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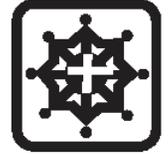
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Mary Jane McBride  
Shelley Outlaw

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

**Ushers:**

<u>8:45 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Gary Etter	Frank Taylor
Arlene Uldrich	Jerry Archer
Charlene Brown	



**WORSHIP LEADER:**  
Joyce Kelley—Jan. 12  
Ellen Earwood—Jan. 19

**GREETER:**



### Martin Luther King Peace and Justice Service

In remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Rev. R. Gloria Dillion will be the guest Pastor for the 8:45 and 10:45 church service on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at Greenmont-OakPark Community Church.

She is a graduate of Zanesville High School, Central State University and holds a Master's degree from the University of Dayton and a Master of Divinity from Payne Theological Seminary and a Doctorate in Ministry from United Seminary.

She has worked for the Xenia City Schools for 25 years as a special education teacher and junior high and elementary school counselor. She founded Glory Ministry Church in Xenia, OH in 2008.

We look forward to celebrating with her the life of Martin Luther King focusing on Peace and Justice.



### STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

-Jan. 18, 2014

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE invited to attend. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 18, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. We will meet with SONKA leader, Jim Oates, who is an expert in strategic church planning and renewal.

We invite you to attend this very important process to participate in this strategic planning of the future of the church. This is a great opportunity to review our history, current position and future plans. We will work with the church profile information. This process will continue throughout the coming year, and this will be our starting point.

Come and participate. Please RSVP to by calling the church office, or signing up on the bulletin board. Again I personally invite all to attend. Donuts & refreshments will be served.

— Suzanne Slaidins-Dull, Official Board Chairperson

### Attendance -Dec. 22, 29 '13 & Jan. 5, 14

8:45 — 23, 24, 18  
10:45 — 80, 62, 42  
Sunday school — \*\*72\*\*, 14, 21  
Christmas Eve service—116

### Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '12	\$13,272	-1,686
Jan. '13	\$10,411	-4,547
Feb. '13	\$10,323	-4,635
Mar. '13	\$14,314	-644
Apr. '13	\$8,745	-6,212
May '13	\$10,436	-4,522
June '13	\$10,768	-4,190
July '13	\$11,204	-3,754
Aug. '13	\$9,635	-5,323
Sept. '13	\$13,100	-1,858
Oct. '13	\$10,685	-4,273

### Happy Birthday

- Jacque Fisher—Jan. 11
- Taylor Steinbrunner—Jan. 11
- Frank Lakins—Jan. 13
- Janine Rayney—Jan. 13
- Betty Lingg—Jan. 13
- Ryan Brodowski—Jan. 14
- Dave Fisher—Jan. 14
- Kim Elliott—Jan. 18
- Emily Gastineau—Jan. 18
- Dotti Gastineau—Jan. 19
- Dixie Archer—Jan. 20
- Mary Marcum—Jan. 22
- Elizabeth Sumner—Jan. 22



### In Our Prayers

- Liz Ancil
- Parker Lee Balsan
- Russell Berk
- Ginny Breckler
- Jim Coleman
- Ceci (Cobb) Cole
- Michelle Earwood
- John George
- Kevin Bader
- Cheryl Barnett
- Glenda Boddie
- Charlene Brown
- Michelle Conn
- Dennison family
- Terry Furnas
- Jamie Geswein



- Ken Hambrick
- Bill Hine
- Dustin Knowlton
- Kelly McRonney
- Marcella Miller
- Naysa Morgan
- John Parnell
- Pat Reeger
- Deb Richey
- Beverly Smith
- Wayne Stolic
- Gloria Van Camp
- Evelyn Wheeler
- Mary Willett
- Frank Heath
- Don Keltner
- Onu Kolossova
- Bob McCray
- Hilda Mobley
- Karolina O'Donnell
- Cindy Romano
- Calire Riccos
- Tom Scheit
- Diana Smith
- Paul Stutz
- Gina Van Camp
- Pat White
- Cathy Winn

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
- Doris Greenwood—Grand Court
- Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
- Vern Hine—St. Leonard 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 (A Brooks son)
- Scott Certain –Afghanistan (Jay's son-in-law)
- Adam Reeves -S Korea (Edna's grandson)
- Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger's son)
- Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)

## “The King’s Birthday” was wonderfully told

We had 72 attend the morning Christmas program offered by our youth.

Children age 8 months to 22 years of age participated. Little Nicholas Taylor portrayed baby Jesus. The cast and narrators of 18 youth and two adults ( Bob Beall & Dave Roalef) told us the beautiful story again of what the true experience of the Birth of our Savior was. That Jesus birth was humble, and low in a manger meant for animals, yet filled with all the mystery and reverence of the birth of God’s only Son. The heavens and earth joined together in offering their praise and thanks.

All the children did wonderful performances. There were three solo songs by young ladies, Mychaela Janzow, Kara DePew & Jessica Parrett. Bethanne Bleeker and Maggie Roalef accompanied the play on piano and violin. All the narrators, Molly Donovan, Robbie Von Holle, Landon and Mason Dull & Riley Steinbrunner, spoke with such presence telling the story. From the little stars, to shepherds, angels, Mary & Joseph and three kings we were taken back to Bethlehem and that special night.

This play was said to be a one rehearsal play, so as to make it easy to prepare for. The play presented itself as a simple & wonderfully told Christmas story, that was told with love, by all involved. THANK YOU YOUTH (and families) AND Sherri Parrett our youth leader for organizing everyone.



## “ Search Committee Report”

The search committee continues in the process of selecting the best person for Greenmont Oak Park church for both our present needs and future growth. We recently shared with you questions we have posed to the candidates in our interviews. They, also, are in the search process and are looking for a congregation that suits their goals and pastoral style. Here are some questions we have fielded from them during the interview process.

- With Sunday attendance shrinking, why do we have two worship services? One candidate suggested we use different formats so as to appeal to different members and guests.
- When we have visitors at Sunday worship, do they return? Do we explore why or why not?

What new programs have we tried? How did they come about and what were the results?

And the most common question, although phrased differently by the candidates is: “What are Greenmont’s goals? They have read our profile which includes our past and present financial and membership status. As we discussed at the recent congregational meeting, we cannot continue on the same trajectory. The pastors want to know if we are willing and motivated to do something different. “Are we here to serve those already part of our congregation or do we want to reach beyond?” If we truly want to grow, “How much are we willing to change?” **In light of these questions, we encourage the congregation to attend the Board’s goal setting retreat on January 18.**

All the above (and other) questions are worthy of serious consideration and self-reflection. The committee continues to work hard to prepare honest and positive responses and present the active, generous congregation that we are. We count on you to share our faith that there is a rich and blessed future ahead of us. We appreciate the congregation’s patience, prayers and input.

Search Committee



## We Thank our Church for Stepping Up to Meet our Financial Challenge

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS ABUNDANCE and THE GIFTS RETURNED FOR HIS CHURCH AND MINSITRY.

The Financial Secretary, Anna Slaidins, and the Finance Committee are happy to share that our Nov. & Dec. 2013 giving met the challenge presented to us very well. Just in Dec. our giving was \$38,886. This is \$21,886 above our monthly operating budget.

We are grateful for all who were able to offer financial gifts in November & December to meet the Challenge to “Catch up” and exceed our giving where we could. We are grateful for the family who Challenged us to give our best to God. THANK YOU ALL

**Fall Sunday School Schedule**

The Fall schedule :  
 9:30 AM—High School/College  
 - lead by Bob Colvin  
 9:30 AM—Adult Bible class  
 - lead by Frank Taylor  
 9:30 AM—Adult Contemporary  
 - lead by Laura Von Holle  
 10:45 AM—Bible Adventure  
 (during worship - continues for  
 all 4yr. Olds to 5th graders)  
 10:45 AM—Nursery (babies to 3yrs)

**Youth Programs**

**Jr & Sr High Youth** - meet every SAT. 8 to 11PM (7th to 12th grade)

**Crusaders/ Footprints** ( K to 6th grade) - meet the 1st & 3rd Sundays following worship.

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:**  
**Jan. 20 & Feb 3.**

**“Staff Gifts”**

If you would like to give an appreciation gift to the Staff for their good support to the church over the past year, staff gift envelopes were handed out and are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You may return your gift in the offering plate over the next several Sundays. Thank you and Merry Christmas from the Staff Committee

**3 T's—2014**

The 3 T's would like to thank the outgoing officers: President: Joyce Kelley, Secretary: Kay Rearick, and Treasurer: Elizabeth Sumner, Steve Simmons, and Cheryl Barnett. The incoming officers are: President: Cheryl Barnett, Secretary: Kay Rearick, and Treasurer: Sandy Conn. Welcome new officers.

Our next 3 T's meeting is January 21, 2014. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend at MCL Cafeteria. Any one 50 and older is welcome.

- Cheryl Barnett

**New Sunday School Bulletin Board**

Stop by and see what the children are doing in Adventure Bible class on the new Sunday School Bulletin Board. This bulletin board is just around the corner from the upstairs water-fountain.

There are craft displays of items the children are making, and Sunday School schedule information given for all Sunday School classes. - check it out!

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**Big Creek Mission Camp Coming Up this Summer, June 29 to July 3, 2014**

See Sheri Parrett about registering for the summer work camp to Big Creek Mission in Kentucky. Registrations are due by Feb. 1st. A Deposit fee is needed, talk to Sheri about this detail. For more information about the camp, check out the web site, [Big-CreekMission.com](http://Big-CreekMission.com)



**Sub Sandwich Sale 2014**

Every year at this time we have a submarine sandwich sale in order to provide a few extras fro the Pre-school. The church is going to work with us on the sale. This year the profits from sandwiches sold by Pre-school parents will go for many of our special programs. These include Breakfast/Lunch with Santa, field trips, the Philharmonic String Quartet and picnics in the park. The profits from the sandwiches sold by church members will to to their special projects. The profits from sandwiches sold by church members whoa re also preschool parents will be equally divided between the church and pre-school Last year we sold 2658 sandwiches.

The sandwiches are really delicious! They are prepared with Pepperidge Farm buns. This year we are offering an option of ham, salami and pepperoni with pizza sauce, cheese and mild peppers. You may order them with our without the peppers. The other options is turkey with provolone cheese and lettuce. They are wrapped individually in plastic bags. They cost \$3.50 each.

All orders must be turned in by Sunday, Jan. 26th. You may put orders in the offering plate, Church office or Preschool office. Then on Friday, Feb. 7 at 3 PM all the fun begins! We need a few volunteer workers to came at 3 PM to start making sand-

wiches, and more workers to help make sandwiches starting at 5 PM. We also need a few people to help with baby-sitting from 5 to 7 PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the Church bulletin board. It really is a lot of fun working together.

We really need you to pick-up all of your orders on Friday night, Feb. 7 from 7 to 8 PM in the Donut room downstairs. WE also require that you pay for all your orders at the time of pick-up. If you cannot pick up your orders on the pick-up date, please notify Valerie Baker by Friday, Jan. 31. Thank you so much for all your support and help! If you have any questions please call me at 252-7840.

Valerie Baker, Director of Green-Oak Preschool.



**We Give God Thanks for the support already received for the Food Pantry.** The Meijer's Store is sending out the first installment of the money raised through their, 'Simply Give' campaign. We will receive \$5,670 that included their double-double giving days in November. We appreciate all the church and community support. The giving campaign concluded on January 4, 2014. These funds will go a long way in helping the food pantry serve families into the coming year. - Food Pantry volunteers

