

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage
Paid
Permit No. 338
Dayton, Ohio

Greenmont-Oak Park
Community Church
1921 Woodman Drive
Kettering, Ohio 45420
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL



Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church
Chimes



Volume XLIX No. 551 published weekly

May 4, 2008

Website: www.greenmontoakpark.com



Come, All is Ready



WORSHIP LEADER:

Darrin Harvey

GREETERS:

Steinbrunner Family

Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Telephone: 252-6705
Fax # - 252-4093

Pastor:

Rev. Gregory King
pastor@greenmontoakpark.com

Youth Pastor:

Darrin Harvey
dharvey@kascable.com

Admin. Chairman:

Suzanne Slaidins-Dull

Church Secretary

Nova Kigar

office@greenmontoakpark.com

Choir Director:

Robert Duerr

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 -

Jerry Hager

Charles Warren

Frank Taylor

Robert Davis

"From the Pastor"

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,"

Matthew 5::3.

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of heaven,"

Luke 6:20.

Anna Slaidins and I attended our SONKA spring meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio this past weekend. The only business of the day was voting for approval of Cynthia Priem's ordination. Paul Bradley spoke for forty-five minutes on the church in the 21st century. We attended two workshops – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. And we closed with a worship and Communion service.

One highlight came in the workshop, "Poverty Issues." Each of us answered questions like, "What does the poor mean to you?" "Who are the poor?" "Why is helping the poor important to you?" We came through the discussion acknowledging that the poor means more than just lack of financial resources. People can be poor in a number of ways. We came to the conclusion, you can do a disservice to those who are poor by taking the role of a paternal caregiver. It brings an attitude that we have something we can give to someone who does not have what they need; and they have nothing to give in return. We set up a dependency need that makes us feel good (or feel used) and the poor feel like second class citizens with little value to their community. While the group squirmed at these conclusions, our facilitator asked us how many of our poverty constituents attend our church, become active in our church, and hold a leadership position. Rare to non were our answers.

What insights revealed themselves? How is the Holy Spirit stirring in our group & in my conscience? One conclusion is that I (we) cannot really help the poor until I (we) recognize the poverty in my (our) own lives. The Beatitudes concerning the "poor in spirit" in the Gospel of Matthew and the "poor" in the Gospel of Luke confirm such a conclusion.

Also, it is important to recognize that all of God's children rich or poor, sick or healthy, mentally challenged or genius have gifts they can bring into the body of Christ. And until we recognize that "the poor" have important and valuable gifts for God's ministry, we will keep "the poor" in a position that gives the message that they are fringe members of Christ's church, with little to offer. If you are anything like me, I could not agree with this conclusion until I began thinking that I never consider the people I am helping having anything that could aid in my well-being. It is very likely that I neither recognize nor value any of their gifts as important. Until I recognize my own poverty I will not appreciate their gifts and what they can contribute. I will always maintain a ministry "to the poor" in our community rather than a ministry "with the poor" in our community. As long as I keep this attitude, I will not appreciate and value their gifts to Christ's church.

I guess I have a lot to work on when it comes to meeting the needs of the poor. How about you?

Your pastor and friend, Greg

Vital Statistics

Attendance April 27, 2008

8:45 - 25

10:45 - 105

Sunday School - 34

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)
Apr. '08	\$10,930	(- \$3,613)

Our total deficit to date is -\$12,836

Happy Birthday

Marilyn Jones - May 5

Ann Smith - May 5

Barb Etter - May 6

Erin Smith - May 8



"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to the family of Anne Ketteman, who passed onto eternal life last week.

Anne was an early member of Greenmont Church, joining in April 1947. Anne taught Sunday school for 22 years, chaperoned camping trips, always organized and served us delicious meals for every occasion, over many decades. If you needed help in the kitchen Anne was there. Anne was a 3 T's Senior member and a lifelong servant of God and the church.

Rev. King will officiate at her Memorial service, this Friday, May 2nd, at 7 PM here at the church.

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

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
- 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



TENTSALE

WOW what a huge success. Thanks to all who donated, helped or bought. We had a banner year and it took all of you to make it happen. We have brought in \$ 4800.00 + with a strong possibility for much more. The proceeds have secured us a new commercial mower for our property. We will use some money for mulch around our trees. THANKS to ALL!!! Trustees.



Barb Etter, Craig & Nova Kigar, Connie Sink, Paula Geswein, Brad Medlin, Phil & Karen Brown, Charlene & Ron Brown, Jonell & David Martin, Bob Foster, Bob Colvin, Brian, Adam & Molly Donovan, Zach donovan, Rev Greg King, Greg & Sara Goodner, Ray & Bonnie Urbanas, Ruth & Roger Fulmer, Carol, Eric & Anna Landing, Darlene & Herb Schafer, Ryan Brodowski, Garrett Rayney, Jordan Erbes, Steve Simmons, Darren Harvey, Helen & Jerry Hager, Arlene Uldrich, Fred Foskuhl - YOU ARE ALL GREAT VOLUNTEERS!!!



"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



Summer Food Program

Greenmont Oak Park Church has committed to partner with the Children's Hunger Alliance and The Living Word Church of Vandalia to provide lunches to neighborhood children in June and July. Living Word will be preparing and delivering the meals to Greenmont Church. Our responsibility is to provide the location where the meals are served and on-site supervision. Weather permitting we will be using the playground.

There will be opportunities to volunteer for supervision and meal distribution. We anticipate a commitment of no more than an hour with meals starting at noon each weekday. Look for a calendar to sign up for days to volunteer. Points of contact at Greenmont are Marilyn Foskuhl, Laura Von Holle and Nova Kigar. What a neat opportunity to meet and serve our community!!

Remember & Join Us

The Men's Group is meeting at 6:30 AM on Wednesday mornings here at the church for an hour of Spiritual strengthening to carry us through the week.

Youth May Activities

May 4 - "Breakout" 6 to 8 pm
May 11- "Breakout" 6 to 8 pm
- Narnia theme party
May 18- see movie "Prince Caspian" at the Greene - time TBA
May 23-24 - Youth Lawn Campout overnight event at Church

New - New - New

Adult Sunday School

The contemporary adult Sunday school class is shifting its lessons. We are currently viewing a film about William Wilberforce. He was the member of Parliament in England that was instrumental in dismantling the institution of slavery in the United Kingdom. From there we will move to an exploration of the sermons and speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr. Please join us in the downstairs classroom Sunday mornings at 9:30.

Graduate Information Needed



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

Mother's Day

WINGS Mother's Day "All Daughter's Tea"
We are fast approaching May and our annual "All Daughter's Tea" on Saturday, May 10th from 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM at Nedelko's. If you would like to attend please make sure to sign-up by Sunday, May 4th so that we can inform our caterer of the total number attending. We are looking forward to another unique event and the fellowship together. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend.
If you don't have a daughter or mother to bring...reach out and adopt one! There will be WINGS representatives in the Gathering Place after 2nd service on Sunday, May 4th to receive your money. Please make checks payable to WINGS (adults \$12.00, children under 10 \$4.00 more information on WINGS bulletin board 2nd floor of the Gathering Place). We're so excited and looking forward to seeing each one of you and honoring one another on this special occasion.
Your Sisters in Christ,
Loretta & Nikki

Attention All Secret Sisters...

When I arrived at church this Sunday, I was very pleasantly surprised to receive a beautiful handmade card from my Secret Sister along with a small box of dark chocolates...and only 60 calories per stick!
I want say thank you to my Secret Sister, whoever you are? It's an awesome feeling to know someone is out there praying for me and encouraging me in my daily walk with Christ. Secret Sisters, please remember to pray daily for "your own special Secret Sister" and surprise her now and then with a card of encouragement!
Thank you again "SS"!
In Christ, Nikki Taylor



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.

"Adopt a Tree" The Mulch is Here!



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. To adopt a tree simply take a wooden stick marker, write your name on it and stake it by the tree as your claim. Tree adoption stakes are available in the Gathering Place.



Congregational Meeting Planned, May 18

The Official Board Chairperson and members have planned to hold an informational meeting for the congregation to share news about important and exciting challenges or opportunities for our church. The meeting will be held Sunday, May 18, following the 10:45 service.

The Board wants to share facts about our budget deficit and ideas to work on resolving this situation. We will share information about exciting vitality growth ideas. We will share information about accessibility plans that the Trustees and Official Board members endorse as the best solution for our church. We will also work on

filling the Vice Chair and Social Committee Chair positions, by sharing encouragement and expectations.

There will be a Carry-In to follow the meeting. Table service, drinks and some meat will be provided.

There is excitement about the future of our church and how we are serving God. We have a solid foundation of 60 years as a faith community and we want God's work to continue through us. Come be part of it.

- Official Board



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 Pirateey 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 !! (Any Questions? Call "Poop-deck Patti" at 294-7932!

