



GLENWOOD GROUNDS CAFÉ AND MINISTRY CENTER



Hope For Renewal seeks to serve, build relationships and to share the love of Christ for those living in the Glenwood Corridor in Youngstown, Ohio.

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## NOW OPEN!

In December of 2021 Glenwood Grounds opened its doors for ministry. The Café Ministry and our Worshiping Community was delighted to move into an awesome new home to minister in the Name of Jesus. It has been an incredible five months! Each day we see God at work drawing people to Glenwood Grounds to experience the love and peace of Christ and others to minister beside Cindy and I and our Hope For Renewal leadership team.



It is hard to put into words what is happening at Glenwood Grounds. It seems that God has created a place where two worlds collide with each other. A place where God is calling His children to be a light to those who are without peace and hope and joy. A place where the love and peace of God is sensed the moment that they enter. In each passing day I get a sense that we are blessed to be part of something that is so much bigger than what we thought we were doing! The following Scripture and song has been on my mind recently.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life." Philippians 2:14-16

*Tonight's the night  
For the sinners and the saints  
Two worlds collide in a beautiful display  
City On Our Knees Toby Mac*

## PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PICNIC

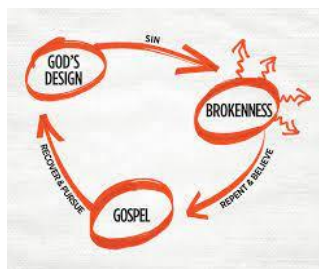


We have received permission from the Youngstown Parks Department to return to the playground every Wednesday starting in June and ending in October. We are planning to return to almost pre-covid operations which means the return of more tables and portable restroom and activities which will include a Vacation Bible School and the annual Fall Fun Fest. New this year will be the addition of the Youngstown Mobile Library at the picnic. We are praying and discussing how we can be more effective in presenting the love of Christ and the Gospel message. Please prayer that this ministry will see many lives changes as we serve and present the love and message of Jesus.

## WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

Sunday Worship moved to Glenwood Grounds last December. It has been awesome to finally meet in our new facility. We still have the same structure of worship that includes sharing a common meal together after worship.

At the beginning of 2022 we asked the question, "How should we live in 2022?" During lent we studied Scriptures that Jesus spoke to His disciples before the crucifixion and resurrection. After Easter we have looked at the command that Jesus gave His disciples in Matthew 28.



We have also been working through the 3 Circles Gospeling tool and the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

Our regular attenders have a strong sense that Hope For Renewal is their church. Each week the Gospel is presented along with Scripture that challenges and leads each member to a deeper maturity in their walk with Christ. In March and April we were blessed with a number of new attenders as God continues to draw people to our worshiping community.



## CAFÉ OUTREACH MINISTRY:

We have been blessed to be able to offer the residents of our neighborhood high-end quality coffee and delicious food, of which ninety percent is homemade and prepared in



the Glenwood Grounds kitchen and offered at a price that is affordable to those from our community. Our jumbo blueberry muffin has earned the reputation as "the best blueberry muffin I have ever had in my life." We have added homemade pies and other baked items, breakfast frittata and soups that are extremely well received. We have also been blessed with art from local artists that have made the café extremely appealing to all who visit.



The ministry that is happening at the café has already exceeded our expectations. Last week we had a group of four from the neighborhood that we have never met before. An hour later we were known as Mr. Gary and Miss Cindy to them.

We have been blessed to host several local board meetings and action groups. We recently had a woman from our neighborhood who addressed Cindy with the question, "Why are you here?" We have had opportunities to pray over several of our neighbors in the café.

An elder from a local church prayed over me before my surgery in March. The subject that we have a church that meets here on Sundays comes up often. There are too many awesome stories to list them all in this newsletter. Please plan to come for a visit and experience what God is doing on the South Side of Youngstown.

I wanted to close with saying thank you for all of the support and care that you have given Cindy and I and this ministry over the last number of years. We look forward to the years ahead. Thanks for partnering with us!

*In Christ's love,  
Gary and Cindy Koerth*

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