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Seek peace with God, made possible
through Jesus Christ. Through faith we
are now God's friends.
Rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.
- Romans 5:1-2

WORSHIP LEADER:

Ed Alexander

GREETERS:

Office Hours

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Admin. Chairperson:
Bob Beall

Choir Director:
Rob Duerr

Organists:
Jacque Fisher
Mary Jane McBride
Shelley Outlaw

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 Frank Taylor
Arlene Uldrich Matt Julien
Charlene Brown

Our daughter, Tiffany gave birth to a baby girl on December 30, 2010, making Patti and I grandparents for the first time. Our granddaughter's name is Eleftheria Akrivi Ann Kalaitzidis. What a name! What a darling little girl she is. We flew out there for a week to be with Tiffany, Kostas and their child.

Holding her in my arms for the first time, I just melted in love. I was amazed at the depth of the feeling of this love and how love mysteriously expanded my capability to love and care evermore inclusively more people in my life. This love through our grandchild deepened even more my affection toward Tiffany's husband, Kostas, which expanded to caring affections toward his parents, who now live with them, and to his brother all of whom gathered with us each night for evening meals. That is the mystery of love; it empowers us to welcome and embrace with affection and care more people into our lives. Love certainly is an ever expanding all inclusive spirit.

The Bible defined God as LOVE. Like the universe, God's love is ever expanding and all inclusive. Nothing and no one is outside the realm of God's love. Even when more people are being born into this world, God has the capability to include his new creation within him.

How did Kostas and Tiffany come up with their daughter's name? "Eleftheria" is a Greek word meaning "liberty." Kostas, whose nationality is Greek, became a citizen of the United States about a year ago. He greatly appreciates what United States and its Constitution represents – "Freedom." Also, being Greek Orthodox, Kostas understands the richness of his faith in Christ which is "freedom," not only freedom from the bondage of sin, but even more, freedom to live life in love and for love.

"Akrivi" is the name of his mother and her name means "perfection," "wholeness," "completeness." It means that this child of God is perfectly complete and whole in the eyes of God and in the eyes of her parents.

"Ann" is the middle name of Patti and Tiffany's sister, Brittany. It means "grace." Grace is the unmerited divine assistance given to humanity for its regeneration and sanctification; that is, for our completeness, wholeness, and perfection. It is the all-inclusive virtue that holds the fruit of the spirit - love, joy, peace, etc. (see Galatians 5:22 & 23).

So, when I think of Eleftheria Akrivi Ann Kalaitzidis and hold her in my arms I will think of God's lavish love, "liberally" spreading over me (as well as upon all of God's children), "gracing" me to "perfection" and "wholeness." (That means I need not be so anxious about my life.) More importantly, I will remember that I need not try to add anything to my grandchild or take anything away from her, because God has created her "complete" just the way she is. The only thing I need to do is offer her "liberal" amounts of "perfect" "grace" that will help her be whom God created her to be. And may I do this to all of my family and my church family whom God has called me to serve.

In Christ's love, Pastor Greg

Everyone Counts— Statistics

Attendance— Jan. 2, 9, 2011

8;45 — 21, 25
 10:45 — 86, 80
 Sunday school — 22, 36
 Christmas Eve— a full sanctuary

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$15,850)
 Income rec'd +/- Amt.
 Nov. '10 - \$13,533 - \$2,317
 Dec. '10 - \$
 Jan. '11 - \$

Happy Birthday

- Nobu Oishi—Jan. 6
- Kelley Hager—Jan. 6
- Matt Julien—Jan. 6
- Pasko Evanoff—Jan. 8
- Jacque Fisher—Jan. 11
- Taylor Steinbrunner—Jan. 11
- Frank Lakins—Jan. 13
- Janine Rayney—Jan. 13
- Dave Fisher—Jan. 14
- Ryan Brodowski—Jan. 14
- Emily Gastineau—Jan. 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
- Calire Riccos
- Danny Tomaz
- Flo Warner
- Evelyn Wheeler
- Vera Westfall
- Mary Willett
- Dan Jones
- Dustin Knowlton
- Mary Lehman
- Paul Marcum, Jr
- Lauren McClure
- Harriet Shawhan
- Laura Ruppert
- Gloria Van Camp

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—USA
(Jane Simmon's grandson)
- Scott Certain – Afghanistan
(Jo Anne Jay's son-in-law)
- Andrew Hayden – USA
(Edna Holland's grandson)
- Tyler Mantia – USA
- Michael Mantia – USA (Mantia family sons)
- Nathan Nicholas—Korea
- Brian Nicholas—USA (Nicholas family sons)
- Adam Reeves—USA (Edna's grandson)
- Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)
- Kevin Stites—Bahrain
(Susie Stites grandson)
- Kevin White—Afghanistan
(Pat White's grandson)



Dear Friends at Greenmont-Oak Park Church,

Wishing you the best this holiday season! Thank you for all the cards of cheer. - Love, Evelyn Wheeler

To All at Greenmont Church,

I wish to Thank all for the Lovely cards and wishes received from the church members and the special words.

And for Rev. King's visits and all the prayers—thank you!

Right now these days I am experiencing a lot of health issues and pain and Drs. Appointments. I appreciate your prayers.—Lovingly, Gloria Van Camp

Lost & Found

We have found a couple items that were turned in Dec. 12 from the WINGS Christmas Tea.

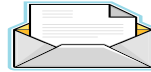
One is a round coin purse.

The other item is a small Christmas gift bag with blue tissue paper and gift inside.

If either of these items are your lost items , come to the church office to claim them.

LOVE is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Offering Envelopes



New offering envelopes are available in the church office. If you are out of envelopes please sign out a new box giving your name and envelope box number on the sign out sheet.—Nova Kigar, church secretary

Kroger's Rewards

Earn New Funds

Thank you for participating in the Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program. As you know, each time your organization's gift cards are reloaded at your neighborhood Kroger, money is earned for your projects. When your reloads reach \$5,000 or more, your organization receives a rebate check for 4% of all your associated reloads.

For the last period of 2010 we became eligible for a rebate check for \$209.84. Thank you to all who participate in this program, it helps our general operating costs here at the church.

Reminders from the Finance Committee

If you haven't turned in your 2011 Tithing Pledge card or Time and Talent Sheet, you may still do so. You can either submit to the church office or put in the collection plate.

Also, a reminder about using your Kroger Scrip card: with the new Kroger gas pump at Woodman and Dorothy Lane, you can use that card at the pump to pay for your gas. So load up your card and use for groceries and gas!

Have a Happy and Blessed new year, from the Finance and Stewardship Committee.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

WINGS will host its' annual birthday celebration on Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the donut room for a white elephant gift exchange (make it something funny!) and birthday cake and ice cream. We will also have a brief meeting so that we can share our plans for 2011 with everyone. All ladies of the church are invited to attend, so please set the date aside and join us for the first event of the year. Blessings to everyone, the WINGS Officers.



2011 Official Board Retreat Planning in progress

Saturday, January 22, has been selected for the 2011 Official Board Retreat, to begin at 8:30 AM with a light breakfast followed by the retreat and meeting to begin at 9:15 AM.

We welcome Bob Beall as the new Official Board Chairperson and Jamie Fisher as the new Christian Education Chairperson, who were voted into office at the December Official Board meeting.

Our new Official Board is:

- Administrative Chair—Bob Beall
- Vice Administrative Chair—Brad Medlin
- Board Secretary—Nova Kigar
- Financial Secretary—Jo Anne Jay
- Treasurer— Lisa Bleeke
- Preschool Director—Ruth Fulmer
- Finance/ Stewardship—Frank Lakins
- Membership—Joyce Kelley
- Memorial—Bob Colvin
- Mission Outreach

—Brian Donovan/ Craig Kigar

- Music /Worship— Toni Bailey
- Recreation—Jamie Medlin
- Social— _____ (Open)
- Social Action

—Connie Sink/Steve Simmons

- Staff—Susan Beall/John Slaidins
- Trustees—Gary Etter
- WINGS—Diana Knowlton
- Endowment ('11 to'13 term)

- Steve Simmons, Susan Beall

Youth Events Calendar



Jr High—Jan. 14—8 PM

Sr High—Jan. 15—8 PM

Footprints—Jan. 16 at noon

Music/Choir Meeting

A meeting will be held on January 23rd following the 10:45 AM worship service. Different items will be discussed, please attend this meeting. Everyone who has an interest in music should attend.
- Toni Bailey

2010

Official Board Officer's final duty

A Reminder that the 2010 Annual Reports will be due by Jan. 22, 2011, so an All Committee Annual report can be compiled for the congregation.

Also, please pass on the Committee notebook and Committee church keys.

- Nova Kigar, church office

"In Sympathy"



We extend our thoughts and prayers to the family of Iris Traylor, who passed away last Thurs. Jan. 6, 2011.

Rev King officiated at her service on Monday, Jan. 10. May God comfort the family at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family



Be a GREETER!

Have you been wondering if there is anything you could do within the church that would not take up too much of your time yet be very important/ Something that might lift someone else's spirits or make a new face feel as though they have been warmly welcomed? Actually, there is something you could do either individually, in pairs, or even as an entire family. Be a GREETER! You would only have to be at church 15 minutes before the service. There is no special uniform other than a warm heart, friendly smile and a handshake. What a difference you could make! There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the office, or you can call Joyce Kelley, at 299-8546, if you have any questions. Please help our church make a difference! - Membership Committee



Submarine Sandwich Sale

At this time every year we have a submarine sandwich sale in order to provide a few extras fro the Preschool. The church is going to work with us on the sale. This year the profits from sandwiches sold by Preschool parents will go for many of our special programs. These include Breakfast/Lunch with Santa, field trips, Voyageur Puppet Shows, the Philharmonic String Quartet and picnics in the park. Some of last year's profits went for the new gymnastic mats in the Donut Room. The profits from sandwiches sold by church members will go to their special projects. The profits from sandwiches sold by church members who are also Preschool parents will be equally divided between the church and preschool. Last year we sold 2300 sandwiches.

The sandwiches are really delicious! They are prepared with Pepperidge Farm buns. This year we are offering an option of ham, salami and pepperoni with pizza sauce, cheese and mild peppers. You may order them with or without the peppers. The other option is turkey with provolone cheese and lettuce. They are wrapped individually in plastic bags. They cost \$3.50 each.

All orders must be turned in by Sun-

day, Jan. 30. You may put orders in the offering plate, Church office or Preschool office. Then on Friday, Feb. 11 at 3 Pm all the fun begins! From 3 to 5 PM we need a few volunteers to make sandwiches for special orders. Then from 5 to 7 PM we need as many workers as can come to continue to make sandwiches. We also need a few people to help with baby-sitting from 5 to 7 PM. There will be sign-up sheets on the Church bulletin board. It really was a lot of fun last year!

We really need you to pick-up all of your orders on Friday night, Feb. 11. from 7 to 8 PM in the Donut Room downstairs. We also require that you pay for all your orders at the time of pick-up. If you cannot pick up your orders on the pick-up date, please notify Ruth Fulmer by Friday, Feb. 4th.

Thank you so much for all your help! If you have any questions please call me at 252-7840 or 298-0703. - Ruth Fulmer, Green-Oak Preschool Director

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

