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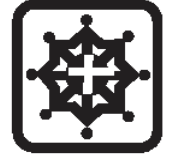
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**Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM**  
**Morning Worship: 10:45 AM**  
**Sunday School: 9:30 AM**  
**Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM**

**Ushers:**  
**8:45 AM**      **10:45 AM**  
Gary Etter      Les George  
Arlene Uldrich      Pasko Evanoff  
Charlene Brown      Ron Dill

*Celebrating our  
Country's  
Birthday!*



**Communion Served July 8th**

#### WORSHIP LEADER:

July 8—Suzanne Slaidins-Dull

July 15—Lisa Bleeke

#### GREETER:

July 8- Jane Simmons

July 15— Barb Varine

## ***SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT ????***

George Barna points out that the *success in ministry is a result of vision, not a prerequisite for vision.*

Over the years the church has talked about all the activities they are involved in and all the committees that make up the church. But you look over the past few years in the life of the church something may have been missing long before now – VISION! It is said that the *typical church is an activity trap* wherein *activity is confused with effectiveness.* The symptoms may have been here for years and ignored such as, but not limited to: programs that aren't working, financial deficits, lack of needed workers, poor attendance, difficulty in making decisions, no sense of direction, a feeling of not doing anything important, and low morale. The lack of vision doesn't require all the symptoms to be apparent either. Proverbs 29:18 *Where there is no vision, the people perish.* This congregation needs to resolve to seek God and for His vision for this church. As a congregation we need to claim the vision and begin moving to attain it.

### ***CONCISE DEFINITIONS:***

*It is always helpful to understand how language is used in a particular context. There are many competing definitions of the words VISION, MISSION, and COVENANT. So the following definitions would be good to know:*

***VISION:*** A carefully defined picture of where the congregation wants to be in five or more years. It is the dream of what the congregation can become.

***MISSION:*** A concise statement of what the congregation wants to be known for, or known as, within the wider world; what the congregation wants to mean to the community.

***COVENANT:*** A statement of how members of the congregation will be with, and will behave toward, one another, as well as what is promised or vowed to one another and to the congregation as a whole.

### ***WHAT IS A VISION?***

A vision is a carefully defined picture of the congregation's future. It is not the current reality of the congregation, but it is a dream of what the congregation wants to make of itself. The vision answers the following questions: *What do we want the congregation to look like in five or ten years as a result of its efforts in ministry, programming, and outreach?*

The vision needs to be a shared vision, created among and by the people who are in congregation. A shared vision enables a congregation to move from the status quo toward a new reality. Although tempting to limit the vision to what we con-

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### **Attendance June 24, July 1 2012**

8:45 — 24, 21  
10:45 — 65, 97  
Sunday school — 24,

### **Offering—operating income**

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '11	- \$ 32,991	+ \$18,033
Jan. '12	- \$12,947	-\$2,011
Feb. '12	- 10,593	-\$4,365
Mar. '12	- \$11,348	-3,610
Apr. '12	- \$13,679	- 1,279
May '12	- \$10,746	- 4,212
June '12		

### **Happy Birthday (July 8—21)**

Evelyn Wheeler—July 8  
Marilyn Hunter— July 8  
Gregory King—July 9  
Jerry Archer—July 12  
Meg Roalef—July 14  
Lindsey Heath—July 16  
Kathy Richardson—July 18  
Molly Donovan—July 19  
Angie Brooks—July 20



### **In Our Prayers**

Bob Beall	Jim Coleman
Glenda Boddie	DeAnn Decker
John Butts	CeCe (Cobb) Cole
Michelle Conn	River George
Cletta Dicks	Beverly Guffey
Jerry Edwards	David Goldberg
Jamie Geswein	Norma Haines
Jeanie Guffey	
Ken Hambrick	

Chris Heine	Vern Hine
Bill Hine	Carol Hildebrecht
Ruth Ingles	Mollie Huggins
Bob Karl	Don Keltner
Dustin Knowlton	Erik Landing
Mary Lehman	Nancy Lyttle
Bob McCray	Lauren McClure
Marcella Miller	Nancy Meyer
Karolina O'Donnell	
Harriet Shawhan	Cindy Ramano
Calire Riccos	Herb Schafer
Tom Scheit	Rev. Bob Smitley
Wayne Stolich	Paul Stutz
Danny Tomaz	Gloria Van Camp
Flo Warner	Evelyn Wheeler
Mary Willett	Paul White
Emily Wilson	

### **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  
Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek  
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett  
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)  
Michael Mantia— Afghanistan  
John Meyer - Afghanistan  
(Nancy Meyer son)  
Nathanial Nicholas—Afghanistan  
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

image of how individuals are expected to behave in groups.

The formation of a covenant is a process that helps form and maintain the internal identity of a congregation. The promises and commitments people make to one another in the context of a religious community help them understand what their tradition call them to be. The covenant grows from an affirmation of shared needs, values, purposes, and principles. It is rooted in the past and reflects the promises that people make into the future. Covenants should answer the following question:

1)What are the qualities we want in our life and work together?

### **COMMONALITIES: VISION, MISSION, AND COVENANT**

Although vision, mission, and covenant are parts of a whole and serve separate aims, they are still interrelated. The mission grows out of the vision, and the vision is built upon the shared values, concerns, and principles that are articulated in the covenant. All three of them call the congregation to be aware of itself as a corporate citizen and to honor the individuals within it.

Looks like we need to roll up our sleeves and get to work for there is no one focusing on the death of Greenmont Church, far from it. The vision of the church belongs to the congregation not to the pastor in office, and no matter who the pastor is, the church should be able to continue moving toward its vision positively. The pastor is the one who can facilitate and provide resource to enable a congregation to attain their vision for the future. When a pastor leaves and there is no vision for the future of the congregation to focus their efforts and gifts toward therein the problem lies. A pastor should be chosen who can enhance and compliment through gifts and abilities the congregations continued spiritual and physical growth as they keep that vision alive and healthy and God's will for the church's future.

- Dr. Bob

ceive as possible or to what we know the congregation is currently doing, the vision must be bigger than this if it is to be inspiring and empowering. A vision requires of us the ability to take a long-term view of ourselves as a congregation. It also must be specific and concrete so that it can be known and worked toward.

Peter Senge, author of *The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of a Learning Organization*, writes: *When a group of people come to share a vision for an organization [a congregation], each person sees their own picture of the organization at its best. Each shares responsibility for the whole, not just for their piece.* Vision is what takes us beyond where we stand in the congregation and helps us both understand and take responsibility for how the dimensions and activities of a congregation fit into the larger, overarching aim for the future of the congregation.

### **WHAT IS MISSION?**

The mission is a carefully defined, concise, and focused statement of what the congregation wants to mean to the community, and for what it wishes to be known. It is a statement of who you are and what you value, and it should be the measuring stick for all the congregation does. The mission statement should incorporate answers to the following questions:

- 1)If this is our vision, where does this lead us in mission?
- 2)What *must* we do?
- 3)In what ways does our vision lead us in service toward others in the broader community?

Every congregation has a mission – a way it lives out its life – but too often the mission is hidden in the fabric of the congregation and the *way we do things here*. Healthy congregations consciously articulate their mission, and this mission paints a path of how to move from the present reality to the dreamed-of vision. The mission should use active, not passive, verbs and should be the guide for congregational life.

There is a difference between a mission and a mission statement. Until the mission is made real through the development of goals and objectives, it is merely a statement, a piece of paper. To be a mission fully lived, it requires specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound goals and objectives.

### **WHAT IS A COVENANT?**

This describes the way people interact with one another. They incorporate the values, prized beliefs, and behaviors that are held dear, and they set out an

### New Art Display

The new exhibit in the Hilty Room is featuring watercolor paintings by local artist Laura Noyes.

She enjoys doing buildings, house portraits, interiors, and abstracts. She is a member of DVAC and has been in many art exhibits locally and around Ohio.

Please stop in to see her great work which is available with information in the church office.



### AUG. 5TH—SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, Aug. 5, GOPCC will hold one worship service (10:45 AM) outside at the park at Greenmont Village with a fantastic picnic to follow. There will be food, games, and singing and a whole lot more. Watch for more details in the weeks to come and please make sure to save the date.

### Summer Special Music Needed

With the choir taking a rest for the summer months, we ask for volunteers to share their musical talents with us. There is a calendar schedule list posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. We ask for special music at the 10:45 service only. If you require accompaniment, please indicate so when you sign up. - Music Committee, Toni Bailey



### WOW! 25 attended Sunday School Sunday, 6/24. Thought Provoking, Sharing our Bible Knowledge

#### Summer Sunday School

Come and join us, the discussions are inquisitive and interesting. The outcome can be surprising. Come give us your opinions.

- July 8— Pilate, Tom Wheeler
- July 15—Moses, Josh Parrett
- July 22 Abraham, Von Holle family
- July 29—King Solomon, B Donovan
- Aug. 5—Ezekiel, Matt Julien  
- Barbara Richards

### Food Pantry Donations Needed

#### June broke a record for total number of individuals. 610 people, 177 families

We are currently low on:

- SOUPS
- TUNA
- JELLO/PUDDING MIXES
- JIFFY/ MUFFIN MIXES

- Canned RAVIOLI /Spaghetti O's
- BATH BAR SOAP & TP

Any and all donations are appreciated. You can drop off donations to the wooden chest in the Gathering Place. Thank you for caring and sharing.



### 35 children attended VBS

Kids age three to twelve had a fun adventure week at, "Sky-VBS" where they learned to Trust God. We had one Preschool group and four older children's groups.

The children sang, played, made story videos, made crafts all revolving around the theme of Trusting God.

The children collected money and food items for the Kettering Backpack program and our Food Pantry. They donated a nice collection.

Thanks to all the 27 great volunteers, we had. You all made it an exciting week, creating and sharing the VBS stories with the children.

### Remember to Lift the Search Committee in Prayer

In January we dedicated those on our Search Committee to the work of searching for our new Pastor. Let us remember to continue our support through daily prayer, asking for God's guidance and strength and vision to be with them.

### We're Looking for a Rocking Chair

If anyone has a rocking chair they no longer use, we could use one for the Hilty room,. - Barbara Richards



### SeaSide Escape

*Where Women Bask in God's Presence*

*Need a day at the beach? A time to slow down, wiggle your toes in the sand, and bask in the warmth of God's presence? Join us at SeaSide Escape. This beach-themed retreat you won't want to miss!*



*Location: WINGS Women's Retreat*

*GOPCC- Hilty Room*

*Date: July 14, 2012, 9 AM to 4PM*

*Cost: \$25 per person ( includes light breakfast and lunch as well as some fun surprises)*



*Registration starts Sunday, June 10th thru Sunday, June 24. Partial payment of \$10 can be made at registration with the remainder due the day of the retreat.*

*Contact Diana Knowlton with any questions 938-5246*

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:  
July 16 & Aug. 6**

