

# *Pasta and People*

## *Come Hungry, Leave Connected.*

**Wednesday Evenings | From March 4 Through April 1, 2026 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

There's something sacred about gathering around a table.

This Lent, we're creating space for exactly that. Beginning Wednesday, March 4, and continuing through April 1, join us each week from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for **Pasta & People** — a relaxed evening of dinner, music, and meaningful table conversations.

Dinner will be served by Olive Garden (yes, the breadsticks too!), and we will be collecting donations to help cover the cost of the meal. But this isn't just about pasta — it's about people. It's about slowing down long enough to share a meal, listen to one another, and build authentic connections during the Lenten season.

Each evening will follow a simple rhythm:

- Gathering around the table
- Enjoying good food together
- Sharing music
- Engaging in guided table conversations

For our families, children will gather with Ms. Stacey Kepler and an assistant for crafts and games designed just for them. Parents can enjoy conversation at the tables knowing their kids are having a fun and meaningful time as well.

This is **not** a church service. There will be no pressure and no expectations — just a welcoming space to meet others, grow in faith, and connect in meaningful ways. If you have friends, neighbors, or family members who don't attend church but are looking for something faith-filled during Lent, this is the perfect invitation. It's approachable, relaxed, and centered on community.

Whether you plan to attend one week or all five, we would love to know you're coming so we can be sure there's enough food for everyone.

Please RSVP to Pastor Jackie at [pastor@gvumc.org](mailto:pastor@gvumc.org).

We could also use a few helping hands each week! If you're available to help make coffee, set up the drink area, or serve food, please let Pastor Jackie know. Your hospitality helps make the evening warm and welcoming for everyone.

Come hungry.  
Leave connected.

We can't wait to gather around the table with you.

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