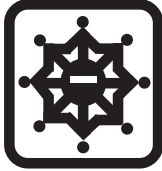


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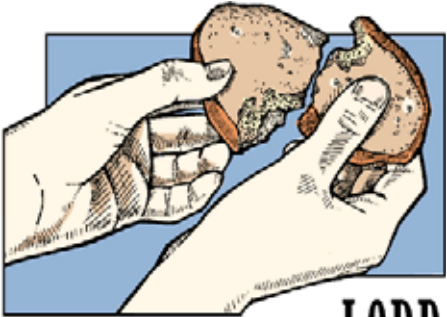
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8:45 a.m.
Morning Worship:
10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Hour:
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Nursery - Adult

Ushers:
8:45 -
Gary Etter
Loren Houck
10:45 -
Jerry Hager
Charles Warren
Frank Taylor
Robert Davis

We will Honor our Graduates
this Sunday at the 10:45 service.



WORSHIPLEADER:
Darrin Harvey
GREETERS:
Lisa Bleeke

"From the Pastor"

My family and I went to North Carolina to see Tiffany graduate from Elon University. I have to admit I got a little emotional when she walked in with her cap and gown and when they called out her name to receive her diploma. Yes, the "empty nest syndrome" has begun for Patti and me.

There is an anxiety and worry about our children's welfare that we parents have as they leave our homes (just ask the Karl's, the Foster's, the Rearick's, the Colvin's, the Barnett's whose children have just graduated and are going to be living all over this world). It is hard to let go, but we have no better choice.

During the ceremony I was thinking about all the things we do to help prepare our children to leave the nest and the security of our home. We give them a home where they are given at least their basic physical needs and emotional needs: food, clothing, rest, love, kindness, discipline, etc. We help them with their academic, professional, or technical training. Also, we give them spiritual and religious training. For me the latter is just as important as the others.

Wherever they go our children know there is a faith community – a church family that they can go to who are ready to receive them with open arms. Fellowship is crucial for all of us and especially during times of transitions. We helped them in a relationship with God, teaching them prayer and the Bible stories that invite them into an understanding of the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. Such a relationship is important for them as they continue to make moral and ethical choices. Their spiritual formation is important for them as they learn how to cope with challenges and failures that may cross their path. They have a foundation of hope, which is cope's best friend. Their spiritual and religious upbringing is important because they will be reminded through the Holy Spirit who lives within them that their lives have purpose and meaning as they follow Christ.

Thank you Greenmont-Oak Park Church for being our children's spiritual home.

Parents, while we must let them go, we still keep them in our prayers asking God to search their hearts and test their thoughts, to forgive them of their trespasses, and to lead them in the way everlasting.

Your Pastor & friend, Greg

Vital Statistics

Attendance May 25, 2008

8:45 - 31

10:45 - 89

Sunday School - 26

Offering - General Fund

(monthly budget need - \$14,543)

| | <u>Offerings rec'd</u> | <u>+/- Amt.</u> |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Jan. '08 | \$9,714 | (-\$4,829) |
| Feb. '08 | \$8,867 | (-\$5,676) |
| Mar. '08 | \$15,825 | (+ \$1,282) |
| Apr. '08 | \$10,930 | (- \$3,613) |

Our total deficit to date is -\$12,836

Happy Birthday

Helen Hager - June 1

Amy Karl - June 4

Jacob Bane - June 5

Lisa Bleeke - June 6



Be dependent

Jesus lived his life in complete dependence upon God, as we all ought to live our lives. But such dependence does not destroy human personality. Man is never so fully and so truly personal as when he is living in complete dependence upon God. This is how personality comes into its own. This is humanity at its most personal. - Donald Baillie

In Our Prayers

Mildred Berk
Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek
Mindy Collins
Margaret Dill - Masonic Home
Jamie Geswein
Gene Gibson
Beverly Guffey
Judy Hirshman
Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor
Lottie Jaeger
Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing
Howard Jordan
Dorothy & Wayne Knapt
Dustin Knowlton
Peggy Lewis
Nancy Lyttle
Barbara Lyttle
Bob McCray
Deloris Miller
Marcella Miller
Nobu Oishi - Gagen Residence
Mr/Mrs Patterson - Liberty Woods
Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek
Cindy Romano
Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods
Sue Shroyer
Kathy Steele
Connie Swanson
Gloria Van Camp
Flo Warner
Evelyn Wheeler
Marlene Wimpy
Vera Westfall
Roy Wright
Diane Yost





Accessibility Plans on Display

The Congregational meeting was opened with sharing plans for completing Accessibility for all levels of our church. The Trustees & Special Task Force have studied many plans or ideas over the past 15 years, and this plan seems to fit our church needs and circumstances the best. This is the plan being presented to the Board first, and if approved, then the Congregation for their review and vote.

Architectural drawings are available for everyone to view and study in the Gathering Place. Please take time to look them over and ask any questions that you might have. The rough cost estimates for this project come to around \$116,000. They include the sanctuary accessibility addition, electrical and plumbing changes needed, exterior emergency ramps and door security changes. (More details and description of the plan will be shared over the coming weeks)

This has been a complex issue to resolve and the Board Thanks the Trustees and Task Force for all their dedication and commitment to finding a solution to our Accessibility needs we began over 18 years ago.

Greenmont Church is part of God's Plan.

Today, I don't want to talk to you about our financial deficit; I want us to think about opportunities for us to share the blessings we have received from God and our appreciation for all that He has done for us.

Today, I don't want to talk to you about the possible cost of future financial goals and projects; I want us to think about what it means to go the "Second Mile".

In Jesus' time, the Romans ruled most of the known world and as they traveled, they built many roads. They used the local townspeople to build the roads, however, the Romans only asked the local believers to build one mile of roadway. But Jesus urged his followers to build a "second mile"! Pretty unheard of in those days, but just what you might expect from Jesus and his teachings.

We would like to challenge Greenmont to go the Second Mile in their giving. And one way to build this money road would be for each person or family to put extra cash money in the offering plate every time you can. Since many of you are part of the cashless generation, this may require some planning! If we all gave an additional \$5 or \$10 each week I think our deficit would disappear.

Joe Farren, our longtime Treasurer, shared with us that his grandfather said to never let an offering plate

pass without putting something in it.

Tithing is a Biblical principle that requires great discipline and gratitude from us. One very successful person said that he gives away 10%, saves 10% and happily spend the rest, probably on gasoline!

Another idea to help us grow in our tithing goal would be to increase our giving 1% each year until we achieve our tithe.

One unique opportunity for us will occur when every taxpayer who files a return on income of \$3,000 or more will receive a Stimulus Payment. I'm pretty sure that was not in our personal budgets and therefore what a perfect chance for us to exercise the tithing principle or even perhaps use some or all to Ketchup in our giving.

And finally today we need to celebrate Community church: all that we do for our community and around the world through our time, treasure and talent. Our ministries that include the food pantry, our mission outreach program, our preschool, vacation bible school, youth ministry, and on and on. God gives us opportunities that require our service, but these opportunities are the riches we are storing up in Heaven to Glorify God.

Thank you for all you do and God Bless You! - Frank Lakins, Finance & Stewardship Committees

Graduates Honored Sun- June 1st. Teachers Recognized - Sun- June 8th

Summer Sunday school will begin June 1st. All children who are in the preschool to 6th grade are welcome.

Kindergartn and nursery will continue through the summer for the 10:45 worship service. - Barbara Richards



Our VBS Pirates need to salvage some treasures!!

We'll be needin' some supplies for our VBS Ship - so if you can help us by offering any items from our list - Thanks a bunch Matey !!

- Rubber bands, -film cansiters
- Old buttons (especially gold tone)
- Pint plastic bottles with labels removed
- frozen juice can lids
- Paper grocery bags, -spools
- Items you might be willing to loan us:
- Inflatable row boat
- Life jackets
- Life preservers

We also have a food supply list posted on the church bulletin board. If you wish to help us nurish the crew for our week long journey, sign-up to bring an item.

Volunteers Still welcome to join in the fun and adventure. Signup today!! Any questions, call "Poop-deck Patti" 294-7932!

History Trip Planned

The Social Action Committee is planning a trip to the Underground Railroad in Cincinnati.

We have picked two projected dates for attending, June 21 or August 9th.

If you would like to go, please sign up on the Social Action bulletin board outside the church office. If both dates are good for you, sign both sheets. We are planning this trip when the most people can attend.

We plan to carpool. You will need \$9.50 for admission costs plus lunch money and gas donation money for the carpool driver. -Any questions contact, Anna Slaidins.

Summer Food Program

Greenmont Oak Park Church has committed to partner with the Children's Hunger Alliance and The Living Word Church of Vandalia to provide lunches to neighborhood children in June and July. **We need our volunteers to sign-up as soon as possible on the calendar schedule on the bulletin board.**

Church Families with children age 3 to 18 are also welcome to bring their children for a meal, since the entire Greenmont School District qualifies for the lunch program. Meals will be served Monday through Friday starting at 12:30 PM.



Graduation Open House

The family of Sarah Goodner invite you to Sarah's Graduation Open House on Saturday, June 7 from 1 to 5 pm at 218 Watervliet Ave. Dayton, Ohio.

School Project Invites Your Help

Hi, my name is Alyssa Erbes. I am working on an 8th grade social studies project to support the Ronald McDonald House Charity. The Ronald McDonald House is a free place where families can stay while their child is hospitalized at Children's Hospital. This House helps many families during difficult times. The Charity depends on donations of food and other items to assist these families. We are asking for your help in donating items for the Ronald McDonald House. Items can be brought to the church, and placed in a box in the Gathering Place. Items needed: - tooth brushes, tooth paste, snacks (individually wrapped), bottled water, canned foods, sandwich bags, and everyday items. Any questions call, 252-2793. Sincerely, Alyssa Erbes



Bread for the World's (BFW) Offering of Letters is taking action that addresses the root causes of hunger. We are urging our nation's leaders to provide more and better poverty-focused development assistance for Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This increased aid will build schools, health clinics, and wells for clean water—providing the resources that will enable hungry people to feed themselves.

As part of the Millennium Development Goals, 189 nations-including the U.S.-have agreed to increase this kind of development assistance. The goal of cutting hunger in half by 2015 is achievable because poverty-focused aid has already proven to be so effective. The 8 Millennium Development Goals are:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger – Reduce by half
2. Achieve universal primary education- Ensure that by 2015 children everywhere, will be able to complete primary schooling
3. Promote gender equality and empower women. Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education by 2015
4. Reduce child mortality by 2/3's - among children under five
5. Improve maternal health-Reduce by 3/4 the maternal mortality rate

6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases – halt & reverse them
7. Ensure environmental sustainability -Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs, and reverse the loss of environmental resources. Reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. Achieve significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers, by 2020
8. Build a global partnership for development -Address the special needs of the least developed countries, landlocked countries, and small island countries. Deal comprehensively with developing countries' debt.

Join us June 8th in the Hilty room as we write letters to our congressmen following our worship service. We will be asking our congressmen to increase poverty-focused development assistance by at least \$5 billion in fiscal year 2009. In 2008, we are just past the midway point to the target date of 2015. Overall, progress has been made on every goal. Some countries have even met a few of the goals already; but in other places progress is so slow. So stepped up efforts from both wealthy and developing countries are crucial right now. Our prayers and letters can make a difference! - Connie Sink, Social Action Committee

