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**Office Hours** 

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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 -Jerry Archer Bob Karl

## "From the Pastor"

"Each of you must give as you have made up ;your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver," 2 Corinthians 9:7.

A devout Christian lady had taught tithing to her family, and her teenage son had a paper route earning approximately thirty dollars. Each week he thankfully gave \$3.00 to the work of the Lord. After a while he got his first regular job, which paid about \$300.00 a week. After two or three weeks, he said to his mother, "It was easy for me to give \$3.00 a week to the church; but when I give based on the \$300.00, I am giving \$30.00 a week; and that is hard for me to do – there are a lot of things I could do with that money."

So his mother replied, "I have a solution – let us pray and ask God to give you your old job back, so you can easily and gladly give the \$3.00 tithe." As far as we know the son never missed his tithe.

Why is it that the more God blesses us the harder it seems for us to gladly give in return the percentage we once were delighted to give?

Monetary gifts to God teach us patience and prudence. We learn how to control our inordinate wishing for many things that we buy. This discipline of our will makes it easier for us to live God's law. We remember what is important in the way we spend our money and the joy of giving. Therefore giving definitely helps us to do God's will. -Your friend and Pastor, <u>Greg</u>

## SONKA - Midwest Flooding/Tornado Disaster Relief

In the wake of devastating flooding and a record number of tornados striking the Midwest this spring, the United Church of Christ has issued a \$200,000 emergency appeal, and is seeking volunteers who can assist with immediate relief and long-term recovery for these communities, severely impacted by these storms.

One Great Hour of Sharing grants are now being shared with conferences & local UCC congregations for immediate support. The UCC has pledged its support to assist in long-term recovery efforts. Will you please give gener-ously? Contributions can be sent through the SONKA office, specified for "2008 Spring Tornadoes/Floods", they will then be forwarded to Wider Church Ministries. Also, secure on-line donations can be made at the national UCC website, <u>www.ucc.org.</u>

Our Sunday School children over the entire past fall to spring seasons collected their offerings to be given to make disaster relief kits. They collected a total of \$422 (this amount is greater that what Rev. King stated Sunday, he had the fall & winter quarters total). Our children are learning to care and act on God's Love by helping others. The need is urgent, please consider helping as God calls you, first in prayer and then in action.

<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
Attendance June 22, 2008		
8:45 - 29		
10:45 - 96		
Sunday School - 24		
<b>Offering - General Fund</b>		
(monthly budget need - \$14,543)		
(	Offerings rec'd	+/ Amt.
Jan. '08	\$9,714	(-\$4,829)
Feb. '08	\$8,867	(-\$5,676)
Mar. '08	\$15,825	(+ \$1,282)
Apr. '08	\$10.930	(- \$3,613)
May '08	\$13,692	(-\$851)
Our total deficit to date is -\$13,684		

## **Happy Birthday**

Vital Ctation

Brian Hager - July 2 JoAnne Jay - July 4 Kaitlin Weyrauch - July 5

# "In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to the families of Ray & Vickie Brown and Jim & Marilyn Jones on the passing of Jason Keefer, (Jim & Marilyn's grandson). May God comfort the family at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family Cards may be sent to: The Browns -100 Corrine Dr, Madison, Alabama 35758 & Jones - 239 Waters Edge Ln, Madison, Al. 35758

# 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 Knapp **Dustin Knowlton PeggyLewis** Nancy Lyttle Barbara Lyttle Bob McCray **Deloris** Miller Marcella Miller Mr/Mrs Patterson-Liberty Woods Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek **Cindy Romano** Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods Sue Shroyer Kathy Steele Connie Swanson Gloria Van Camp **FloWarner Evelyn Wheeler** Marlene Wimpy Vera Westfall Roy Wright **Diane** Yost

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### **Accessibility Plans Answering Some of your** questions -

The plans for completing Accessibility for all levels of our church is on display in the Gathering Place. The Trustees & Special Task Force have studied many plans or ideas over the past 15 years, and this plan seems to fit our church needs and circumstances the best. This is the plan the Official Board recommends..

Architectural drawings are available for everyone to view and study. Please take time to look them over and ask any questions that you might have. We want to hear your questions. Another congregational meeting will be offered in July, to answere your questions. The rough cost estimates for this project come to around \$116,000. They include the sanctuary accessibility addition, electrical and plumbing changes needed, exterior emergency ramps and door security changes.

We have approximately \$39,000 saved for this project, from the former Women's Guild funds, that was designated to be used for this purpose. Also, the Preschool will be funding approximately \$5,000 to go toward the door security changes.

These are some rough estimates of funds available now for the project. The Finance Committee is looking into other funding options for us and will report to the Official Board at the June meeting.

This has been a complex issue to resolve and the Board Thanks the Trustees and Task Force for all their dedication and commitment to finding a solution to our Accessibility needs which we began over 18 years ago.



#### "All Invited"

Rev. King and family extend an invitation to you for Kristen's and Tiffany's graduation party. It will be held Friday, June 27 from 7PM to 10 PM, at 2932 Shakertown Rd, Beavercreek. Park at the Beavercreek Christian Church and walk across the street to farm house (east side of tan barn). Please come, help us celebrate.



## "We need Greeters"

We need greeters at the 10:45 service for the rest of the summer and the rest of the year. I know it's hard to remember to sign up while you're at church, so feel free to call me, and I'll put you on the list. Pick a Sunday that's good for you! Thank you so much, Lisa Bleeke, 294-2962



# "I Love My Church"

We are asking for the congregation to share in completing the sentence - "ILove My Church because...\_". There are sentence forms available on the table at the back of the sanctuary, and completed forms can be placed in the box at the table. As part of our vitality growth ideas, we will work on using some or all of these thoughts in a booklet or brochure about our church. And some will be shared in the Chimes as inspiration.



# **Program**

Summer

We began serving the kid's summer lunches last week. We had between 18 and 34 children daily last week. We served A TOTAL of 143 children's meals. Several Mothers come with their young children. They have come by walking here, by bicycle and cars. They are all from the 45420 area. After eating the children play on the playground set or the older ones organize a game of ball in the grass. The mothers express appreciation for this help for their families.

Laura, Marilyn and I also are very appreciative for all our Volunteers giving their time to offer this service. OUR VOLUNTEER CALENDAR IS COMPLETELY FULL, three volunteers per day for the entire 6 weeks.. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Volunteers, check your calendars for the days you are scheduled to help. Please come about 12:15 PM to setup -thank you again for working on this community program. - Laura, Marilyn & Nova

# Remember - Use your KrogerReward cards for your grocerypurchases.

As our reward program continues with Kroger's, we have reloaded a total of \$1,595 to our account in the month of May. This was about 1/3 more that the past several months, good job everyone. When our account reaches a total of \$5,000 or more, the church will get a rebate check once again. Thank you to all those who participate in the reward program for our church. - Joe Farren, Treasurer

# <u>"News Promotion</u> <u>Coordinator"</u>

Nikki Taylor is working on organizing information on church activities for newspaper, or community news release promotions. This is in response to working on growing our church.

If you would like to promote any church upcoming activities through newspapers, contact Nikki, with the event or activity information . She needs your information a minimum of three weeks before the event, with your name & phone # for any questions. We can do several news releases for free in the Dayton Daily, KOTimes, or Beavercreek Current. Call Nikki at #427-1774 or email her at <u>nedelko@sbcglobal.net</u>

## WINGS Calender Share several upcoming All Church & women's activites

July service project - "Fill the Bus" Children's school supplies-project August 16 - Ladies Garden Party Sept. 6 - All Church

Home Coming weekend

## <u>Men's Group</u> <u>Organizing Topics of</u> Interest

The Men's Group meeting on Wednesday mornings from 6:30 AM to 8 AM, are organizing topics of discussion for each week. All men are welcome. Our purpose for meeting is to encourage, and support one another as we discern God working in our lives. Wednesday, June 25th, topics include: 'Forgiveness', Bible text is: Genesis 45:1-15

## "Thank You"

Thank you so much for donating to my Ronald McDonald House supply project. RMHC loved seeing all the donations I brought in. Thank you everyone - Alyssa Erbes



## <u>"We Loved Meeting</u> <u>New Friends in Tennessee"</u>

Darrin and the 13 youth and 3 other adult leaders had a good, meaningful trip to Newport, Tennessee. They worked and lived alongside 3 other church groups helping the families of Newport with outside house painting, clearing a field to get ready to build a new house. Set up and ran a mini Kids Club, and visited residents at a Nursing Home. They will share more about their experiences at next Sunday's 10:45 worship service. Come, here how our youth connected with people from Newport and gave and received relationship and life lessons.

# <u>''Health & Wellness</u> <u>Screenings</u> <u>Offered at Greenmont</u> <u>Church''</u>

Life Line Screening, the leading provider of preventative health screenings has partnered with Dayton Heart Hospital to provide testing for our neighborhood, right here at Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church. These tests will be offered on Monday, July 28th from 8AM to 4PM. These screening tests are offered for a price for all four non-invasive tests. These tests take less that an hour, pre-registration is required. Church members and the community are welcome to take advantage of this service.

All four tests are completely painless screenings using Doppler ultrasound technology. The tests include; 1- Stroke Screening/ Carotid Artery, 2- Atrial Fibrillation Screening, 3- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, 4-Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening. Stroke is American's third leading cause of death. It is also the #1 cause of nursing home admissions. 50% of stroke victims have no warning signs before a stroke occurs.

Life-Line provides these four tests most importantly to help you discover a problem before it becomes a life-altering tragedy. Ask your Doctor if these tests are something you should do. More information will be provided in the coming weeks. Call the church office if you have any questions. We are glad to be the sponsor site for this wellness program for our community.