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ADVENT

Communion Sunday



At the table with our LORD

WORSHIPLEADER:

Bob Karl

GREETERS:

Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Pastor:

Rev. Gregory King
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Youth Leader:

Sheri Parrett

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Choir Director:

Robert Duerr

Organists:

Jacque Fisher
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 -

Greg Goodner

Kendall Cobb

"From the Pastor"

"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing," Psalm 100:1-2.

Singing hymns and spiritual songs is the heart of worship. St. Paul encourages Christians to "be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord," Eph. 5:18-19. James adds, "Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms," Jm. 5:13. In several places our scriptures tell us to sing new songs that express the mercy of God which comes to us new everyday.

I recognize that some of the songs I select for worship, while they have meaningful words or a moving melody are not that familiar and therefore, it is uncomfortable to sing with the fullness of the Spirit. I know that many of us, including me, cannot read music and need to follow someone who can sing and read music.

I know that our congregation likes music and likes to sing. I know that singing can aid in reaching deep down into our heart and soul and raise up our spirit into the presence of the divine where we are bathed in streams of sacred love, forgiveness, gratitude, awe, and holiness. Therefore I have invited several people to help me with our worship service.

I have asked Anna Slaidins, Sue Smitley, and Laura Von Holle to be our song leaders for our 10:45 worship services. Bob Colvin and Bob Karl said they will help us when instrumentals, like the guitar, can enrich our joy of singing. They have beautiful voices and they sing in the spirit. And I believe they will help all of us lift up our hearts and send our voices of praise and prayer deeper into the heart of heaven.

The season of Advent begins this new adventure with our song leaders.

Your friend and Pastor,

Greg King



Sermon Bible Readings

Dec. 7 - Advent II

- Isaiah 40:1-11

Dec. 14 - Advent III

- John 1:6-8, 19-28

Dec. 21 - Advent IV

- Luke 1:26-38

Vital Statistics

Attendance Nov. 30, 2008

8:45 - 18

10:45 - 118

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)
May '08	\$13,692	(-\$851)
June '08	\$15,880	(+\$1,337)
July '08	\$10,957	(- \$3,586)
Aug. '08	\$15,267	(+ \$724)
Sept. '08	\$11,608	(- \$2,934)
Oct. '08	\$10,494	(- \$4,049)
Nov. '08	\$14,483	(- \$60)

Our total deficit to date is -\$22,253

Happy Birthday

Katie Goodner - Dec. 8

Megan Weyrauch - Dec. 9

Patti King - Dec. 11

Jessica Parrett - Dec. 12

Diane Yost - Dec. 12

Cheryl Barnett - Dec. 13

Anna Slaidins - Dec. 13

Hugh Culbertson - Dec. 13



In Our Prayers

Nate Anderson - in Vietnam

Mildred Berk - Lincoln Park N C

Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek

Margaret Dill - Masonic Home

Jamie Geswein

Gene Gibson

Beverly Guffey

Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek

Judy Hirshman (Chaney)

Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor

Lottie Jaeger

Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing

Dustin Knowlton

Jimmy & Mary Lehman

Peggy Lewis

Nancy Lyttle

Barbara Lyttle

Bob McCray

Deloris Miller

Marcella Miller - Oak Creek Terr.

Michael Ourfalian - Iraq

Mr/Mrs Patterson - Liberty Woods

Ron Rearick - in Afghanistan

Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek

Cindy Romano

Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods

Sue Shroyer

Kathy Steele

Connie Swanson

Gloria Van Camp

Mary Vance

Flo Warner

Evelyn Wheeler

Vera Westfall - Heartland Centerville

Diane Yost



Please let the church office know, how God is answering prayers in our lives.

Angels Youth Group Informational Meeting this Sunday, Dec. 7.

Parents of kindergarten through second grade children are invited to attend a brief information meeting about participating in the youth Christmas play and organizing the New Angels group to begin having fellowship fun together in January. Please meet with Carol Landing in the Laubach room following the 10:45 worship service. If you can not make it or have any questions, please call, 256-6702.- Carol Landing



Upcoming Jr & Sr Youth Events

- Dec. 7 - "Las Posadas"
- Dec. 14 - play practice, 6-8pm
- Dec. 19 - 6PM to Sat. 12 noon
 - LOCK-IN, Christmas Party, Play practice
- Dec. 21 - Christmas Play, 5:30 PM
 - "Operation Baby King"

Kindergarten Volunteer needed one Sunday a month.

We are looking for a volunteer to help one Sunday a month at the 10:45 worship hour. Male or female may apply. Call the church or e-mail the church if you can help out in this way. - Barbara Richards



Christmas Tea - Dec. 14

The WINGS will be hosting the all church Christmas Tea on Sunday, Dec. 14, following the morning services in the Dount Room. A sign up sheet for donations of finger foods, Christmas desserts, and tea sandwiches is posted on the WINGS bulletin board on the upper level of the Gathering Place.

Please join us in this traditional church gathering for the Holiday.
- Loretta Liesch

"Special Offering Combined This Year"

The Official Board decided to combine the Thanksgiving and Christmas Special Offerings again this year. We will equally divide the offerings up to a value of \$2400 between Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors in Need, St Vincent De Pauls, Veterans of the Cross, and YWCA's Battered Women's program, If we exceed the total of \$2400, the donations above the 2400 will then be given to the church operating budget. Please give as you can to support these ministries.

Poinsettia Plants for Christmas



We will again offer the purchasing of Poinsettia plants to beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service. The Plants may then be taken home after the service. The cost of a plant is still \$9.00. Please sign up on the church bulletin board if you wish to purchase one. - Worship Committee



White Gift Sunday, Dec. 14

Bring your gifts to share with families less fortunate to place under the Chrismon tree. We especially need gifts of new or gently used, toys or games for children age 12 and under. Socks, hats and mittens/gloves, and nonperishable foods such as spaghetti sauce (canned only- no glass jars please), baked beans, side dish mixes to fill out the Christmas baskets.

Gifts of hats, socks and mittens may decorate a tree in the Hilty room.

We have a total of 150 families including a few families from our own church. We have 228 children age 2 months through teenagers. Many families are new this year for receiving this help.

Your generosity of love and caring is very appreciated! You filled 2 large shopping carts with groceries for the Thanksgiving collection, thank you!! - Mission Outreach.

"Home-Bound Holiday Card Shower"

We will again shower our Home-Bound with Christmas greetings. A box will be in the back of the sanctuary to receive them. The cards will be needed by Tues. Dec. 9th, to be delivered by Rev. King at his holiday visits. **Please bring them this Sunday.**

Our shut-ins are: Rosemary Aylstock, Lottie Jaeger, Vera Westfall, Nancy Lyttle, Barb Lyttle, Darlene & Charles Mahoney, Harold Goldberg, Alice Smith, Mary Fleming, Delores Miller, Mary Vance, Sharon & Jack Gilmore, Evelyn Wheeler, Esther Crowley, Marion Farren, Jim & Norma Haines, Opal Hunter, Howard Jordan, Marcella Miller, Karolina O'Donnell, Ken & Ginny Hambrick, Dan Jones, Margaret Dill, Mildred Berk, Margaret Cobb, Mildred Heath, Guy Robinette, Mary Sampson, Allen & Lena Patterson, & Flo Warner.



"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers and thoughts to Jamie Medlin's family upon the passing of her mother into eternal life. Rev. King officiated at the service Monday, Nov. 24. May God comfort the family at this time of loss.
- Your GOPCC family

We extend our prayers and thoughts to Don Keltner and family upon the passing of his step-father into eternal life. The service was also the week of Thanksgiving. May God comfort the family at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family

"Kroger Rewards Earned"

Our combined reloads of our Kroger cards have exceeded the \$5,000 amount, earning us a reward check for \$235.69. This represents 15 cards being reloaded for use in the month of Nov. These funds will be put toward the general operating fund. Thank you for participating in this program. If you are not a part of this program and would like to be, ask Joe Farren for information about how to get started, it is easy. Just \$5 will start you off.

"Thank You All"

Dear Church family,

Thank you all for the cards, prayers and caring thoughts you sent my way. I have worked hard at therapy and now I am home again, it feels so good. - Flo Warner

Thank you Ryan,

Gary and the Trustees thank Ryan Brodowski for assisting Pat White with fixing her phone. One generation helping another her at GOPCC. This is how God works through us. - Gary Etter

"I Feel Blessed"

I want to thank everyone for all of the support I received after my mother's death. The cards, prayers and delicious food were very much appreciated. I feel blessed to be surrounded by such a caring church family. Thanks again, Jamie Medlin

"Fill the Pew Winners"

Sunday, Nov. 23 Carol Landing brought 14 family members to worship with us, and won the Cold Stone ice cream certificates. Jane Simmons was close behind Carol with 12 family members joining us for worship. It was fun and nice to have these and other guests worship and share in the Thanksgiving meal with us.

3rd - 5th Graders

Join in the Christmas Play & monthly youth group fun!

We are restarting our 3rd to 5th grade youth group and plan to meet once to twice a month. Our focus will be on what it means to be a friend in the eyes of Jesus.

We are starting this month of December, to include the kids in several of the upcoming Christmas season events, and invite them to be part of the youth Christmas play. The children will be part of the Angel chorus, we will practice the last 15 minutes of the Sunday school hour with one play practice/Christmas Party on Dec. 18th at 6:30 PM.

We encourage families to come and participate in the "Las Posadas" event this Sunday, Dec. 7th. I will meet with the kids after church, have lunch, play a game and make decorations before the "Las Posadas" event.

I am excited and looking forward to working with your children. Any questions, please call me, Home #298-6210 or cell # 475-5724 - Sheri Parrett

Sunday, Dec. 7

- 12 noon, lunch, game, craft
- 2pm - "Las Posadas" event

Sunday, Dec. 14

- meet last 15 mins. Sunday school

Thursday, Dec. 18 - 6:30 PM

- Christmas Party, share a dessert practice play music.

Sunday, Dec. 21 at 5:30 PM

- arrive for Christmas play



Las Posadas (The Inns)

Ascension & Greenmont-Oak Park Churches **Present "LAS POSADAS"** on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2:00 pm. Please come and share in the Mexican and Latin American custom that symbolizes the trials they believe Mary and Joseph had to endure before finding a place to stay where Jesus could be born.

This ecumenical Advent celebration will begin at Greenmont Church and culminate at Ascension Church.

Come walk the path of the Holy Family. Make 'room' for Jesus in your life this Christmas!

If you plan to attend this SPECIAL EVENT, please call the church office, 252-6705, to RSVP by Friday, Dec. 5.



A Great Family Christmas Event

