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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:

8:45 AM	10:45 AM
Gary Etter	Bob Karl
Arlene Uldrich	Jerry Archer
Linda Oxley	Tom Wheeler

Never fails



Scripture Readings for weeks:

Feb. 8— Isa 40:21-31, Ps 147:1-11, I Corin. 9:16-23,
Mk 1:29-39

Feb. 15— 2 Kings 2:1-12, Ps 50:1-6, 2 Cor 4:3-6,
Mk 9:2-9

WORSHIP LEADER:

Helen George—Feb. 8
Loretta Liesch - Feb. 15

GREETER:

Paula Geswein—Feb.

Constitutional Revision

Since Sept 2014, efforts have been ongoing to revise the existing church constitution. The progress of this work has been regularly communicated to the Board and Rev Gabe has requested input and guidance from the congregation during numerous Q&A sessions. At the recent Board Retreat, Jan 24th, the constitutional revisioning team presented a draft constitution and requested approval to present this draft to the congregation. The Board unanimously approved our request.

Our current, 2012, constitution is made up of 2 interrelated documents, the Constitution and Bylaws. At this time we would like the congregation to review and comment on the first of these, the Constitution. In parallel, the revisioning team will begin working on the Bylaws or what we are now calling Policies and Procedures. The Constitution defines our overall framework such as the mission statement, governing structure, congregational meetings, etc,.. Policies and Procedures will focus on the day-to-day operations to include definitions of our ministries (formerly known as committees), membership, Board operations, etc,.

Lastly, distribution of the draft constitution will be made via e-mail and copies will be made available at church. Please understand that this is only a draft and our goal is to socialize this document with the congregation and address any comments or concerns you may have. Our ultimate objective is to have a final Constitution, including Policies and Procedures, complete and ready for a vote by the November 2015 Congregational meeting. Questions or comments can be directed to Rev Gabe, Brian Donovan, or Brian Hager.

2015 Interest Groups begin to form and meet

Pastor Gabe challenged us to work on building our relationships with each other as members of the church and also invite friends to join us in interest activities. We now have several groups identified: Cars/ Mechanics, gardening, sewing, card games, eating out, touring bicycling, Volks March walking, scripture walking and craft making.

These groups will soon begin meeting and sharing their interests. If interested in joining any of them, please do. Have church friends meet new friends, and as relationships grow, invite your new friends to join you at church. This produces a less threatening first church experience for the new person. Guests will know at least 2-3 church members by the time they arrive at church.

We know that there is some confusion about participating. Anyone can participate in or begin an interest group. You do not need to participate in the growing talents part of the challenge. If planning to meet at the church, call Nova in the office about scheduling and promoting your group's activities.

There are many ways to make this plan work, for example: the gardening group may set up a garden walk at one of the area parks or go to hear a garden expert talk. We can help each other plant in the spring, share seeds or plants. There are so many more ideas. We know God has blessed us with many talents, let's have fun sharing them with each other and our new friends.

Attendance - Jan. 25, Feb. 1

8:45 service	23,	20
10:45 service	?,	68
Sunday School	22,	18

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Nov. '14	\$13,622	-1,336
Dec. '14	\$15,838	+880



Happy Birthday

Karen Hammonds—Feb. 4
Mary Schwarz—Feb. 7
R C Walker—Feb. 8
Austin Marcum—Feb. 9
Jessica Donovan—Feb. 12
Joe Hager—Feb. 13
Gavin Rayney—Feb. 13
Lisa LeBlanc—Feb. 13
Kyle Barnett—Feb. 18

In Our Prayers

Liz Ancil	Kevin Bader
Russell Berk	Glenda Boddie
Ginny Breckler	Michelle Conn
Robert Davis	Kara DePew
John George	Linda George
Jamie Geswein	Jack Gilmore
Ken Hambrick	Bill Hine
Edna Holland	Sean Humphrey

Kristen King	Dustin Knowlton
Rosaline Lam	Kelly McRonney
Bob McCray	Phyllis McCray
Naysa Morgan	Delbert Newhouse
John Parnell	Joyce Pratt
Cindy Romano	Calire Riccos
Deb Richey	Beverly Smith
Diana Smith	Wayne Stolich
Michelle Strom	Paul Stutz
Joe Trevan	Gloria Van Camp
Gina Van Camp	
Sue Wagner	Mark Webb
Pat White	Mary Willett
Diane Yost	



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
Betty Lingg— Bethany Vlg. rehab
Verdena Mardis—Sterling House

Military

Kirby Brooks
Adam Reeves
Casey Ryan

The Crusaders went Bowling last Sunday afternoon. Sheri Parrett and 6 grade school youth had a fun time bowling together.



Sunday, Feb. 15 they will share in a Valentines' Party together following morning worship services. (K to 6th grade)

The Jr & Sr High Youth will be helping out with the Sub Sandwich Sale this Friday.

Dear Greenmont– Oak Park Church family,

Thank you to everyone who sent their prayers and cards our way. We can feel the warmth of your love surrounding us. We have been blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Don would have been so happy to see the church so full. Love you all.

The Don Keltner family

Having Devotions

What does it mean to "do devotions"? This phrase is simply a way people describe spending time with God by reading the Bible (and other Christian literature) and praying.

Because we are all different and because each of us has a unique relationship with God, no one devotional pattern will work for everyone. Experiment until you find the time of day, content, and length of time that helps you feel connected with God.

Some Helpful Ideas:

- * begin your time by quieting yourself Take some deep breaths and become still.
- * Read a short passage in the Bible or meditation book.
- * At the end of reading, wait to see what words, feelings, or images rise in your heart or tug at your thoughts.
- * Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you see what God may be saying to you. Ask God to help you follow the guidance you have received.
- * If just beginning, start small. Keep it manageable.
- * Some find comfort in a regular pattern of doing devotions, others find flexibility is key to maintain their devotions.

The most important thing to remember is that God is already reaching out to us. If we keep showing up, even when we don't particularly feel holy or loving or eager, we can trust the God will show up too. God is always with us.



Reminder:

Submarine Sandwich Pick Up is this Friday, Feb. 6 between 7 and 8 PM. Payment is due at the time of pick-up.



You are personally invited to the Family Valentine's Day party to be held in the Donut Room, Saturday, February 14 at 7 - 9 PM. We will have line dancing and Susan and Bob Beall will show us some ballroom steps for us to try. We will be having some musical instruments (toys) to play along with the music. Children, singles, couples are all welcome for this "Fun" time. There will also be desserts to eat and punch. Any question ask Cheryl Barnett. Membership/ Fellowship Committee

Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 18 @ 7 PM



"Chalk Talk Artist" Program

Sunday, Feb. 22 at 6 PM.

Come see Erica Russell share her artistic talents and personal testimony. This is a don't miss event!

She her blog for more details:

www.wavesofgloryandgrace.blog.com

We have had two previous artists programs that were well attended, full house seating. Seeing the picture created, and story told, enfolds everyone, even the children, into a special event.

Sunday Lenten Study Series Offered

Join us for a 4 week Lenten Series called "From Jesus to Christ" This will be a DVD presentation with a discussion period.

We will meet on Sundays at 6 PM on March 1, 8,15 and 22. Everyone welcome.

Visits With Pastor Gabe

We again are scheduling a few evening visits with Pastor Gabe/ month. The church office will call members to see if a visit is possible with families. Typically the visits will be scheduled on some Tuesdays, Wed. or Thursdays when the Pastor has open windows of time available.

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:
 Feb. 16 & Mar. 2**

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

Correction: Art Display

Ruth Fulmer taught for 4 years in the preschool before becoming the director, not 20. Ruth is much too young for that kind of a record.

Be sure to see Ruth’s paintings in the Hilty room. You’ll be glad you did.

Card Making—March 7, 2015

Doris Alexander is hosting a Card making interest group for Sat. Mar. 7 at her home. Materials will be provided. More details will follow in the next Chimes issue.

Here’s What’s Happening in Confirmation and the High School Christian Education classes

Dave Roalef is leading the Confirmation youth, which consists of five young men in this group. They are working through the first year of a two year confirmation study program . Dave is leading them through the Bible, from beginning to end, this year. They also have special topics they discuss each week, like epiphany for example. The confirmands are also now serving as acolytes at the 10:45 service. Pastor Gabe will also be leading the class next year to complete the confirmation study.

The High School/ College youth just began a study on Heaven. They are going to watch the movie “Heaven is for real”, and follow it up with discussions, with the aid of a conversation guide. Meg Roalef and Bob Colvin lead these youth in their study. They average 3-4 youth in regular attendance, and always encourage them to bring new friends along with them.



February Book Club - Meets the 23rd.

Anyone interested in joining this reading club is welcome. We are reading “The All Girl Filling Station’s Last Reunion”, by Fannie Flagg. Bring some food to share and join in the discussion. We will meet on Monday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 pm .



Prayerful Pilates Class

If your Lenten intentions include taking better care of your body, praying more, and giving alms, then make a commitment to join us on five Thursdays during Lent for Prayerful Pilates. Freewill donations will be accepted for the Food Pantry. We will begin and end with prayer, and listen to soft instrumentals and Christian music while we exercise.

Pilates is a no-impact exercise form in which you use your body weight against gravity as you move through a series of controlled movements that focus on building core strength and increasing flexibility. All fitness levels are welcome because Pilates exercises can be customized. It’s always a good idea to check with your physician before beginning an exercise program. Taught by Pilates-certified instructor and Ascension parishioner Alexis McLaughlin.

Questions: irishlex63@gmail.com

BRING YOUR OWN MAT!

Thursdays– starts, Feb 19 @ 6:30 PM

Greenmont-Oak Park Ch basement

50+ Fellowship Meal

3T’s will meet Feb. 17 (third Tuesday of the month) at noon. Come to eat, play games, win prizes, and socialize. Any one 50 and older is invited to come give it a try. You might just like it. Cheryl Barnett will be the hostess.

Cheryl’s Craft Club will meet Wed., Feb. 18 at 2-4 in the Hilty Room to make Romantic Envelopes Ornaments that can be used at other times of the year. It looks like an envelope filled with flowers and any trinkets and beads you want to add. We plan to make several different kinds including cut out pictures. Bring small scissors, like decoupage scissors. Look for samples outside of Gabe’s office.



Chili—Cookoff

Greenmont-Oak Park Church & Ascension Church

Sat., Feb. 21, 2015

6:00 pm

At the Ascension Church Witzman Center (under the church)

You and your family are invited to participate in this ecumenical event.

Church members are encouraged to bring a pot of Chili or foods to share. Others in attendance are asked to pay \$2.00 /person or \$5.00/family.

Everyone will join in voting for their favorite Chili. We will have a friendly but tasty competition. Who will win the blue ribbon? Corn bread and dessert will also be part of the meal.

Call to RSVP—253-5171, so we can plan to have enough food for everyone.

