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Sermon Bible Readings - Feb. 15 - Ephesians 5

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WORSHIP LEADER: Suzanne Slaidins-Dull GREETERS:



Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Telephone: 252-6705 Fax # - 252-4093

Pastor:

Rev. Gregory King pastor@greenmontoakpark.com Youth Leader: Sheri Parrett

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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 -Charles Warren Frank Taylor

"From the Pastor"

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future during this time. It is disruptive and disorienting. What is worse is that some people will make you feel like you are overreacting to the death of your loved one. You may find that many people do not understand the deep hurt you feel.

Once again we are sponsoring GriefShare, a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. It is sponsored by people who understand what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time.

Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar and group discussion. A GreifShare workbook (if you choose to purchase one for \$25.00) can assist you with not taking, journaling and grief study. The videos feature top experts on grief recovery, dramatic reenactments about living with grief and real-life stories of people who have experienced losses like yours.

During small group discussion time, you'll have the opportunity to interact with others who have experienced a recent loss, learn about their experiences and share your own.

GriefShare is nondenominational and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. Topics for our thirteen weeks will cover : Living with Grief, The Journey of Grief, The Effects of Grief, When Your Spouse Dies, Your Family and Grief, Why?, The Uniqueness of Grief (Part one & two), God's Prescription for Grief, Top 20 Lessons of Grief (Part one & two), and Heaven. Please join us for the next GriefShare session at **Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church, 1921 Woodman Drive Kettering, OH, Thursday evenings, starting March 5th from 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M**. Please register by February 22nd by calling the church office – 252-6705.

Your friend and Pastor, Greg King

Join us for the Marriage Renewal of Vows & Fellowship Tea following the 10:45 AM worship service this Sunday, Feb. 15. Come celebrate these renewing joyful commitments with refreshments in the Donut room.



Vital Statistics <u>Attendance</u> Feb. 8,09 8:45 - 23 10:45 - 108

Sunday School - 31

Offering - Operating Income (monthly budget need - \$16,125)

 Income rec'd
 +/-- Amt.

 Jan. '09
 \$16,653

Happy Birthday

Kyle Barnett - Feb. 18 Brian Donovan - Feb. 19 Rogr Fulmer - Feb. 19 Kathy Rearick - Feb. 21

In Our Prayers

Nate Anderson - in Vietnam Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek Margaret Dill - Masonic Home Jim Farra Jamie Geswein

Gene Gibson Dawn Gilmore **Beverly Guffey** Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek Judy Hirshman (Chaney) Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor Lottie Jaeger Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing Libby Kigar Dustin Knowlton Jimmy & Mary Lehman **PeggyLewis** Nancy Lyttle Ron & Barbara Lyttle Bob McCray Deloris Miller - Inhospital Marcella Miller Michael Ourfalian - Iraq Mr/Mrs Patterson-Liberty Woods Nancy Pratt RonRearick-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 **Evelvn Wheeler** Vera Westfall

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



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<u>A Wonderful Afternoon</u> <u>Was Had by ALL.</u>

On Sunday, February 8th, 15 ladies attended the WINGS brown bag lunch and 7 ladies visited shut-ins. This was the first of many planned visits and was enjoyed by the shutins <u>and</u> the WINGS visitors. If you are interested in a shut-in visit, please call Marilyn Foskuhl, 426-9280.



Women's Bible Study On Contentment

"Calm My Anxious Heart: A Women's Guide to Finding Commitment," by Linda Dillow will be the topic of a new Bible Study. This is an 8 week study and will meet Monday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning March 2. Pleae consider joining us as we learn to be content and trust God with our struggles and worries and free ourselves from anxiety.

The cost of the book is \$11.00. Please sign up and pay for the book by Feb. 22, so we can order the books in time to start March 2. If you have any questions, pelase call Lisa Bleeke or Patti King. Thanks and love from the Christian Education Committee

Lay Leader Thanks

Our March Lay Leaders will be: Mar. 1 - John Slaidins Mar. 8 - Diana Knowlton Mar. 15 - Bob Colvin Mar. 22 - Anna Slaidins Mar. 29 - Jane Simmons Thanks for agreeing to perform this important task which adds to our worship service. Please remember that the Lay Leader is part of BOTH services. Also the script for Sunday is usually available in the office on Friday. You may call Nova to be sure it is ready to be picked up (or she most often calls you). Reading it a time or two ahead of time will probably make you feel more comfortable when reading it on Sunday morning. Please arrive at church at least 15 minutes before the first service at 8:45 AM, and let Rev. King know you are there. The second service begins at 10:45 AM. Thank you all, Doris Alexander, 298-4176

Please Check

We are missing some of the Children's Number badges we use for child protection on Sunday mornings. If you happen to have some Number badges at home please return them, they are needed & used every Sunday. - Christian Education

Door Security System Ready to Use.

As many of you know, we have been working with the City of Kettering Police Department and several security companies to design a system that will provide for the needs of the children of the Preschool in regards to safety & security. We have not had any problems, but wish to go the extra mile to keep all our children safe. This will also provide for safety of groups meeting here alone at night. Our answer to this issue was to install a door locking system. All has now been completed.

Beginning Monday, Feb. 9, we will start using our new door locking system. Doors will be unlocked at the drop-off & pick-up times for Preschool. From 9:20 AM - 11:20 AM and 12:20 PM - 2:20 PM the large blue doors upstairs and downstairs at the Gathering Place entrance will be locked. Also the back door by the playground will be locked. To gain entrance to the preschool/church during these times, go to the front entrance, upstairs to the blue doors and ring the doorbell on the wall to the right of the blue doors. There is a camera by this doorbell. We can hear and see you on the monitor in the church office. Nova can talk with you and release the door lock for you to come in. (Ruth's office also has a monitor and

can admit people) If we are both out of our offices, the doorbell will ring throughout the building and we will come and let you inside. You will be able to come into the Gathering Place, and then ring the doorbell by the upstairs blue door to gain access.

We will not be using the door locking system on Sunday Mornings, since so many people are coming and going at different times. You will simply be able to turn the door knob and come through the doors.

Also to let all those with church keys know, the outer door key you currently have will also work to unlock or lock both blue doors in the Gathering Place, if the situation should arise to manually unlock or lock the doors.



Youth Event Calendar

Feb. 13, Friday - 9 to 12 AM
Sr. High - 5th quarter gathering
Feb. 15, Sunday 6:00 PM
Jr High youth group
Feb. 20, Friday LOCK-IN - 7PM
Jr & Sr High
Feb. 22 - Sunday 1:45 to 4PM
Jr & Sr High - Lenten Program

Worship Committee Service Opportunities Many Ways to Serve

The Worship Committee is looking for members of the church to help with ushering at Sunday services. The people can be women, families, men, youth. There will be someone to assist you. Everyone is welcomed to help the ushers.

The Flowers (\$20) and the bulletins (\$14) need sponsors. They can be "in memory of", "honoring someone," or "in dedication of". There are plenty of Sunday spaces still available on the donor charts across from the church office. Payments can be placed in the offering plate, please indicate what the payment is for.

The Worship Committee is also looking for people to set-up, or cleanup the communion items on the first Sunday of each month. There will be training available. A sign-up sheet will be posted for volunteers on the bulletin board.

If you have any questions, call Toni Bailey - 643-3795. Thanks to everyone for helping.



"New Art Display"

We are fortunate to have a new exhibit of art by Pasko Evanoff. Be sure to stop in the Hilty Room to see the display.

The paintings are available with information in the church office or you may call Pasko at 298-3810.

Grocery Bags Needed

The Food Pantry is in need of **paper grocery bags** again. Please only bring in paper bags, we receive more than enough plastic bags, thank you. - Mission Outreach



We received a note from Helen & Jerry saying, "it has been cool down here, but nothing like what you've been having in Ohio. Hope it warms up soon for you." (I think they just brought us a ray of sunshine - Hello from Ohio, hope to see you soon)

WINGS Retreat Planned Attention All Ladies of the Church.

WINGS is sponsoring a one day retreat on March 7th at the Shakertown Farm Center from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The cost is \$28 and covers breakfast, a catered lunch, a snack, craft and a journal. If you need a partial scholarship see Sasha Taylor or call (937) 671-9061 for more info.

Money will be taken after the second service on Feb. 15th and the 22nd. If you wish to pay \$14 on either one of these dates, the remainder will be due by March 1st. All money is nonrefundable.

This day will be exciting, fun, full of fellowship and devotions. Come and be part of this wonderful day! - Toni Bailey, Publicity

Spaghetti Dinner Planned Kenya, Africa TripFundraiser

Our own Sarah Goodner has been chosen to travel to Kenya, Africa with the SONKA Global Partnership in June. This delegation of adults and youth will visit with our sponsored community in Rubate, Kenya. A Spaghetti fundraiser dinner is planned for Saturday, February 21, here at Greenmont Oak Park Church between 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM. Free will donations will be appreciated, in offering support to Sarah. Come join us in wishing Sarah a blessed and safe trip. - the Goodner family



"Pre-Lenten Fellowship"

Ascension & Greenmont-Oak Park Partnership Committee have planned an afternoon of faith, fellowship and fun, to be held on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009 starting at 2 PM.

The program is called, "Return to Me" stations of the cross. Come experience The Stations of the Cross as you may have never seen while preparing for Lent. This is a very visual presentation. There will be a brief worship service, then Lenten crafts. Outreach activities and traditional King Cake. All ages are welcome. Our Choir will be performing along with the Ascension choir. Our Jr & Sr High youth will also be participating, and all families are encouraged to attend. All the activities will be in the Witzman Center at Ascension Church. If you attended the Advent gathering, you will again experience God through this special program. If you missed the Advent program, do not miss this one, it is just as special. - The Ecumenical Partnership Committee **Call to RSVP 252-6705**



Ash Wednesday Service Will be held Feb. 25 - 7PM