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Community Church  
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Kettering, Ohio 45420



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# Chimes

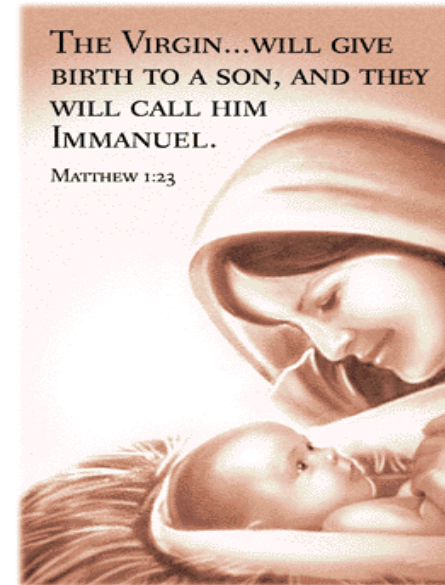
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Dec. 18—Carry In Dinner & Play

Dec. 24—9 PM—Christmas Eve Ser-

WORSHIP LEADER:

Joe Von Holle—Dec. 18

Bob Colvin—Dec. 25

GREETERS:

Office Hours

1921 Woodman Dr  
Kettering, Oh 45420  
9 AM—3 PM Mon.—Fri.  
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**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Robert Smitley  
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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                      Greg Goodner  
Arlene Uldrich  
Charlene Brown

## Church Office Holiday Schedule

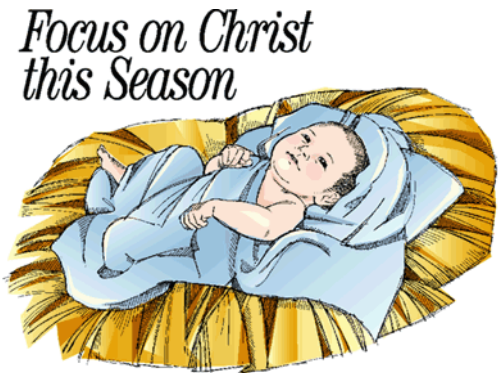
The church office will be open and staffed Dec. 20 to 23, from 9 AM to 1PM by church volunteers, while Nova is off on sick leave.

The week between Christmas and New Years the church office will be closed, but Rev. Smitley will be available & working from home that week, and is available for any church needs. He can be reached by phone, just call 307-7874 or 294-1246 to contact him. Don't hesitate, if you have a need to reach the Pastor, he will be happy to assist you.

- Ho, Ho, Ho. Rev. Dr. Bob

*Prince of Peace ~ Immanuel ~ Son of God ~ Messiah ~ Jesus*

*Bread of Life ~ The Vine ~ Lamb of God ~ The Door*



**May ALL that Christ our Lord is be with you this Christmas Season and always!**

**Merry Christmas! - the Chimes staff  
Peggy Goldberg, Nova Kigar, Barb LeBlanc,  
Arlene Uldrich, Emily Wilson**

(this is the last Chimes for the year, the next issue of the Chimes will come out the first week of Jan.)

*Good Shepherd ~ Light of the World ~ Alpha & Omega*

*King of Kings ~ Great Teacher ~ Redeemer ~ Savior*

## Attendance Dec. 4, & 11, 2011

8;45 — 40, 20  
10:45 — 81, 94  
Sunday school — 26, 31

## 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
Aug. '11 -	\$9,779	- \$6,071
Sept. '11 -	\$12,890	- \$2,960
Oct. '11 -	\$12,660	- \$3,190
Nov. '11 -	\$10,027	- \$5,823

## Happy Birthday

Anna Ybarbo—Dec. 23  
Carol Vires—Dec. 24  
Mychaela Janzow—Dec. 25  
Margaret Dill—Dec. 27  
Ray Urbanas—Dec. 27  
Emily Robinson—Dec. 28  
Holly Keltner—Dec. 29  
Orrin Bailey—Jan 1  
Ashley Steinbrunner—Jan. 2  
Nobu Oishi—Jan 6  
Kelley Hager—Jan 6  
Matt Julien—Jan 6



## In Our Prayers

Toni Bailey	Glenda Boddie
Jim Coleman	DeAnn Decker
Jerry Edwards	Gary Etter
Jamie Geswein	Beverly Guffey
Ken Hambrick	Judy Hirshman
Vern Hine	Bill Hine
Carol Hildebrecht	Ruth Ingles

Marilyn Jones	Dan Jones
Nova Kigar	Dustin Knowlton
Vince Knowlton	Erik Landing
Mary Lehman	Nancy Lyttle
Bob McCray	Lauren McClure
Marcella Miller	Karolina O'Donell
Cindy Ramono	Harriet Shawhan
Mary Reynolds	Calire Riccos
Laura Ruppert	Tom Scheit
Paul Stutz	Danny Tomaz
Gloria Van Camp	Flo Warner
Evelyn Wheeler	Mary Willett
Paul White	Diane Yost

## Those in Nursing Care

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.  
Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek  
Margaret Dill – Masonic Home  
Jim Farra—the Sanctuary  
Marion Farren—Trinity Home  
Sharon Gilmore—Heartland—Kett.  
Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek  
Mildred Heath – Walnut Creek  
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett  
Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing  
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods  
Charles Warren – East Moline, IL  
Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington Tnsp.

## Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)  
Scott Certain – USA  
(Jo Anne Jay's son-in-law)  
Andrew Hayden – USA  
(Edna Holland's grandson)  
Tyler Mantia – Afghanistan  
Michael Mantia – USA (Mantia family sons)  
Nathan Nicholas—USA  
Brian Nicholas—Korea (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 grandsons)  
Ryan Stites - USA

## Thank You

I enjoyed the visit from Dr. Smitley. Thank you very much for the Christmas Gift and cards. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christian Love, Mary Willett

**Thank You** for sending the "GOPCC CHIMES" newsletter to me. I appreciate it. I want to wish everyone at church a Merry Christmas.

- Sincerely, Nobu Oishi

(Nobu is now living with her daughter: Her new address is:  
5360Polen Cir. Kettering Oh 45440)

## Dear GOPCC:

To all who sent cards or called, I deeply thank you. It was a tough month, but you made each day easier. Your Love is contagious.

Sincere Love to All, Gary

## Dear Church family,

Thank you for the Christmas cards and the Christmas gift. I have the cards mounted on the wall by my bed, to see them and be inspired by them.

I share reading the Chimes newsletter with several of my friends, here at Walnut Creek, and they agree with me that our church really does the work of God. From the pantry work, the women's group events, the shut-in visits, the special offerings to help further God's work, the youth helping the community and so much more. We read the news and see your willingness to serve God. It is comforting to see our church work & live in this way.

Merry Christmas to all—Margaret Cobb

## I'm wrapped in a blanket of Love & Support,

That is how I am feeling these days, all due to the love and provisions of God for me and through the love from all of you. Thank you for your prayers—I feel them, I sleep better because of them, your beautiful cards, your scripture sharing—so many powerful positive words of faith and hope, even hand holding, hugs, soup and comics for laughter. All these gifts are gratefully received.

You truly are my FAITH FAMILY. You have helped me grow in my faith walk all along, but now it will also help sustain me, through this difficult passage. I love all of you, Nova

## The Gift of a Son



This audience participation Christmas dinner pageant will be held here at Greenmont Church on Sunday, Dec. 18, following morning worship. Come and enjoy the warmth and closeness of Christmas with your church family at a potluck dinner. Then enjoy the after dinner entertainment where the impromptu cast is all of you! Each table performs a scene, no rehearsal is intended, this is a spontaneous pageant! A participatory attitude is more important. Carol singing will be included with the story telling. The program concludes with a special dessert, so stay and have fun with your church family telling the great Christmas story.



## God is providing All we need .

## Oh How He reassures us, and shows us, over and over again what He can do for us and with us!

Christmas Basket preparations are underway and donations of food, children's gifts and money for purchasing more food CONTINUALLY COMES IN., during the month of December.

The need is very great this year! Mission Outreach Committee has committed to helping 28 more families than last year, totaling 181 families. **Our outreach provides for families from our own church and out into the communities of Belmont, and Kettering from here down south to David's road area and west to the Far Hills road area. The**

## stacks of food supplies in the pantry are taller than my 5' 6" height.

With help from Ascension Church, Prince of Peace church, Sugarcreek Presbyterian church, Christ United Methodist church and the Fairmont High School food drive, the Greenmont Elementary school food drive, the Kitty Hawk Square Dance Club food collection and donations and MANY individual food collections we will be ready to serve these families.

When the families come to pick up their baskets, they will be assisted by gift shopping helpers, three people will carry their food basket, potatoes and bagged fruit to their cars for them from the Ascension gym. Then if they wish they can have a free warm breakfast and their gifts wrapped for them by our church youth from the Greenmont-Oak Park Church basement. So, you can see that a lot of Christmas love is packed into every basket that is presented to a family.

## **THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING THIS AMAZING MISSION**

- Nova Kigar for Mission Outreach

## **Volunteering Schedule :**

**Friday, Dec. 16—6 to 8 PM** filling the Baskets ( at least 35 people needed)

This is the best time for families with younger children to be helpers.

**Saturday, Dec. 17—8:30 am to noon**

Handing out baskets (at least 50 people needed) You can be breakfast helpers, carry gifts, carry food boxes, carry potatoes or apples, hand out gloves & scarves or socks, hand out misc. gifts. There are many little jobs with great benefits. The warmth of Christmas will fill your heart to overflowing.

**Youth News**

**Youth Groups Fall Schedule**



**Footprints**— (K to 2nd grade)  
1st Sunday of month

**Crusaders** - 3 to 5th grade  
3rd Sunday of month

**Girls of Grace**—Jr High girls  
Last Sunday of month, 6to 8pm

**Christian Nighthawks**—Sr High boys - TBA

**Jr High youth**—6th to 8th  
1st & 3rd Saturday evenings  
8 to 11PM

**5th Quarter**—Sr High youth  
2nd & 4th Saturday evenings  
8 to 11PM

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The Jr High held a LOCK-IN before thanksgiving and had around 30 attend.

The Sr High held a LOCK-IN this past weekend. They had 40 attend. They also joined in the early worship service Sunday morning. GREAT JOB—Sheri and all your chaperone helpers!

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:**  
**Jan. 2, Jan. 16, Jan 30.**

Save your used Christmas cards—bring them to the church office. Cheryl Barnett will collect them for use at a Nursing Home in the coming year.

**Official Board Meeting Reminder**

Take Note—Our Dec. meeting will be held on TUESDAY, DEC. 20, at 7 PM.

We invite all new 2012 Chairpersons to join us at this December meeting.

Please let the church office know if you will be unable to attend.

- Bob Beall

**Altar Flower/Bulletin Catch Up**

Just a reminder, if you purchased Altar flowers or bulletins in memory of or celebration at any time this year and forgot to pay for them, there's still time! Altar flowers are \$20 and bulletins are \$14. Please write on your check or envelope that your money is designated for flowers or bulletins. We have not collected all the money due for those this year. Thanks for your attention to this. We appreciate you beautifying our altar.

**2012 Bulletin Chart posted**

If you wish to donate Sunday Worship bulletins, please sign-up on the Bulletin Chart posted across from the church office. The cost of the bulletins is \$14. You can drop your payment into the offering plate, just mark it for bulletins. Your participation in our worship services by this gift is greatly appreciated.

- - Worship Committee



**Thank You for your gifts of mittens, gloves, hats and socks.**

Our Preschool children also offered their gifts— on Dec. 8 & 9. the Preschool children brought their gifts to share with others to the Gathering Place Christmas tree. We had many new and gently used toys, games and books plus food given. We are so grateful and thankful.



**Poinsettia Plants are \$9.00**

If you wish to purchase a poinsettia plant for Christmas, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

This year we ask that the plants remain in the sanctuary through Christmas Day worship services, before taking them home.

**Un-Hanging the Greens**

—Sat. Jan. 7

Come join in un-decorating on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 10 AM. We will pack away the Christmas ornaments and trees. Many hands will make light work, please come and help out.



**Christmas Service Schedule**

Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. All families and friends of Greenmont-Oak Park Church are warmly welcomed.

**Dec. 24—9 PM**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight service**  
—Communion served

**Dec. 25 Christmas Day - 10:45 AM only**

**Jan. 1 New Years Day—10:45 AM only**



**Christmas Offering**

We will again combine our Special Thanksgiving & Christmas Offerings to equally divide our gifts between six organizations. Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors-In-Need, St. Vincent DePaul, Veterans of the Cross, and the YWCA's Battered Women's Program, up to an amount of \$2,100. Any amount in excess of this total will be added to the church operating costs. Prayerfully consider what gifts you may offer.

**3T's Christmas lunch-Dec. 20**

All church members 55 and older are invited to join us at MCL cafeteria at noon on Dec. 20 for lunch and Christmas fellowship. The Collins Connections will provide some entertainment. Hope to see you there—Cheryl Barnett

