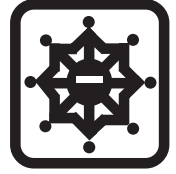


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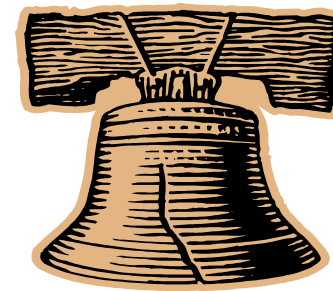
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10:45 a.m.

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

Nursery - Adult

Ushers:

8:45 -

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Loren Houck

10:45 -

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"From the Pastor"

"If...my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sins, and will heal their land," 2 Chronicles 7:14.

It is said that many of the signers of our Constitution were God-fearing religious men. Many of them were confessed Christians. They & several of our early presidents have written that our form of government cannot stand unless under the faith of our Judeo-Christian traditions. So for us Christians, Independence day is our Dependence day. It is a day of opportunity to reaffirm God's vision for the United States of America. Yes, we can have our parades, picnics & fireworks; but we must not leave out of that day a time for prayer for our nation, our leaders & God's blessings on us.

What God promised to the nation of Israel 2,700 years ago, God is promising us, but there is a big "IF." If we humble ourselves, turn from the things & actions/behaviors which contradict God's vision for our nation and how we are to treat one another; if we earnestly pray, God will forgive and heal our ills. God, speaking through the prophet Isaiah offers us some direction: "Remove the chains of oppression & the yoke of injustice, & let oppressed people go free. Share you food with the hungry & open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, & do not refuse to help your own relatives. Then my favor will shine on you like the morning sun, & your wounds will be quickly healed. I will always be with you to save you; my presence will protect you on every side. When you pray, I will answer you. When you call to me, I will respond," Isaiah 58:6-9a.

Just as what distorts our nation is cause by people doing evil, so our solutions must come through people, especially in leadership in all levels of government to do good. For each and every one of us, this is the day of commitment to correct anything in our personal behavior which denigrates God's dream of America. Also we are called upon to pray for the President (even if we do not like him), for Congress (even though we have ill feelings for the majority of them) and for our local leaders that they would be courageous in social righteousness.

There seems to be an important relationship between our prayers & their courage. The hope of the United States of America is neither in her military might, nor in her natural resources, but it is in the people of God, you & me, as our prayers become a channel through which God can bless our land.

The Book of Common Prayer has a prayer for national life that I pray often. I encourage you to say this prayer on Independence Day and perhaps once a week: "Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly pray that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into on united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Have a blessed Independence Day celebration! - Your friend and Pastor, Greg

Vital Statistics

Attendance June 29, 2008

8:45 - 12

10:45 - 92

Sunday School - 20

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)
May '08	\$13,692	(-\$851)

Our total deficit to date is -\$13,684

Happy Birthday

Sherrie Weyrauch - July 6

Laura Von Holle - July 7

Evelyn Wheeler - July 8

Jenny Rogers - July 9

Scott Donovan - July 10

Gregory King - July 12



In Our Prayers

Mildred Berk
Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek
Mindy Collins
Margaret Dill - Masonic Home
Jamie Geswein
Gene Gibson
Beverly Guffey
Judy Hirshman
Katie Horvat
Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor
Lottie Jaeger
Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing
Howard Jordan
Dorothy & Wayne Knapp
Dustin Knowlton
Peggy Lewis
Nancy Lyttle
Barbara Lyttle
Bob McCray
Deloris Miller
Marcella Miller
Michael Ourfalian - Iraq
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

The plans for completing Accessibility for all levels of our church is on display in the Gathering Place. 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 the Official Board recommends..

Architectural drawings are available for everyone to view and study. Please take time to look them over and ask any questions that you might have. We want to hear your questions. Another congregational meeting will be offered in July, to answer your questions. 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.

We have approximately \$39,000 saved for this project, from the former Women's Guild funds, that was designated to be used for this purpose. Also, the Preschool will be funding approximately \$5,000 to go toward the door security changes. These are some rough estimates of funds available now for the project.

The Finance Committee is looking into other funding options for us and will report to the Official Board at the June meeting.

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 which we began over 18 years ago.

WINGS Calender

Share several upcoming All Church & women's activities

- July service project - "Fill the Bus"
- Children's school supplies-project
- August 16 - Ladies Garden Party
- Sept. 6 - All Church Home Coming weekend

Men's Group Organizing Topics of Interest

The Men's Group meeting on Wednesday mornings from 6:30 AM to 8 AM, are organizing topics of discussion for each week. All men are welcome. Our purpose for meeting is to encourage, and support one another as we discern God working in our lives. Wednesday, July 9, topics include: 'Family Uprooted', Bible text is: Genesis 11:27-12:7



"We need Greeters"

We need greeters at the 10:45 service for the rest of the summer and the rest of the year. I know it's hard to remember to sign up while you're at church, so feel free to call me, and I'll put you on the list. Pick a Sunday that's good for you! Thank you so much, Lisa Bleeke, 294-2962



"I Love My Church"

We are asking for the congregation to share in completing the sentence - "I Love My Church because... _____". There are sentence forms available on the table at the back of the sanctuary, and completed forms can be placed in the box at the table. As part of our vitality growth ideas, we will work on using some or all of these thoughts in a booklet or brochure about our church. And some will be shared in the Chimes as inspiration.



Summer Kids Food Program

We are enjoying serving the children at the summer lunch program. We served A TOTAL of 170 children's meals during this second week. The mothers express appreciation for this help for their families.

Laura, Marilyn and I also are very appreciative for all our Volunteers giving their time to offer this service. OUR VOLUNTEER CALENDAR IS COMPLETELY FULL, three volunteers per day for the entire 6 weeks. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Volunteers- Please come about 12:15 PM to setup -thank you again for working on this community program. -Laura, Marilyn & Nova

Remember - Use your Kroger Reward cards for your grocery purchases.



Veggie Tale VBS "Pirates Who Don't Do Anything"

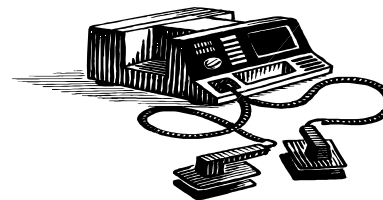
There was fun happening everywhere



ARRR !!
Pirates
Everywhere !!



Our Pirate Ship - "The Poopdeck Princess"



"What is an AED?"

An AED is an Automated External Defibrillator. Recently several health emergency situations that occurred at the church caused the Official Board to decide to invest in an AED, to be part of a well-designed emergency response plan. This device will be available to assist in case of cardiac arrest. This device can be used on anyone - infant, child, adult, male or female. It is designed for simple and reliable operation.

The Official Board will have several Board members go through a training to use the AED along with CPR training. Earlier in the year, the Board designated the Submarine Sandwich sale money to go toward the purchase of this device. Along with money donated by the Preschool we had the total amount needed to make the purchase this past week. Emergency CPR & AED training for members of our Board/church will be happening in the next 3-6 weeks.

The Official Board thought it appropriate to be able to provide assistance to anyone in a life-threatening situation quickly and calmly. - Official Board

"Health & Wellness Screenings Offered"

Life Line Screening, has partnered with Dayton Heart Hospital to provide testing for our neighborhood, right here at Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church. These tests will be offered on Monday, July 28th from 8AM to 4PM. These screening tests are offered for a price for all four non-invasive tests. These tests take less than an hour, pre-registration is required. **Call 1-800-324-1851 to schedule for the tests.** Church members and the community are welcome to take advantage of this service.

All four tests are completely painless screenings using Doppler ultrasound technology. The tests include; 1- Stroke Screening/ Carotid Artery, 2- Atrial Fibrillation Screening, 3- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, 4- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening.

Life-Line provides these four tests most importantly to help you discover a problem before it becomes a life-altering tragedy. Ask your Doctor if these tests are something you should do. We are glad to be the sponsor site for this wellness program for our community.

