



Greenmont-Oak Park Community

United Church of Christ

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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:

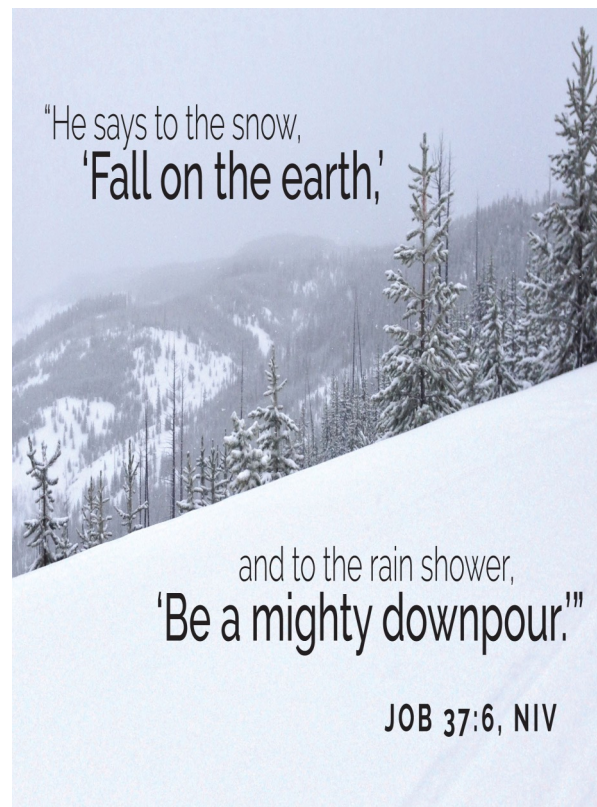
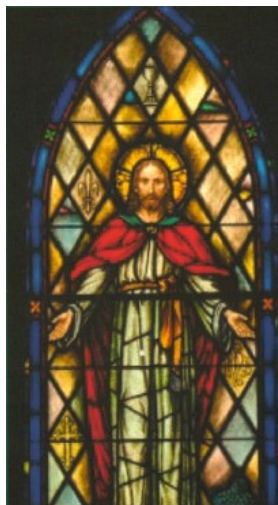
*"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ( Mark 12:30-31)*

#### Scripture Readings for weeks:

Feb. 14— Deut 26:1-11, Ps 91: 1-2, 9-16,  
Rom 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

Feb. 21— Gen 15;1-12, 17-18, Ps 27, Phil 3:17-4:1,  
Luke 13:31-35 , Luke 9:28-36

Feb. 28— Isa 55:1-9, Ps 63:1-8, I Cor 10:1-13,  
Luke 13:1-9



"He says to the snow,  
'Fall on the earth,'

and to the rain shower,  
'Be a mighty downpour.'"

JOB 37:6, NIV

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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      Les George/Nov.

Arlene Uldrich Pasko Evanoff/No

Linda Oxley

**WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**GREETERS:**

Cheryl Barnett





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**It's our Greenmont-Oak Park Church's 70th Birthday**

In honor of this special birthday we will recognize this year using "70" as a goal or theme in a financial challenge and in service mission Projects. Everyone can participate in meeting this challenge, from Ministry teams to small groups, from families to individuals, we can help the church celebrate this milestone Birthday throughout the year ahead.

The Financial challenge is the gift of \$1.00 to turn into \$70 dollars as a birthday gift to the church. Envelopes were handed out at worship on Sunday, Feb. 7. An added bonus to the challenge is that church member Tim Fox, who owns a car dealership, has upped the challenge that when we have a significant amount of funds collected, he will use it to purchase and then sell a car increasing the profits going to the church.

The second part of the "70" challenge is to find ways to do service projects, possibly community service projects that honor our 70th birthday and let the community know we serve God and love our neighbors. This way we can build bridges between the church and our neighbors. WE can work on our church Mission to SERVE.

Here are just a few examples to get your own Spirit filled ideas flowing, let God flow through you sparking your own great ideas.

- \* a family or group of friends could collect 70 bars of soap or TP or any item for the pantry
- \* The cycling group could get sponsors for a 7 mile ride, giving the donations to a charity of their choosing, in honor of our 70th birthday.
- \* The Christian Ed Ministry could set "70" as their goal for children and youth helpers in attendance at VBS.
- \* Maybe check in with Greenmont School, see what they need and multiply it by 70 to help the children. ( collect 70 books for the Library?)
- \* Do something for our neighbors the Kettering Fire fighters

You get the idea, I'm sure. Let God guide you and go for it, let us celebrate God's love and grace in our lives and share it with the world around us. Let us tell all that God's love has sustained us for 70 years and we are celebrating it with them.

- Nova Kigar, Church Office  
And the Official Board

**Attendance - Feb. 7, 14**

8:45 service	no info.	23
10:45 service	no info.	57
Sunday School	26	23

Ash Wed. 27

**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



**Happy Birthday**

- Brian Donovan—Feb. 19
- Roger Fulmer—Feb. 19
- Ellen Farra—Feb. 19
- Elizabeth Ancil—Feb. 23
- Lori Keltner—Feb. 23
- Marilyn Foskuhl—Feb. 26
- Ellen Earwood—Feb. 27
- Janet Coleman—Feb. 28
- Gary Etter—Mar. 1

**In Our Prayers**

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Judy Admundson | Liz Ancil       |
| Kevin Bader    | Glenda Boddie   |
| Ginny Breckler | Cindy Brodowski |
| Nancy Carter   | Kara DePew      |
| Robert Davis   | Leigh Davis     |
| Allen Dicks    | Ahmad Doucet    |
| Laura Etter    | Barbara Etter-  |
| Pasko Evanoff  | Marilyn Foskuhl |

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|------------------|------------------|
| Donna Foskuhl    | John George      |
| Jamie Geswein    | Dawn Gilmore     |
| Ken Hambrick     | Edna Holland     |
| Crystal Hudson   | Sean Humphrey    |
| Lori Keltner     | Kristen King     |
| Dustin Knowlton  | Charlie Mayfield |
| Kelly McRonney   | Bob McCray       |
| Phyllis McCray   | Steve Mills      |
| Susan Mills      | Jim Murphy       |
| Delbert Newhouse | Ester Oxley      |
| John Parnell     | Sheri Parrett    |
| Joyce Pratt      | Jack Reger       |
| Cindy Romano     | Calire Riccos    |
| Deb Richey       | Roalef Family    |
| Beverly Smith    | Diana Smith      |
| Wayne Stolich    | Stutz family     |
| Joe Trevan       | Lynn Uldrich     |
| Arlene Uldrich   | Gloria Van Camp  |
| Gina Van Camp    | Larry Van Camp   |
| Chloe Wakefield  | Sue Wagner       |
| Mark Webb        | Pat White        |
| Diane Yost       |                  |



**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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**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:  
Feb. 29 & Mar. 6 , 2016**

**Bulletin Announcement dead-  
line is: Wednesday of each  
week.**

**A Divestment Ministry Team** has been formed. The members are Sandy Conn, Kathy Gibson, Carolyn Fox and Gary Etter. Tim Fox will act as advisor to the team.

**Ladies Book Club Feb. Choice**

The Ladies will be reading, "The Girl You Left Behind" by Jo Jo Moyes. All ladies are welcome to join the book club in any book reading. They will meet on the last Monday of the month for a light supper and discussion. In Feb. that will be the 29th, at 6:30 pm.



**Christian Education is planning to meet Wednesday, February 24th at 7pm for the first VBS planning meeting.**

We need lots and lots of helpers! If you haven't ever helped with VBS 2016 is the year to step up! Please join us in the planning stages!

You won't be sorry, it's a great ministry to the community youth and a service to the Lord. Actually lots of fun too!

We need all the help we can get! If you can't make the first meeting please let the church office or Nikki Taylor know you're interested.

Thank you!



**Mar 9—Ecumenical Lenten Taize Service**

Join both the Greenmont-Oak Park Church choir and the Ascension choir in a very meditative Lenten worship service on March 9th at 7 PM at Ascension church. This style of worship is planned to bring you closer to God, to quiet down the noises of the world, to be meditative. It is a service of scripture and song in a candlelight setting.

**Preschool Open House**

**& 2016-17 Class Registration**

On Monday, Feb. 29th we will begin Registration for fall classes for parents who have children currently enrolled, and Greenmont-Oak Park Church members. Then beginning March 5, open enrollment will begin. Green-Oak Preschool will be having an OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, March 5, 12 to 2 PM for families of prospective students and current students. Fun refreshments will be served, balloons handed out and tours of the school offered.

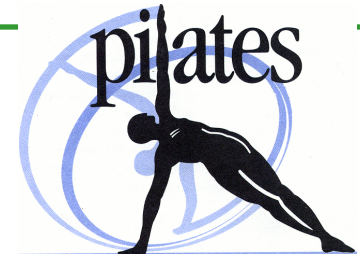
Check out the school website for more information:

[www.greenoakpreschool.com](http://www.greenoakpreschool.com)

We will continue to take registrations until the class enrollments are filled. If you would like to visit the school, I am available most mornings to give a tour.

- Valerie Baker, Preschool Director

**A Coloring Day** is planned for Saturday, February 20, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at Doris Alexander's home, 3951 Maricarr Drive, Kettering. Bring your coloring books, pencils, or markers. If you haven't gotten into coloring yet, you are welcome to join us. We'll have extra pages available for you. If 1:30 is not good for you, just drop in later. To let us know you are coming, please call Doris at 298-4176 or Barb LeBlanc at 256-6490.



**Prayerful Pilates**

If your Lenten intentions include taking better care of your body, praying more, and giving alms, then make a commitment to join us on the six Tuesdays during Lent for Prayerful Pilates. Freewill donations are accepted to support the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Pantry, a joint mission of Greenmont-Oak Park Church and Ascension Parish. 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. It is always a good idea to check with your physician before beginning an exercise program. Taught by American Council of Exercise-certified instructor and Ascensions member Alexis McLaughlin. Questions: irishlex63@gmail.com

**Bring Your Own Mat**

When: 7 –8 PM, Tuesdays

starting Feb. 16th

Where: Ascension Church Witzman Center ( lower level)

The class had a good attendance last year, and can help continue to build ongoing relationships.



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

**"In Sympathy"**



We extend our prayers to Betty Hine and family for the passing of Vern Hine this past week. Pastor Gabe officiated at the funeral service for the family.

Cards may be sent to:

Betty Hine  
1223 Duckview Ct  
Centerville, Oh 45458

**Hunger Profile is more than just hunger**  
**19% have diabetes**  
**28% have depression**  
**95% have limits on their daily activity**  
**- United Health statistics**

**2016 Bulletin and Flower Calendars** are ready for donors to sign-up to assist worship by purchasing bulletins or flowers. Sponsoring either bulletins or flowers is a nice way to remember a loved one or special event. Thanks to all who sign up!

**Bulletin sponsorship will be \$15.00 this year, 2016** and can be placed in the offering plate, indicate what payment is for.

**Flower donations are \$20.00 and must be paid for in advance by at least two weeks.** Again, place in the offering plate and indicate what payment is for.

**Eagle Scout Project Update**

As you may know, I am working on an Eagle project to benefit the Neighbor to Neighbor food pantry co-run by Greenmont and Ascension churches. I will be constructing a pair of benches and a bulletin board as well as putting up an awning so that the pantry's visitors may wait out of the elements to be helped. Unfortunately, the awning selected based on the pantry's needs is rather expensive, so I have been raising funds to purchase it. Ascension has committed a very generous grant to the project, and combined with the \$315 raised through the generous contributions of Greenmont members, we are only \$685 away from our goal. I would like to express my enormous gratitude to those who have already contributed, and I would also like to let you know that if you haven't contributed anything but would like to, there is still time. Checks can be made out to the church with Eagle Project on the memo line, and there are envelopes at the back of the sanctuary that can be used for cash or check contributions. Every contribution helps, no matter what the size, so please consider helping the pantry's visitors if you haven't already. Once again, thank you to everyone for your prayers and support in helping improve our pantry.

**Join our Adult Bible Class**

Do you enjoy a lively conversation? How about a difference of opinion? We have just the place for you on Sunday Mornings. Join us in the Donut room at 9:30 on Sunday. We are reading the Book of Mark and the miracles that Jesus did. All opinions and arguments are welcome. Barbara Richards

**Reflections on Gun Violence**

The Adult Contemporary Sunday School class has finished our study series on gun violence. We discovered that all the states surrounding Ohio have some sort of background check laws and that states that enforce these laws have almost 50% fewer police shootings, suicides using guns, domestic partner shootings and gun trafficking.

After discussing global and domestic implications of gun ownership, we concluded that we would like to see laws addressing background checks, licensing and education about guns. One way to try and get legislation passed is to write to State and Federal representatives and senators. We have drafted a sample letter below if you, too feel the need for a reigning in of guns in attempt to reduce gun violence, accidental shootings, suicides using guns, mass shootings, etc. You can use this link to find the contact info for the representatives you can write to. [https://www.google.com/?gws\\_rd=ssl#q=ohio+representatives](https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=ohio+representatives). Please consider your stand on guns and how we can make our own backyards safer. Thanks for taking time to read this.

Dear *State Rep/Senator*:

I am concerned, saddened and angered by the gun violence and deaths caused by shooting here in Ohio and the United States. I feel that stricter laws should be passed especially here in Ohio. It has been proven that laws in other states requiring background checks can reduce the number of shooting deaths of police, suicides using guns, domestic shootings and gun trafficking by nearly 50%.

I would like to see State legislation that calls for

- Background checks for anyone purchasing a gun in Ohio
- Licensing of all guns
- Education in elementary & secondary schools that teaches the dangers of guns, etc
- Education of gun owners about safe keeping of weapons and the consequences of kids and others who can get a hold of the guns they own
- Banning Gun and Knife shows if they cannot be compliant with the laws

I believe that although legislation will not eliminate violence, it is the first step in reducing mass shootings, accidental deaths, domestic partners killings and suicides. It is too easy to buy a gun in Ohio. All of our neighboring states have background check legislation. It is time for us to recognize the part we are playing in gun violence. It is time for the shooting to stop.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and consider what your constituents have to say on this matter. Human life is too valuable to just vanish with the pulling of a trigger. We need your help to keep our families safe.

Sincerely, xxx, Registered Voter Kettering, Ohio 45419