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The Coming of Our Savior, Jesus Christ !



Merry Christmas to All!

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Rev. Bob Smitley

GREETERS:

Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Sheri Parrett

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Robert Duerr

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Jacque Fisher

Mary Jane McBride

Shelley Outlaw

Chapel Worship:

8:45 a.m.

Morning Worship:

10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Hour:

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Nursery - Adult

Ushers:

8:45 -

Gary Etter

Loren Houck

10:45 -

Kendall Cobb

Greg Goodner

"From the Pastor"

DINNER AND TLC Groups

Starting in January several people have agreed to host Dinner & (TLC) Tender Loving Care groups where we are inviting members to participate and to get better acquainted with other members of our church family.

These groups of (plus or minus) eight will meet in homes for dinner, interactive activities and discussion once a month for five to six months. We hope that spiritual nurture, support, and fellowship will grow out of these Dinner and TLC small groups. We hope to grow together as a church family and experience the Spirit of our loving God in our midst as we break bread together.

We are looking for fifteen adult people to join us: couples and single people, young and seasoned folks to join us. You will be divided up among our hosts/facilitators and work out a dinner date. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board across from the church offices.

Excitedly yours,
Pastor Greg



Worship schedule:

Dec. 20 Luke 1:39-55 - "Meeting with Elizabeth"

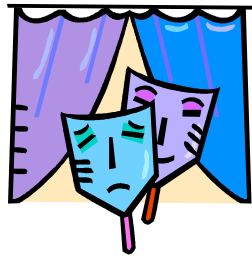
Dec. 24 Luke 2:1-20 - "Christmas Past, Present & Future"

"Godspell" Auditions!

When: December 28 & 29, January 4th & 5th
Time: 7 - 8:30 PM

Where: Greenmont-Oak Park Community church

What: Auditions will consist of prepared song of at least 24 bars (accompanist provided), movement, readings and improv.



Production Dates: March 5-7, 2010 Information, call Patti King, 776-8299

Come be a part of this dynamic production!

Vital Statistics

Attendance Dec. 13, 09

8:45 - 30

10:45 - 115

Sunday School - 49

Offering - Operating Income

(monthly budget need - \$16,125)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Jan. '09	\$16,653	+ 475
Feb. '09	\$12,298	- 3,827
Mar. '09	\$14,598	- 1,527
Apr. '09	\$13,466	- 2,659
May '09	\$17,198	+1,073
June '09	\$10,176	- 5,949
July '09	\$11,929	- 4,196
Aug. '09	\$13,373	- 2,752
Sept. '09	\$14,255	- 1,870
Oct. '09	\$13,356	- 2,769
Nov. '09	\$21,362	+ 5,237

Happy Birthday

Don Keltner - Dec. 19
Adam Donovan - Dec. 22
Jamie Medlin - Dec. 22
Sean Humphrey - Dec. 22
Carol Vires - Dec. 24
Margaret Dill - Dec. 27
Ray urbanas - Dec. 27
Jim Jones - Dec. 28
Ashley Steinbrunner - Jan. 2



In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander
Joan Bockrath
Glenda Boddie
Nolan Butts
Margaret & Robert Davis, Sr.
Mitch Deis
Harriett Edwards
Fran Ericson



Jim Farra	Mike & Debbie
Linda George	Mantia
Jamie Geswein	Lauren McClure
Gene Gibson	Bob McCray
Dawn Gilmore	Deloris Miller
Beverly Guffey	Marcella Miller
Tom Hine	Greg Moldovan
Judy Hirshman	Karolina
Katie Horvath	O'Donnell
Lottie Jaeger	Nancy Pratt
Jeanie Jenkovich	Rama Rengan
Pat Jergens	Cindy Romano
Marilyn Jones	Harriet Shawhan
Dustin Knowlton	Sue Shroyer
Eric Landing	Kathy Steele
Mary Lehman	Connie Swanson
Peggy Lewis	Danny Tomaz
Nancy Lyttle	Gloria Van
Barbara Lyttle	Camp
	Flo Warner
	Evelyn Wheeler
	Vera Westfall

Those in Nursing Care

Mary Lou Chaney - Bethany Vlg.
Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek
Margaret Dill - Masonic Home
Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek
Opal Hunter - The Sanctuary
Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing
Mr & Mrs. Patterson - Liberty Woods
Charles Warren - Vlg. of Westerville
Wilma Yost - Kingston of Miamisburg

Military

Ian Beall - Iraq
Michael Beall - Iraq
2nd Lieut. Andrew Hayden - Iraq
SPC 4 Tyler Mantia - USA
PFC Michael Mantia - USA
Capt. Adam Reeves - Iraq
Corp. Ryan Stites - Japan

"Special Christmas Offering"

We will equally divide the offerings up to a value of \$2100 between Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors in Need, St Vincent de Paul, Veterans of the Cross, and YWCA's Battered Women's program. If we exceed the total of \$2100, the donations above the 2100 will then be given to the church operating budget. Special giving envelopes came to you in last week's Chimes. - Official Board



"Christmas Staff Gifts"

As the Christmas Season approaches, it's time to be thankful for our many blessings - especially our hard-working staff! Please remember Greg, Nova, and our music staff and thank them for all their efforts this past year. Staff gift envelopes are available in the back of the church or you may designate a gift for our staff on your offering envelope. - Susan Beall, Staff Committee

"We are cleaning up the coat rack areas of the church, if you have left any clothing, coats, sleep over supplies, now is the time to claim them. All unclaimed items will be removed before Christmas. - Thank you Trustees"



WINGS Appreciates You!

Thank you to everyone who brought yummy treats to share at The Annual Christmas Tea, everything was delicious and plentiful! Our church family is so loving, and always contributes so generously, WINGS sincerely appreciates all of you.

I would like to personally thank WINGS committee members, Diana Knowlton, Toni Bailey, Sasha Taylor and Karen Brown for all their help. Joyce Kelley and Paula Geswein have also been a blessing of constant support and help to WINGS this past year. Also, a special thank you to Jane Simmons, Elizabeth Sumner and Phyllis Lakins for helping with the tea.

As you can see, it takes many hands to plan and coordinate events at the church...and it's all to the glory of Him. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful group, you are welcome to join us at any time.

Merry Christmas and love to all!
Nikki Taylor

Dear Greenmont Church,

Mrs. Mary Breckinridge was a woman of great determination. Mary brought nurse-midwifery to America to better serve healthcare needs of mothers and babies. She spent over 40 years providing family centered healthcare to the people of Appalachia and educating nurses across the globe in frontier nursing.

Today, 84 years later, your gift allows the Frontier Nursing Service to carry on Mary's vision. We are not down-sizing, we are expanding. We are opening local school clinics, and increasing home health services to our families.

Your determination to assist in our efforts merits our deep appreciation and sincere thanks. Without your help our community would not receive quality care, and Frontier Nursing programs would not continue to support new areas like Alaska. Thank You, Sincerely, AnnDraia Bales, Development Secretary

"Thank You for Your Faith in Action"

"Thank You to All the Congregation, for your support of the Food Pantry and the Christmas Baskets for our neighbors. Your generosity continues to witness to God's presence in our lives. May Christ's Peace be with you all. - Mission Outreach



Dear Church Family,

On my bedroom wall I have posted my Christmas Cards from my Church family. Thank you so much. And to the "Footprints" children, thank you for the gift and the pretty little bag you made. - Merry Christmas, Margaret Cobb

"Dear Greenmont Church"

Thank you all for your gift of cards and candy. When I opened and read through the cards, it truly felt like Christmas. It lightened my whole day. Thank you - Rosemary Alostock

"Pass This On - to Benefit Someone You May Know"

If you know of any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE house-cleaning - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. See www.cleaningforareason.org - Lisa Bleeke

"Merry Christmas"

On behalf of the Chimes volunteers and myself, we wish you a blessed Christmas celebration.

This will be the last Chimes of 2009, our first 2010 issue will come out the first week in January. - Nova Kigar

Hello Greenmont Church family,

I just wanted to give everyone an update on our youth programs.

Our junior high kids (5th Quarter) meet every Friday night 8 - 11 PM. We started out with 3 kids and now average about 20 kids. At the Halloween Party we had 31 junior high kids. Most exciting so far, we had a Lock-In on Nov. 13th and it was a big success with 26 junior high and 10 senior high youth. We played games, one of the favorite is "Light of the Lord Scavenger Hunt" It teaches a message that God is our light and He'll show us the way. Another favorite is like capture the flag, where they have to find Jesus and bring him back to the town. They played until 2 AM. Of course we had pizza another favorite, not a slice was left. We took the kids pictures and then later they decorated a frame for it to keep the memory of their evening. Some of the youth watched movies or played cards and the seniors played Apples to Apples until 5:30 AM. We had pancakes for breakfast and with no sleep we still managed to have everything cleaned up in time for Zumba class.

Our youth helped with the Giving Thanks Dinner, and will be participating in the December Christmas events. We will be helping with the Christmas baskets by offering free wrapping of gifts and serving families breakfast and carrying baskets for families. I hope we have a good turn out of youth to help. I know some of the kids have their own church and holiday obligations but it would be great to extend our church family traditions to them as well.

The Crusaders (3 - 6th grade) are made up of 4 kids, but their hearts are big enough for 30. They're doing an outreach activity "Operation Christmas Child" by sending shoe boxes filled with toys, trinkets and candy to needy children. We meet once a month, but by great demand we're going to twice a month.

I'm enjoying the youth very much and want to thank everyone for their support. A special thanks is given to God, and my adult helpers; Brian & Ramona Donovan, Pastor Greg, Brittany King, Greg Goodner, Dave & Meg Roalef, Marion Steel, & my husband Brian, without them it wouldn't be possible. Also thanks to the Trustees for putting in the doors to our new youth room, they look awesome. The room will be put to good use. God Bless, Sheri Parrett

Youth Events

- Dec. 18 - 6 pm - Christmas Baskets
- 8 pm 5th quarter
- Dec. 19 - 9 am - Christmas Baskets
- Dec. 20 - 2 pm - Christmas Caroling
and program.

Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church

Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 20 - 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm



2:15 Carolers go out and spread Joy!
3:20 All return for cookies and hot chocolate. Neighbors are invited to join us.



3:45 The Children's Christmas Play
4:00 a visit from "A Jolly Old Elf!"
And we will be giving the traditional church Christmas ornament to families.



Join us in
*celebrating
the birth of Jesus
Christmas Eve.*
**10 PM - Traditional service,
with Communion**

"Wonderful Faith In God"

I received a report from Frank Lakins, our finance and Stewardship chairperson and from JoAnn Jay, our financial secretary that over \$100,000.00 was pledged for year 2010 mission plan. That is the best pledge commitment I have ever seen. While that may not cover the total expenses for next year, it does say that our membership is truly committed to the ministries of GOPCC and that you are supporting our mission plan as best as God is enabling you. Our mission plan is not funded by taxes, or grant monies. Our ministries are supported by followers of Christ who are filled with the Holy Spirit and eager to participate in the mission of God that "all may be one" and "reconciled to himself." It is supported by passionate and compassionate people who want to love God more dearly and serve our neighbors more clearly.

Thank you for your commitment and pledges to the 2010 mission plan of Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church. May God continue to bless you with His abiding presence in all that you do and wherever you go.

Your pastor and friend, Greg King

Ladies Mark Your Calendars

Save Saturday, January 23, 2010 to attend WINGS January meeting to be held at Nedelko's. This meeting will be slightly different, and will include a brunch/meeting along with the long awaited Secret Sisiter reveal! This meeting is for all ladies of the church, everyone is welcome to attend. If you're not a Secret Sisiter, come anyway we'd love to have you!

Also, Sunday, Feb. 7th will be our next shut-in visit, please join us for this meaningful and rewarding service.
- Blessings to all, Nikki Taylor