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# Chimes

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*Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011*



*Special Guests  
Karen & Ralph the dog  
Sunday School Program  
&*

*Carry-In Dinner  
Following worship*



**Everyone come for Sunday School,  
Worship and Dinner—See You There**

WORSHIP LEADER:

Greg Goodner

GREETERS:

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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                      Greg Goodner  
Arlene Uldrich  
Charlene Brown

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity!” Psalms 133:1. “When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy-day,” Psalm 42:4.

I read a friend’s note on Facebook about how amazed she was that so many people gathered at a memorial service for a family member. She was so proud that so many people were touched by the life of her loved one and that they came together in honor and memory of a life lived. I so agree with my friend.

Like any pastor when they see so many people coming to church, I thought Wow! I wish I could see that many people come on Sunday mornings. I thought more: all those people that came to my friend’s memorial service did not know me. Some of them probably did not care for my preaching. Some may not have liked the selected songs. Some may not like others who attended. But they came to honor their friend. Family and friends came to honor their friend and pay their respect. They too grieved together, worshiped together, and celebrated together.

I thought again, perhaps many of us forgot why we come to church on Sunday. Isn’t it to come and pay our respect to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Isn’t it to come and honor them? We should not come or stay home because of how we feel about the preacher or about how we feel about another person that may be there. We come that we may worship and honor, and adore, and celebrate, and remember the love of God shown to us through Jesus Christ. We come to give thanks to God. We come to give thanks to the Holy Spirit that is in our midst. We come, it is true, to find hope, or to find answers, or renewal, or guidance, or assurance, or reconciliation. But most of all, we come to worship together because we are the family of God and to give our respect and praise to God.

All of us who call ourselves “Christians,” who have been baptized into the faith of Jesus Christ, are acknowledging they belong to the family of God. When we join a particular church/congregation we made a commitment to participate in the life of that church and in its corporate worship. We come as a family to gather together and to remember, to honor, and to worship together God who created us, nurtured us, and through Christ died for us and who raised Christ back to life that we may continue to have confidence in God.

I know that some people come or stay away from worship and the church’s life because of the minister, or because they do not get anything out of the service, or because they do not agree with something the pastor had said in a sermon, or because a particular person is attending. But they’re missing what it means to be part of the family of God and part of corporate worship. We can find nourishment in at least one of the various parts of the service: the songs, the prayers, the greeting, the fellowship, the liturgy, the sermon, and most of all the hearing of the Word of God. You can even close your eyes during the sermon and meditate on the scripture that was just read, especially if the words of the preacher are not connecting with you. I know that sometimes the words of scripture do not automatically connect with me. I ask several questions to myself when that happens; and you may use these yourself: “Why are not these words connecting with me? What am I resisting in the Words I heard? What’s going on in my life right now that is keeping me from hearing God’s word to me in these scripture readings?”

**Everyone Counts— Statistics**

**Attendance - Sept. 4- 2011**

8:45 — 14  
10:45 — 101  
Sunday school —

**Offering—operating income**

(Monthly budget need is \$15,850)

	Income rec’d	+/- Amt.
Dec. '10	- \$ 15,964	+ \$114
Jan. '11	- \$15,252	- \$598
Feb. '11	- \$ 13,545	- \$2,305
Mar. '11	- \$12,209	- \$3,641
Apr. '11	- \$14,261	- \$1,589
May '11	- \$13,157	- \$2,693
June '11	- \$10,387	- \$5,463
July '11	- \$14,577	- \$1,273

**Happy Birthday**

- Pat White—Sept. 11
- Bob Hildebrecht—Sept. 12
- Justin Risch III—Sept. 13
- Paul Marcum—Sept. 16
- Elizabeth Kigar—Sept. 17
- Myra Lakins—Sept. 18
- Brad Medlin—Sept. 18
- Jacob Roalef—Sept. 18
- Karen Brown—Sept. 19
- Margaret Cobb—Sept. 19
- Mildred Heath— Sept. 19
- Charlie Robinson—Sept. 20



**In Our Prayers**

- Glenda Boddie
- Jim Coleman
- Jamie Geswein
- Ken Hambrick
- Vern Hine
- Carol Hildebrecht
- Ruth Ingles
- Marilyn Jones
- Dustin Knowlton
- Ron Callender
- Jim Farra
- Beverly Guffey
- Judy Hirshman
- Bill Hine
- Dan Jones
- Vincent Knowlton

- Erik Landing
- Nancy Lyttle
- Lauren McClure
- Karolina O'Donnell
- Cindy Ramono
- Mary Reynolds
- Laura Ruppert
- Doug Sink
- Danny Tomaz
- Flo Warner
- Mary Lehman
- Bob McCray
- Marcella Miller
- Harriet Shawhan
- Calire Riccos
- Tom Scheit
- Paul Stutz
- Gloria Van Camp
- Evelyn Wheeler
- Mary Willett

**Those in Nursing Care**

- Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
- Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
- Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
- Marion Farren—Trinity Home
- Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
- Mildred Heath – Walnut Creek
- Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
- Will Jaeger – Grafton Oaks
- Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing
- Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
- Charles Warren – East Moline, IL
- Vera Westfall—Walnut Creek

**Military**

- Ian Bader - USA, (Brown’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—USA
- Brian Nicholas—USA (Nicholas family sons)
- Adam Reeves—USA (Edna’s grandson)
- Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger’s son)
- Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)
- Kevin Stites— USA (S Stites grandson)

## 6 Month Giving Statements

Please look for your 6 month giving statement! We will have them available at the back of the church for you to pick up on Sunday. If you aren't able to come to church to pick it up, we will mail it to you. We just wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how you are doing on your Faith Promise. We thank you and appreciate you for your generous giving. Sometimes we forget if we are up to date on our promise, so the statement is a reminder if we need to play catch up on our pledges.

As far as the church goes, we are behind on our budgeted income to date. It will be difficult to meet our budgeted expenditures for the year if we don't collect more money. So, please take this opportunity to catch up your annual pledge and remember our plea earlier this year to add \$150 to your annual contribution. If everyone did this we'd be well on our way to meeting our budget needs. We do accept direct checks from your bank/financial institution if you want to set up an automated recurring payment to Greenmont Oak Park Community Church.

Thank you again for your constant generosity. If you receive your statement and notice any discrepancies, please contact the church office at 254-6705. Thanks from the **Finance Committee**

## "From the Pastor" cont.

Most of all, we fail to realize how important we are in corporate worship to others. We become the Living Word to others. Our appearance or lack of appearance in worship sends a powerful message to others that know us. We send a message to them how important God through Jesus Christ is to us. We send a message to them how much we have confidence in the promises of Christ who said, "When two or more are gathered in my name, I am there with you," "I will hear and answer your prayers." We send a message to them just how much we truly honor, adore, worship, and devote ourselves to God. And we send a message to them how important they are to us.

Please realize how important you are in corporate worship. You are honoring God. You are offering the grace of God to others who are present in our services. Even a hug or a "how are you doing?" or a "My prayers are with you," during the time of "Friendship" offer the grace of the living God to them. That is because the living God is within you. You have something special to give to someone in our worship.

During the time of our transition and when your new minister comes, keep your promise to your church family that you will gather with your brothers and sisters in corporate worship, not so much to hear the minister, but to honor and offer your respect to Jesus Christ who lived, and died and rose again and to God the Father and Holy Spirit who are part of the Triune God of life.

Blessings in Christ's love, Pastor Greg



## Get Ready for

## Rally Day!

Please join us for Sunday School, Sept. 11. The Ventriloquist ministry program featuring **Karen & Ralph the dog** will be performing a special program. Everyone is welcome to join and we want **EVERYONE TO COME!**

Following our worship services a carry-in dinner will take place. Please bring a covered dish. Tableware, drinks and main course will be provided by your Official Board and Christian Education Committee. We look forward to seeing you there for this fun filled fall kickoff! - Jamie Fisher, Christian Education.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Teacher Dedication will be held at the 10:45 AM Sept. 11, worship service.**

**All teachers are asked to attend this service .**

**Sunday School begins—Sept. 18**

## "Punt, Pass, and Kick Contest"/ Tailgate Party



In preparation of the upcoming 2011 football season, GOPCC Recreation Committee invites the church youth and community to join us in celebrating the kickoff of football season with a free "Punt, Pass, Kick Contest" The festivities will be held on Sat. Sept. 10 at 4PM., just after the Ohio State game.

Along with the contest there will be a Tailgate Party with refreshments of burgers, chips and pop available for a \$3.00 donation.

All are welcome to join us for this fun youth contest and Tailgate Party. Wear your favorite team jersey. We hope to see you there! - Matt Julien



## CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Come and join the Adult class starting September 18th, when Frank Taylor will be discussing, the Book of Proverbs. This book is filled with wisdom and advice for all Christians. Join everyone at 9:30 AM in the Donut room beginning Sunday, Sept. 18.

Bob Colvin will be conducting the 9:30 AM class of High School and College students. Starting Sept. 18.

- Barbara Richards

**Youth News**



**Adventure Bible Class - 10:45 worship service. (for ages 4 yrs through 5th grade)**

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**Crusaders—NEW TIME**

We'll meet on the 1st & 3rd Sundays, following worship.

**Jr & Sr High** - will meet on Saturdays, 8 to 11PM, starting -Sept.

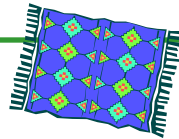
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Everyone who can help—mark your calendars for Sat. Oct. 8 at 12 noon—our pumpkins arrive. We need help unloading the truck - Youth and adults needed.

**Backpacks are Entertainment?**

Really? Not for the hungry child. The Kettering Backpack Program is collaborating with KFHS and selling Entertainment Books. 50% of the \$30 will go immediately to the children. Will you make sure a child doesn't go hungry over the weekends? If interested in purchasing a book, please contact Jacque ([jacque-fisher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jacque-fisher@sbcglobal.net) or 232-1637). THANKS!!! Jacque P.S. I am only opening up this opportunity because we don't sell them as a church anymore.

**WINGS**



Saturday, September 17th is the date of WINGS annual **Garden Party**. This year's theme is "The Comfort of Quilts" and will focus on the connection between quilts and how they define the blessings of our lives. If you have a quilt that has special significance to you, we would like to display it and have you share with us why it is important to you. Please contact any WINGS officer for other information about this part of our evening. Mark your calendar for this yearly event, we guarantee you will enjoy it!

**Mystery Trip:** While you are at it you can save Saturday, October 22nd.

This will be a really fun day starting at about 9:00am and ending around 6:00pm. There will be a little bit of walking, a little bit of food and a little bit of shopping. What more can a lady ask for but a little bit of all of our favorite things?! More details will follow.

**Book Club:** Our book for the month of September will be "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant. This fiction novel retells the story of Dinah, found in the Bible in Genesis, Chapter 34. The story is told from Dinah's perspective and the women who surround her. You can obtain the book at any of the local book stores, on Amazon.com, and most of the libraries have several copies. Please join us on September 26 at the church at 6:30pm for dinner and a discussion of this very thought provoking story.

Blessings to all! Diana Knowlton

**"In Sympathy"**



We extend our prayers and thoughts to the family of Amy Karl, who passed onto eternal life this past week. Her funeral service was held at the church on Sept. 4, 2011., with Rev. King officiating.

Amy was an active life long member of GOPCC, always giving & sharing her creative, teaching talents with us.

May God comfort Bob, Caitlin, Colleen, Joe and the entire family at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family

**To the Greenmont-Oak Park Family,**

On behalf of the Karl, Roalef, Anderson, Haupt, and Farren families, I wanted to say thank you for all the Christian love, support, and concern you all showed to our families during Amy's illness and her passing. There are not enough words to express how much you all helped us through those trying times. From friendly words, a beautiful memorial service and a wonderful reception "buffet", your kindness and friendship showed through. Special thanks to Rev. King for a beautiful, heart felt service for Amy and to those who prepared the reception food. We were blessed—Thank you.



**Pastor King & family Farewell Dinner Saturday, Sept. 24 at 6:00 PM**

The Farewell Celebration Committee invites the whole congregation to a **Celebration Dinner, honoring Pastor King and his family** for his Good Shepherd's care and service to our congregation, over the past 14 years.

We will have a lovely buffet meal, sharing of remembrances, the offering of farewell gifts, & some special music.

Everything will be provided for the meal. Please come to say farewell, and celebrate the ministry Pastor King shared with us.



**Gift for the Kings'**

We are taking up a collection for a congregational gift to the Kings' to be presented at their farewell celebration. If you would like to contribute, you may send directly to the church in the envelope provided in the Chimes, or you may put a check in the offering plate on Sunday with a memo stating "Kings Gift," or there will be envelopes at the back of the church you can use for the Sunday offering, also. Thank you so much. We know that many of you may want to give something else from your heart so please do not feel obligated to this group gift. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Bleeke at 294-2962. Thank you!

## Official Board News

Early this month the Official Board met with SONKA Association Minister, Rev. Ruth Brandon. Rev. Brandon helped explain the procedures a church experiences during pastoral transition.

First, the weeks we have together are precious and the Board has formed a committee that will plan special events for Greg and his family leading up to his final Sunday with us on Sept. 25. Much of what will be happening will be publicized in the Chimes.

Second, the Board appointed an Interim Pastor Selection Committee. They will receive pastoral profiles and conduct the interviews necessary to find the candidate to serve as Interim Pastor. They will have many excellent candidates who offer the skills needed during this transition time.

After the interim pastor is in place, we will initiate a search process for a new pastor in accordance with our bylaws. The Board will attempt to keep you informed as we move forward step-by-step, thinking about our future.

For now, let us express our gratitude to God for Greg's ministry and enter into a time of celebration with him and his family. Please keep them in your prayers, even as you know from experience that he will be praying for us.

Bob Beall, Administrative Chairperson,

Official Board

**Dishes are stacking up in the kitchen, your contribution to resent meals was appreciated, please pick up your dishware. Help keep the church kitchen clean—thank you**

## Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift to the UCC Spring Storms USA Appeal Relief fund.

To date, six states have been severely impacted by flooding, with more states likely to reach emergency status due to rain fall and already high lake, and river levels. In addition, more than 150 tornadoes have swept across the mid-section and southeast United States.

The UCC immediate response in working with local partners includes providing safety equipment (Tyvek suits, respirators, goggles, and gloves) to homeowners and volunteers cleaning up damaged homes.

The long-range response will include assisting communities to repair and rebuild safe and affordable homes. We are committed to walk alongside and help communities move toward recovery.

Peace, Susan Sanders,

One Great Hour of Sharing Administrator

