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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

Feb. 24 Sermon Bible readings are
Proverbs 6:6-11, Matt. 25:14-30

WORSHIP LEADER:

Rev. Bob Smitley

GREETERS:

Karen & Phil Brown

Dear Church family,

This past weekend several members of our Official Board traveled to Cleveland to attend a weekend seminar entitled "Vitality Training." This training will address questions like "What happens after we welcome guests at our worship and church functions?" "What makes individuals and churches ready for growth?" and "What are our church's call and particular gifts?" We hope to bring back some fresh ideas and inspiration.

In "The Parish Paper" Cynthia Woolever asks, "What do growing churches do to welcome and attract new people?" She answers that worshippers invite others, especially people they already know. She added that growing congregations make themselves visible not only by inviting others but also send materials to worship visitors, distribute flyers or letters to people in the community, hold community events, telephone visitors, visit visitors and create new small groups designed for new worshippers. What would happen if members of our church would do these things? What kind of ideas can we come up with to follow through with people who have come to our church for the first or second time? What do we need to do in order to implement some of those ideas? Is the Spirit nudging you to get more involved with reaching out to your friends or neighbors? Call me; let me know of your ideas and interests. Let us help each other fulfill our role as disciples of Christ reaching out to God's world that is spiritually starving.

Your friend,
Pastor Greg



LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Do you know anyone who is interested in joining our church? Ask around! Spark some interest! We will be having a new members' class on Feb 25 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. We will be receiving the new members during the church service on March 9, 2008.

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Bleeker at 294 2962.—The Membership Committee

Vital Statistics

Attendance Feb. 17, 2008

8:45 - 31
10:45 - 98
Sunday School - 35

Offering - General Fund
(monthly budget need - \$14,543)

	<u>Offerings rec'd</u>	<u>+/- Amt.</u>
Jan. '08	\$9,714	(-\$4,829)

Happy Birthday

Jon Lyttle - Feb. 24
Eric Barnett - Feb. 25
Marilyn Foskuhl - Feb. 26
Ellen Earwood - Feb. 27
Jack Schwarz - Feb. 29



"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to the family of Charissa Hammonds, who entered life eternal Monday, Feb. 11. Rev. King officiated at her service. Charissa was a life long member of Greenmont Church. She had recently been sharing her gifts for video and photography as she recorded many church activities. She was on the 60th Anniversary Committee and Co-chaired the Christmas Bazaar this past year. May God comfort you Pasko Evanoff, Flo Warner & Karen Hammonds at this time of loss. Cards may be sent to 3001 Southern Blvd, Kettering 45409 for Pasko & Flo and 3143 Gardenia Dr, Dayton 45449 for Karen - Your GOPCC family

In Our Prayers

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
Ann Ketteman - Oak Creek Terr.
Dustin Knowlton
Peggy Lewis
Nancy Lyttle
Barbara Lyttle
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.



Upcoming Activities

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"
THANK YOU ALL - We raised \$194.81 in our Souper Bowl collection for the Food Pantry.

"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.

Preschool Registration Begins Soon

On Monday, Feb. 25, we will begin Registration for all classes for parents who have children currently enrolled at Green-Oak or parents who are members of Greenmont-Oak Park Church. We have classes for children who will be 5, 4 or 3 by Oct. 1, 2006. If you would like any more information please call Ruth Fulmer 252-7840 or visit our website at

www.greeoakpreschool.com. Registrations will be accepted all week. If you need a specific class or time, I recommend that you register as soon as possible.

Green-Oak will be having an OPEN HOUSE on Sat., Mar. 1, from 1-3 pm. the "Voyageur Puppets" will perform. Prospective students and their families may wish to tour the facility, meet the teachers and have some refreshments. All are invited to join the festivities free of charge.



"Thank You"

Dear Greenmont family,

Thanks so much for all the prayers, cards and support for me and my family. We were touched by the many friends and their concerns for Nancy and all of us. Thank you to all who brought food to sustain us. The dinner was great. Nancy was a friend to everyone. - Joe Farren & family.

Lay Leaders Do a Great Job in 2007

THIRTY ONE Lay leaders added their special touch to our Sunday services in 2007. Some served two or more times and there are some who can always be called on at the last minute, if need be. This is much appreciated.

It would be great if we could have lots of new volunteers for this important job. If you'd like to give it a try, please call me after March 6th. We'll be happy to work you into the schedule. Doris Alexander, 298-4176

Thanks for SONKA Support

Congratulations Everyone! For 2007, you passed a budget that projected support from our churches totaling \$269,000 & you all gave more than \$278,000 in support! Thank you so much. - SONKA

"Thank You's -Cont."

GOPCC family,

It is an honor and pleasure to serve you each year. Thanks so much for the New Year's gift. I will use it to purchase more Jim Brickman music. Love, Jacque

Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Church,

Thank you so much for the love offering that you were so kind to give to me. It has been such a privilege to serve the church since August and I look forward to many shared blessings in the future. Shalom, Darrin

Dear Church Family,

As many of you may have heard, I recently took a tumble from some scaffolding while working. Thankfully, I am doing just fine after some "fancy needlework" by the doctor. I want to thank everyone for their prayers, concerns and especially the visits, while I was hospitalized.

Also, thank you to my Sunday School class for the flowers. Everything was very much appreciated.

Pastor King was a tremendous support to both me and my family. Things can happen so quickly, it's comforting to know we have many friends who care here at GOPCC and are willing to be there when a need arises. Thanks again, Frank Taylor

Dear Greenmont -Oak Park Community Church Family, Thank you to everyone for your kind words of comfort and prayers. It means a lot to all of us. Thank you to all that helped with the tea for our family and friends.

Love, Pasko, Flo, and Karen

"New Art Display by Pasko Evanoff"

We are fortunate to have a new Exhibit of art by Pasko Evanoff. Be sure to stop in the Hilty Room to see the display.

The paintings are available with information in the church office or you may call Pasko at 298-3810.

A Lenten Revival Program Offered by Cross Creek UCC

Our featured speaker will be Rev. Dr. Kenneth L Samuel from Stone Mountain, Georgia. He is a dynamic and powerful preacher.

There will be two services: 1st service- held at CrossCreek Community church, 667 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd., Thurs. March 6 at 7PM, The topic will be Renewed by Love, the 2nd service - held at College Hill Community Church, 1547 Philadelphia Dr. on Friday, March 7 at 7PM, the topic will be empowered for Justice.

"Blanket Sunday Feb. 24th"



The time of year that we chose to bring our annual giving for Blankets and Tools to the attention of our congregation comes at a time when we have had several disasters right here in the United States that this some to the money will go to. Church World service is appealing for donations to help people affected by a rash of tornadoes in the south-central United States and the flooding in Northern Ohio as well as disasters all over the world. CWS anticipates working actively in states where tornadoes and flooding have struck. The disaster is still in its rescue and relief phase and needs are beginning to come to light. In addition to providing additional material resources to fulfill requests, CWS will deploy staff to assist in training and project development, and issuing emergency response grants to long-term recovery groups forming or reactivating in the coming weeks.

Ordinary things- that we often take for granted like blankets, education, clean water, garden tools, seeds can make a world of difference for people devastated by tragedy, as well as those working to build a

better life for their families and their communities. Please make a difference and donate toward the Tools of Hope and Blankets. Social Action



"I Found Comfort"

Starting February 21st from 6 to 8 PM, our Greif Share program will explore our needs to seek and use nationally guided materials, comforts and resolutions for our personal losses with those that have had the same or similar experiences. You will find that you are not alone with your questions and what you are going through. I have attended these programs and they were a great experience to share with others to help me cope with my loss. - Charles Warren, #426-6373. Please sign up or contact Rev. King or myself so we may better serve you.

Just a reminder - if you have donated food to any recent meals, your help is appreciated. Please pick up your dishes from the church kitchen. They can be found on the counter or by the disposal. - thank you

