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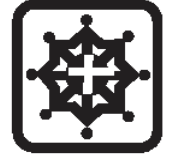


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Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM

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

If you confess with your
 **MOUTH**
"Jesus is Lord"
and believe in your
HEART 
that God raised him
from the dead, you will be
SAVED! 

Feb. 24 is Blanket Sunday

WORSHIP LEADER:

Laura Von Holle—Feb. 24

Steve Simmons—Mar. 3

GREETER:

Toni Bailey—Feb.

Cheryl Barnett—Mar.

The Wonder of Words

The Lenten season began February 13th, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. As we begin to move through this season of preparing ourselves for Easter seeking reconciliation in our relationship with God through penitence and forgiveness, I found an article in the March/April 1988 Pulpit Digest by Rev. Edward Chinn reference Lent I thought I would share with all of you.

Lent offers us a choice between two roads: the road of silver slippers or the road of iron shoes. First, there is the religion of silver slippers. In 1678 an English preacher named John Bunyan wrote a religious allegory called *The Pilgrim Progress*. The hero of the story was a man named Christian who set out from the City of Destruction to go to the Celestial City, which stood for heaven. On his journey Christian met a man named By-ends. By-ends told Christian about the people who lived in his hometown. Speaking of his fellow townspeople, By-ends said: "Tis true, we somewhat differ in religion from those of the stricter sort, yet but in two small points: First, we never strive against wind and tide. Secondly, we are always most zealous when Religion goes in his silver slippers; we love much to walk with him in the street, if the sun shines, and the people applaud him."

As Fredrick Eliot once said, religion in silver slippers is for those bright moments when faith shines brightly, when the way before our feet is pleasant, and we celebrate days of happy festivals.

Secondly, there is the religion of iron shoes. One day a pig and a chicken walked past a church. On the church's bulletin board was the plea, "Everybody's help is needed!" The chicken commented, "We could help by giving a 'Ham 'n' Egg' Breakfast." The pig replied, "Sure, that's easy for you to say. From you the eggs will only be a donation, but for me to provide the ham will call for total commitment." Likewise, Lent calls on us to give total commitment to the road of discipline. Through Moses God offers us a religion of iron shoes for the rough road ahead. Roy Angell has reminded us that before Moses ascended the mountain to die, he gave a series of blessings to the various tribes of Israel. To Asher, Moses said (in the inspiring mistranslation of the King James Version): "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass" (Deut. 33:25). To lace those iron shoes on our feet, Moses gave three beautiful promises: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (v. 27): "The eternal God is thy refuge" (v. 27): "Underneath are the everlasting arms" (v. 27.).

When one commits themselves totally to following Christ, it may take a pair of iron shoes for the walk was never promised to be easy. But at the end of the road, one day your iron shoes will no longer be needed and you will wear the comfortable silver slippers for an eternity.

Shalom!

Dr. B.

Rev. Dr. Robert Smitley
Interim Pastor

Attendance - Feb. 10, 17 2013

8:45 — 18, 24

10:45 — 77, 75

Sunday school — 22, 27

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '12	\$13,272	-1,686
Jan. '13	\$10,411.91	-4,547

Happy Birthday

Elizabeth Ancil—Feb. 23

Lori Keltner—Feb. 23

Marilyn Foskuhl—Feb. 26

Ellen Earwood—Feb. 27

Janet Coleman—Feb. 28

Gary Etter—Mar. 1

Amy Smith—Mar. 3

Katie Smitley—Mar. 4



In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander	Kevin Bader
Russell Berk	Glenda Boddie
Ginny Breckler	Jim Coleman
Michelle Conn	CeCi (Cobb) Cole
Conner Elliott	Larry Earwood
Margaret Foster	Linda Gargraver
Jamie Geswein	Sharon&Jack Gilmore
Ken Hambrick	Bill Hine
Carol Hildebrecht	Don Keltner
Dustin Knowlton	Erik Landing
Kelly McRonney	Bob McCray

Lauren McClure	Vicki McBride
Marcella Miller	Hilda Mobley
Karolina O'Donnell	John Parnell
Harriet Shawhan	Cindy Ramano
Calire Riccos	Deb Richey
Darlene Schafer	Tom Scheit
Beverly Smith	Diana Smith
David Stockton	Wayne Stolich
Paul Stutz	Gloria Van Camp
Gina Van Camp	Evelyn Wheeler
Paul White (Dicks family)	
Mary Willett	Emily Wilson

As prayers are answered—please let the church office know, so we may give God thanks with you.

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 Tnsip.

Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)
Kirby Brooks— USA (Al Brooks son)
Scott Certain – USA (Jay's son-in-law)
Michael Mantia— USA
Nathanial 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)

Pantry Prayer Requests:

Please remember all our unspoken pantry families needs .



Little Hands & Big Hearts

Donate 70 boxes Cereal to Food Pantry

The Green-Oak Preschool and Ascension Catholic School 5 & 6 yr old classes teamed up to donate nearly 70 boxes of cereal to the Food pantry. The children first lined the boxes up and created the world's largest domino chain of boxes. The chain was triggered by Green Oak's Valerie Baker and Ascension's Brent Devitt. The children then created a fireman like line and passed all the boxes from the Ascension school to the food pantry next door. The children spoke about how being hungry can make a child angry or distracted and keep them from being the best students they can be. We learned that we can partner to help Montgomery county children and families eat healthy breakfasts.



Easter Egg Hunt Preparations

The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 30. We will need individually wrapped candy to fill the hundreds of plastic Easter eggs. Please put the candy in the church office. If you would like to be on this committee, or help with the Egg Hunt, please let Cheryl Barnett (429-2884) know. - Membership/Fellowship

Blanket Sunday, February 24

We will again be accepting donations for Church World Service's Tools of Hope and Blanket Program on Sunday, February 24. Church World Service is the relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry of 36 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations and communions. They work in partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 80 countries worldwide, supporting the sustainable self-help development of poor people, meeting emergency needs and addressing the root causes of poverty and powerlessness. Our past support has made recent efforts possible. Some of those items are:

In January of this year floods (following an extended drought) have ravaged Kenya. Subsequent landslides have compounded the devastation, tragically burying people (including children) alive. Rescue efforts continue as the waters have not yet receded and hundreds of people have been displaced. Church World Service has responded with 600 blankets and 300 mattresses for the short term. Further response may be required.

The recent cross-border violence in Gaza & Israel has worsened the humanitarian situation in Gaza. CWS and its partners are emphasizing support for people who sustained physical or psychological trauma as well as people who urgently need emergency assistance.

Ordinary things – things that we often take for granted like blankets, clean water, education, tents, garden tools, seeds – can make a world of difference for people devastated by tragedy. Be part of this effort to make a difference for people around the world. Social Action

Star of Bethlehem



Presentation & Discussion

A Special Invitation is open to ALL

from the Senior High and College Sunday School class to join them at 9:45 AM on Feb. 24 and March 3 to watch and discuss this amazing documentary. Tens of thousands in the U. S. and in Europe have explored the exciting truth of scripture and reveals the evidence for God's existence as seen in the stars above.

Presenter, Rick Larson, walks you through Biblical and historical clues revealing the incredible significance of this celestial event as well as the vastness of God's creativity.

The youth have already enjoyed the film and felt it was well worthwhile to share it with others at our church. Bring a friend along also if you want.

Safety Presentation by Kettering Police

Offered - Monday, Feb. 25 at 5 PM with Kettering Officer Vilelli, here at the church. Open to all— this is a safety awareness presentation, giving you insight into ways to gain personal safety in various public settings.

Refreshments will be served, due to the hour of the day. Babysitting will also be available for families with young children. This presentation is being planned & offered by the Food Pantry Committee.



**Youth
Winter 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

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:
Mar. 4 & 18**



**Lenten Program with our
Ascension church friends
March 3 from 3 to 5 PM**

Join us in exploring the Seder Meal traditions and meaning, as part of your Lenten journey. We will have activities, then a Seder Meal service.

**Let us remember to lift our Search
Committee in prayer.**

Lord Jesus, help us to be open to listen and respond to the way you are leading us. You are preparing us to continue to serve your ministry and build your kingdom through our church.

Grant the Search Committee clear vision of your plan for us. Bless them in their service to you and the congregation.

Glory & praise be given to You.
Amen

"In Sympathy"

Lift your thoughts and prayers for the Oishi family, upon the passing of Nobu Oishi.

Nobu, age 96, was a member of GOPCC since 1958 and lived in the Greenmont Village until recently living with her daughter.

May God comfort you at this time of loss.



WINGS—Ladies Book Club - Feb. 25

Ladies please join us for our monthly Book Club discussion and light potluck supper on Monday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 pm. We select a book to read each month and then gather for some interesting conversation on the last Monday of the month.

We have read some very thought provoking stories, and some lighter stories. If you enjoy reading, this group activity might just be something you need to give a try.



Ladies BIRTHDAY BASH—Mar. 17

All ladies of the church are invited to join in the Annual Birthday Bash on Sunday, March 17, following morning worship. Lunch will be included with the celebration. Everyone is asked to bring a white elephant gift to exchange.

- Sue Smitley

You are the Plus +

On Sunday, Feb. 24 we will participate in Church World Service (CWS) Blankets + Mission.

\$25 — can provide five warm blankets for emergencies & Disasters

\$100 — can enable three women to receive a micro credit loan, to invest in their family's future.

\$200 — can provide a farm family with a draft animal to increase harvest and carry their produce to market.

\$250 — can provide a sewing machine to a young mother to support her family.

\$1,000 — can equip a village well with a pump and provide hygiene training.

++ Can we add our pluses together and see what great things God will do through us. +++

Please pray about how you might contribute to this world wide mission, caring for those who need our help.

-Social Action

To my friends and members of Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church,

Thank you for all the beautiful Christmas cards and all the visits and to Dr. Smitley. I have enjoyed them so much. God Bless you all. Sincerely, Mary Lou Chaney

Green-Oak Preschool Fall Registration

On Monday, Feb. 25, at 9 am we will begin Registration for fall classes for parents who have children currently enrolled at Green-Oak or parents who are members of Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church. Registrations will be accepted all week. If you need a specific class or time, I recommend that you register as soon as possible.

Green-Oak will be having an OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, March 2 from 1 to 3 pm. At 2 pm we will have "The Voyageur Puppets" perform on the stage in the Music Room. There will be popcorn and juice. Current students and their families are invited. For prospective students and their families, you may tour the facility, meet teachers and join in all the activities. OPEN REGISTRATION will follow the puppet show. We will continue to take registrations every day.

Please check out our website at www.greenoakpreschool.com. Also you may call the school office at 252-7480 and ask for Valerie Baker.

Pasko's Paintings bring color to our Winter Season.

We are very fortunate to have an exhibit of eight new watercolor paintings by Pasko Evanoff. They are in the Hilty Room and are available with information in the church office. Be sure to stop in to enjoy these beautiful landscapes.

If you have paintings, needlework, or photography you'd like to exhibit in the church, please let me know. Work must be framed and ready to hang. Call Doris Alexander at 298-4176.

