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*Food
Pantry Sunday*

*World Communion
Sunday*



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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 -
Jerry Archer
Bob Karl



Put on Your Walking Shoes



Help CROP stop Hunger



Sermon
Bible Readings

- Oct. 5
- Ex. 13:17-14:30
- Oct. 12
- Ex. 15:22-17:7
Numbers 20:1-13
- Oct. 19
- Ex. 19:1-7, 20:1-21
& 24:1-8

CROP Walk -Saturday, October 11th-2008

Island Metro Park, Registration: 9:30 AM, Walk begins Promptly at 10AM

Time to put on your sturdy walking shoes and join us October 11th. We will be on the same beautiful walk as last year, along the river. Once again 25% of the funds raised go to support our local Food Bank, which benefits our Food Pantry here at church.

CROP-Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty began over 60 years ago. Church World Service appealed to people in the U.S. to reach out.

Right now: CWS Emergency Response Specialists are in Louisiana and Texas to meet with partners and provide Church World Service Kits and Blankets, training and emergency response grants to local organizations focused on meeting the needs of the most vulnerable individuals and families affected by hurricane Ike. Beyond American shores, they are also responding to those affected by hurricane Gustav & Ike in Haiti, Cuba, the Turk Islands and Puerto Rico.

Please, help support our CROP walk. See Connie Sink on Oct. 5th in the Gathering Place for a Cropwalker envelope or to make a donation. Your help is needed and appreciated. -Social Action Committee

Vital Statistics

Attendance Sept.28, 2008

- 8:45 - 21
- 10:45 - 98
- Sunday School - 32

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)
June '08	\$15,880	(+\$1,337)
July '08	\$10,957	(- \$3,586)
Aug. '08	\$15,267	(+ \$724)

Our total deficit to date is -\$15,209

Happy Birthday

- Adam Taylor - Oct. 1
- Jim Coleman - Oct. 1
- Jane Lovett - Oct. 5
- Bob Foster - Oct. 5
- Mildred Berk - Oct. 5
- Lisa Davis - Oct. 6
- Chris Donovan - Oct. 8
- Steve Simmons - Oct. 10
- Verdena Mardis - Oct. 10



In Our Prayers

- Nate Anderson - in Vietnam
- Mildred Berk
- Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek
- Margaret Dill - Masonic Home
- Jamie Geswein
- Gene Gibson

- Sharon Gilmore
- Beverly Guffey
- Judy Hirshman
- Katie Horvat
- Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor
- Lottie Jaeger
- Paul Jarusiewicz
- Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing
- Howard Jordan
- Dorothy & Wayne Knapp
- Dustin Knowlton
- Jim & Mary Leaman
- Peggy Lewis
- Rob Lovett
- Nancy Lyttle
- Barbara Lyttle
- Bob McCray
- Deloris Miller
- Marcella Miller
- Michael Ourfalian - Iraq
- Mr/Mrs Patterson - Liberty Woods
- Ron Rearick - in Afghanistan
- Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek
- Cindy Romano
- Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods
- Sue Shroyer
- Kathy Steele
- Connie Swanson
- Gloria Van Camp
- Mary Vance
- Flo Warner
- Evelyn Wheeler
- Marlene Wimpy
- Vera Westfall
- Diane Yost



Please let the church office know, how God is answering prayers in our lives.

"Contemporary Adult Sunday School"

The Contemporary Adult Sunday School has begun discussing the book "The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith and Politics in a Post-Religious Right America" by Jim Wallis. The book discusses how politics is shaped by theology, moral philosophy and spirituality. Wallis calls upon religious communities to resist partisan politics in the search for common ground and meaningful social change. The book also identifies the role of spiritual revival in social upheavals of the past such as the abolitionist movement, the civil rights era, anti-apartheid in South Africa and the Solidarity Movement in Poland. We will discuss the issues that pose the largest threats to our moral integrity. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 across from the kitchen.

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"Where in the World are the WINGS Ladies going?"

WINGS Ladies, our mystery trip is this Sunday, October 5th. The cost is \$20. We plan to leave church at approx. 12:30 pm and arrive for our lunch at approx. 1:20 pm. We will arrive back at the church between 5:30 pm and 6 pm in time for the Bible study class. It is not too late to join us, all are welcome. - Nikki Taylor

"2009 Slate of Officers still need good people to share in the work & leadership of the church."

Anna Slaidins stepped forward at the Sept. Official Board meeting to accept the nomination for Official Board Chairperson. We are grateful for her willingness to be our leader for the coming year. We still need a Vice Chairperson to work with Anna for 2009.

We still need more participation from persons in becoming active Committee members, and some Committee Chairpersons. This is a busy and active church with much reward, spiritual growth and friendship from participation. There are ways to serve covering many areas of interest: from organizing social events, for those who enjoy the kitchen and bringing people together for meals, to yard & maintenance work, love of music, growing membership - meeting new people, sharing & creating great worship experiences, sharing how great & loving our God is with the community and leading our youth to know & have a relationship with God. Come experience all this and more together with your church family.

We know we have many members with many talents, now is the time to get involved, the rewards are greater than you can imagine!

"Cake Walk"



Our Church as a member of SONKA Cluster 5, is sharing in a mission project to help the Miamisburg Youth Center which has lost over \$19,000.00 funding from United Way. We decided on an Oktoberfest to be held on Sunday, October 12, from 12:00 to 3:00 pm at Trinity UCC in Miamisburg. Our contribution will be a cake walk booth, thus, we will need donations of cakes, cupcakes or cookies. The cakes will need to be on a non-returnable platter and be at the church on October 12th.

Please call Anna Slaidins, 252-3345, with any question. It would also be helpful if you plan to donate to give her a call so that she can plan appropriately.



"Chili Cook Off"

Recreation Committee will be hosting a Chili Cook off again this October 26. We need anyone interested in entering a chili to sign up on the bulletin board. We would like each committee of the church to also enter a chili. Please sign up by October 19th. Thank you, Ashley Steinbrunner, any questions call 657-8229.



Loving our God - Serving each other

Autumn is upon us so quickly, it seems. The long hot summer is over and October has arrived. We begin to think ahead to winter and the coming new year. Part of our planning involves our connection to our God and Greenmont Church.

The stewardship theme this year from the UCC is "The world of the generous gets larger and larger", based on Proverbs 11:24 - *Some people spend their money freely and still grow richer. Others are cautious, and yet grow poorer.* We will have the chance to discover and prove this for ourselves over the next four weeks as we consider our response to God's love for us through our time/talent survey and pledge card, which will be coming to you soon. We will consecrate our financial and survey responses on Sunday, October 26.

As we offer more of ourselves in service, we do indeed see a larger and larger world. Perhaps our best reward is the pure joy we experience when after doing something nice for another, they say 'thank you and thank God!'

"Sharing Election Issues"

We Americans are blessed with citizenship in a country where we have a voice in the decisions our government makes on our behalf. The election process is a critical venue for using that voice. The Social Action Committee would like to urge you to use your voice in a thoughtful prayerful manner, that reflects the Christ centered, hope filled community that we are. Unfortunately, it is difficult to wade through our campaign rhetoric to get to the positions of our candidates on issues that impact those bedrock values. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your vote in light of several important issues and will highlight some of those in the next several weeks.

The Candidates on the Death Penalty

John McCain supports the death penalty for federal crimes. As a US Senator he has voted to prohibit the use of racial statistics in death penalty appeals and to ban the death penalty for minors. He has also supported legislation to allow the death penalty for acts of terrorism and has said he would consider further expansion of capital punishment laws for other crimes.

Barack Obama says the death penalty "Does little to deter crime" but he supports it for cases in which "the community is justified in expressing the full measure of its outrage". While a

state senator, Obama pushed for reform of the Illinois capital punishment system and authored a bill to mandate the videotaping of interrogations and confessions.

The American Bar Association called for a moratorium on the death penalty in 1997, saying "the death penalty is hopelessly mired in race, class, scandal, incredulity, inconsistency and disgrace from its very beginning". An ongoing study by the ABA in its moratorium project finds that it is "woefully inadequate and highly arbitrary". Recent studies have found that states that do not enact the death penalty have not had higher homicide rates and that litigating death penalty cases is more expensive than lifetime incarceration.

In the Bible, Jesus intervenes in a socially sanctioned execution (John 8:3-11) and repeatedly denounces violence in the gospels. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (Matthew 5:7) When considering support of either presidential candidate, consider the mandate given to us by our Christian faith. -The Social Action Committee



"Special Guest Artist Esther Frye to visit us Oct. 12"

The WINGS will be hosting a PotLuck Dinner and Art program for everyone, Sunday evening, Oct. 12, here at the church. We will share in a potluck meal starting at 5:30 PM, followed by special guest, Esther Frye, sharing her Gospel Chalk Art program.

Please sign-up on the WINGS bulletinboard to share a salad, soup or dessert for our evening meal. Table service will be provided.

Eshter Frye is from Jamestown, Ohio, and is in her mid 90's now, and has shared her passions for the Gospel and art over her lifetime with many people in many countries. She is a world award winning Christian chalk artist.

So mark your calendar to join us for this special evening.

Junior & Senior Youth Groups Meet Sunday Evenings at 6PM



"Our field will soon be Green & Orange."

Look for the sign-up sheet to help the youth with their fall pumpkin patch fundraiser event. The Pumpkins will be coming on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8 AM. We need your help in unloading pumpkins that morning and then volunteering as sales persons at our pumpkin patch during school hours throughout the sale, until the end of the month..

We ask for the adults help and are grateful for their support in fulfilling this project. - Sheri Parrett & the Youth.



