

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

Third Week in Lent: *Sunday*

Prayer: Jesus of Nazareth, you could have fed the crowds that day, but instead, you had your disciples break bread and pass baskets. You had the disciples feed the crowds before you. In this season of life, what are you charging me to do? In this season of life, how would you like me to grow, to serve, to connect, to partner with others? Amen.

Jesus charged the disciples to feed the crowds. What is Jesus charging you to do in this season of life?

Good news mantra: Together, we can make a difference.

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

www.gobinchurch.org/devotionals



Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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

Introit

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Gobin Grace Notes

Welcome

Centering

Call to Worship

Leader: If you need good news,

People: settle into this space. We have good news to share.

Leader: If you need a word of hope,

People: then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.

Leader: If you need a glimmer of joy,

People: then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.

Leader: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

People: then know that this is God's house.

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel.

People: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.

Let us worship our with-us God!

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Ephesians 3:20-21

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm



- *Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.*
- *Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.*
- *Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.”*

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:32-34

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

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

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. Brad Jersak

Prayers of the People

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

Invitation

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

LENTEN DATES TO REMEMBER

More info to come!

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

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

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, with you the impossible is possible.

5,000 can be fed.

The blind can see.

The hopeless can find hope.

**With you the impossible is possible,
but we are quick to forget that.**

We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done.

We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd.

We forget that you are always with us.

Forgive our small-minded ways.

Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come.

But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it.

With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God.

We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone.

What good, good news. 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.

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.

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

UMH #731 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

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 “Human Minds Just Can’t Imagine”

Insert

SENDING FORTH

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

Jill Dombrowski

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RETHINKING HELL, JUDGMENT, AND THE AFTERLIFE



DR. BRAD JERSAK

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COLLEGE STUDENTS

Seafood Lunch – Sunday, March 15

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:

