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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 Greg Goodner

Arlene Uldrich Jerry Archer

Charlene Brown Tom Wheeler



Come Prepare A Place

In Your Heart

For the Christ Child

Join us for Christmas

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec. 24—11:00 PM

WORSHIP LEADER:

Dec. 23— Lisa Bleeke

Dec. 30- Bob Colvin

Jan. 6—Suzanne Dull

GREETER:

Dec.—Paula Geswein

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

As I visit the shut-ins and deliver the gifts and cards, we talk about Christmases past and how the family used to gather to celebrate that awesome time of Christmas. For some the families have dwindled down to a "precious few" being left. I can remember when I was a little younger than I am now- probably 6 or 7 – getting up almost in the middle of the night with my brother and sister and seeing all the toys under the lighted Christmas tree. My older sister and younger brother and I would listen real close to make sure our parents were really sleeping and slip out to the living room. The toys were all mixed under the tree and we had to look real close to see who got what. It wasn't long till we each had all our gifts altogether in one area under the tree. We would play as quietly as possible with our toys and at the first sound of mom or dad possibly waking up we would hi-tail-it back to bed and act like we were still sound asleep. When they would come in and tell us to get up we always acted soooo surprised to see all the toys each of us got. We thought they didn't know anything about us being up in the middle of the night playing. What the three of us did not know was that they knew we were up and what we thought were sounds of them waking up was their way of telling us to go back to bed for a while so they could get some sleep. I even remember the year I came down with the mumps on Christmas Eve, what a bummer that was – I hurt so bad and I couldn't even play with my toys.

As I think about some of my past Christmases and those with the family I thought I would share an article I read by Rev. William M Everhart.

Christmas surely evokes memories as no other time or season. We, young and old alike, look to the past at Christmas. At the earliest of ages the child recalls "last Christmas" and remembers. The young married couple recalls what Christmas was when they were children. The parents and grandparents are overwhelmed in remembrances of years and times past.

Christmas memories conjure visions of the Child, the mother and the father, of crowded inns and brusque census takers and expectant shepherds and venturesome wise men. There are moments of reliving celebrations and cantatas, of recalling surprises and feeling again pangs of disappointments when the hopes of Christmas simply did not materialize. The trees and tinsel of yesterday linger and bless.

Christmas opens our minds and our hearts and stirs our beings to face, see and confront the present. The scar tissue from unfulfilled Christmases yields to present urgencies and immediate needs. The train you did not receive in 1935 gives way to the reality of a world poised on the brink World War in the Middle East ... and the birth cries of the Prince of Peace sobers you to the task at hand.

Christmas is now, today, but I cannot linger and you cannot linger to build a tabernacle to encapsulate and enshrine and perpetuate this holy moment.

Christmas, if it be real to us, invites us to take down the lights, throw out the tree (or put it carefully marked into the attic until ...), place the cards of special note away, and venture forth to do the work of the Child.

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Attendance - Dec. 9 & 16 '12

8:45 — 24, 23
 10:45 — 84, 90
 Sunday school — 24, 28

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	- \$7,975	- 6,983
July '12	- \$14,748	- 210
Aug. '12	- \$10, 174	- 4,784
Sept. '12	- \$10,820	- 4,138
Oct. '12	- \$12,457	- 2,501
Nov. '12	- \$	

Happy Birthday

Mychaela Janzow—Dec. 25
 Margaret Dill— Dec. 27
 Ray Urbanas—Dec. 27
 Holly Keltner—Dec. 29
 Orrin Bailey—Jan. 1
 Ashley Steinbrunner—Jan. 2
 Nobu Oishi—Jan. 6
 Kelley Hager—Jan 6
 Matt Julien—Jan. 6
 Pasko Evanoff—Jan. 8



In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander	Kevin Bader
Glenda Boddie	Ginny Breckler
John Butts	Jim Coleman
Michelle Conn	Angie McGaughey
CeCi (Cobb) Cole	Conner Elliott
Michelle Earwood	Jamie Geswein
John George	Sharon & Jack Gilmore
David Goldberg	Ken Hambrick
Vern Hine	Bill Hine
Carol Hildebrecht	Mollie Huggins
Don Keltner	Dustin Knowlton

Erik Landing	Phyllis Lakins
Kelly McRonney	Bob McCray
Lauren McClure	Vicki McBride
Angie McGaughey	Marcella Miller
Hilda Mobley	Karolina O'Donnell
John Parnell	Brian Parrett
Harriet Shawhan	Cindy Ramano
Calire Riccos	Deb Richey
Herb Schafer	Tom Scheit
Beverly Smith	Diana Smith
Wayne Stolich	Paul Stutz
Danny Tomaz	Gloria Van Camp
Gina Van Camp	Evelyn Wheeler
Paul White (Dicks family)	
Mary Willett	Emily Wilson

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
 Vern Hine—St. Leonards Center
 Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
 Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
 Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington Tnsp.

Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)
 Kirby Brooks— USA (Al Brooks son)
 Scott Certain – USA (Jay's son-in-law)
 Michael Mantia— Afghanistan
 Nathaniel 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 & Ryan Stites—USA (Stites grand sons)

Pantry Prayer Requests: Jennifer
 Please remember all our unspoken pantry families needs .



“Merry Christmas”

On behalf of the Chimes volunteers and myself, we wish you a blessed Christmas celebration.

This will be the last Chimes of 2012, Our first 2013 issue will come out the week of January. 6th. - Nova Kigar

Dear Greenmont church and All their helpers!

Warmest greetings and good wishes for the Christmas season.

Thank you and God Bless you so much for all your time and kindness. - Candee

(This card is from one of the families that received a Christmas basket on Saturday, Dec. 15.)

Kettering & Oakwood Cities Present: “Living the Dream”

Monday, January 21 @7:30 AM at the Christ United Methodist Church in Kettering on Shroyer Rd. \$5 Adults, \$2 children

Join us for this special event celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and what his DREAM means to us today.

Speaker, Charlotte Harris, Ed. D., Dean, College of Education and Human Services, Wright State University will speak.

Tickets will be sold at: Kettering Government Center, Chamber of Commerce and Oakwood City Building.

Christmas card Greetings to you:

- Gary & Barb Etter
- The Cobb family
Margaret, Ivan, & Kendall
- Paul & Mary Marcum
- Craig & Nova Kigar
- Candee White
- Bill & Kathy Lindahl (Ascension ch)
- Crossroad Children’s Home staff
- Rev. & Mrs. Donald Ashmall
(International Council Community Ch)
- Bob & Susan Beall
- Edna Holland
- Ed & Doris Alexander



Christmas calls us into the world to be servants in his name, to reach out to the unwashed in his name, to embrace the affluent in his name, to confront evils and injustices in his name, to share as he shared, to love as he loved, to minister as he ministered, to speak as he spoke, to heal as he healed, to pray as he prayed, to worship as he worshiped, to follow him bearing our crosses even as he bore his.

This Christmas, we are aware, will also be closeted with all our memories of Christmases past and sorrows of the present season as to be lived out as best we can in the sure and certain knowledge that this Jesus of Nazareth, Mary’s first-born, is living in us and with us.

O come, O come Emmanuel....
From my family to each of yours, may you have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Blessed and hope filled prosperous New Year.

Dr. Bob



Staff Appreciation Gifts

This is the time of year we wish to offer our dedicated church staff our “Love” support and appreciation. Staff gift envelopes will be available in the sanctuary for the congregation to place their gifts. You can place your gift in the offering plate on the next several Sundays. The gift will be presented to the staff later in the Christmas Season. - Staff Committee



Special Christmas Offering

The Official Board decided to combine the Thanksgiving and Christmas Special Offerings . We will equally divide the offerings up to a value of \$2100 between Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors in Need, Veterans of the Cross, Big Creek Missions, and YWCA’S Battered Women’s program. If we exceed the total of \$2100, the donations above the 2100 will then be given to the church operating budget.



Christmas Eve—Dec. 24th Candlelight Service — 11 PM

All are welcome to join in the candlelight, communion service on Christmas Eve. Come remember the best gift that has been given for all, the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord & Savior.

Youth



Fall Schedule

Jr & Sr High Youth—

Sat. evening

8 pm—small group Jr & Sr High
Bible discussions

9 pm—combined fellowship

Footprints/ Crusaders (1—5th)

1st & 3rd Sundays, follows worship

All Sunday School Classes will remain
in session through the Holidays.

Chimes Article Deadlines are:

Jan. 7, Jan. 21

Let us remember to lift our
Search Committee in prayer.



Trust that God supplies you with
unlimited good, unlimited guidance,
and resources for the task. We lift
you and your work up to the Lord in
Jesus Name. Amen.

\$148 earned

Christmas Card Fundraiser.

I want to thank everyone who
supported the Christmas Card
fundraiser in November and early
December.

40 cards were sold plus a donation
totaling \$148 dollars. The funds
have been added to the church op-
erating general fund.

With Sincere thanks, Nova Kigar

**Thank YOU for sharing your gifts with
others!**



With all the support
offered to our Christ-
mas Basket program,
you were a big part of
sharing Christmas with
our community! We

give God thanks for leading us in this
outreach service!

Thank You all very much!

- Mission Outreach

WINGS—Women's Ministry

WINGS is pleased to announce it's new
Board of Officers for the 2013-2014 term.
Sue Smitley will step in as President,
Paula Geswein will remain as Vice Presi-
dent and Lori Keltner and Becky Young
will serve as either Secretary or Treas-
urer. There is one position still open. If
you are interested in stepping up and
serving on the WINGS board, please let
one of the current officers know. We
would love to have you. We are very
grateful to these ladies for offering their
services and know that God will continue
to bless WINGS as it moves forward to
serve our ladies and more importantly,
our church.

2012 Annual Committee Reports Due

All 2012 Official Board Chairpersons
are to turn in their Committee annual
reports by Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013.

When all reports are submitted, then
the Official Board Annual report will be
compiled and distributed. Thank You—
Nova Kigar

"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to Sheri Par-
rett and family upon the passing of her
brother Gary. May God comfort the
family at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to:

Sheri Parrett, 3117 Sudbury Dr.
Kettering, Oh 45420

We also extend our prayers to Ellen
Farra and family upon the passing of
her brother, Alfred Pence. May God
comfort the family at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to:

Ellen Farra, 1424 Norton Ave.
Dayton, Oh 45420

78 Attended Las Posadas Program

This program really helped us pre-
pare our hearts for the Christ to enter
in. As we approached each door, we
hushed in silence, waiting to hear if
Joseph and Mary would find shelter
there, only to hear over and over
again, that they were turned away.
As the journey grew longer, we grew
more in connecting to them. Then
finally their was a place made for
them. I feel it gave me time to re-
flect & appreciate how God attends
to us all on our life journeys, never
leaving us EVER. God's love for us is
so GREAT!

As always it is also wonderful shar-
ing this Advent activity with our
friends from Ascension church. It is
always a great fellowship, enlarging
our circle of new friends at every ac-
tivity, and sharing in worshipping God
and Jesus our Savior. - Nova Kigar

"Good Morning"

"Hello"

Greeting for 2013

First we want thank everyone who
served as greeters in 2012. Your wel-
come made church family and guests
feel more connected as they entered
the sanctuary.

We have a sign-up sheet posted on
the bulletin board across from the of-
fice, to begin the coming year. Please
sign up to be a greeter for the 10:45 AM
service. It is easy, we ask that you come
on the Sunday you greet at 10:30 AM
and welcome everyone with a smile and
outstretched hand. We'd like every
church member to participate. Please
consider this meaningful and simple
service. - Membership Committee

2013 Bulletin Donations

New sign-up sheets are posted on
the church bulletin board. If you care to
donate bulletins, the cost is \$14. Pay-
ment may be dropped in the offering
plate, please indicate what your pay-
ment is for in the check memo.

We thank everyone who donated bul-
letins over the past year. Your partici-
pation in our worship service in this
manner is greatly appreciated. - Toni
Bailey, Worship Comm.

New Offering Envelopes Available

We have new boxes of Offering enve-
lopes on the counter in the church of-
fice. If you are out of envelopes or want
to start the new year off fresh, please
sign out your new box, by signing your
name and the box number of your enve-
lopes on the sign-out sheet.

