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*“The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lay down with the goat,
the calf & the lion & the yearling together,
& a little child will lead them.”*

Isaiah 11:6



WORSHIP LEADER:

Mar. 4—Ron Lyttle

Mar. 11—Bob Beall

GREETER:

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Rob Duerr

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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 Les George

Arlene Uldrich Pasko Evanoff

Charlene Brown Ron Dill

Did you know it happened this way?

Prior to his retirement Rev. Ray Hilty had a vision for this church as it moved into the future. He must have seen that this church needed to have more resource support to draw upon in the years to come. With that in mind he entered into talks with the United Church of Christ denomination. On **June 9th, 1969**, Rev. Allen Marheine the Southwest Ohio Association Moderator and Rev. Clayton Rammler, Southwest Ohio Association Minister of the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ granted Rev. Hilty's request to enter into a year-long experimental membership with Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church.

It was on Sunday **March 8th, 1971** after the morning worship service that the congregation met with Rev. Robert Sandman, Southwest Ohio Association Minister in the sanctuary and discussed the pros and cons of becoming a member of the United Church of Christ. One hundred fifteen members of this church listened and discussed the information presented. At the end of the discussion a vote of the members present was taken with an overwhelming vote being presented for becoming a full member of the Southwest Ohio Association of the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ. The vote was 101 in favor and 14 against. This was an 88.5% in favor of membership. The Official Board Chairperson, Robert Gastineau notified the Association officially by letter.

According to the official records obtained from the Association office at the Spring Meeting of the Southwest Ohio Association on **April 24th, 1971**, a motion was presented to those gathered that Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church be received into membership of the Southwest Ohio Association of the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ. The request was presented by Joseph Batsch for full membership. Rev. Edward Culver moved that the Association grant standing to Greenmont and it was seconded by Rev. Robert Behrens. The motion passed unanimously. The Moderator then welcomed Rev. Hilty and his delegation into the fellowship of the Southwest Ohio Association.

So on **April 24th, 1971** we officially became Greenmont-Oak Park Community United Church of Christ.

On **August 22nd, 1971**, the church called its first United Church of Christ pastor, the Late Rev. Jack Schwartz to serve this congrega-

Attendance Feb. 19, 26, 2012

8:45 —	24,	22
10:45 —	67,	81

Sunday school — 26, 31
Ash Wednesday Service—53

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)
Income rec'd +/- Amt.
Nov. '11 - \$10,027 - \$5,823
Dec. '11 - \$ 32,991 + \$18,033

Happy Birthday

- Laura Ruppert—Mar. 4
- Katie Smitley Mar. 4
- Ramona Donovan—Mar. 10
- Lena Patterson—Mar. 10
- Julie Sink—Mar. 10
- Jamie Fisher—Mar. 11
- James Rogers—Mar. 11
- Mike Brodowski—Mar. 13
- Bernice Colvin—Mar. 14
- Vern Hine—Mar. 15
- Dorothy Davis—Mar. 16
- Ed Alexander—Mar. 17



In Our Prayers

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|-------------------|------------------|-----|
| Glenda Boddie | Angie Brooks | Jim |
| Coleman | DeAnn Decker | |
| Cletta Dicks | CeCe (Cobb) Cole | |
| Jerry Edwards | Jamie Geswein | |
| Beverly Guffey | Ken Hambrick | |
| Vern Hine | Bill Hine | |
| Carol Hildebrecht | | |
| Mollie Huggins | Ruth Ingles | |
| Marilyn Jones | Dan Jones | |

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| Nova Kigar | King family |
| Dustin Knowlton | Vince Knowlton |
| Erik Landing | Mary Lehman |
| Nancy Lyttle | Bob McCray |
| Lauren McClure | Marcella Miller |
| Karolina O'Donnell | |
| Harriet Shawhan | Mary Reynolds |
| Calire Riccos | Laura Ruppert |
| Tom Scheit | Wayne Stolich |
| Paul Stutz | Danny Tomaz |
| Gloria Van Camp | Flo Warner |
| Evelyn Wheeler | Tom Wheeler |
| Mary Willett | Paul White |

Those in Nursing Care

- Ginny Breckler—Trinity Home
- Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
- Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
- Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
- Marion Farren—Trinity Home
- Sharon Gilmore—Heartland—Kett.
- Peggy Goldberg—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)
- John Meyer - Afghanistan
(Nancy Meyer son)
- 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 grandsons)
- Ryan Stites - USA

Submarine Sandwich Sale

Green-Oak Preschool and the Trustees would like to thank each and every person who helped with our submarine sandwich sale. It was a tremendous success! Parents, teachers, and church members made and sold 2,800 sandwiches. Our submarine sandwich sale earned a profit of \$6,713.59. The Preschool earned \$6,000.81 and the Church earned \$712.78. Thank you for your continued support!

Kroger Reward Program

We have received a rebate check for \$224.80 for participating in the Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program. We thank all who participate in this program.

Earth Hour—Mar. 31

Helping to protect our planet.

Saturday, March 31 at 8:30 pm many around the globe will participate in not using their electricity for an hour, to commit to protecting our planet. This is the largest single participating event of its kind. Please consider participating. - Social Action



Check out the church web site - www.greenmontoakpark.com
You can read the Chimes on-line.

tion faithfully till 1983.

This church has always prided itself on the diversity of its congregational members through its years of service to the community. The United Church of Christ as a denomination also has a diverse membership and background. As a denomination the United Church of Christ **congregations are independent** in matters of doctrine and ministry **and may not necessarily support** the national body's theological or moral stances.

Since I have learned that some know some and some know nothing about the United Church of Christ and how it came about, I have decided to facilitate an adult Confirmation class on the United Church of Christ starting **Monday, March 19th at 7:00PM – 8:30PM** in the Hilty Room. If you are interested please contact me by March 11th so I have a head count of those wishing to attend. Be sure and bring something to write with and even to take some notes. This will take the place of the Evangelism class for right now. I have talked to both the Official Church Board and the Search Committee with members of both requesting more education on the United Church of Christ.

The class should be very informative and educational for everyone that attends.

- Dr. Bob



Ascension-Greenmont-Oak Park

Partnership Lenten Service

On Sunday Mar 11 from 2:30 to 4:30 there will be a Partnership Lenten Service at the Ascension Witzman Center which is below the Ascension Church. All are welcome to this annual event. Members from the combined Adult Choirs will perform several Lenten seasonal hymns. The youth from both churches plan to let their puppets share a story with a thoughtful message. There will be activities for families, card making for the homebound, and, of course, refreshments will be served.



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

2nd & 4th Sunday of month

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

The Youth are planning some Spring fundraisers to add to their funds for doing a work camp this summer.

Sat. March 10, from 7 to 10 PM

Youth Talent show

Admission \$3.00/ <5 yrs. Free

Sat. April 28, from 4 to 7 PM

Spaghetti Dinner

Adult meal \$6/ child meal \$4
Dine in or carry-out.

Sat. March 31, May 26 & June 30

Trivia Night—game night

Admission \$2/ <5 yrs. free
Please bring a snack or appetizer to share.

Chimes Article Deadlines are:
Mar 12, Mar 26, Apr 9.

Youth Talent Show

We are planning a Youth Talent Show for Saturday March 10 from 7 to 10 PM. Admission is \$3.00 and free for those under 5 years. Come support our youth as they share their gifts with us. We will have singers, instrumentalists, and dance/cheering routines.

Jr. High Lock—In Rescheduled

The Jr. High Lock-In that was scheduled for Mar. 17 will be rescheduled to a date to be announced latter.



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

IT'S FUN

Come and join the High School and College class that Bob Colvin conducts. Class begins at 9:30 AM.

The Adult class is reading and discussing the Book of Proverbs. Frank Taylor is the moderator of this class. Come join us at 9:30. We have lively discussions.

The Contemporary Class is viewing the PBS God and America Series.



Green-Oak Preschool OPEN HOUSE

Green-Oak will be having a OPEN HOUSE ON Sat., Mar. 3 from 1-3 PM. At 2 pm we will have "The Voyageur Puppets' perform. There will be balloons, popcorn and juice. Current students and their families are invited to take part l the activities. Prospective students and their families may wish to tour the facility, meet the teachers and have some refreshments. All are invited to join the festivities free of charge. After the puppet show, we will begin OPEN REGISTRATION FOR FALL CLASSES. We will continue to take registrations every day.

If you would like to know more about our program, check out our website at www.greenoakpreschool.com Also you may cal the school office at 252-7840 and ask for Ruth Fulmer. I would be glad to set up a time for you To visit our school. If you wish to register your child, I am available most mornings.

Rev. King's Memorial Service DVD

Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of the video of Rev. King's Memorial service may contact mbolmida@woh.rr.com. The cost is \$8.00 plus \$2.00 shipping.



Youth Mission Trip—

June 3 –9, 2012

Our youth workcamp Mission Trip will take us to Big Creek Missions in Kentucky. You can check out the information on their web site bigcreekmissions.com.

_ The fee per person is \$170, very reasonable, and a \$50 nonrefundable deposit per person will hold your spot for the trip. All youth 12 years and older are welcome to attend. Along with the youth we are in need of adult drivers with vehicles (we will provide the gas) and adults gifted in some construction work.

If you would like to make a donation to help sponsor a youth, please put bigcreek/youth in the memo of your check and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Any questions, please call Sheri Parrett, 475-5724.



