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**Chapel Worship:** 8:45 AM

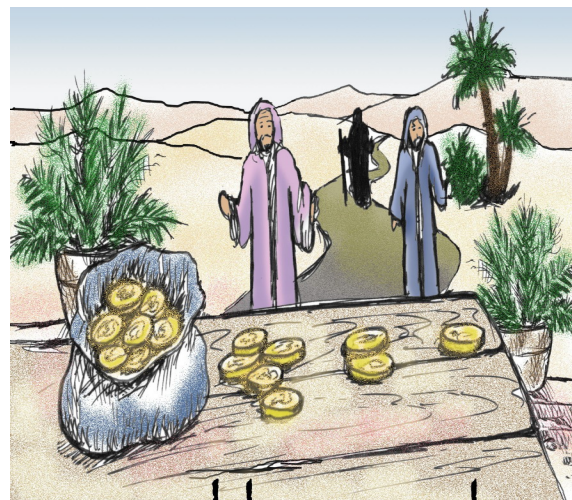
**Morning Worship:** 10:45 AM

**Christian Education:** 9:30 AM

**Bible Adventure:** 10:45 AM

#### **Ushers:**

<u>8:45 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Gary Etter	Les George
Arlene Uldrich	Pasko Evanoff
Linda Oxley	Ron Dill



## The Parable of the Talents

#### **Scripture Readings:**

Week of Nov. 23— Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24, Ps 100,  
Ps 95:1-7a, Eph 1:15-23, Matt 25:14-30,  
Week of Nov. 30— Isa 64:1-9, Ps 80:1-7, 17-19,  
I Cor 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

**WORSHIP LEADER:**  
Bob Beall—Nov. 23  
Pasko Evanoff—Nov. 30

**AVENT READERS:**  
Jane Simmons—Nov. 30

**GREETER:**  
Paula Geswein—Nov.

**From the Pastor**


I hope that you and your family are well as we enter the winter holiday season. Thanksgiving is fast approaching and we all have many blessings for which to give thanks this year.

Thanksgiving is a time of reflection, looking back at the year that we have had and thanking God for bringing us through it a little stronger and a little wiser. Some of you may have had a difficult year, while others have found much success in their endeavors. It is but through the grace of God that we are able to consider the lessons we have learned and the experiences given to us, and to allow them to deepen our relationship with the Divine.

I am thankful for all of you. I am thankful for your continued dedication to fellowship and spreading the Word to those who need it most. I ask that you dip into the well of compassion and charity that God has blessed you with and share what you can with others during this season. Many of you and/or your family members will be travelling great distances to be together. Enjoy the comfort of family while giving to the less fortunate, spiritually and materially, so that they may know that the love of God is with us all.

Happy Thanksgiving!

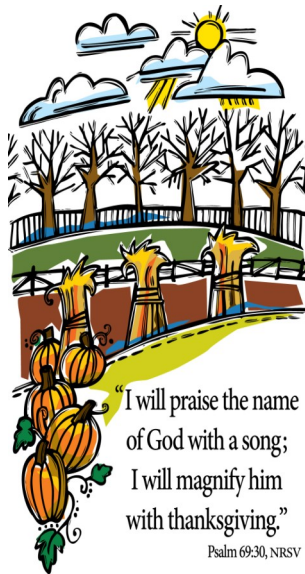
Gabe



**"Giving Thanks" Dinner— November 23**

Join with church family and friends in this Traditional Thanksgiving Meal, served in the Donut room following the morning worship services.

Families are asked to bring a dessert to share —please have it cut and ready to serve.



**Attendance - Nov 9 & 16 '14**

8:45 —	24, 20
10:45 —	71, 95
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Christian Education —	23, 22

**Offering—operating income**

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Jan. '14	\$9,670	- 5,288
Feb. '14	\$12,075	- 2,883
Mar. '14	\$13,731	-1,227
Apr. '14	\$12,713	-2,245
May '14	\$11,911	-3,047
June '14	\$10,893	- 4,065
July '14	\$12,479	- 2,479
Aug. '14	\$11,530	-3,428
Sept. '14	\$13,418	-1,540
Oct. '14	\$ 12,791	-2,167

**Happy Birthday**

- Sandy Conn—Nov. 22
- Caroline Smith—Nov. 22
- Bob Beall—Nov. 26
- Judy Simmons—Nov. 28
- Connie Sink—Nov. 29
- Layton Vires—Nov. 29
- Yevonne Goodner—Dec. 1
- Ruth Fulmer—Dec. 4
- Steven Keltner—Dec. 5



**In Our Prayers**

- Liz Ancil
- Russell Berk
- Ginny Breckler
- Ceci (Cobb) Cole
- Kara DePew
- Margaret Foster
- Jamie Geswein
- Ken Hambrick
- Kevin Bader
- Glenda Boddie
- Michelle Conn
- Don Craig
- Gary Foskuhl
- John George
- Jack Gilmore



- Bill Hine
- Sean Humphrey
- Kristen King
- Rosaline Lam
- Bob McCray
- Naysa Morgan
- John Parnell
- Cindy Romano
- Deb Richey
- Beverly Smith
- Wayne Stolich
- Paul Stutz
- Gloria Van Camp
- Sue Wagner
- Diane Yost
- Edna Holland
- Don Keltner
- Dustin Knowlton
- Kelly McRonney
- Phyllis McCray
- Delbert Newhouse
- Joyce Pratt
- Calire Riccos
- Jane Simmons
- Diana Smith
- Michelle Strom
- Joe Trevan
- Gina Van Camp
- Mary Willett

**Those in Nursing Care**

- Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
- Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
- Doris Greenwood—Oak Creek Terrace
- Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
- Vern /Betty Hine—St. Leonard Center
- Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
- Verdena Mardis—Sterling House

**Military**

- Kirby Brooks
- Adam Reeves
- Casey Ryan

## Ascension Women's program invitation

MARTHA AND MARY

An Advent Program Concert/ Reflections

December 7, 2014 2 PM

Miriam

A Women's Musical Ensemble

The will share Advent hymns, with Jeanne Hunt adding reflections between the hymns. Join us for this prayerful celebration of advent to center our spirits on the beauty of darkness and waiting.

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Greenmont-Oak Park Church women are invited to participate. Call Sr. Carol at 253-5171 x113 to register.

### Helper Opportunity

One of our home-bound is looking for a lady to come share in assembling some children's Christmas packages. To be given out with the Christmas Baskets. If interested in partnering in this service, call Gloria Van Camp, 396-0858



### Good Earth Stewardship

- \* defrost your freezer. Refrigeration appliances use a lot of energy. Ice buildup acts as an insulating layer that can increase electricity consumption by up to 30 %.
- \* Buy energy efficient Christmas lights. LED lights don't overheat so they are safe to use on trees, and use much less energy.
- \* Give a waste free gift—music, theatre, or sporting events, restaurant gift card, etc. These gifts won't get sent to the landfill with packaging and heaps of wrapping paper.

## Stewardship—Serving God Serving Others Congregational Meeting Held—

Nov. 16th

**Official Board nominees voted into office for the 2015/16 year are:**

Official Bd Chair person –Bob Beall  
Official Bd ViceChair-Diana Knowlton  
Treasurer—Lisa Bleeke ( 1 yr remains)  
Financial Sec.—Anna Slaidins ( 2 yr), elected, not a Board Member  
At Large-Jane Simmons (1 yr. remains)  
At Large—Lori Keltner ( 2 yr)  
At Large— Adam Taylor (2 yr)  
At Large— Sandy Conn ( 2 yr)  
Trustee Rep —Gary Etter ( 2 yr)  
Recording Sec—Joyce Kelley ( 2 yr)

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**Standing Committee Chairs are:**

Mission Outreach/ Social Action—open  
Christian Ed—Nikki Taylor  
Fellowship/ Membership—Cheryl Barnett  
Finance/ Stewardship—Frank Lakins  
Memorial—Don Keltner  
Music/ Worship—Toni Bailey  
Staff— Susan Beall  
Food Pantry—Brian Donovan  
Endowment—Frank Lakins, Connie Sink, Cheryl Barnett, Craig Kigar

The 2015 Operating Spending Plan was also voted into acceptance at a Total of \$180,935 the same as this current year.

The full report minutes will be posted on the bulletin board across from the church offices.

Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy.."Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything: we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your rights? Owners have rights: stewards have responsibilities. We are all called to be stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care.\*

This week, when you fill out your time and talent and pledge cards, please pray about it and let God lead you in those decision. We will offer our time & talents and pledges to God this Sunday at both worship services.

Finance Committee

\*Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship/  
Institute for Faith, Work & Economics  
Blog.



### Special Offerings Chosen

#### Thanksgiving and Christmas

The Official Board has selected six mission organizations to equally share in the combined Thanksgiving & Christmas Special Offerings. They are; House of Bread, Daybreak, Big Bear Creek Mission, Veterans of the Cross, YWCA's Battered Women's program and Neighbors-in-Need. They will equally share up to a value of \$2,100 . Any amount in excess of \$2,100 will then be given to the operating fund. Special Thanksgiving & Christmas offering envelopes are/ will be included in the Chimes mailings.

**Christian Education Schedule**

The schedule :

- 9:30 AM—Confirmation  
lead by Dave Roalef
- 9:30 AM—High School/College  
lead by Bob Colvin/Meg Roalef
- 9:30 AM—Adult Bible class  
lead by Frank Taylor/Gary Etter
- 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)  
Lead by Sheri Parrett/ Colleen Karl
- 10:45 AM—Nursery (babies to 3yrs)

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:  
Dec. 1 & 15**

**Remember Pastor Gabe’s Q & A sessions will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month following 10:45 AM worship.**



**Mitten & Card Tree**

We will have a mitten/ glove and card tree up in the upper Gathering Place area, for those who wish to share warm clothing items for the Christmas baskets or to share Christmas greetings with the church family. Just bring your card or warm clothing items and place them on the tree.

**Hanging of the Greens—Nov. 30th**



Join us after the second service to help decorate the church for Christmas. Committee Chairs and their members will take the lead in organizing / decorating different trees and room responsibilities.

There will also be a soup and sandwich lunch offered - so come help prepare God’s house for remembering the birth of His Son, Jesus.

- Worship committee



**Poinsettias**

A sign-up list is posted on the church bulletin board to purchase poinsettia plants. The cost is \$9.00/ ea. The plants will be used to beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service, and may then be taken home by the families who purchased them.

**Home-Bound**

**Card Shower—Cards Due Nov. 30th**

We will collect Christmas Cards for the shut-ins throughout November. The deadline to have your cards at church is Nov. 30. There will be a box in the sanctuary to receive them. Here is our Shut-In list:

- Lottie Jaeger, Virginia Breckler, Jack Gilmore, Ginny Hambrick, Howard Jordan, Gloria Van Camp, Liz Ancil, Verdona Mardis, Mary Lou Chaney, Kenny Hambrick, Margaret Dill, Margaret Foster, and Doris Greenwood

Pastor Gabe will then deliver them, with his Christmas visits.



**Dec. 7th—White Gift Sunday  
180 Christmas Baskets**

The Food Pantry committee wants to share that we have begun basket preparations.

**These 180 families combined have 288 children that we help provide Christmas gifts for,** as well as the food baskets for the families. Gifts of hats, mittens, scarves, socks, books, new or gently used toys or games, will be collected on White Gift Sunday, Dec. 7, during the offering time in worship. The 9 to 12 year old group receives the least selection, if you want to help provide for this group. We appreciate your support of this community outreach.

As always, food items collected for the pantry, or baskets, is always appreciated, and bath soap and TP are in great need now. Paper bags are also needed.

If you want to help prepare baskets, we need volunteers on Friday, Dec. 12 and Sat. Dec. 13th. A sign-up information poster is in the Gathering Place.

Friday we prepare cardboard boxes, move foods and organize gifts in the Ascension gym in the afternoon, in the evening families or anyone can come help fill baskets ( boxes ) with food items. Saturday morning there are jobs like, carrying baskets, elf family gift helpers, hats/gloves helpers, gift wrapping helpers, gift helpers. So you can see there are many different ways to help. As Pastor Gabe said in his article, let us share the Christmas experience with those less fortunate. Let us shine the light of Jesus brought into the world with our neighbors.

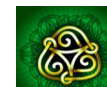
**Winter Donation Campaign**

Remember the Kettering Meijer’s store donation campaign to benefit our Greenmont-Oak Park Church—Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry continues through Dec. to Jan. 4, 2015.

The Meijer “Simply Give” \$10 donation cards program is for the Meijers at Stroop & Wilmington. Give the card to the clerk at check-out. Your \$10 donation is doubled to \$20 by the Meijer’s Corp. Donation cards are available here at the church, on the Pantry bulletin board in the Gathering Place or on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**Please consider the pantry as you do your coming Holiday shopping in Dec.**

**Celebrate  
Christmas with a Celtic Flair  
Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6 PM**



**“The Collins Connection”  
A Celtic Ensemble  
Special Guest—Tim Schaiper on the  
Hammered Dulcimer and Bagpipes**

The Ascension & Greenmont– Oak Park Churches Partnership Committee invite All to join us in this Special Musical Program at Greenmont-Oak Park Community UCC. With refreshments to follow the program.

The program includes some Sacred and Secular Holiday Favorites and some carol sing-a-longs.

