



Greenmont-Oak Park Community

United Church of Christ

Chimes



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Greenmont Church is called to:

- S—Support families & youth
- E—encourage spiritual development
- R—Reach out with service & fellowship
- V—Voice the hope of Good News in Jesus Christ
- E—Envision a better world through Christ's example

Church membership is based on the affirmation of the

Biblical covenant:

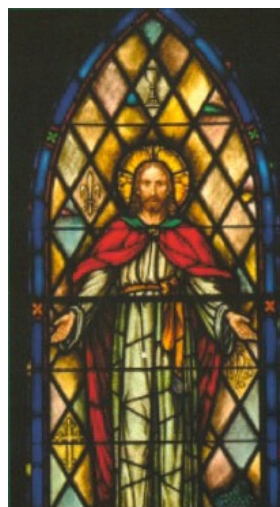
"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:30-31)

Scripture Readings for weeks:

April 3— Acts 5:27-32, Ps 118:14-29, Rev 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

April 10—Acts 9:1-6, 7-20, Ps 30, Rev. 5:11-14,
John 21:1-19

April 17— Acts 9:36-43, Ps 23, Rev 7:9-17,
John 10:22-30



He
is the
eternal
King.

1 TIMOTHY 1:17, NLT

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Monique Cooper

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Shelley Outlaw

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 Les George/Nov.

Arlene Uldrich Pasko Evanoff/No

Linda Oxley

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Loretta Liesch—Apr. 10

Bob Karl—Apr. 17

GREETERS:

Cheryl Barnett

Hopping Down the Bunny Trail - Happy Easter Memories Shared

This sounds like a happy eulogy for the Foskuhl E. Bunny, (laugh out loud).

My Mom hosted our first egg hunt in 1945 at 2117 Lexington Ave. In Springfield. The manager at J.C. Penny's in Springfield gave mom our first bunny suit. Mom promised that she would use it to visit children in the TB sanitarium and have neighborhood egg hunts. The last new suit was purchased with my retirement gift \$ from Five Points staff in 2005. It has a happy face!



When we had egg hunts in our yard at Greenmont Village in Kettering I boiled eggs. Beerman's used the eggs to demonstrate egg dye. The year that we had 100 children in our yard, a good friend, Nancy Farren, suggested that we move the hunt to Greenmont Church. This year the 47th annual egg hunt has been held at Greenmont Church and the 31st egg hunt at my "Old" school. 2015 was the 70th year that either my Mom or I were the E. Bunny. This year E. Bunny's helpers will enjoy my suits and I will be happy and thankful for the 70 years my mom and I were able to hop to

many houses, schools, nursing homes and churches etc. I am grateful that Patti King was able to hop in as my E. Bunny Junior replacement. She said she found great joy in doing it.

Thank you Marilyn for sharing this personal joyous ministry that has meant so much to you over the years. We hope to continue to share in the E. Bunny ministry, and your sharing your memories makes it all the richer. This year we estimated that we had around 300 children participate in the community egg hunt.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and those who brought candy. We had a good turn out. Over 4,000 eggs were filled and over 2,000 prizes were laid out in the fields. Thank YOU Again, Cheryl Barnett

Attendance - Mar. 20, 27 2016

8:45 service	15,	19
10:45 service	99,	150
Sunday School	20	no S.S.

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,687)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Nov. '15	\$23,591	+8,633
Dec. '15	\$14,476	- 482
Jan. '16	\$13,404	-1,283
Feb. '16	\$11,748	-2,939

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| Ken Hambrick | Edna Holland |
| Crystal Hudson | Sean Humphrey |
| Lori Keltner | Kristen King |
| Dustin Knowlton | Kelly McRonney |
| Bob McCray | Phyllis McCray |
| Steve Mills | Susan Mills |
| Jim Murphy | Delbert Newhouse |
| John Parnell | Sheri Parrett |
| Linda Peterson | Joyce Pratt |
| Jack Reger | Cindy Romano |
| Calire Riccos | Deb Richey |
| Beverly Smith | Diana Smith |
| Wayne Stolich | Stutz family |
| Connie Swanson | Joe Trevan |
| Lynn Uldrich | |
| Gloria Van Camp | Gina Van Camp |
| Larry Van Camp | Chloe Wakefield |
| Sue Wagner | Mark Webb |
| Tom Wheeler | Pat White |
| Diane Yost | |

Happy Birthday

- Christopher Risch— Apr. 10
- Frank Heath—Apr. 14
- Charlene Brown—Apr. 20
- Kay Rearick—Apr. 20



Those in Nursing Care

- Angie Brooks—St. Leonard Center
- Doris Greenwood—Oak Creek Terrace
- Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
- Betty Hine—St. Leonard Center
- Verdena Mardis—Brook Meadows

Military

- Adam Reeves
- Casey Ryan



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In Our Prayers

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Liz Ancil | Kevin Bader |
| Glenda Boddie | Ginny Breckler |
| Nolan & Dorothy Butts | Nancy Carter |
| Kara DePew | Robert Davis |
| Leigh Davis | Allen Dicks |
| Larry Earwood | Laura Etter |
| Barbara Etter | Marilyn Foskuhl |
| John George | Jamie Geswein |

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 Colleen Karl
 10:45 AM—Nursery (babies to 3yrs)

Chimes Article Deadlines are:
April 18, & May 2 2016

Bulletin Announcement deadline is: Wednesday of each week.

The Think, Act, Believe Like Jesus
 Study group is going strong. They have between 9 and 14 in attendance. Two new friends are sharing in the study. The study will continue for several more months, so if anyone wishes to join in, please do. We are having good discussions. - Nikki Taylor

Graduation 2016

it is time again to find out who the High School and College graduates are going to be this year. Please call the office or Email your information on the graduates by the end of April. - Barbara Richards

Happy Birthday!

Our 7 0th year! Help us grow and lead the start to head towards the next 30 years!

Return our \$71 Challenge by June 30th. Mark it for your Challenge contribution and bring it in or mail it in, and if your heart tells you to do more praise God!

Let's all hurry and get those gifts in to start making it grow! - Finance/ Stewardship



Coming Soon All Church—Tent Sale

“Donate unwanted usable items”

The Trustee Committee is preparing for the annual all church tent Sale to be held April 27 & 28. As you spring clean save your unwanted usable items to bring to the sale.

The Trustees will have a pickup service for items, beginning Monday evening April 25th. Cal the church if you need pickup service. If you have small items that you can bring yourself, they can be brought to the church during the day or evening hours Tues.—Thurs., April 26 to 28.

Volunteers are also needed to help price—sort items throughout the week and work the sale on Friday and Saturday. Any Questions, talk to Gary Etter, Greg Goodner, Ray Urbanas, Ron Lyttle, Jacque Fisher, Connie Medlin.

The profits from the sale will go toward church property needs cared for by the Trustees work.



Rite of Confirmation 2016

We Officially welcome these 5 young men into Greenmont-Oak Park Community United Church of Christ. It was a very meaningful day for all.

Cole Adkins, Landon Dull, Evan Lakins, Dominic Palmer, Jesse Reliford

2016 WINGS Events Planned for ladies

All ladies of the church are welcome to join in any activity. The leadership has organized several fun, social and spiritually uplifting events for the coming year.

Here are some upcoming events:

Apr. 10—April Flowers Bring May Flowers

(follows worship – includes lunch)

May 8— Mothers Day event
 (watch for details)

June 18—Mystery Trip
 (watch for details)

July 16—a Mini- Day-retreat



Has Something Come Up?

Just a reminder that if you need any assistance in a Pastoral sense, I am just a phone call away. My phone number is 727-515-6622. I can be reached at any time. I also am at the Church and available most Mon. through Wed. mornings, please call to set a time to meet. Most times I can meet with you that day at your home or at the church. - Pastor Gabe

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

Some Quotes to Think about

- * "The devil knows your name but calls you by your sin. God knows your sin but calls you by your name." - Ricardo Sanchez
- * "The greatest gift we can give back to our great God is to let his love make us glad."
- Ann Voskamp
- * "If we are not planted in Christ, we'll be uprooted in crisis."
- Unknown

Couch and Love Seat for Sale

We have had a donation of a Floral Patterned sofa and love seat given to the church. The set is in the Gathering Place on the upper level. The donor is asking for a gift of \$125 for both pieces together, with all the proceeds going to the church. - contact the church office if interested

Adopting-A-Park

On Saturday, April 16th a group of church members are going to a Metro Park to help spring clean in recognition of Earth Day! The group had to register with the Parks Division, but if you are still interested in joining the group, call Connie Sink, 654-0205, and ask about joining them.

New

A Welcoming, Comforting Ministry is present with us in the sanctuary.

When you join in worship on Sunday's or even any day of the week, you will not be alone in the sanctuary. We have two to three worship/prayer/comfort creatures in each pew to bring comfort and care to those around them.

These little soft creatures come with an introduction tag:

This little creature has spent time in the midst of our congregation. It has heard the Scriptures read, sermons preached, prayers prayed and songs of praise sung. It knows both the joys and they heartaches of people, and has been surrounded by the love so freely shared by our community of faith. It comes to offer you comfort and peace, with all the blessings of worship and love. If you need to have him around for your comfort, this "Creature of God" is yours to keep.

They are free to take by guests, or anyone as a gift of love and peace. We also have our basic church contact information on the tag the stuffed creature wears.



National Volunteer Week

April 10—17

We want to recognize and THANK ALL the VOLUNTEERS that do so much to serve in so many ways. I know only a few of the ways our church members volunteer in the community. I know of many-many ways they volunteer here at church.

Community service: At Hospitals, At SISCA, the Food Bank, the Kettering Back Pack Program, Sports team coaches, Service clubs—Optimist International & Masons, the Schools, Recovery programs, the Air Force Museum and I'm sure there are many more.

Church service: property repairs and care, lawn care, worship prep and leadership, communion prep, music, egg hunt, many meals for social events and bereavement, visiting the shut-ins, transporting a friend to church, transporting the youth to functions, youth leader helpers, teaching a class or study group or VBS, staffing the pumpkin patch, preschool volunteering, school supplies support, food pantry volunteering and support, administrative leadership, fundraising planner/participating, assisting transportation to doctors visit for a friend, the hugs and hand shakes—touch of caring, and the list could go on and on.

SO IN OTHER WORDS:

BEING CHRIST TO ONE-ANOTHER

BEING OF SERVICE

BEING A BELOVED COMMUNITY OF GOD

We humbly THANK YOU ALL !!

- Nova Kigar & the church staff

A shepherd's role

While traveling in Iran, writer Eric Bishop asked a villager about an earthen enclosure topped with dry thorns. The man said sheep stayed in the round space at night for safety. "What are the thorns for?" Bishop asked. "If a wolf tries to break in and attack the sheep," the man replied, "He'll knock against the thorns, and they'll make a noise, and the shepherd will wake up and drive off the wolf."

Pointing out the enclosure's entrance, Bishop asked why a wolf wouldn't just enter there. Because, replied the villager, "That's where the shepherd sleeps; the shepherd is the door."

Suddenly Bishop understood why in John 10 Jesus calls himself first the door, or gate, for the sheep and then the Good Shepherd. Because Jesus is the shepherd, he's also the door that keeps us, his sheep, safe within his care.

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