



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.

GLENWOOD GROUNDS CAFÉ AND MINISTRY CENTER

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In December of 2020 Glenwood Grounds Ministry Center 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 nine 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.

**WORSHIPING COMMUNITY**

Hope For Renewal Church Plant started to meet for Sunday worship in November of 2019. It has been awesome to finally meet in our new facility. Our structure of worship includes a Call to Worship, Praise, Prayer and the proclamation of God’s Word and ends with sharing a common meal together.



In August we started a new preaching series on the Ten Commandments. We have been challenged by the commands of God and how we are to live our lives as believers yet stress the grace and love of God in our lives as we strive to be more Christ like each day.



Many of our church family face difficult challenges each day and as a church we strive to help meet the physical, emotional, spiritual needs in each precious life that God has given to us. Sunday worship attendance can be 15 – 28 people.

### **CAFÉ OUTREACH MINISTRY**

We have been blessed to be able to offer the residents of our neighborhood high end quality brewed coffee and specialty coffee drinks and delicious food that ninety percent is homemade and prepared in the Glenwood Grounds kitchen at a price that affordable to those from our community.



Our menu includes homemade jumbo blueberry and banana muffins, apple and sweet potato pie, brownies, cookies, bread pudding, cinnamon rolls and two breakfast frittatas. In the last few months, we added homemade soups and grilled cheese that are extremely well received. Soon we will be adding grilled coney dogs and a lunch salad. We have also been blessed with residents of our neighborhood making their favorite recipe in our kitchen to serve at the café. We have also

been blessed with local art that has made the café extremely appealing to all who come in.

The ministry that is happening at the café has already exceeded our expectations. There is literally not a day that goes by without moments for prayer, sharing a crisis, sharing Gods Word and God conversations. We have been blessed to have people from all walks of life come through our doors. All greeted with the love of Christ and with dignity and joy. The fact that we have a church that meets at the cafe 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.



### **PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PICNIC**

In June we started our sixth year of weekly summer picnics at the Glenwood Playground. Each year we have been blessed to serve a meal and also meet and fellowship with children and adults from our neighborhood, always serving and accepting and gathering in the love of Christ.



The last two summers were changed by Covid. This summer there was still a small amount of concern for Covid, but of more concern is the violence that has been happening in our country and unfortunately on the south side of Youngstown, especially a shooting of a young child that happened just a couple of weeks ago. But God's light and love was still being proclaimed on the weeks that we were blessed to serve at the playground.



Thank you for all who came to serve with us and those who supplied funds and supplies so that we might be able to minister at the playground this summer.

Thanks for partnering with us!  
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