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***Souper Bowl
Sunday***

**Bring \$1 or some food
items for the Food Pantry
Sunday, Feb. 3**

**Jan. 27 Sermon Bible readings are
Eccles. 9:13 - 10:20 & 11:9-12:8**

**WORSHIP LEADER:
Darrin Harvey
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Elizabeth Sumner**

Office Hours

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Mary Jane McBride
Shelley Outlaw

Chapel Worship:
8:45 a.m.
Morning Worship:
10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Hour:
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Nursery - Adult

Ushers:
8:45 -
Gary Etter
Loren Houck
10:45 -
Greg Goodner
Kendall Cobb



Comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

2 Corinthians 1:4

Dear Church family,

I was fourteen-years-old when my father passed away. It was very difficult time for me. I did not make it easy for my mother who was grieving the loss of her husband. I went through a series of destructive behavior that could have caused serious harm to me and to others. As I look back to those times, I believe a grief recovery support group could have helped me out immensely. Working through my grief over my father's death took me on a journey that lasted over ten years. It was a series of pain, guilt, sorrow, anger, insight, forgiveness, healing, growth and then another cycle would begin again. To this day whenever I sing "Rock

of Ages," which was sung at my Father's funeral, tears eventually will well up in my eyes before the last verse is sung.

I have learned that grief is a process. For me it was a growing process which changed my personality and deepened my maturity. Patience, acceptance, joy, living in the present, and hoping for a better future were part of the other end of my grieving process.

Survivors of a deep loss experience a number of very specific symptoms. While different experts list different sets of symptoms, the following were part of mine, which James Taylor (not the singer) summarized in his book, Surviving Death:

- * Cold, clear, rationality – an unemotional objectivity
- * Constant reminders – when a person has died, seeing that person everywhere
- * A compulsion to revisit places events associated with the deceased
- * Anguish so overwhelming it becomes physical pain
- * Absolute apathy – about money, about relationships, about responsibilities
- * Vulnerability – a sense of being defeated by little things you could have brushed off at any other time
- * A desire to escape – to another place, another time, especially former years
- * Physical fatigue that cannot be overcome by dogged determination
- * Irrational lashing out at family members and friends, colleagues, and sudden rage at strangers
- * An obsession with honoring the memory of the past – often a need to write or make known, somehow, the story of the deceased loved one
- * Wallowing in memories that contribute to pain
- * Feelings of guilt – a recurring refrain of "if only..."
- * Loss of personal goals and ambition
- * A sudden and unusual flowering of dreams
- * A desperate search for meaning

As you start to recognize some of your own symptoms, you will understand better

Vital Statistics

Attendance Jan. 27, 2008

8:45 - 21
10:45 - 104
Sunday School - 34

Offering - General Fund
(monthly budget need - \$13,515)

<u>Offerings rec'd</u>	<u>+/-- Amt.</u>
Dec. -07 - \$17,773	(+ \$4,258)

Happy Birthday

Karen Hammonds- Feb. 4
Harold Goldberg - Feb. 4
Leslie Freytag - Feb. 7
Mary Schwarz - Feb. 7
R. C. Walker - Feb. 8



"It's a Boy"

Congratulations to Howard Jordan on the birth of his new great grandson, Anthony Quin Jordan, born Jan. 15, to parents Christopher & Crystal Jordan. he weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20" long. May God bless Anthony and the family.

In Our Prayers

Anna Beall
Mildred Berk
Ginny Breckler - Heartland Kett.
Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek
Margaret Dill - Masonic Home

Nancy Farren - Trinity
Jamie Geswein
Gene Gibson
Beverly Guffey
Judy Hirshman
Opal Hunter - Liberty Woods
Sgt. Matt Kleinsorge - in Iraq
Lottie Jaeger
Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing
Howard Jordan
Holly Keltner
Ann Ketteman - Oak Creek Terr.
Dustin Knowlton
Peggy Lewis
Nancy Lyttle
Barbara Lyttle
Mary Jane & Bob McBride
Bob McCray
Marcella Miller
Mr/Mrs Patterson- Liberty Woods
Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek
Louis Romano
Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods
Sue Shroyer
Kathy Steele
Connie Swanson
Gloria Van Camp
Flo Warner
Evelyn Wheeler
Marlene Wimpy
Vera Westfall
Roy Wright
Diane Yost
Megan Young



*Ashes to Ashes
Come To the Water
An Annual Lenten Family*

Partnership Program

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

1:15 TO 3:15 pm

Greenmont-Oak Park Church

Music +++ Prayer service

King cake +++ Activities

Burning of Palms +++

Presented by Ascension and Greenmont Churches. Music will be provided by musicians from both churches.

For reservations, call Nova Kigar at 252-6705 or Bob Colvin at 426-8967.



"LENTEN STUDY"

"Hollywood Jesus"

Beginning on Wed. Feb. 13th, from 7PM to 8:30 PM our church will host a six week movie discussion/ Bible study on the passion of Christ as depicted in scripture and on film. Join us for an in-depth study on the nature and meaning of Jesus' sacrifice to us today as we view two films: "The Passion of the Christ" (2004) and "Jesus Christ Superstar" (1973).



CALLING ALL YOUTH Upcoming Activities

Feb. 1&2 - Youth Overnight "Superweekend" Feb. 1 - 7PM to Sat. Feb. 2 - 12 noon
Bring a friend, food, fun & games at Shakertown farmhouse
Feb. 3 - 6PM - Superbowl party
Feb. 10 - 6PM - Star Wars & the Holy Spirit
Feb. 17 - 6PM - Star Wars & the Holy Spirit (Cont.)



"Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday"

After our worship Services on Super Bowl Sunday Feb. 3rd, our youth will be collecting money and food to donate to our Food Pantry. This effort is a part of a Nation wide effort to mobilize youth to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities.

Please consider supporting the Food pantry with a donation of \$1 or a food item. - Darrin Harvey



"Fellowship Luncheon & Kitchen Shower"

WINGS is sponsoring a fellowship soup and salad luncheon for our congregation on Sunday, Feb. 17th. WINGS will provide soup, hot dogs, drink and table service. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share.

Please help shower the kitchen with one of the following items: dish soap, S.O.S. or scrubby pad, dish towels, potholders, and oven mits, paper towels, spray cleaners, or storage bags and large trash bags are items in short supply.

"Secret Sister Program" "All About Me" forms due by Feb. 17th.

Please place forms in manila envelope on bulletin board or bring to the All Church luncheon" on Feb. 17th.

We have gone over some of the 2007 Secret Sister evaluations and some positive comments we received are: "I received a card just when I needed it the most!" "Knowing someone was praying for me made a difference." "I really appreciated the closeness and support of the group."

In the 2008 Secret Sister Program

we are asking you to concentrate more on creative ways to get to know how your secret sister really is, what her prayer concerns are and her interests. Please keep spending MINIMAL, the purpose of this program is to develop a deeper fellowship within our church. For instance; you could acknowledge her interest by sharing a favorite recipe, sending cards, sharing a poem, magazine article or some other items of her interest.

If you would like to be part of this exciting WINGS program and want to learn more about it please see Loretta, Nikki, Diane Knowlton, Lori Keltner, or Marilyn Foskuhl. All ladies of GOPCC are welcome to participate in this very caring and supportive program. It's a great way to get to know each other better. "All About Me" forms are available on the WINGS bulletin board. Thank you and we are looking forward to another exciting year in the WINGS Program.





GET CONNECTED

Would you like to receive updates and event reminders from the church via e mail? Please give the church office your e mail address! You can e mail Nova at office@greenmontoakpark.com. We can keep your address secure: if you would *not* like your e mail address published in the directory, please let Nova know when you give her your address.

DID YOU KNOW THE CHURCH HAS A WEBSITE??? GO TO www.greenmontoakpark.com for a calendar of events and online copies of the Chimes. And please **TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT US!** Anyone looking for a church or who has interest in our church can go online and check us out.

For those of you who aren't computer savvy, we will be having a training class on basic e-mailing and internet surfing. This is just for beginners! But we know some of you have computers at home that aren't being used, and you were just too afraid to ask! Even if you don't have a computer at home, we can show you how to set up an e mail account and use a computer at the Library. More info to come regarding the scheduling of the class.

Thank you for taking the time to do this. It will really help the church's

communication with its members if we can *get you connected!* —the Membership Committee



Sandwich Builders Needed

On Friday, Feb. 8 the sandwich preparation begins at 3:15 PM. **We need many helpers**, beginning at 3:15 pm. Baby-sitting is available if needed, please sign-up to help out.

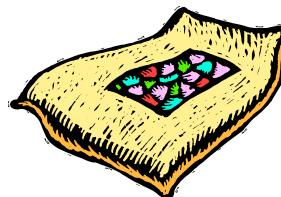
Orders must be picked up on Friday, Feb. 8 from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM from the Donut room. You must pay for all your orders at the time of pick-up. If you cannot pick up your orders, please notify Ruth Fulmer. Any questions, call Ruth at 252-7840.

Jury Duty Scam Alert **This has been verified by the FBI.**

The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Give out any of this information and bingo; your identity was just stolen. They use intimidation over the phone to get the information they want, saying they are part of the court system.

This fraud has been reported so far in 11 states. **DO NOT GIVE ANY INFORMATION.**

how you are progressing through grief. A grief recovery support group can offer support and understanding as you journey through your grief. You may say that you are doing just fine working through your grief. That is great. But you may notice a family member or a friend who is not. I encourage you to invite them to come to our grief recovery classes – and not just invite them, but come with them, giving them encouragement and morale support. **There are thirteen sessions. We will begin on Thursday February 21, 2008, 6 pm – 8 pm in the Laubach Room. Viewing a video will be part of our group discussion.** Call the church office to register, 252-6705. Your friend, Pastor Greg



Tools and Blanket Sunday

February 24

Donations will be accepted on Sunday, February 24 to support the Church World Service Tools and Blanket mission. Church World Service (CWS) is a relief, development and refugee assistance ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations in the U.S. They work in partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 80 countries to meet human needs and foster self-

reliance for all whose way is hard.

The Tools and Blankets Program is a special mission opportunity that includes 8,000 congregations across the U.S. Your donation will provide the right tool at the right time. It can make a world of difference in the lives of children and families faced with an emergency or are struggling to keep food on the table.

Some of our previous donations are supporting the highlighted programs for the week of January 28, 2008: 1) providing food, blankets, mattresses and psycho-social care to displaced persons in Kenya; 2) rehabilitating an underground water supply in Pakistan; 3) providing refugee assistance due to a Taliban presence in the Ghazni region of Afghanistan and 4) supplying hygiene kits, cleaning supplies, blankets, baby kits and more to victims of the Indonesian floods in late December.

Please support these and other people in need with your prayers and financial support. Envelopes will be available on the 24th.



service will be Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7:00PM **Choir rehearsal will follow the service.**

New Grief
Support
group
to start at
Greenmont
Church

Rev. King
and co-organizer Charles Warren
will be starting up a thirteen week
grief recovery support group. The
group will meet on Thursday
evenings, starting Feb. 21 from
6PM to 8PM. It is designed to
help people recover from the deep
hurt of loss. They will learn to walk
through the path of grief and be
supported on the way. This is the
place where hurting people find
healing and hope. For further
information and registration, please
call 252-6705.