



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:

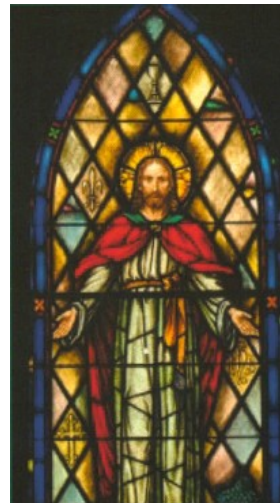
"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:30-31)

Scripture Readings for weeks:

Jan. 17 -Isa 62:1-5, Ps 36:5-10, I Cor 12:1-11,
John 2:1-11

Jan. 24-Neh 8:1-3,5-6,8-10, Ps 19, I Cor 12:12-31a,
Luke 4:14-21

Jan. 31—Jer 1;4-10, Ps 71:1-6, I Cor 13:1-13, Luke
4:21-30



-WINTER-

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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

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WORSHIP LEADERS:

GREETERS:

Cheryl Barnett



Going and Growing at GOPCUCC—Starting off strong

The first quarter of a football game is important! No one likes to come from behind. So...our first Quarter, Jan., Feb. And March, we need gifts to "score" for our budget.

2015 was 66% better than 2014, thanks to all of you! You did it! If the first "Quarter" in 2016 we can get going to a good start, we won't have to "Come from behind."

We need volunteers to help serve the church and donations, \$5.00 to \$500. together, if we pray hard and give we will keep GOPCUCC going and growing!

Thank you and Bless you,
Tim Fox, Stewardship and Finance



Automatic Tithing

Did you know that if you do online banking with your bank or credit union you can have your weekly/monthly tithe done automatically by your financial institution? You can set up an auto-pay and the bank can send your check directly to the church. You won't have to remember to bring your checkbook to church! Initially you will want to call the office or drop a note in the offering plate telling the financial secretary (Anna Slaidins) which bank will be sending the payment and how much to expect. That way she can correctly match up the payments with the giver. As always, your tithing donations will be kept confidential by the financial secretary.

And, yet to come in 2016, you will be able to tithe through paypal! More information to follow in a few weeks. If you have any questions, please call the office 252-6705 or Anna Slaidins. - Thanks! From the Finance Committee

Offering Envelopes Also Available

The church also has Offering envelopes available for submitting your weekly/monthly offerings or tithes. You can pick up a box of envelopes from the church office, weekdays or on Sunday mornings . Please sign out the box with your name and the box number on the sign-out sheet.

Attendance - Jan. 10, 17

8:45 service	17	19
10:45 service	47	76
Sunday School	22	23

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Nov. '15	\$23,591	+8,633
Dec. '15	\$14,476	- 482

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| John George | Jamie Geswein |
| Dawn Gilmore | |
| Ken Hambrick | Edna Holland |
| Crystal Hudson | Sean Humphrey |
| 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 | Gloria Van Camp |
| Gina Van Camp | Larry Van Camp |
| Chloe Wakefield | Sue Wagner |
| Mark Webb | Pat White |
| Diane Yost | |

Happy Birthday

- Dixie Archer—Jan. 20
- Mary Marcum—Jan. 22
- Elizabeth Sumner—Jan. 22
- Garrett Rayney—Jan. 27
- Linda George—Jan. 29
- Eric Sink—Jan. 30
- Chloe Karl—Jan. 31



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 |
| Henrietta Dicks | Ahmad Doucet |
| Laura Etter | Pasko Evanoff |
| Marilyn Foskuhl | Donna Foskuhl |



Those in Nursing Care

- Angie Brooks—St. Leonard Center
- Doris Greenwood—Oak Creek Terrace
- Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
- Vern /Betty Hine—St. Leonard Center
- Verdena Mardis—Sterling House

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. 1 & 15, 2016**



2016

Please consider greeting as an added bonus to the worship hour. Sharing a hello and hug with those joining us in worship, starts the service with a very good feeling, releasing or empowering the Holy Spirit within.

If you would like to be a greeter for just a Sunday or an entire month, please sign up on the sheet posted across from the church office.

It's Not Too Late to Join Us

Think, Act, Be Like Jesus—New Study

The Christian Education ministry is gearing up to begin a Bible based study on Tuesday evenings in January, 2016 using the book "Think, Act, Believe Like Jesus" by Randy Frazee.

The book asks three big questions: What do I believe? What should I do? Who am I becoming?

In *Think, Act, Be Like Jesus*, bestselling author and pastor Randy Frazee helps readers grasp the vision of the Christian life and get started on the journey of discipleship.

You may purchase your book individually. Please read up through the first chapter before attending the first study group on Jan 12, 2016.

Contacts - Nikki Taylor or Loretta Leisch

2015 Finance/Stewardship Report

2015 was a measured turn around for GOP-CUSS's financial and living course. We have reassessed our expenditures and income sources. We have reexamined our service and growth potentials.

Investment and divestment are partners in success for a living, growing church. Both require new, bold moves to assure the health of this Bride of Christ.

When we work together, through His teachings, we win.

I look forward to having the same support and creativity that we witnessed in 2015, this year.

Your church can grow and teach, preach, heal and feed His people. Your support and work has had a great impact!

Respectfully,
Tim Fox, Finance/Stewardship



Reminder— the Submarine Sandwich sale

can still take orders until Jan. 28th. The sandwiches are ham, salami and pepperoni with cheese, mild banana peppers (optional) and pizza sauce. The cost is \$3.50 each. Call in orders accepted, until Jan. 28.

Then the sandwiches will be made for pick up on Friday, Feb. 5th between 7 to 8 PM.

All church member orders proceeds will go toward Trustee projects.

Thank you for all who helped with the Great Train Race. We had fun down on our knees playing with the wood and balloon powdered trains. Thank you to the Youth Group for putting away the chairs and tables.



The next Fellowship event is the **Valentine's Day Party**, Saturday, February 13, 7 - 9 pm. We will be making Valentines, playing games, making music with toy musical instruments, dancing, fellowship and food. Everyone is welcomed. Please RSVP to Cheryl Barnett at: 937-231-8077 or Cbarnett456sbcglobal.net

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

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: 6:30 –7:30 PM, Tuesdays
starting Feb. 16th
Where: Ascension Church Witzman Center (lower level)

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



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.

Those of you who have been fortunate to go to Hawaii I would appreciate talking with you. Your input will be helpful in planning our Hawaiian Luau. Thank you. Cheryl Barnett

The Spirit within us

God, though present everywhere, has a special residence, as being a pure Spirit, in our minds—"In God we live, and move, and have our being." God is somewhere in the recesses of our soul, in the springs of our existence, a light in that mysterious region of our nature where the wishes, feelings, thoughts, and emotions take their earliest rise. The mind is a sanctuary, in the center of which the Lord sits enthroned, the lamp of consciousness burning before God.

- Adolph Saphir, Newsletter newsletter

A New Year Resolution

Let us resolve: First to attain the grace of silence; Second to deem all fault-finding that does no good a sin... Third to practice the grace and virtue of praise. - Harriet Beecher Stowe

Have mercy
on me, O God,
according to your
steadfast love.

Psalm 51:1, NRSV

Pine Mountain Settlement School

Dear Friends,

The year 2015 is coming softly to a close at Pine Mountain—long shadows of trees in the shortened day, the sights and sounds of the Nativity Play, and animals searching for food with greater care and attention. It is a special time of year, and I am grateful for the opportunity to update you on our work.

As we look towards the future, it is now more important than ever to invest in the children and people of the Kentucky Mountains. We will re-launch the Little School, a quality early education and parenting support for families every week on campus. In June, we will host an international conference for botanists bringing many researchers here to experience the place we call home. In the fall, we will host a series of conferences that focus on practical, action based entrepreneurship in sustainable and promising economic sectors in Eastern Kentucky.

We thank you for your support.

Geoff Marietta, Executive Director

2016 Pledge Cards

Please remember to turn in your 2016 pledge cards, so we can begin to understand our financial picture for the coming year. If you have misplaced your pledge card, there are extra cards on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

We thank you for supporting our church.

THANKS

Thanks to everyone who made Monique and Friends on December 4th a special night. The choir really came through with the cookies and snacks, and drinks.

I think all had a great time. A special thanks to those I grabbed at the last minute to help me!! I'll let Monique tell you how much she got to help her for her trip to Europe in February. Thanks again, Jane Simmons

Thanks to the Many Community Supporters of the Food Pantry and the Christmas Basket programs.

Several area businesses and area churches and school groups continue to offer their support to the pantry. We wanted to let you know about these partnerships. They are:

Tangles Hair Salon, Kitty Hawk Square Dance Club, the Meijer's store on Wilmington, Fairmont High School students, Hasbro Toys, Kodak (the local division on Research Park), our own 3 T's group, Ascension Church, Sugar Creek Women's group, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and Faith Lutheran Church.

We really appreciate all our supporters, and all the volunteers in making this a caring community. THANK YOU!!

Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$150 recently made to Homefull. Your support, especially during this holiday season, allows us to provide critical services to the homeless. We Thank You for joining us in this important work. -Tine Patterson, CEO