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White Gift Sunday—Dec. 12

Annual Christmas Tea—Dec. 12

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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

Charlene Brown

What a wonderful Advent program we held Sunday evening from our GOPCC & Church of the Ascension Partnership. We began with Mixers to get us acquainted and talking with one another. Then we had a delicious fellowship potluck dinner. This was followed by the youth from both churches reading about the "10 Gifts of Christmas" while youth and adults brought forward wrapped boxes with the name of the gift. Bob Colvin and Bob Karl and several choir members (Bob & Sue Smitley, Don & Lori Keltner) lead us in a variety of songs on the same topics with Adam Donovan handling the power point projection. Then Bishop Nicolas (deacon Bill Krumm), who became St. Nicolas visited us and shared a story about who he was and the secret giving he had done for a family in his village. The children brought forward their canned goods and St. Nicolas gave them chocolate wrapped in gold foil to remind us of the gift of gold he gave to a poor family, "ka-ching!"

Many thanks to our Partnership Team of Lois Keil, Bob Colvin, Pat White, Donna Prendergast, Joe Ollier, Fr. Chris Worland, Cindy Pellegrino, and Sheri Parrett.

Many other expressions of the Advent & Christmas spirit continue here at Greenmont-Oak Park. We invite you to continue to join us in many of these activities and worship services.

Join us on December 12th as we participate in White Gift Sunday. That is where we present clothing and toys to our service as we dedicate them to God's children who are receiving a Christmas basket from us. The WINGS will host a "Tea" following our 10:45 worship service this Sunday as a gift of "holy-day" cheer.

On Saturday morning December 18th Mission Outreach and many volunteers will offer Christmas cheer to 156 families as we present Christmas baskets full of food for a Christmas dinner and offer simple warm clothing and toys.

Join us for our Advent worship on December 19th. We will install the officers of the WINGS during the 10:45 service. Christian Ed. is inviting us to their Christmas program on December 19th at 6:00 P.M. Sheri Parrett and the youth are presenting a short play entitled, "Through the Eyes of a Child." Refreshments and the presentation of our annual Christmas ornament will be part of the program.

I invite you to worship the evening of December 24th at 10 P.M. as we celebrate a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. It will include the reading of the Christmas story and the singing of Christmas carols. The Official Board will serve a Wassail following the worship service.



But let us not forget about the Twelve Days of Christmas. Christmas is about God ushering the Kingdom of God on earth through Jesus Christ. It is about living out the will of God as shown in Christ Jesus, which means living out peace and love with one another – family, friends, and foe. During this Advent season, let us think of ways we can live out these Holy Twelve Days of Christmas and participate with God in ushering in the Kingdom of God among us through Christ Jesus.

Encouragingly yours, Pastor Greg

Everyone Counts— Statistics

Attendance—Dec. 5 '10

8:45 — 23
10:45 — 76
Sunday school — 29

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$15,850)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Jan. '10	- \$22,844	+ 6,986
Feb. '10	- \$12,189	-3,669
Mar. '10	- \$13,117	- \$2,741
April '10	- \$12,554	- \$3,201
May '10	- \$15,173	- \$677
June '10	- \$10, 513	- \$5,337
July '10	- \$11,320	- \$4,530
Aug. '10	- \$11,863	- \$3,987
Sept. '10	- \$11,629	- \$4,121
Oct. '10	- \$13, 764	- \$1,009

Happy Birthday

- Jessica Parrett—Dec. 12
- Diane Yost—Dec. 12
- Cheryl Barnett—Dec. 13
- Hugh Culbertson—Dec. 13
- Anna Slaidins—Dec. 13
- Alyssa Erbes—Dec. 15
- Craig Kigar—Dec. 16
- Don Keltner—Dec. 19



In Our Prayers

- Doris Alexander
- Glenda Boddie
- Jim Farra
- Gene Gibson
- Jack Gilmore
- Beverly Guffey
- Vern Hine
- Edna Holland
- Jamie Geswein
- the Goldbergs
- Judy Hirshman
- Carol Hildebrecht
- Loren Houck

- Marilyn Jones
- Paul Jarusicwic
- Erik Landing
- Nancy Lyttle
- Bob McCray
- Marcella Miller/Karolina O'Donnell
- Cindy Ramono
- Iris Traylor
- Laura Ruppert
- Gloria Van Camp
- Evelyn Wheeler
- Vera Westfall
- Mary Willett
- Dan Jones
- Dustin Knowlton
- Mary Lehman
- Paul Marcum, Jr
- Lauren McClure
- Harriet Shawhan
- Bob Rearick
- Danny Tomaz
- Flo Warner



Those in Nursing Care

- Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
- Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
- Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
- Marion Farren—Trinity 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 – East Moline, IL

Military

- Charles Barlow—Afghanistan
- Ian Beall – Iraq
- Michael Beall – Iraq
- Scott Certain – Afghanistan
- Andrew Hayden – Iraq
- Tyler Mantia – USA
- Michael Mantia – USA
- Nathan Nicholas—Korea
- Brian Nicholas—USA
- Adam Reeves—USA
- Kevin Stites—Bahrain
- Kevin White—Afghanistan

WINGS

The theme for this year's conference is IMAGINE. Please join us as we are presented with real life stories, music, drama and laughter. It is a creative and rich resource for your spiritual growth. We have discovered that most all of the seats are sold, upon confirming our reservations. The cost for the event registration (2 days and 2 box lunches is \$89.00, plus transportation and one night at the Hilton Garden Inn in Grove City near Columbus. Many women shared a room last year which helped to lower the hotel cost. We car pooled to the event, again saving money.

We will be planning a fund raiser to be held after the first of the year to help with hotel and transportation expenses.

WINGS is providing the Christmas Tea after the second service on Sunday Dec. 12. During the tea, WINGS will provide an opportunity for you to continue or begin your "easy payment plan". We are asking for a minimum payment of \$10 to register for the conference. We will also be accepting a second payment from those who registered in November.

The WOF conference was one of the highlights of our 2010 WINGS events. We hope you will join us and start planning now for a joyful and inspirational Spring Break.

Thank You! Nikki Taylor, Karen Brown and Loretta Liesch

2011 Flower & Bulletin Donations

New sign-up sheets are posted on the church bulletin board. If you care to donate these items for worship, the cost is \$20 for flowers and \$14 for bulletins. Payment may be dropped in the offering plate, please indicate what payment is for in the check memo or on the envelope.—Worship Committee



Mittens & Socks

Help us decorate our Mitten & Sock tree in the Hilty room. Gifts of mittens, gloves, hats and socks can be placed in the tree up through Dec. 15, for our Christmas Basket families.

Christmas Card Greetings

Our church has a tradition of sharing Christmas greetings to church family by placing your greeting card on the second tree in the Hilty room. The cards will decorate this tree, and all those sharing greetings will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.



Dec. 12 is WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Please bring your gifts of non-perishable food, warm clothing, toys, games or books for children to place under the Chrismon tree at our worship services. These gifts will be given out with the Christmas Baskets to families in need.

We will be helping to provide a happier Christmas for 156 families this year, that have a combined total of 265 children in their households. We appreciate all your support in giving to these families.

Please lift these families up in your prayers that they feel the HOPE of God in their lives through these gifts and come to know and experience the best gift of all, Jesus Christ.

Want to help with Christmas Baskets?

Sign-up to volunteer for helping with Christmas Baskets on the clipboards in the Gathering Place above the Pantry food donation box. We're going to prepare and distribute 156 Christmas Baskets, and there are three opportunities to volunteer: (1) Adults & High School - Shopping & Setup on Friday, December 17th, from 2- 5 PM; (2) Adults & little kids - Filling Baskets on Friday, December 17th, from 6 - 8 PM; (3) Adults & High School - Distribution and Gift Wrapping on Saturday, December 18th, from 8:30- 11:30 AM.

Annual Christmas Tea

WINGS invites everyone to please join together as we celebrate the "Annual Christmas Tea" on Sunday, December 12th following 2nd service in the Donut Room. To help us in our planning there is a sign-up sheet posted on the WINGS bulletin board for your donations of food. Thank you for your support! - Nikki Taylor



"Through the Eyes of a Child"

Please join us for the youth Christmas program on Sunday evening, Dec. 19th at 6 PM. They will take us on the journey with Mary & Joseph to the birth of baby Jesus, through a play and power point presentation, sharing the smiling faces of many of our children and youth.

Following the play there will be refreshments and a visit with Santa, and receiving the traditional church Christmas ornament.

Youth Events Calendar



Jr High youth—Dec. 10, 8PM
5th Quarter—Dec. 11, 8PM

Crusaders—Dec. 16, 4PM
Program dress rehearsal
All Jr & Sr youth—Dec. 17, 6PM
Help with Christmas Baskets

All Jr & Sr youth—Dec. 18, 8:30 AM to 11AM—help with Christmas baskets, wrapping & cooking

Sunday, Dec. 19 @ 6PM
"Through the Eyes of a Child"
Youth Christmas Program
A visit with Santa and refreshments will follow the program.



Plants will cost \$9.00. Please sign up if you would like a plant. They will be used to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas Eve, and may be taken home following the 10 PM service.



3 T's Christmas Lunch

Mark your calendar for our December lunch and fellowship, at MCL Cafeteria, Dec. 21st. Loretta Liesch's group will be singing. - Cheryl Barnett.

Entertaining Song Group
Will help us celebrate the season.



We will be combining our Christmas Special offering with the Thanksgiving offering already collected.

We will equally divide the offerings up to a value of \$2100 between Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors in Need, St. Vincent DePaul, Veterans of the Cross and YWCA Battered Women's program.

If we exceed \$2100, donations above the 2100 will then be given to the church budget.

Special Christmas offering envelopes are included in this Chimes issue.

After returning from vacation I came to church and found it filled with Christmas beauty and cheer. God bless all of you and thank you for the time and effort all of you put into decorating our church, reminding all of us of the reason of this season. Even as we enter into the darkest and longest days of the year, which captures the solemn mood we often find ourselves, your efforts are encouraging us to look away from our pessimism concerning our lives and point us to the Holy One who can lead us to eternal and abundant life.

Also, I invite you to drive by our church during the evenings of our Christmas season. Ryan Brodowski's Christmas spirit and inspiration along with the help of some members of the Trustees, his family, and his friends have lit up the outside of our church. Thank you for adding light and color, warmth and joy in this season. I am reminded of a scripture that proclaims, "...And a little child shall lead them," Isaiah 11:6. While Ryan is not that little (He is seventeen), his spirit of enthusiasm has called us into action and to participate more in the spirit of the season and in the life of the church and its mission.

Appreciatively your,
Pastor Greg



"Staff Gifts"

If you would like to give an appreciation gift to the Staff for their good support to the church over the past year, staff gift envelopes will be provided by the ushers at worship services over the next two Sundays, You may return your gift in the offering plate. Thank you and Merry Christmas from the Staff Committee

Join us for the
Christmas Eve



Candlelight Service

December, 24 @ 10 PM
A Wassail fellowship will follow.



