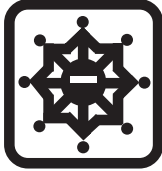


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Choir Sunday



Congregation Information Meeting & Fellowship Carry-In Dinner this Sunday.

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Suzanne Slaidins-Dull
GREETERS:
Toni Bailey, Ellen Farra

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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"

Karen Specter and Bill Youngkin, members of the Global Partnership committee, sent me a letter concerning our partner church at Rubate, Kenya. As you may know Kenya has been going through a sad period of political and ethnic turmoil, which led to rioting and bloodshed. The Youth Trip to Rubate College this July was cancelled and is rescheduled for the summer of 2009. However, a small delegation of adults will be visiting Rubate, assuring our Christian brothers and sister in Rubate of our continued partnership.

Bill and Karen and their small SONKA delegation would like to bring with them prayers and greeting from all our SONKA churches and present our letters to the college, so that, they may be distributed to the surrounding community groups and churches. Also they are encouraging us to send a picture of our church or have our congregation sign their names on another piece of paper to include with the prayer.

So, a piece of paper for your signature will be posted on the bulletin board across from the church offices. I hope you will join us in sending greetings to our partner church in Rubate.

Your Pastor & friend, Greg

Vital Statistics

Attendance May 11, 2008

8:45 - 19

10:45 - 124

Sunday School - 31

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

Ken Hambrick, Jr. - May 20

Dave Roalef - May 20

John Slaidins - May 23



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 - Gagen Residence

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



We help support this clinic, and Christian community leaders.



Sharing Musical Talents

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

Our VBS Pirates need to salvage some treasures!!

We'll be needin' some supplies for our VBS Ship - so if you can help us by offering any items from our list - Thanks a bunch Matey !!

- Rubber bands, -film cansiters
- Old buttons (especially gold tone)
- Pint plastic bottles with labels removed
- frozen juice can lids
- Paper grocery bags, -spools
- Items you might be willing to loan us:
- Inflatable row boat
- Life jackets
- Life preservers

We also have a food supply list posted on the church bulletin board. If you wish to help us nurish the crew for our week long journey, sign-up to bring an item.

Remember we are 'The Veggie Tale -Pirates Who Don't Do Anything', so we really need your help. Volunteers to join in the fun and adventure for the week are still welcome. Sign-up today!! Any questions, call "Poop-deck Patti" 294-7932!

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 opportunites to volunteer for supervision and meal distribution. We anticipate a committment of no more that 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!!



**Volunteers
It's Sign-up
Time**



Youth May Activities

- May 18 - see movie "Prince Caspian" at the Greene - time 3:00 PM
- May 23-24 - Youth Lawn Campout overnight event at Church



June 1 - PreTeen Club meets after Church



Adult Comtemporary Class to begin exploration of Martin Luther King, Jr. sermons & speeches. Please join us downstairs at 9:30 AM Sundays.

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.

Kroger Reward Program earns the church more money.

Thank you for participating in the Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program. As you know, each time your organization's gift cards are reloaded, money is earned for your projects. When your reloads reach \$5,000 or more, your organization receives a rebate check for 4% of all your associated reloads.

For the most recent period of April, 2008 your organizations cards were reloaded for \$1,190. Combined with prior reloads of \$4,201 for a total of \$5,392, you are now eligible to receive the enclosed rebate check for \$215.64

Our church is depositing the check to add to our giving to help cover the operating costs of the church. - Joe Farren



The Mulch is Here
Work can begin on the
Adopted Trees



"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



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



The Trip to Newport Tennessee is coming up soon! We will be leaving on Sunday June 15th after the second service and returning Friday June 20th, in the late afternoon. While there the youth will work with young children at a summer kids club and work on housing projects.

We have 15 people coming with us. The Student Roster is: Ameer Conn, Adam Donovan, Zakk Donovan, Sarah Goodner, Tim Keltner, Kristen King, Sadie & Macie Popik, Taylor & Jordan Medlin, and Magi Penick.

Adult Leaders coming with us are: Brian Donovan, Darrin Harvey, Lori Keltner, and Patti King.

We know this will be a positive and life changing experience for our young people. We thank the church for all their support and ask for your prayers. - Darrin Harvey

Graduate Information Needed by May 19

Call the church office with any church family graduate information, by next Monday morning at 10 AM. The church will recognize our Graduates on Sunday, June 1st, and share their accomplishments in the Chimes the last week of May. .

