



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.

A BEAUTIFUL MARCH MORNING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

REVEREND GARY KOERTH

“Can the Worst of Times Be The Best Of Times”

Status of our precious church body early this week, the Worst of Times! Leadership couple both have covid, one man diagnosed with colon cancer, one young lady homeless and expecting a baby in July, one aunt who is grieving over the loss of her 18yr old niece to a shooting, husband and father with an unknown illness hospitalized, several serious relationship issues and the continuing addiction issues as strongholds.

Three days later, the Best of Times! God’s Word in Romans 12, our last sermon series, becomes real and powerful.

Our church body rallies in prayer and care as we see Gods hand in colon surgery give incredible hope. We see the grieving aunt minister with a homeless woman in the café, many tears. We see willingness with meals and supplies to meet needs. We hear of the man with colon cancer having breakfast the day before surgery with

one of our young men with addiction issues. We see hard conversation and confession over addiction issues on a sidewalk in our neighborhood, We see the body using their gifts to serve each other. This week has been a huge struggle and yet an incredible gift from God to see our young church body put God Word into belief and action. Please continue to pray for our church body!

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Romans 12: 1-2, 9-13

Please Pray.....

Please pray for our Café Ministry. As we had hoped, the Café Ministry continues to be an incredible way to serve and build relationships and express God love with those in our community and the surrounding communities. What has been somewhat of a surprise, but shouldn’t have been, is the many, many people who verbally express to us the peace that they experience when they are in the café. Yes, we strive to truly welcome and honor each person who comes through our door but God has chosen to do something much more than that. I find this very hard to put into words but it seems that Gods presence of peace fills our café and people who know Jesus and those who don’t seem to recognize that presence and literally tell us. The joy and wonder of this come when we get to tell them where that peace

comes from! Please pray that those seeking come know Jesus!
It has also been incredible to see God's provision in the food and coffee that we serve at the café. Recently, God has blessed us with a new couple who attend Sunday Worship who own a pizza shop about two miles from our café. Long story short, we have awesome personal size pizzas to serve at the café! Bottom line... God continues to send awesome people to make our food and coffee awesome!



Please Pray for our Playground Ministry that will start up again in June. We have been taking time to evaluate and pray over what the playground ministry will look like this year. We are heading into the seventh year of this ministry. We are sensing that we need to go a bit deeper with the presentation of the Gospel message and prayer with the precious adults and children that will come for the meal and activities.



Please pray for our Easter Meal Outreach coming up on April 5th. Pray that God would do amazing things in our parking lot as we greet and supply food and pray over the 150 families that will drive through our parking lot. That God would use this meal distribution to draw people to a relationship with Jesus.

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Easter **MEAL DISTRIBUTION**

Wednesday, April 5



FOOD ITEMS PROVIDED:

WHOLE ROASTING CHICKEN, FRESH SALAD MIX,
FRESH POTATOES & PRODUCE, CANNED GOODS,
FRESH FRUIT, FRESH EGGS, DINNER ROLLS,
DESSERT

Come and visit us!

Please know that you are always welcome to come for a visit individually or as a group. Come and have a great cup of coffee or come for a work day as we are in the process of finishing the rehang of the 2nd floor of Glenwood Grounds, our ministry center. Just give us a call!

Thanks!!

Thankfulness fills our hearts for each church, business, organization and individual that faithfully comes along side us to help build the church that God has called us to build.

Blessings,

Gary and Cindy

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