It is relational. It is embodied presence.

Each of these opportunities reflects our commitment to walk alongside others — listening, encouraging, and building community.

### Women's Jail Ministry

Tuesday evenings at the Putnam County Jail

Spend time with women who are incarcerated — showing love, hearing stories, and simply being present.

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### Gobin Advocates for PROP (Post Release Opportunities Program)

A partnership with Family Support Services

When women are released from incarceration, they need consistent support. Advocates assist with transportation (appointments, shopping), job applications, technology, community connections, and sometimes accompany them to worship.

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### Kids Hope Mentor

Make a difference in the life of a child.

Kids Hope USA matches one child with one mentor for one hour each week during the school day. Gobin mentors partner with students at Deer Meadow Primary School and Tzouanakis Intermediate School.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If you or someone you know is ill, injured, or otherwise in need of prayer or visitation, please fill out a prayer card, or let the pastoral staff or church office know. Jai will work to keep us connected.

Here are members of our Gobin connection who need prayer & comfort at this time:

*Margot MacCracken, Brandie Sitton, Andrea Insley, Ashlee Vitz, Sandy Miller, Katie Isaacs-Bailey, Jim & Windy Watt, Luke & Sherry DeJaynes, Larry Rider, Ann Hansen, Marcia Linville, Matt Fruits, Heather Cantonvine, Kids Hope mentors & students, Valyrian residents, residents of the Putnam Co. Jail, Kyan, Vivi, Treasure, Yun Ling, Ajaypal Singh and all ICE detainees in the Clay Co Detention Center*

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a prayer request card or send an email to [prayers@gobinumc.org](mailto:prayers@gobinumc.org)

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## OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

You may have noticed the votive candles near the entrance to the sanctuary. We invite you to take one and join Wednesday morning prayer from 7:45-8am wherever you are. If you wish to have a candle, but are not able to come to the church, contact us and we will arrange to have someone bring it to you.

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## WAYS TO GIVE

- Make checks payable to Gobin Church
- Text “Gobin” to 73256
- Online at [www.gobin.live/give](http://www.gobin.live/give)
- Scan the QR code



## THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

### Invitation

### Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

God said, “When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.”

**Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

**We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.**

God said, “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.”

**We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.**

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them.”

**We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.**

Fortunately for all of us, God also said “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

**By God’s grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.**

May this good news change our lives!

**Amen.**

### Passing the Peace

### Offering

### Offertory

### Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Praise God, above ye Heavenly Host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### Offering Prayer

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

UMH #578 “God of Love and God of Power”

### The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song “See the Precious Children”

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## SENDING FORTH

Charge

Blessing

Postlude

Jill Dombrowski

## LENTEN DATES TO REMEMBER

### Wednesdays during Lent:

*February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25*

7:45 AM: Weekly Prayer (pray where you are)

6:30 PM: Taize Service @ Gobin

### Service of Lament and Remembrance:

*March 15, 7:00 PM @ St. Andrew's*

Join us for a service of healing and comfort for all who mourn the loss of a child through death, miscarriage, estrangement, or other kinds of loss. This quiet service offers a safe space to hold grief as we remember our loved ones.

All are welcome.

### Holy Week:

Wednesday (*April 1*): Tenebrae Service @ St. Andrew's

Maundy Thursday (*April 2*): 7:00 PM at St. Andrew's

Good Friday (*April 3*): 6:00 PM at Gobin

Holy Saturday (*April 4*): 8:30 PM Starts at Gobin, ends at St. Andrew's

Easter Sunday (*April 5*): 10:00 AM at Gobin ONE Combined Service

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## COLLEGE STUDENTS

### Seafood Lunch – Sunday, March 15 - TODAY!

Dr. John Mark Day, DePauw's VP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, will preach at both morning services.

Join us for a **Seafood Lunch at 12:15 PM.**

Menu includes Bang Bang Shrimp, fried grouper or cod, clam pasta, shrimp orzo, mandarin almond salad, teriyaki chicken, bread, brownies, and cookies.

College students - please register for lunch here:

