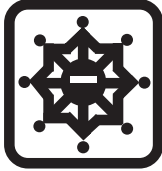


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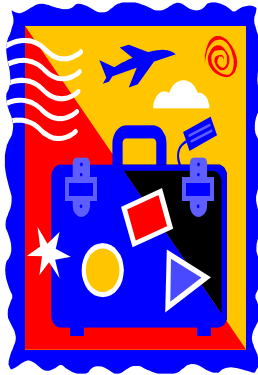


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10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Hour:

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Nursery - Adult

Ushers:

8:45 -

Gary Etter

Loren Houck

10:45 -

Les George

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Ron Dill

Mike Hanes

"From the Pastor"

Muse with me in this thought. We are working our way through the book of Genesis during our summer worship services. These last few Sundays we have been reading stories about Abraham. I noticed something interesting. God called Abraham to leave his home in Ur and Haran and reside in Canaan, which will be the land of his descendants. At the age of seventy-five and not having any children, he left for Canaan. After several years in Canaan, Abraham and Sarah still had no children. He began assuming that his servant would receive all his inheritance. But then God told him that it would be through his seed that the promise would be fulfilled. After a few more years and still no children, Sarah urged Abraham to have a child through her slave girl, Hagar. And so he did. What a mess that turned out to be. But later God spoke to Abraham again and told him that Ishmael was not the promised child of the covenant. The covenant promise would go through Sarah.

Did you notice that the fulfillment of the calling and promise was vague at first? It got a little clearer as time went on and more clearly as to how God's promise and calling would be fulfilled. In the mean time Abraham got into many difficult situations and made some bad decisions along the way. But he never gave up the faith that God had called him and that God would somehow provide the way for true fulfillment.

Perhaps this is what our faith journey looks like. We have a vague impression of what God wants us to do. We take some action toward following that vision. But we find ourselves in difficult situations and meet with roadblocks. Doubts arise. Do we quit following our vision? Do we pause and reflect and wait for clearer directions? It seems that these "Abraham stories" can still speak to us. We must always keep our ears and eyes open to the Holy Spirit's guidance. We may make some wrong choices, bad decisions that lead us down dead ends. But it does not mean our vision or God's calling was wrong. It means we need to continue to reflect, pause from our efforts, and be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in a clearer direction, making different decisions that may bring us closer to the fulfillment of God's promised intentions for us. Perhaps this is what it means to have the faith of Abraham.

Your friend and Pastor,
Greg

Vital Statistics

Attendance July 6, 2008

8:45 - 24

10:45 - 68

Sunday School - 14

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)
June '08	\$15,880	(+\$1,337)

Our total deficit to date is -\$12, 347

*"God writes the gospel not
in the Bible alone, but on
trees and flowers and clouds
and stars." - Martin Luther*

Happy Birthday

Jerry Archer - July 13

Meg Roalef - July 14

Kendall Cobb - July 16

Kathy Steele - July 18

Ivy Cobb - July 19

Molly Donovan - July 19



In Our Prayers

Mildred Berk

Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek

Mindy Collins

Margaret Dill - Masonic Home

Jamie Geswein

Gene Gibson

Beverly Guffey

Judy Hirshman

Katie Horvat

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

Michael Ourfalian - Iraq

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

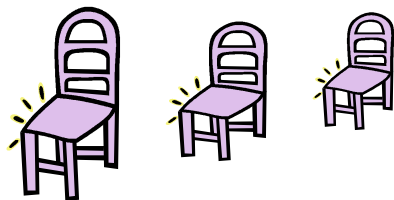


Accessibility Plans

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. 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.

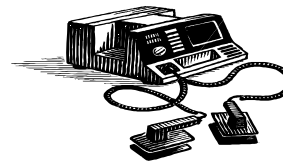
We have approximately \$39,000 saved for this project, from the former Women's Guild funds, that was designated to be used for this purpose. Also, the Preschool will be funding approximately \$5,000 to go toward the door security changes. These are some rough estimates of funds available now for the project. The Finance Committee is looking into other funding options for us and will report to the Official Board.



"This Chair is for you"

You might think this is the story of the "Three Bears" and some chairs, but it's not. This is the story of a church family in need of members to work, play and worship together, to grow a stronger and larger family. Our family needs help with doing the work. We need a Chairperson for 2009. A Vice Chair immediate opening & for 2009. Committee Chairpersons & working members of committees. Together we can do small projects with ease and great accomplishments with might & strength.

Yes, there is a 'Chair' that is the right size for you and chairs of all shapes & sizes are needed to fill God's house, and prepare it for sharing with friends and visitors. We want all to have comfortable seating room in God's house. Consider how God is calling you to be a part of this glorious family, join us, your chair(place) is waiting for you! No one else can fill your chair. When it is empty, we miss you. Best of all, we sit with God & Jesus!! We are part of His Kingdom on Earth, He asks us to first of all to sit with Him, then live out His plan.. (As Pastor Greg said Sunday, July 6)



"What is an AED?"

An AED is an Automated External Defibrillator. Recently several health emergency situations that occurred at the church caused the Official Board to decide to invest in an AED, to be part of a well-designed emergency response plan. This device will be available to assist in case of cardiac arrest. This device can be used on anyone - infant, child, adult, male or female. It is designed for simple and reliable operation.

The Official Board will have several Board members go through a training to use the AED along with CPR training. Earlier in the year, the Board designated the Submarine Sandwich sale money to go toward the purchase of this device. Along with money donated by the Preschool we had the total amount needed to make the purchase this past week. Emergency CPR & AED training for members of our Board/church will be happening in the next 3-6 weeks.

The Official Board thought it appropriate to be able to provide assistance to anyone in a life threatening situation quickly and calmly. - Official Board



Summer Kids Food Program

We are enjoying serving the children at the summer lunch program. We served A TOTAL of 148 children's meals during the third week. The mothers express appreciation for this help for their families.

Volunteers- Please come about 12:15 PM to setup -thank you again for working on this community program. - Laura, Marilyn & Nova

"Thank You All"

GOPCC - Thank you for thinking of me during this time of graduation and thank you for the gift you gave me, also. - Andy Hager

Dear Friends,

We wish to thank all of you for the beautiful flowers, especially Mission Outreach. It makes us feel still a part of Greenmont-Oak Park Church for your kind expression of Sympathy to reach us in our time of sorrow. You will always be a part of us in Christ. - In Christian Love, Jim & Marilyn Jones



Dishes

These items are in need of being picked up from the church. We Thank you for the use of them, but it is now time for them to return home. These items are on a table in the Gathering Place for the convenience of picking them up.



Remember - Use your Kroger Reward cards for your grocery purchases.

Men's Group **Weds. 6:30 AM**

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, July 16, topics include: 'Called', Bible text is: I Samuel 3:1-18

"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



"Fill the Bus"

The 2nd Annual 'Fill the Bus' project is currently underway. We already have donations coming in. The yellow bus should be in the Gathering Place this weekend. We are in need of: loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, colored pencils, highlighters, scissors, glue sticks, rulers, crayons, gum erasers, pencils, pens, large pink erasers, & pencil boxes.

We again would like to thank everyone who gave last year. If you have any questions, you can call Lori Keltner at 293-5140. - thank you.

Summer Sunday School **Come One Come All.**

Nursery through 6th graders - the elementary students are building a church. Come and help! - Barbara Richards

Also, the Adult class meeting in the Donut room is doing a video study of "Mayberry" on Christian lessons, values and inspiration. We are sharing in Aunt Bee's, Andy's, Barney's and Opie's life experiences and life lessons as our guide while applying God's word and direction to our own lives. Join us, Sunday's at 9:30 AM.

"Health & Wellness Screenings Offered"

Life Line Screening, 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 than an hour, pre-registration is required. **Call 1-800-324-1851 to schedule for the tests.** 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.

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. We are glad to be the sponsor site for this wellness program for our community.

