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

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Anna Slaidins
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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:

<u>8:45 -</u>

Gary Etter

Loren Houck

10:45 -

Greg Goodner

Kendall Cobb

WORSHIPLEADER:

Jane Simmons - Aug. 23 Bob Colvin - Aug. 30 GREETERS:

"From the Pastor"

It was a relaxing time at our church picnic at the Etter's home this past Sunday. The food and desserts were delicious. The fellowship time was



wonderful. Many of us saw two fawns at the end of the property while we were roasting marshmallows and eating s'mores. Thank you, Barb & Gary for providing your home to so many of us and for setting up all those tables. Thank you Toni, Diane, Jamie, Sasha, for the games and getting things arranged. Thank you, Eric for providing us with all the refreshments.

Several people said we should do this every month. Well, it just so happens that **Rally Day is September 13th**, the time to rally our members back to religious deucation and worship. During the 9:30 Sunday school hour and the 10:45 worship service we will be recognizing our religious education teachers past and present. We will have a Rally Day carry-in lunch. The meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We look forward to seeking you there! Then at 1:30 we will host our annual Amazing Race - a scavenger hunt on wheels, brought to you by our Recreation Committee. Sign up for the race, come to our lunch, and join us for Rally Day and worship.

We are adding another level of Religious education to our Sunday mornings. We are adding an "Adventure through the Bible" program for children fifth grade and younger during the 10:45 worship time. Following the "Children's Moment", the children will be excused to attend classes. Our summer class during the 10:45 worship hour was such a success that we are extending it into the fall.

I am excited about this program. We have so many more children coming during this time that we decided to take advantage of this moment to bring our children into a deeper understanding of th stories in the Bible and a close relationship with God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

So get ready for another exciting fall season at Greenmont-Oak Park Communith Church. Your friend and Pastor, Greg King

"Dare to Love"

We are offering a new couples study program called, "Dare to Love" that will be held on Monday evenings, beginning Sept. 21. The study book costs \$12.00. Financial aid is available, if needed, see Pastor Greg. Please sign up to join the class by Sept. 4th, the sign up sheet is posted across from the church office. - Rev. King

Vital Statistics

Attendance		Aug. 09		
	8/9	8/16		
8:45 -	23	22		
10:45 -	80	95		
Sunday	School -	- 28, 17		

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

	Income rec'd	+/ Amt
Jan. '09	\$16,653	+ 475
Feb. '09	\$12,298	- 3,827
Mar. '09	\$14,598	- 1,527
Apr. '09	\$13,466	- 2,659
May '09	\$17,198	+1,073
June '09	\$10,176	- 5,949
July '09	\$11,929	- 4,196

Happy Birthday

Mike Robinson - Aug. 22 Bradley Lewis - Aug. 23 Ron Lyttle - Aug. 26 Bethanne Bleeke - Aug. 26 Allen Dicks - Aug. 26 Landon Dull - Aug. 26 Joe Bruce, Sr. - Aug. 27 Jerry Houck - Aug. 28 Tony Bane - Aug. 28



In Our Prayers

Conner Elliott - Sept. 1

Doris Alexander Glenda Boddie **Nolan Butts** Mary Lou Chaney Margaret & Robert Davis, Sr. Mitch Deis



Harriett Edwards **Deloris Miller** Fran Ericson Marcella Miller **Greg Moldovan** Marilyn Foskuhl Nancy Pratt Jamie Geswein Rama Rengan Gene Gibson Cindy Romano Dawn Gilmore Harriet Shawhan **Beverly Guffey** Sue Shrover Tom Hine Kathy Steele **Judy Hirshman** Connie Swanson Katie Horvath Arlene Uldrich Lottie Jaeger Gloria Van Marilyn Jones Camp **Dustin Knowlton** Mary Vance **Eric Landing** Flo Warner **Mary Lehman** Evelyn Wheeler **PeggyLewis** Vera Westfall Nancy Lyttle BarbaraLyttle

Jim Farra

Those in Nursing Care

Bob McCray

Margaret Dill - Masonic Home Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek Opal Hunter - The Sanctuary Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing Mr & Mrs. Patterson - Liberty Woods Mary Vance - Heartland of Centerville Charles Warren - Vlg. of Westerville Wilma Yost - Kingston of Miamisburg

Military

2nd Lieut. Andrew Hayden - USA Capt. Adam Reeves - Iraq Corp. Ryan Stites - Japan



"Accessibility Progress"

The Official Board and Trustees report that they have approved the next phase of the accessibility project, replacing the outside basement steps with a safe exit ramp that will lead to the parking lot along the playground end of the building and will eventually connect to the sanctuary handicapped access phase. The project is already fully funded, from the former Women's Guild savings. Contractor Manfreda Construction will do the work, that will begin around mid Sept. The project will go quickly once started.

In our revision process a couple years ago, accessibility was a concern and priority of many of us, so we are excited that we can move forward in having more of the church safely accessible to all. - Official Board.

"Choir Begins - Aug. 27"

Llook forward to a new Choir season here at Greenmont-Oak Park Church, if you enjoy singing praises to God, we invite you to join the choir. We 're a great bunch of people to spend the evening with in song. Choir rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM. Please join us. - Rob Duerr



"HEAVENLY HATS of YESTER-YEAR"!

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the 4th Annual WINGS Garden Party a huge success! It takes many hands to put this annual event together and once again the WINGS officers & volunteers did a super job! A big thank you to WINGS Officers: Diana Knowlton, Karen Brown, Sasha Taylor & Toni Bailey. Also, WINGS has been blessed with many wonderful volunteers who helped in a variety of ways. They were: Loretta Liesch, Marilyn Foskuhl, Joyce Kelley, Mary Marcum, Paula Geswein, Diane Yost, Patti King, Rev. King, Molly & Ramona Donovan, Gabbey Rayney, Tim Keltner, Steven Keltner, Frank Taylor, Fred Foskuhl and Bayard Liesch.

And many others who helped as hat models! Although the weather was warm, the Lord provided us with a gentle breeze, a gorgeous setting, delicious food, & a fantastic program. We were delighted by emcee "Minnie Pearl" aka Diana Knowlton, Diana did a wonderful iob with the skit and as "Minnie"! The skit was the highlight of the evening, portraying to us, we are comforted when we turn our sufferings over to Christ who paid the price on the cross for us. How empowering when followed by the illumination of the cross, and then communion. Blessings to both Rev. King & Patti for helping to deliver the message. We were delighted by Christi Siler, the Zumba Instructor who shared her beautiful voice, singing praise hymns for us. The vintage hats were awesome, a special thank you to all who shared a meaningful story about hats they brought or wore. Once again, many thanks to Trendy Bindi's Boutique in Waynesville for graciously loaning us many beautiful hats & vintage tablecloths. Everything was lovely! If you are interested in vintage items, please be sure to stop by their shop. I hope I haven't left anyone out, please for give me if I did. I just can't say enough thanks to all of you who helped & all who attended. It was truly a wonderful evening & a blessing from our Lord. - In Christ, Nikki Taylor

"Youth Events Kickoff"

Hello Crusaders, Jr & Sr High youth, I look forward to getting our fall youth programs started again and seeing all of you. We will begin the season, by participating in the Rally Day activities, Sept. 13 and then go into our Sunday evening schedule for the Jr & Sr High youth and the first Thursday of the month for the Crusaders group (3-5 graders). All youth are welcome, Join us - Sheri Parrett

"More Thank You Letters"



Dear Brothers in Christ,

Sons of Thunder P.W. church would like to say thank you very much for the 32 choir uniforms that you donated to the praise team. This gift fulfills the words that say we are one.

May the Good Lord bless you and have a safe journey back home. We will miss you. Your faithful church in Zimubali - Pastor, George Malumani ******

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift of \$410 in support of the Blankets Fund. Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing changes lives. As we recently concluded the UCC General Synod meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, delegates and visitors viewed a world map sharing over 200 locations across 80 countries where your OGHS gifts are at work. We thank you again. Peace, Susan Sanders, Minister for Global Sharing of Resources *******

Dear Greenmont church,

Thank you for your support of The Other Place. Your gift of \$150 is very much appreciated. Our mission is to work to end homelessness by providing housing, services, advocacy and education.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$200 to help support the mission of Hospice of Dayton. As your local, nonprofit hospice, for 30 years we have made quality hospice care available and accessible to terminally ill persons and their families, regardless of ability to pay. We advocate for the needs of those facing the challenges of life threatening illness. Your gift and support enables us to make this treasure of time with our loved ones possible. Sincerely, Brenda Humfleet, President, Hospice of Dayton

Dear Greenomt-Oak Park Comm. Church,

My personal thank you for your congregation's commitment to the youth at Crossroad. Your gift of \$200 is so needed right now - the kids cannot wait for the ecomony to get better - they need us!

Emotional, physical and sexual abuse towards boys and girls of all ages is not going away. Counseling annd regular, consistent care does, though, impact positively on the kids being served. Thank you for your faith in us to use your donations wisely for the good of these young people. Your prayers and gifts are tremendously appreciated. With your help we share a long legacy of providing a haven of love, understanding and hope. God Bless You All, Kyle Zanker, VP of Develop-

"Backpack program Needs Peanut Butter"

We have an opportunity to help supply peanut butter for Kettering's Good-To-Go Backpack program. Every Friday during the school year, teacher volunteers at our elementary schools discretely put healthy 7 easy food into the backpacks of about 185 at risk elementary school kids. For whatever reason, some of these young children on free luch programs during the week seem to be going hungry on the weekends.

Once a month, they also send a jar of peanut butter home. That's where we come in. We'd like to help supply jars of peanut butter (18 oz). If you'd like to help, please plan to bring in a jar a month to church if you can. Maybe even ask a friend or two who live in Kettering to donate jars. And if you know any Kettering teachers, please thank them for caring about these kids. - Mission Outreach

"Pantry Needs"

Items especially needed are:

- * TP & bath soap
- * spaghetti pasta
- * cereal
- * soups
- * paper bags





"Our Bible Journey Continues"

This summer I have taken us through the Book of Joshua during our summer worship services. I, Myself have gotten a lot from our study. I not only appreciated this book better, but it has truly drawn me close to our Lord. On August 23, we will be reading from chapter 22 & spend some time looking at the "Altar of Rumor." While I am returning home from taking my daughter to college on Aug. 30, Rev. Robert Smitley will lead us in our worship service. Then Sept. 6th, I will conclude our study on Joshua with the sermon theme on Covenant Risk and Making the Choice. I encourage all of you to finish reading chapters 23-24 of Joshua.

While we are celebrating Rally Day, Sept. 13, our worship time will focus on stewardship. We will have a "Dedication of our 'Catch-Up' offering" and the sermon will be: "Stewards of the Mystery of God's Word," with our reading text from Isaiah 40:1-8.

During the summer the financial giving to the church has slowed down. As an effort to Catch-up, Sept. 13th, has been designated as "CATCH-UPSUN-DAY." A special "Catch-up" container has been placed at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider an extra donation to accomplish the ministries of

our church. If you are behind in your giving, you are not alone, let's 'catch-up' together, offering the Lord what is His and through this act, offering each other Christian support.

Starting Sunday Sept. 20, I want to introduce all of you to the Apostle Paul's letters to Timothy. There may be some adjustments to the schedule according to special developments, but most of these adjustments will affect the 10:45 services. We will study I Timothy, Sept. 20 - Oct. 18 and then II Timothy, Oct. 25-Nov. 22. Let's get to know our Bible, to know our God and to walk more closely with our Savior Jesus Christ. - Your friend and Pastor, Greg King

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"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to Nancy Lyttle and family upon the passing of William Lyttle onto eternal life. The Memorial service for Bill will be held Sunday, Aug. 23 at 2:00 PM here at the church. Please give Nancy, Ron, Vicki, and all the family our support at this time of loss. May God comfort you in your sorrow. - Your GOPCC family

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