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*Steadfast love surrounds those  
who trust in the Lord. -  
Psalm 32:10b*

**Feb. 10 Sermon Bible readings are  
Gen. 37:1-24 & Matt. 20:1-16**

**WORSHIP LEADER:**  
Rev. Bob Smitley  
**GREETERS:**  
The Steinbrunner family

**Office Hours**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
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**Organists:**  
Jacque Fisher  
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

### 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 behaviors. 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.

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
- \* 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 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, beginning on Thursday February 21, 2008, 6 pm – 8 pm in the Laubach Room.** Call the church office to register, 252-6705. Your friend, Pastor Greg

### Vital Statistics

#### Attendance Feb. 3, 2008

8:45 - 33

10:45 - 122

Sunday School - 38

#### Offering - General Fund

(monthly budget need - \$13,515)

Offerings rec'd +/- Amt.

Dec. -07 - \$17,773 (+ \$4,258)

### Happy Birthday

Stoney Brooks - Feb. 10

Jessica Janzow - Feb. 12

Joe Hager - Feb. 13

Gaven Rayney - Feb. 13

Andy Lewis - Feb. 14



### In Our Prayers

Anna Beall

Mildred Berk

Ginny Breckler - Heartland Kett.

Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek

Margaret Dill - Masonic Home

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





## "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).

Our youth Pastor Darrin Harvey will lead this study. All are invited to join in this Lenten study.

### "Spring Parenting Class is being planned"

Darrin Harvey is planning a Parenting class to begin after Easter. Each class will focus on an individual topic: 1- Parenting Together, refuse to let your differences divide you, 2- Great Expectations, How to raise or lower the bars we set for our children, 3- Model Self Confidence for your Kids, 4- The Ground Rules of Discipline, 5- Raising Counter Cultural Teenagers, and 6- Creating a Stronger Parent-Child Bond.

If interested in joining this six week class beginning Wed. April 9, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, please sign-up on the bulletinboard by the church office. Childcare if needed can be provided.



### CALLING ALL YOUTH Activities

- Feb. 10 - 6PM - Star Wars & the Holy Spirit  
 Feb. 17 - 6PM - Star Wars & the Holy Spirit (Cont.)  
 Feb. 24 - NO Youth group  
 Mar. 2 - 2PM attend play at Xenia, Oh  
 "Dead Serious about Life"

### "Workcamp Fundraiser"

The youth will be selling Elder-Beerman Community day sale coupon books during the month of February to raise money for their June Workcamp fund. The booklets are good for use in all Elder-Beerman stores on March 1st. Each booklet includes: One \$10 off coupon to use on a single item of merchandise priced over \$10. Plus, eight coupons to save on an incredible selection of items throughout the store. Plus Bonus buy merchandise offers. Each coupon book is available for a donation of \$5, and 100% of the price is the youths to keep for the workcamp fund.

The youth will be selling the coupon books after church in the Gathering Place over the next few weeks. They appreciate your support of this fundraiser.

### "Secret Sister Program"

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

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.

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.

### "You are Invited to the Ecclesiastical Council for Cynthia Priem"

As part of our Covenant together as an Association - lay and clergy, friends and persons interested in knowing those in-care people seeking ordination - pending - call approval may review and read her ordination paper. The Council will meet Feb. 17 at 3 pm at College Hill, Cincinnati. A copy of her paper is available in the church office, if interested in reading it. This is a way to participate in the process. Pastor Greg



### "In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to the family of Nancy Farren, Nancy passed onto Eternal Life on Thurs. Jan. 31. Nancy was the wife of Joe Farren and the mother of Beth, Amy, Meg & JoNell and spouses and grandmother of 13 grandchildren. Rev. King officiated at her service on Wed. Feb. 6.

Nancy was a life long member of Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church. She was a devoted servant of our church in many ways: serving on many Committee's, Women's Guild, and leadership roles such as Official Board Chairperson throughout her life. She was passionate about connecting families and children with the programs at church, building community and experiencing a full Christian life journey.

May God comfort the family at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family

### "My New Address"

The scenery's changed, the address is new, But the door's still open to friends like you.

Jane Simmons  
1061 Princewood Ave  
Kettering Ohio 45429  
Phone 3 937-938-6354



## **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](mailto: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](http://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

## **"Thank You"**

**Dear Church family,**

**The Christmas gift from all of you could not have come at a better time. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Your friend, Pastor Greg**

**Dear Church family,**

My family and I appreciate your Christmas gift very much. It continues to be meaningful working with all of you. Being a part of this church family is an important part of my Christian journey. Thank you again, Nova Kigar



## **"Lenten thoughts on hunger"**

During Lent, many Christians give up some favorite food. Others participate in special fasts as a way to remember those who are hungry. You may prefer to fast for just one day - or simply skip one meal. Contribute the money you save to your church or denomination's hunger appeal. - Bread for the World

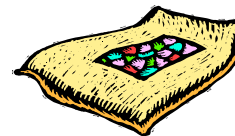


## **"Fellowship Luncheon & Kitchen Shower"**

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 mitts, paper towels, spray cleaners, or storage bags and large trash bags are items in short supply.

## **Tools and Blanket Sunday**



February 24th has been designated "Tools & Blanket Sunday". It supports Church World Service, a relief, development and refugee assistance ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations in the U. S. CWS assists communities responding to disaster, resettles refugees, advocates for fair international and national policies, and sponsors CROP Walks throughout the nation.

Previous contributions have provided \$3.7 million to help people in some 80 nations, including 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 families faced with an emergency or are struggling to keep food on the table.

Previous donations have supported people in the crisis in Kenya, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Indonesia. CWS is also part of a 60 member organization supporting a joint emergency operation in Darfur by the Action of Churches Together (ACT) International alliance. Please give your support to others in need with your prayers and financial support. Envelopes will be available on the 24th. - Social Action

## **"News from Kenya"**

Dear SONKA Friends, Continue to hold our Kenyan friends in your prayers, as the political crisis continues in the Rift Valley, a distance from Rubate. The college at Rubate has re-opened after the holidays, and all students have returned. However, a number of students have lost their homes. Mary Kiwanuka, the Principal of the college, says, "that Kenya will solve its problems" and is hopeful. She says, "We are a people of faith". Let us join Mary in praying for peace among their people and the safety of our delegation that are planning to travel there next summer.

**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.