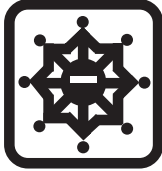


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*Let the
Children
come unto
Me.*

June 9 - 13th



**Bread for the World Sunday - Offering of Letters
Recognition & Appreciation of Teachers**

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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"

At our spring congregational meeting Frank Lakins challenged us to go the "Second Mile" in our giving. He challenged us not only to fulfill our pledge and our tithe, but to go that second mile and to give an extra \$5.00 or \$10.00 in the offering plate each Sunday. The Official Board has taken on that challenge and Frank and the Official Board is asking that the rest of our congregation take up that challenge.

There is no question that members of Greenmont-Oak Park Church are good Christians. But we may be struggling with what direction we shall go as Christians today. As we read our Bible to gain a sense of whom we are and to whom we belong, the Holy Spirit reminds us that we are Stewardship Christians. We are children of the Kingdom of God. We are blessed with treasures of life, time, ability, and money. We give thanks to God for God's boundless goodness, gratefully acknowledging Christ's redeeming love.. As children in the image of God and as stewards and trustees of these treasures, God's Spirit, that lives within us, urges us to share with each other in the community of faith and then to our world.

We are not just consumers. We are called to be open vessels for the out-pouring of God's Spirit. Good Stewardship Christians are conscious that all things we have on earth are generous gifts from God. Stewardship is to care, to have concern, and to give thanks by giving of what has been given to us.

Your Pastor & friend, Greg

Dear church family and friends:

It is with deep sadness to announce that Darrin Harvey will be leaving us on June 29. Yet, let us rejoice with Darrin who received the call to be the pastor at Greenview United Church of Christ near Sydney, Ohio. Darrin has touched many of our lives with his fine talents and gifts of ministry. We will miss him, his talented wife, Wendy, and their two children, Doug & Amanda. I am sure that Greenview will be blessed by Darrin's gifts as we have been.

Darrin will fulfill his contractual obligations here at Greenmont-Oak Park before he begins his new pastorate by participating in our VBS, the youth work camp to Tennessee, and the youth-led worship services on June 29.

The Official Board has directed Staff Relations and Christian Education committees to work on a recommendation in obtaining adult leadership for our youth and the youth program.

Respectfully yours, Pastor Greg

Vital Statistics

Attendance June 1, 2008

8:45 - 33

10:45 - 111

Sunday School - 26

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)
May '08	\$13,692	(-\$851)

Our total deficit to date is -\$13,684

Happy Birthday

Helen Hager - June 1

Amy Karl - June 4

Jacob Bane - June 5

Lisa Bleeke - June 6



"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to the family of Helen Kormos, who passed onto Eternal Life at the age of 93. Helen had been living with her children in Indianapolis, Indiana for the past several years. Helen was a long time member of Greenmont Church.

Cards of Condolenses may be sent to: Gregory Kormos & Barb Tegarden, 637 NorthEast St. Indianapolis, IN 46202

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 - Crestview Manor

Lottie Jaeger

Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing

Howard Jordan

Dorothy & Wayne Knapp

Dustin Knowlton

Peggy Lewis

Nancy Lyttle

Barbara Lyttle

Bob McCray

Deloris Miller

Marcella Miller

Nobu Oishi

Mr/Mrs Patterson- Liberty Woods

Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek

Cindy Romano

Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods

Sue Shroyer

Kathy Steele

Connie Swanson

Gloria Van Camp

Flo Warner

Evelyn Wheeler

Marlene Wimpy

Vera Westfall

Roy Wright

Diane Yost





Accessibility Plans on Display

The Congregational meeting was opened with sharing plans for completing Accessibility for all levels of our church. 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 being presented to the Board first, and if approved, then the Congregation for their review and vote.

Architectural drawings are available for everyone to view and study in the Gathering Place. Please take time to look them over and ask any questions that you might have. 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. (More details and description of the plan will be shared over the coming weeks)

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 we began over 18 years ago.

Men's Group Organizing Topics of 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 11th, topics include: Roots & Uprooted. Bible text include: Genesis 2; 15-25 & Gen. 11:27 - 12:7



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. **We need our volunteers to sign-up as soon as possible on the calendar schedule on the bulletin board.**

Church Families with children age 3 to 18 are also welcome to bring their children for a meal, since the entire Greenmont School District qualifies for the lunch program. Meals will be served Monday through Friday starting at 12:30 PM.



History Trip Planned

The Social Action Committee is planning a trip to the Underground Railroad in Cincinnati. We have picked two projected dates for attending, June 21 or August 9th.

If you would like to go, please sign up on the Social Action bulletin board outside the church office. If both dates are good for you, sign both sheets. We are planning this trip when the most people can attend.

We plan to carpool. You will need \$9.50 for admission costs plus lunch money and gas donation money for the carpool driver. -Any questions contact, Anna Slaidins.



Teachers Recognized - Sun- June 8th

Summer Sunday school will begin June 1st. All children who are in the preschool to 6th grade are welcome.

Kindergarten and nursery will continue through the summer for the 10:45 worship service. - Barbara Richards



VBS

is next week, June 9-13th from 9 AM to 12 Noon



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 !!

- 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 nourish the crew for our week long journey, sign-up to bring an item.

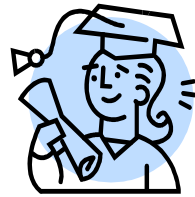
Any questions, call "Poop-deck Patti" 294-7932!

"We will provide a place of shelter, rest, nourishment & worship."

On Saturday evening, June 14 to Sunday morning June 15th, our church will offer shelter, rest, nourishment and worship to 12 youth and 4 adults from Peace United Church of Christ in Schofield, Wisconsin, who will be on their journey to West Virginia, for their youth mission work project week.

As we have been the recipients of hospitality in New York, and Georgia, on some of our past youth mission trips, our church is excited about being able to return this hospitality service to another mission group. The Official Board asks that we heartily welcome our guests Sunday morning. Board members will be offering meal assistance.

This is the Sunday, we will also be blessing our own Youth group for their mission trip to Tennessee. Our youth will leave right after the 10:45 worship service. How good God is to let us witness His work through the Schofield, Wisconsin youth group and participate through our own youth group. God's light shines all around us, let us pray for His plans to change lives through the work of these two groups.



Graduation Open House

The family of Sarah Goodner invites you to Sarah's Graduation Open House on Saturday, June 7 from 1 to 5 pm at 218 Watervliet Ave. Dayton, Ohio.



Dishwares need to be picked up from the church kitchen.

We have several glass serving dishes, a lovely new crockpot, and several serving trays, that should be missed from your own kitchens. Please pick up your dishes as soon as possible. Vacation Bible School is next week, and the kitchen space is needed. - Thank you



BREADFOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS JUNE 8TH

God is moving in our time to liberate millions of people from poverty and hunger. The world is making progress in the fight to end extreme poverty.

Worldwide, the number of people living on less than \$1 a day is 980 million. This is the first time since 1981 (the year this indicator was first measured) the number of people living in extreme poverty has dropped below 1 billion. Even as the world's population has been increasing, the absolute number of people living in poverty is decreasing. STILL, 854 million people worldwide do not have enough to eat.

In the past two decades, immunization has prevented an estimated 20 million deaths. Mothers who receive at least a primary school education are 50% more likely to immunize their children than mothers with no schooling. STILL, about 1/5 of the world's adult population-771 million adults-do not have basic literacy skills. At least 2/3 of these are women.

The number of children under 5 who die each year has dropped below 10 million for the first time since 1960.

STILL, 28,000 children under 5 die every day from preventable causes, more than half of them hunger-related.

Our world has made progress in fighting poverty. Increase funding by at least 5 billion in poverty-focused development assistance will help people in developing countries the opportunity to work their way out of poverty. The 2008 Offering of Letters will take place June 8th, including letter writing in the Hilty Room immediately following our services. We will be writing letters to our congressmen urging them to increase funding to keep the US commitment to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Our letters can help change those numbers listed above, and help educate and reduce hunger in developing countries.

DID YOU KNOW?

· Today's world is home to about 6.55 billion people; more than 5 billion of them live in the developing world.

· There is 1 doctor for 350 persons in the United States, while the ratio is 1 to 10,000 in sub-Saharan Africa.

· The average distance girls and women in developing countries walk each day to fetch water is 3.6 miles.

--Connie Sink, Social Action

