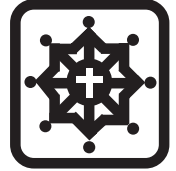


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Pentecost Sunday



Happy Mother's Day

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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"

I have been trying to write something inspirational to all the readers of our Chimes about Mother's Day. Do I write something sentimental or begin by quoting from Proverbs 31. Then my mind began to swirl around about all kinds of conditions and situations in which mothers find themselves. There are women who want to be mothers but are unable; and women who are pregnant or already have given birth to children who are not ready for motherhood and reject their role of caretaking. There are mothers who pray for their children to return home safe and in good health from war; and others who pray their children withdraw from area gangs. There are mothers suffering the pain of their children in prison, or suffering from their children's addicted to self-destructive behavior. There are mothers who have lost a child or worse lost more than one. There are single parent mothers with little extended family support. There are mothers who work outside the home, wishing to be full time homemakers. And there are mothers who are blessed from all their labors, who receive the love and affection, and respect from their children; and they watch their children grow into adulthood - responsible, working, caring, and independent - reaping the joys of grandparenthood.

As I pondered all the joy and pain in which I have seen in mothers, I turned my attention to three mothers I deeply love and have appreciated for all that they have been to me: my Mother, my Mother-in-law and my wife, Patti, who is the mother of our four children. So, this is my thank you to these three mothers: Mother Ruth, Mother Wanda, and Mother Patti.

Dear Mothers:

Thank you for the homes and for the kind of mothers you have been. Thank you for all the loving care you gave to your children when they could not care for themselves. Thank you for all that you provided for your children: physically – for food and clothes and shelter before your children could earn their own living and support themselves; emotionally – for kindness and loving affection, laughter and the ability to laugh at themselves, respect and affirmation as valuable human beings; spiritually – for the belief that God loves unconditionally and living by the Golden Rule. Thank you for all the help and opportunities of education and of learning which you gave to your children. Thank you for all the security your children enjoyed: the door of home which was always open, the sympathy and the love when your child was hurt or discouraged or depressed. Thank you for all the loving care with which your children have been surrounded ever since your children were born. Forgive me, if I have done anything to hurt or to grieve you, and for those moments I may have drifted away from you to the point when we were like strangers. Love & appreciation,

Your Son, & Son-in-law & Husband

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Your pastor and friend, Greg

Vital Statistics

Attendance May 4, 2008

8:45 - 30

10:45 - 115

Sunday School - 36

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

Frank Taylor - May 11

Ashley Rearick - May 11

Marion Fa rren - May 13

Bob McCray - May 14

Adam Sink - May 15

Hilda Mobley May 16

Rev. King - May 16



Lost & Found

We have several lost items in the church office. There are eye glasses, a large thermal cup, two cell phones and a pair of ladies slip on shoes. If any of these items sound familiar, come see what is here. There is also a lost and found box in the upper Gathering Place, when items are not claimed over a few weeks, they are put in the box.

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 - Crestview Manor

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



Come One, Come All!!

Summer will be here before we know it! That means the summer Music schedule is up on the bulletin board. We have 130 people for worship most Sundays for the two services. We need at least 14 people to share their talents with us. Let your light shine! Give your gifts to God so all can enjoy what He has given you. If you come early to sign up you can have your pick of Sundays. - Jane Simmons, Music Committee



"New Art Display"

Polly Brown's artwork is now in the Hilty room. Be sure to stop in to see her work. If interested in any purchases, see the price list in the church office.

Many thanks to Pasko Evanoff for sharing his beautiful watercolor paintings with us for the last few months. His work is always a delight to see. - Doris Alexander



"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 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.

"On Pentecost"

I have been challenged by the story of D. L. Moody walking down a street in New York City and thinking about a sentence he had heard: The world has yet to see what God can do with a man who is wholly yielded to him. There came into Moody's heart a great hunger, and he cried out, "O God, make me that man!" He was so filled with a sense of the overwhelming love of God that he had to go to a friend's house nearby and ask for the use of a room. For an hour or more, he was caught up by this passion that had entered his heart...

That is what Luke is talking about (when he describes the events of Pentecost). When John the Baptist predicted that Jesus would come and baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire, he meant that there would be an unexplainable passion about the church. - Ray Stedman, in 'Birth of the Body'



The Mulch is Here
Work can begin on the
Adopted Trees

"Dear Members of Greenmont Church,"

FISH Southeast Food Pantry thanks you for the \$100 donation. We appreciate your support of this local community program. Sincerely, Janet Harris, Pantry coordinator

"Dear Grenmont Church"

Hi! How are you doing? I am doing good. I want to thank you for the \$20 for Easter, I am going to buy some summer shorts for the warm days. We will be out of school for the summer and I can't wait, so I can have a break. For Easter we went to church and learned about Jesus and got to hunt eggs and eat a big dinner, it was fun. Love, Skyla Pacheco (She is one our our two Christian Children Fund children)



Congregational Meeting Planned, May 18

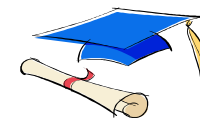
The Official Board Chairperson and members have planned to hold an informational meeting for the congregation to share news about important and exciting challenges or opportunities for our church. The meeting will be held Sunday, May 18, following the 10:45 service.

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



Graduate Information Needed by May 19

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



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.

