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Join us in building strength in
Our Prayer Life now thru May 23

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Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM
Morning Worship: 10:45 AM
Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

8:45 AM **10:45 AM**
Gary Etter Greg Goodner
Arlene Uldrich Pasko Evanoff
Charlene Brown Frank Taylor

How are all of you doing with your “**Praying to Pentecost?**” Some of you are doing great. And I say to you, “Keep it up. Keep going. You have found a routine that is working for you. Keep on learning to listen to the presence of God in your life and in the life of you church.” To those of you who are struggling I say, “Don’t quit, Don’t give up. Renew your commitment, even if you have to do it each day. Do not say, ‘I’ll start tomorrow.’ Say to God, ‘I’m sorry I missed our date, God; let’s talk now and make a time we can meet tomorrow.’” Remember what your goal is: **TO EXPERIENCE A LIFE OF RELATIONSHIP AND INTIMACY WITH OUR LIVING AND LOVING GOD.**

The slavery of ingrained habits of sin keeps us from that intimacy of abundant life with God. Often and for most of us the method of dealing with the slavery of these ingrained habits of sin is to rely on our willpower and determination. The struggle is all in vain. So of us may find that we have some success with our external moral victories. But our willpower can never succeed in dealing with the deeply ingrained habits of sin. Eventually it creeps out from within and there will be that unguarded moment when a careless word or action will slip out to reveal the true condition of our hearts.

Richard Foster in his book *The Spiritual Disciplines* tells us: “When we despair of gaining inner transformation through our human will power and determination, we are open to a wonderful new realization – inner righteousness is a gift from God to be graciously received.” The good news and the change in attitude is that God is at work, not us. This insight might lead us into a deceptive conclusion. We may think that we do not have to do anything, but wait for the Lord to come and transform us. That conclusion is faulty. God through Christ has given us the discipline of prayer as a means of receiving God’s grace. Prayer places us before God so that God can transform our lives.

St. Paul gives us an analogy when he writes in Galatians 6:8: “He who sows to his flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” Richard Foster adds to this image by saying A farmer is helpless to grow grain; all he can do is provide the right conditions for growing of grain. He cultivates the ground, plants the seed, waters the plants and let the natural forces of the earth take over and up comes the grain. That is the way of the discipline of prayer: we cultivate our soul by reading of scripture, giving thanks, confessing our sins and speaking out petitions and intercessions for ourselves and others; and then we wait, be still, and listen for the movement of God walking into our awareness.

Remember your goal – **experiencing a life of a relationship and intimacy with our living and loving God.** Don’t quit. Renew your efforts. Set aside that time with God, the lover of your soul. Join together with your brothers and sisters in praise and worship these next few Sundays and witness God transforming your life and the life of this spiritual temple of the Holy Spirit of God.—Pastor King

Everyone Counts— Statistics

Attendance—April 18, 2010

8:45 — 15
10:45 — 101
Sunday school — 32

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$15,858)

	Income rec’d	+/- Amt.
Jan. '10	\$22,844	+ 6,986
Feb. '10	\$12,189	-3,669
Mar. '10	\$13,117	- \$2,741

Happy Birthday

Joshua Parrett—April 25
Judy Amundson—April 26
Ginny Hambrick—April 28

In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander
Robert Andino
Cheryl Barnett
Glenda Boddie
Nolan Butts
Harriett Edwards
Joshua Elliott
Fran Ericson
Jim Farra
Donna Foskuhl
Gene Gibson
Jamie Geswein
Beverly Guffey
Vern Hine
Carol Hildebrecht
Marilyn Jones
Mary Lehman
Barb Lyttle
Paul Marcum, Jr
Lauren McClure

Linda George
Dawn Gilmore
Judy Hirshman
Bernadette Harawa
Loren Houck
Dustin Knowlton
Nancy Lyttle
Mantia family
Bob McCray
Marcella Miller



Greg Moldovan
Karolina O’Donnell
Nancy Pratt
Cindy Ramono
Harriet Shawhan
Iris Traylor
Danny Tomaz
Gloria Van Camp
Flo Warner
Evelyn Wheeler
Vera Westfall

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
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
Will Jaeger – Grafton Oaks
Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
Charles Warren – Vlg. Of Westerville
Wilma Yost - Kingston of Miamisburg

Military

Ian Beall – Iraq
Michael Beall – Iraq
Scott Certain – USA
Andrew Hayden – Iraq
Tyler Mantia – USA
Michael Mantia – USA
Ryan Stites – USA
Kevin Stites - USA



"In the Mail"

Hello Andrew, Maggie, Gabby, Gage, Molly and Robbie:

I hope that everything is going well in Sunday school class at Greenmont Oak Park Community Church in Dayton. I ask God to fill you with health and wisdom. The motive for directing me to you is to thank you for all the help that you have offered me. I ask God that it goes well with the program and that you can decorate your church. Everything is going well in high school. Last year I got an award of academic excellence. My family is very happy, same as I am. I continue visiting the Catholic church. I have finished the first and second level of English and I am learning a lot. I ask God to bless you day after day for this heart so full of love that you have. I am very happy that you have written to me. I liked your card a lot. I will take care of it and appreciate it a lot. I hope you like my card and I hope you continue writing to me. Although I do not know you, we have not personally met, I love you a lot. In the Name of Christ,

your friend: Leonel Linorez

(Leonel is one of our two sponsored youth from Honduras. Mission Outreach helps sponsor his secondary education. His letter has been translated from Spanish.)

We're Gathering Graduation Info.

It is Graduation time, and the church would like to recognize these achievements. We need to know who will be graduating from, 3rd grade, high school and college this year. We will need the information by May 25th. Send in your information to the church office.

Donations of some small children's clothing are needed for the nursery. Clothing for children age 5 and under is needed to have on hand in the nursery for occasions of spills or little accidents. If your child has outgrown his or her clothing, please donate a few items for our supply. - Barbara Richards

In Residence at GOPCC

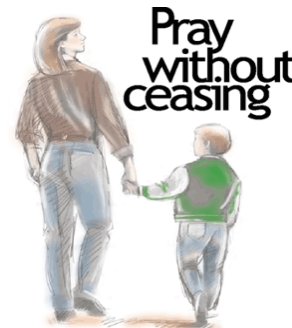
We have been chosen to be the home of a mallard duck family, out in the triangle garden area. The nest is tucked in near the tree and hidden by the daffodils. Mother is sitting on at least 7 eggs last count. The nest was first noticed the week of Easter, so there should be some new ducklings around the end of April. Please give our new family space and peace as mother and babies grow. Isn't God's gift of spring wonderful!



Greater Dayton IAF Concerns Voiced

Last Thursday, I attended a Greater Dayton IAF meeting, representing a listening group that shared with me their concerns in our community, which were in the areas of: Education: its funding, its entrepreneurship education and training, and better after school activities for children and youth; Local businesses and ownership taken over by Global corporations; and profiling & refusal of bank loans for minorities and within minority neighborhoods

From our meeting where approximately 100 people attended and reported their groups' concerns, we narrowed the three overwhelming concerns to be; Jobs, Education, and Youth activities. While these seem to be "No Brainers," the challenge is in doing the research and coming up with specific, concrete ideas and possible solutions. Our next meeting for this process and for the selection of a name for this grassroots organization will be in May 13, at 7 PM at Grace United Methodist Church, 1000 Harvard Blvd You are invited to come and join us in the development of this people's voice of Greater Dayton. - Pastor Greg King



The All Church Tent Sale Is this Friday & Saturday.

April 23 & 24



Friday hours: 7 AM to 5 PM

Saturday hours: 7 AM to 2 PM

Our tent is full of treasures. Come explore and maybe find that special something you've been looking for. - Trustees



Rubate, Kenya , Africa Mission Trip news

The SONKA team is hard at work, fundraising for the team's trip costs. Each member needs \$3,300 to go on the trip. Greg Goodner has raised \$1,500 toward his trip so far.

They are also asking for UCC churches to consider donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and used/new (reading) eye glasses to take with them for the Rubate Health Clinic. These donations can be brought to the church office. Thank you.—Greg Goodner & the SONKA Global Partnership Team

VBS 2010 Homerun Event!!



When: Sunday, May 2nd, 12:00 (after the second service)

We're kicking off our VBS preparations with a Wacky Baseball game and an All-American lunch --then we'll be traveling to Egypt with Joseph and learning of his adventures there. If you are thinking about helping with VBS this summer, this is one event you won't want to miss! Questions? Call Patti king @ 776-8299

Many Sundays Still Available for Flower or Bulletin Donations

See the sign-up charts on the bulletin board across from the church office, if interested in donating flowers or bulletins for our worship services.

The cost of Altar flowers is \$20 and the bulletin cost is \$14. There are still many Sundays open. If donating flowers, you may take one or both bouquets home with you after the services, or offer them for shut-in visits or to bring cheer on a hospital visit by the Pastor.

This simple way of serving our worship services is meaningful. Thank you to all who make donations and bring this beauty to our services.—Worship Comm.

The Women of Faith Conference, Columbus, Ohio

Spring Retreat Friday, April 30–May 1
We have a couple of additional tickets available. If you are interested or know of anyone who would like to go, please contact me as soon as possible (937-371 6393). **We do have one free ticket available.**

"All Daughters' Luncheon" Saturday, May 8th 2010

Our theme will be "When Life Gives you Lemons Make Lemonade!"

Using Philippians 4:11 *"I am not saying this because I am in any need, for I have learned to be content in whatever situation I am in."*

Please join us in having fun with this theme and celebrating Mother's Day! Oh, just for fun...wear yellow if you can!

The sign-up sheet is posted on the WINGS bulletin board. For catering and planning purposes we'll need a definite count, so if you're planning to attend, please be sure to sign-up. We'd love for every one of you to be there!

You may pay for your tickets in advance, in The Gathering Place, after 2nd service on Sundays, April 18th, 25th and May 2nd. Ticket pricing is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. The event will be held at Nedelko's in Beavercreek, on Saturday, May 8th at 11:30 AM.

If you have any questions please contact me or any of the WINGS officers.
In Christ, Nikki Taylor

"Super Chocolate Desserts + Super Detectives"

Both these elements, plus 15 youth, several parent helpers, and many want-a-be detectives made last Saturday evening a fun night for playing the "Live CLUE" game.

Our youth had us traveling the globe to Japan, Russia, Mexico, Canada, and Flamingo Island in pursuit of solving the mysteries.

The 'Super Detectives' honor goes to Maggie Roalef and her friend Abbey. They solved six mysteries before the night was over.

Along with the CLUE game, we also had great opportunities to make bids on great Silent Auction prizes.

The youth raised \$603 toward their summer camp program. Thank you to all those who participated and offered their support.



Thank You Everyone

Take me out to the ball game!



The Dayton Dragons game is Sun. June 6th at 2pm. Tickets are \$11 and include a coupon from Dairy Queen for ice cream after the game. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office or call Jamie Medlin @252-4657 with any questions. We only have 50 tickets so make sure to sign up early!!

Membership Committee Church Mug Sale

The Membership Committee has purchased some very nice ceramic mugs that have the church logo on one side, and information about the church on the other. A portion of these mugs will be used as one of the items placed in our bags that are handed to any visitors attending one of our Sunday morning worship services. The rest of the mugs are for sale to the congregation. Proceeds will be used to cover the cost of the periodic mailings of church advertisement pamphlets to the community. The mugs will go on sale beginning this Sunday, March 28th, at a cost of \$5.00 each. A table will be set up in the Gathering Place immediately following the 10:45 service. Thanks in advance for your help in our efforts to attract more people to our church.



