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Keep watch ... you do not know when the owner
of the house will come back - whether in the evening,
or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

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WORSHIP LEADER:

Mar. 18—Greg Goodner

Mar. 25—Bob Karl

GREETER:

Marilyn Foskuhl

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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 Les George
Arlene Uldrich Pasko Evanoff
Charlene Brown Ron Dill

The Lenten Season

Lent is among the more significant seasons of the Christian Year. It begins with Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days and six Sundays on to Easter Sunday. By the way – the Sundays are not a part of the Lenten Season; hence they are Sundays *in* Lent, *not* of Lent – as many preachers specify mistakenly. Lent has acquired unfortunately a negative character. True, it is intended as a season of discipline, but in a clearly positive sense. As Bishop Wilson commented: **Lent consists in doing something, not merely in doing without something.** It emerged originally from a desire to imitate Christ's self-denial, but also from the feeling that a period of discipline, deeper meditation, and closer introspection was appropriate in preparation for the holy celebration of Easter.

The earliest record of such an observance dates back to the fourth century when Athanasius urged people in Alexandria to fast for a forty-day period – an echo of Jesus' tryst in the wilderness of temptation- in accord with Canon V of the Council of Nicea (AD 325). Its dating depends annually upon the date of Easter which is a movable Feast. The word **Lent** comes from the Old English **Lencten** meaning the *lengthening* of the days of Spring. Ash Wednesday derives its symbolism from the Old Testament tradition of *sachcloth and ashes*, the mark of repentance. In the more liturgical churches, Roman Catholic, e.g., *the priest takes the ashes of some of the palm branches consecrated the previous year and marks the forehead of each kneeling penitent at the altar rail and repeats in Latin: Memento, homo, quia pulvis es et in pulverem reverteris (Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.)*

In the Episcopal tradition, each Sunday in Lent has a separate designation, but in the Reformed and Free churches, Passion and/or Palm Sunday are singled out, and the days of Holy Week are marked by a deepening emphasis upon the final event of Jesus' earthly life and a preview of the sorrow of Calvary. A stronger focus is upon Maundy Thursday and Good Friday with a special three-hour service – originating in the seventh century – of meditation in correspondence with the hours Jesus hung upon the cross. The origin of **Good Friday** is presumed to be a variation of an earlier term **God's Friday**. Incidentally, Thursday evening is the most appropriate time to celebrate Holy Communion in Holy Week; Good Friday is the one day of the year when such is quite improper.

Attendance Mar. 4, 11, 2012

8:45 —	20,	24
10:45 —	87,	76

Sunday school — 29, 21

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

- Robert Gastineau—Mar. 18
- Gabby Rayney—Mar. 18
- Michelle Julien—Mar. 18
- Bob Karl—Mar. 20
- Sam Rogers—Mar. 20
- Eleanor Bane—Mar. 22
- Jon Dull—Mar. 22
- Norma Haines—Mar. 22
- Kristen King—Mar. 23
- Anu Marcum—Mar. 23
- Eric Landing—Mar. 25
- Teresa Risch—Mar. 25
- Beth Heath—Mar. 26
- Bonnie Urbanas—Mar. 27
- Edna Holland—Mar. 28
- Kathy Palmer—Mar. 28
- Peggy Goldberg—Mar. 30
- Lottie Jaeger—Mar. 30
- Jane Simmons—Mar. 30
- Vera Westfall—Mar. 31



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 | Ruth Ingles |
| Mollie Huggins | |
| 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 - Afghanistan

Adult Confirmation Class

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. 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

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.

Honoring our Graduates

It is graduation time again. We need to know who our 3rd graders, high school, and college graduates are this year. Call, write, or e-mail the church with this information. The information must be in by April 22, 2012..

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.

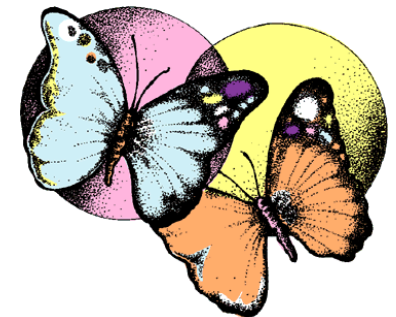
Lent ends officially at noon on Saturday. In some Christian traditions this has been a period of baptisms, in keeping with the Pauline concept of this rite as our **being buried with Christ in his death** in our sojourn to joyful resurrection (Romans 6:4 and Col. 2:12). The liturgical color for this season is purple, symbolizing the mood of repentance that has prevailed throughout the various occasions of more serious worship and devotion. And as Paul Harvey used to say "And now you know the rest of the story!"

As we move through this Lenten Season towards the joy of Easter Sunday we invite you to join with your church family, each Sunday in Lent, as we seek to recommit ourselves to following Christ more closely and seeking forgiveness in these forty days for not living the kind of Christian life that Christ intended. We will celebrate **Maundy Thursday, April 5th, at 7:00PM** in the Sanctuary with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This service will begin with the Apostles meeting in the upper room and then move to the arrest, trial, conviction and crucifixion of Christ on the cross. This will be a very solemn service from start to finish with no greeting and at the end of the service everyone will leave in total silence until outside

the sanctuary. On Easter Sunday morning join us for the Joy of the Resurrection for **Sunrise Service at 6:30**, followed by a light breakfast in the Donut Room. (In case you are wondering, YES! A free will donation will be accepted to off- set the cost of the breakfast.) **Early Service at 8:45AM** and **Late Service 10:45AM** with the Sacrament of Holy Communion celebrated at both services.

Join us in celebrating this most important season – there is always room at God's Table for one more and definitely at the Cross of Christ.

In His Service,
Rev. Dr. Robert D. Smitley





Foot-

- prints—** (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. 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 \$3 <5 yrs. free

Chimes Article Deadlines are:
Apr 9, Apr 23, May 1

All Church Trivia Night

The Youth are planning an All Church Trivia Night for Sat. Mar 31 at 7 PM. Bring your friends and family to a fun night of trivia. No need to bring your own snacks, snacks will be available for a nominal price (\$0.25 to \$1). Game prizes from area business will be awarded to the winners.



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. They welcome all to join them in their discussions.

Pancake Breakfast

The Youth will be serving a pancake breakfast at our Church's Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 7. The public and the Church family are invited to come in for some hot pancakes. A free will donation will be accepted with the proceeds going towards the Youth Summer Work Camp Trip to Kentucky.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Church is planning a Community Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 7 at 10 AM sharp. We are accepting donations of wrapped candies or money. Candy can be brought to the Church Office and monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate marked Egg Hunt. Thank you for your support.



Easter Lily Sign Up

We will be ordering Easter Lilies to beautify the church on Easter Sunday, April 11. The plant's cost is \$9.00 and the plant can be taken home after the services on Easter. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you wish to purchase one. Also indicate if you are purchasing the lily in honor or in memory of anyone.



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 big-creekmissions.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.

Ladies Movie Night

The WINGS invites all ladies of GOPCC and their friends to come watch the movie "The Help" on March 23 at 7PM in the Hilty Room. Come and enjoy a great movie in the midst of good company! Everyone is asked to bring your favorite snack to share with all, and drinks will be provided.

