

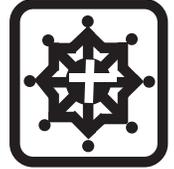
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8:45 a.m.

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-

Les George

Pasko Evanoff

Ron Dill



"From the Pastor"

This month is Stewardship month. In past weeks I talked a little about what is stewardship in general and about planned giving and giving beyond living – the gift that keeps on giving. This Sunday is Consecration Sunday. We are inviting you to this Sunday service as we consecrate our financial pledges and our selves to the mission plan for 2010. And we ask you to join us in a celebration dinner – a “Giving Thanks” Dinner. While several people will be making the main course of our dinner, we are asking you to bring a dessert to share.

Also, as you are praying about your pledge amount, I want to share with you a word about “Tithing.” Tithing is a voluntary, systematic contribution of financial support to our church. It is voluntary because it is giving out of love and gratitude for all God gives us. It is systematic because we are giving a predetermined portion of our income as we receive it. The Old Testament guideline for tithing is ten percent of total property. And the tithing tradition still remains an important part of church life. Tithing symbolizes and helps express our commitment to Christ and Christ’s church. Through such giving we offer ourselves in service and devotion to God. We become stronger in faith, more aware of other’s needs, and we experience the joy of sharing with others in Christ. Tithing is reliable funding which allows the church to plan for expenses, carry out programs, maintain outreach activities and helps those in need. How do you know what to pledge? A good example is to set aside a percentage of our income. The Bible denotes a tithe as ten percent. But we also know that this may be difficult for some or many of us. I encourage you to look at what percentage you gave last year and pray about increasing it a percentage point or so for 2010. Stewardship and tithing, for me, is about trusting in God. Can I trust God will take care of my needs as I give away what I think is going to save me from poverty? Stewardship and tithing is about becoming aware of the sin of greed and selfishness that “so easily entangles” me and imprisons me to a life of anxious self-concern. Stewardship and tithing, for me, is a call to exercise the giving of myself beyond my “self” and learning to live more freely and trustingly in the loving care of a caring and loving God shown to us through Jesus Christ; and shown to us by experiencing the daily blessings of God. This is not an easy thing for me and I am sure that it is not an easy thing for many of you. But let us join together Sunday to pray for each other and to encourage one another to grow in faith by consecrating ourselves and our financial resources to our Lord and Savior. You pastor and friend, Greg King

Vital Statistics

Attendance Nov. 15, 09

8:45 - 23
10:45 - 95
Sunday School - 45

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
Aug. '09	\$13,373	- 2,752
Sept. '09	\$14,255	- 1,870
Oct. '09	\$13,356	- 2, 769

Happy Birthday

Bob Colvin - Nov. 22
Sandy Conn - Nov. 22
Caroline Smith - Nov. 22
Jeff Mitchell - Nov. 25
Bob Beall - Nov. 26
Judy Simmons - Nov. 28
Connie Sink - Nov. 29
Layton Vires - Nov. 29
Yevonne Goodner - Dec. 1
Ruth Fulmer - Dec. 4



In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander
Glenda Boddie
Nolan Butts
Margaret & Robert Davis, Sr.
Mitch Deis
Harriett Edwards



Fran Ericson	Deloris Miller
Jim Farra	Marcella Miller
Linda George	Greg Moldovan
Jamie Geswein	Karolina
Gene Gibson	O'Donnell
Dawn Gilmore	Nancy Pratt
Beverly Guffey	Rama Rengan
Tom Hine	Cindy Romano
Judy Hirshman	Harriet Shawhan
Katie Horvath	Sue Shroyer
Lottie Jaeger	Kathy Steele
Marilyn Jones	Connie Swanson
Dustin Knowlton	Danny Tomaz
Eric Landing	Gloria Van
Mary Lehman	Camp
Peggy Lewis	Flo Warner
Nancy Lyttle	Evelyn Wheeler
Barbara Lyttle	Vera Westfall
Lauren McClure	
Bob McCray	

Those in Nursing Care

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

Military

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

“Gospel In Art”

Once again, we were inspired and energized by Esther Frye on Sunday evening as she presented “Shepherds On The Hillside” **to a packed sanctuary!** Many people came from all directions, as many of you invited family and friends. Some folks came after reading the article in the Dayton Daily News. We had quite a mixed crowd, many different faiths, from all over the Dayton area, people came to hear the message, all hungry for the good news.

Sheer amazement was the sentiment of all as Esther illustrated and evangelized the gospel, in art form. Her promise to the Lord as a young woman to use her art talent to honor Him, is still alive today, 73 years later; a true commitment.

I counted at least 21 children at the foot of the stairs, all very quiet, listening intently as Esther revealed the story of the angels proclaiming the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to the shepherds on the hillside. These children loved every minute of it & they were like little angels watching.

WINGS would like to thank everyone for their support in attending & for bringing such yummy treats to share! It was an honor to put this event together for all to enjoy!

A great big thank you to all who helped, those who gave their time were: Diana Knowlton, Karen Brown, Toni Bailey, Sasha Taylor, Joyce Kelley, Paula Geswein, Patti King, Rev. King, Phil Brown & Frank Taylor.

WINGS would like to say a special thank you to Loretta Leisch and The Collins Connection (Loretta Liesch, Mike Collins, Shelley Outlaw & Mary D’Nofa) for providing such beautiful & inspiring music! Also, many special thanks to Rev. King for his beautiful prayers & support to WINGS.

As you can see it takes many hands to do God’s work, no one can do it all, but all can do something. In Christ, Nikki Taylor

A Taste of Christmas



The partnership of Ascension and Greenmont-Oak Park churches will present, "A Taste of Christmas", to be held Sunday, December 13 from 4 to 6 pm.

All are welcome to join us here at Greenmont-Oak Park Church and share a sample of a favorite Christmas dish or treat that may be special in your family. Our sharing won't stop there, however -we'll celebrate Advent together with a short prayer service, singing Christmas carols and recalling family traditions. We'll also have some craft projects designed for children and families.

So mark your calendars to join us for this Holiday Advent celebration with our neighbors from Ascension church. If you plan to bring a sample dish, please let us know so we can reserve a place for your dish. - Bob Colvin, Ecumencial Committee

White Gift Sunday will be Dec. 13

As you begin to prepare for the Holiday season, please remember our pantry is preparing 150 food and gift baskets for families in need. We are gathering extra food, warm hats, socks, gloves or mittens, books & toys for children. Your support is appreciated, and your gifts can be brought to the church on Sunday, Dec. 13. Food items can be brought to the church at any time. - Mission Outreach

Watch our bulletin board in the Gathering Place for special food needs: This week we are almost out of: Cereal & jelly

Congregational Meeting Report Nov. 1, 2009

We had 78 members in attendance at the meeting. Upon Anna opening the meeting, we reviewed the slate of officers. Lisa Ybarbo stepped forward to fill the Christian Education nomination and Frank Lakins & Brian Parrett have accepted the Endowment nominations for the next three years. The Board Vice Chair and Finance/Stewardship Comm. Chair positions still remain open. Anna gave a description of each and asked the congregation to pray for God to lead the right persons to us to fill them. Anna made a correction regarding the Financial secretary's position, Jo Anne has 1 yr. remaining of a two year term. Susan Beall made the motion to accept the slate of officers for 2010, as corrected. Frank Lakins seconded the

motion. The motion was approved.

Frank Lakins, Finance Chairperson, explained the proposed budget. He shared that the staff, in their concern for the church budget and expenses, requested to hold their salaries the same. There are no salary increases. The Committee looked at making decreases where they could with as little negative impact as possible. They reduced the budget by 1.7%, down to \$190,300. Tom Wheeler moved to accept the proposed 2010 budget as presented. Greg Goodner seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Frank also shared about the "Mission Book" and "Giving Thanks Dinner" plans. Frank expressed his heartfelt feelings about the Holy Spirit working through us here at Greenmont Church. We can see what God is accomplishing here as we serve Him. Frank asks us to stay strong in our faith. Let the Holy Spirit move you to make a commitment to pledge. Do not be afraid to pledge a portion back to the Lord. Pledge cards were handed out to those in attendance and mailed to those not in attendance. Pray about how we can support our church, and turn in your pledge card next Sunday, Nov. 22 at our consecration service. Then join in the "Giving Thanks Dinner" following the service.

Anna thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting. - Nova Gigar, Official Board secretary

Nov. 13, 2009 Jr & Sr Youth Lock-In We had 36 youth attend.



"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 the cards, starting Nov. 15. The cards will be needed by Tues. Dec. 1, to be delivered by Rev. King on his holiday visits.

Our shut-ins are: Rosemary Aylstock, Harold Goldberg, Lottie Jaeger, Harriet Shawhan, Vera Westfall, Nancy Lyttle, Barb Lyttle, Delores Miller, Sharon & Jack Gilmore, Evelyn Wheeler, Jim Farra, Marion Farren, Opal Hunter, Jim & Norma Haines, Hugh Culbertson,

Howard Jordan, Marcella Miller, Karolina O'Donnell, Kenny/Ginny Hambrick, Dan Jones, Margaret Dill, Margaret Cobb, Mildred Heath, Allen & Lena Patterson, Flo Warner, Wilma Yost, Charles Warren, Mary Lou Chaney,

Picture Directories for Sale

We have a few extra directories for sale. If you would like to purchase a church directory for \$5.00, please stop by the office during the week or see Lisa Bleeke at church on Sunday. Any questions, call 294-2962.



"Special Thanksgiving Offering"

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 \$2100 between Day-break, House of Bread, Neighbors in Need, St Vincent de Paul, Veterans of the Cross, and YWCA's Battered Women's program. If we exceed the total of \$2100, the donations above the 2100 will then be given to the church operating budget. Special giving envelopes have been included in this issue of the Chimes.



"Hanging of the Greens"

November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent so we're "Hanging the Greens" after the second worship service. Please join us for the fellowship and fun. There will be some food, compliments of Anna Slaidins for those who wish to calm their grumbly stomachs before breaking into teams and spreading Christmas cheer with the prepared decorations throughout the building. Pictures are available from previous years as a guide for the different areas. Many hands make light work, and it's a great way to get inspired to jump into your own Holiday traditions. See you there!



"Giving Thanks Dinner - Nov. 22"

The Giving Thanks Dinner will be held after the 10:45 service on Sunday, Nov. 22. **We need a lot of help to make the meal possible.** A sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the preparation has been posted on the bulletin board across from the office. If you would be willing to prepare a turkey, peel, cook and mash potatoes, or prepare dressing please let us know by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board. We can also use some help with the set-up on Saturday and the clean-up on Sunday after the meal. We are also asking for dessert donations (please bring your dessert cut and ready to serve). If you have any questions, please call Kelley Hager at 312-0203.



Worship schedule:

Nov. 22 - 2 Timothy 3:1-17

Coping in Troubled Times

There will not be a Chimes next week - Nov. 23-29 Have a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

