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Let Us Be...



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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 -
Kendall Cobb
Greg Goodner

“Give generously... [and] God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.” Deuteronomy 15:10.

Do you ever wonder about God’s blessings? Generous, outgoing, loving Christians receive blessings other people do not understand. This is why the writer of Proverbs could say, “A heart at peace gives life to the body,” Proverbs 14:30. The psalmist had this same kind of beautiful idea in mind when he wrote, “The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes,” Psalms 19:8. But Jesus came directly to the point when He said, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” Luke 6:38.

God has given us many gifts and calls us to use those gifts to build up his kingdom. Our faith identifies us as stewards and gives us a relationship with God. Many of these gifts are given for our needs; others are given for the needs of others. Stewardship is ministry by which we nurture and share our gifts, because we believe in the wonder of God’s blessings that “...for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Consider your church as one avenue of your generous giving.

Your pastor and friend, Greg



"Meeting the Challenge - Responding in Gratitude"

After the first quarter of 2008, we are over \$9,000 behind in our budget.

Traditionally, the summer months are when we experience a drop in giving. So we are alarmed that we are already in a financial hole.

Clearly, we need greater support from our members and friends that desire continuation of our ministry to this community and to the world.

We had a deficit at the end of last year. And we increased our budget over 8% or about \$14,000! This presents us with a real challenge!

If we truly believe that everything we have is a gift from God, then **tithing** should be our way of expressing our love for God and appreciation for all that we have been given.

Several times in the past, when financial challenges were presented to our congregation, the response has been tremendous.

Now, the challenge is, will we respond again??

- The Finance Committee

Vital Statistics

Attendance April 20, 2008

8:45 - 20

10:45 - 108

Sunday School - 37

Offering - General Fund

(monthly budget need - \$14,543)

	<u>Offerings rec'd</u>	<u>+/- Amt.</u>
Jan. '08	\$9,714	(-\$4,829)
Feb. '08	\$8,867	(-\$5,676)
Mar. '08	\$15,825	(+ \$1,282)

Our total deficit to date is -\$9,223

Happy Birthday

Ginny Hambrick - Apr. 28

Allen Patterson - May 1

Martha Lockhart - May 2

Cindy Brodowski - May 3



Remember you can see the Chimes using your computer. Our website is www.greenmontoakpark.com. Add it to your favorites list.



In Our Prayers

Mildred Berk

Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek

Mindy Collins

Margaret Dill - Masonic Home

Jamie Geswein

Gene Gibson

Beverly Guffey

Judy Hirshman

Opal Hunter - Liberty Woods

Lottie Jaeger

Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing

Howard Jordan

Ann Ketteman - Oak Creek Terr.

Dorothy & Wayne Knapt

Dustin Knowlton

Peggy Lewis

Nancy Lyttle

Barbara Lyttle

Bob McCray

Marcella Miller

Nobu Oishi

Mr/Mrs Patterson - Liberty Woods

Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek

Cindy Romano

Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods

Sue Shroyer

Dale Smitley

Kathy Steele

Connie Swanson

Gloria Van Camp

Flo Warner

Evelyn Wheeler

Marlene Wimpy

Vera Westfall

Roy Wright

Diane Yost



A
Couple
GOOD



'S
Needed

We are already a quarter of the way through 2008. I wanted to take a moment to let everyone know that we still have two vacant positions on our Official Board, Vice Chairperson of the Board and Social Committee Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson needs to attend the once monthly board meeting. New this year, the Vice Chairperson will also lead the Nominating Committee to line up Chairpersons for the various committees for 2009. The Vice Chairperson has the wonderful opportunity to learn how the Board operates and to see how meetings are conducted for the remainder of the year before they are expected to take over the Chairperson role in 2009.

The Social Committee oversees many of the dinners and special functions in the church. The chairperson makes sure that the events are staffed with volunteers and ready to go.

I sincerely hope that everyone will seriously consider taking the time to serve their church in one of these two positions. If you are interested in learning more about either of these opportunities, please contact Pastor King or Suzanne Slaidins-Dull at 434-5368.



We still have openings for Greeters beginning in May. We are only asking for you to consider greeting for one Sunday at a time for the 10:45 service. Of course, if you want to sign-up to greet 2 or 3 Sundays that is great!! The Membership Committee welcomes your help with extending our warm Greenmont-Oak Park hospitality to our visitors and church family.



The Food Pantry needs paper bags. Feeding 130 families means that we pass out approximately 400 paper bags a month, so we need your assistance. (We say approximate because we reuse boxes and bags that come in on a regular basis) Thank you for your support.

W.I.N.G.S.



"All Daughter's Brunch"

Saturday, May 10, 2008

10:45 AM to 12:45 PM

at

Nedelko's Banquet Hall

1490 N Fairfield Rd

Beavercreek, Ohio

Menu:

Mini Quiche assortment, Breakfast casserole, assorted finger sandwiches, spinach salad, Creme of Potato Soup, Cake w/ Blueberries.

Cost: Adults -\$12.00

Youth under age 10 -\$4.00

Make checks payable to

W.I.N.G.S.

All Daughters are invited attend. A surprise guest is coming to help us honor & celebrate our mothers. Please sign up on the WINGS bulletinboard by Wed. May 7th to attend. Please indicate the age of any youth attending. Join us for fun and fellowship. - Any questions contact Loretta Leisch or Nikki Taylor

Youth April Activities

April 25 & 26th - Tent Sale

- Youth Volunteers needed

April 27 - "Breakout" 6 to 8 pm

"Sex & Dating"

May 4 - go to Dragon's ball game 1pm

May 11 - "Breakout" 6 to 8 pm

- Narnia theme party



*Recycle,
Reuse,
Reduce*

*Care for God's Earth
every day!*

Graduate Information Needed



It is almost graduation time again, and, we need some information. Let the church office know who our 3rd graders are this year, who the High school graduates are, and who the college graduates are. We want to share in their achievements. Please write, call or e-mail the church with this information. - Christian Education

Men's Group Growing

Join us in a Men's group here at Greenmont. Currently we meet EARLY Wednesday mornings at 6:30 -7:30 AM for about 1 hour. What is a men's group you may ask? Well, here is an explanation (and in no particular order):

We pray together but, we aren't a prayer group; We read the Bible together but, we aren't a Bible study group; we offer support to each other but, we aren't a support group; We discuss men's issues but, we aren't a discussion group.

To summarize the men's group has elements of all those things so we can help each other grow in our role as men. 'As iron sharpens iron so does one man sharpen another.' (Prov. 27:17) Questions- contact Craig Kigar @ 623-7235

Greater Dayton Christian Connection Opportunities

** National Day of Prayer/ Evening storytelling, Thurs. May 1, 6:30 PM, Southminster Presbyterian Church, stories of peace and reconciliation shared by the CinDay Guild of Network of Biblical Storytellers

SONKA News

Church Vitality Training

All members of Greenmont-Oak Park Community church are invited to join members of the Official Board in attending this one day vitality training session. (Some of our Board members already attended a 2 day session in Cleveland and they are very excited about sharing this opportunity with others right here in Dayton.) We can learn more about hospitality, stewardship and online resources for our church and help our church grow and connect with our community. This session will be held, Saturday, May 31 from 9 AM to 4PM at Shiloh Church on Philadelphia Dr. in Dayton. This workshop is free and lunch will be provided. Call the church office if interested in attending. Registrations are due by May 16th. Our Churches Wider Mission donations help provide this workshop.

"All Church Tent Sale - IS THIS WEEK"

The Trustee Committee is preparing for the annual all church tent Sale to be held April 25 & 26 this week.

Volunteers are also needed to help work the sale on Friday and Saturday. Questions can be directed to Gary Etter, or the church office. This is a good couple of days to be a representative of our church to the community as you organize and browse through all our treasures, large and small.

The profits from the sale will go toward the purchase of a new lawn mower. - Trustees



"Adopt a Tree"

The Trustees are asking the church family to consider adopting a tree at church to care for this spring and summer season. They have marked several trees with an orange circle, marking the area around the tree to remove the sod and mulch. The Trustees will purchase a large amount of mulch that will be available by the garage. To adopt a tree simply take a wooden stick marker, write your name on it and stake it by the tree

as your claim. You can do this project as a family, Sunday school class, church group, or a couple friends working together. If you wish to plant some flowers around your tree, that is okay, just remember plants need watering in the summer. Tree adoption stakes will be available in the Gathering Place next Sunday.



What's A Pirate's favorite letter?

Arrr (of course) !!

What arrr a Pirate's next Favorite Letters?

V B S !!!

If yer havin' trouble following this logic, you might want to be comin' to Arrr VBS Kick-off Night on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm in the Hilty Room.

Enjoy some Piratery Grub as we discover what awaits for us in: "Veggie Tales: 'Pirates Who Don't Do Anything'" VBS to be held June 9 -13.

We'll be needin' a full crew to man our VBS Ship - so those who don't volunteer will be drafted !! (or maybe just be fed to the sharks). Any Questions? Call "Poop-deck Patti" at 294-7932!

