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*Let Us
Worship & Praise
God our Father !*



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Pasko Evanoff
GREETERS:

Office Hours

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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 -
Les George
Pasko Evanoff
Ron Dill
Mike Hanes

"From the Pastor"

“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.’ But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.” Jonah 1:2-3a.

Have you ever read the book of Jonah? Please do. It would take you just a few minutes to do so. You may come to love him and uncomfortably dislike him because he is so much like us in our response to God’s guidance. Jonah was a reluctant evangelist of the Old Testament. He was surprised by the call from God to go to the Ninevites and proclaim God’s judgment, forgiveness and grace – in other words, to save them from destruction and show them the way for their well-being. Nineveh was symbolic for everything they had been taught to hate. Yet God was calling him to help them.

This story has great meaning for us, if we can substitute the Ninevites with people we find it difficult to love and care about because they contradict everything we believe is right and good. Or it could just be people that are invisible to us and easily ignored by us although they are right in front of us. But, like Jonah, we cannot escape the truth that we belong to the Lord who called us to love our enemies.

Jonah ran away from the work God was calling him to reach out and do. But God kept intervening in Jonah’s life through a series of stormy, turbulent, and troubling times to bring him back to where God wanted him. We find that the people of Nineveh were very responsive to the reluctant evangelist.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving and Advent as reluctant evangelists, let the message of Jonah ring in our ears and flood our minds. May Jonah remind us that we can keep our faith only when we give it away – even to people we do not like and to people it is easy for us to ignore, but who are infinitely loved by our Lord.

Your friend and Pastor,

Greg King



Sermon Bible Readings

Nov. 16
- Exodus 32
- Numbers 11, 14, 16, 21
Nov. 23
- Deut. 10, 11, & 34
- Hebrews 3 & 11
Nov. 30 - Advent I
- Mark 13:33-37

Vital Statistics

Attendance Nov. 9, 2008

8:45 - 19

10:45 - 118

Sunday School - 34

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)
Sept. '08	\$11,608	(- \$2,934)
Oct. '08	\$10,494	(- \$4,049)

Our total deficit to date is -\$22,193

Happy Birthday

Joy Von Holle - Nov. 16

Riley Steinbrunner - Nov. 19

Bob Colvin - Nov. 22

Sandy Conn - Nov. 22

Caroline Smith - Nov. 22



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

Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek

Judy Hirshman (Chaney)

Katie Horvat

Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor

Lottie Jaeger

Paul Jarusiewicz

Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing

Howard Jordan

Dorothy & Wayne Knapp

Dustin Knowlton

Jimmy & Mary Lehman

Peggy Lewis

Nancy Lyttle

Barbara Lyttle

Charles Mahoney

Bob McCray

Deloris Miller

Marcella Miller - Oak Creek Terr.

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 - Bethany Luth. Vlg.

Evelyn Wheeler

Marlene Wimpy

Vera Westfall - Heartland Centerville

Diane Yost

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





Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, Nov. 16 - 6PM

Bon Fire, Smores, & fellowship

Friday, Nov. 21 - 9PM - 12 AM

Cosmic bowling, Woodman Lanes

Sunday, Nov. 23 - following church

Help out with Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 30 - following church

Help hang the greens, then play

games.

Music Committee

Chairperson - job/task list

1. Will Chair meetings at least four times a year.
2. Supplies treasurer with time cards for organists work schedule.
3. Schedule piano tuning (twice a year) and get the organ cleaned once a year.
4. Find substitutes for organist or choir director as required. The choir director will also help with organists fill-in.
5. Try to get choir robes cleaned or encourage members to clean them.
6. Prepare a Music Committee budget, oversee the use of Committee expenses.
7. Work with Staff Committee, Worship Committee, and the Trustees when the need arises for "Special Occassion Music".

8. Post sign-up sheet for Special Summer Music & write articles for the Chimes concerning Music Committee ministries.

9. Attend the Official Board meetings - the third Wednesday of the months.

The Vice Chairperson will attend the Music Committee meetings, and assist the Chairperson in fulfilling the above duties for a year, before stepping up to become Chairperson. Sincerely, Jane Simmons



Preparing for Christmas Baskets

Mission Outreach has begun preparations on the Christmas Baskets for families in need. We will be serving 150 families with this Special Christmas Basket on Saturday, Dec. 20. Application calls for receiving a basket broke another record, by filling up in one week. (in the past it took most of the month of Nov.) This again indicates the great need for help and extending love in a very real way to our neighbors.

We are asking for continued support of these families through a special collection of canned food items for Sunday, Nov. 23, giving God thanks for the many blessings He gives to us. Please bring canned foods to share with families in need.

We appreciate your donations of food

and basic toiletry items for assisting families at regular pantry visits and in preparation for the Christmas Baskets. Your generosity over the past several weeks is a testimony to your concern for your neighbor, and your willingness to respond to God's command for us to love each other. Thank you - Mission Outreach

"Special Offering Combined This Year"



The Official Board decided to combine the Thanksgiving and Christmas Special Offerings again this year. We will equally divide the offerings up to a value of \$2400 between Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors in Need, St Vincent De Pauls, Veterans of the Cross, and YWCA's Battered Women's program, If we exceed the total of \$2400, the donations above the 2400 will then be given to the church operating budget. Please give as you can to support these ministries.

"Congratulations"

Amee Con was accepted to be part of the Dayton Junior High Delegation as a Student Ambassador for the Great Wall & Beyond program. She will be traveling to China next summer for a two week trip. The family is very excited for this opportunity.

"Thank You"

Many thanks to the six adult artists who shared their paintings with us. I hope this will lead to other exhibits by church members. If you have work you'd like to exhibit or if you have an idea for a show, please let me know. We will hang work again after the first of the year.

Our artists were Pasko Evanoff, Ellen Farran, Ruth Fulmer, Elizabeth Kigar, Diana Knowlton, and Paul Marcum. Thanks, Doris Alexander

"Address Correction"

Ron Rearick's email address is:
ronald.rearick@afghan.swa.army.mil



Letter Writer's for Our Sponsored Children

Our Church sponsors 4 children through two agencies, and Mission Outreach is looking for someone to correspond regularly with each child. These kids appreciate our financial support and write us letters regularly. It would mean a lot for these kids to hear back that we care about them. If you have the time to help make our sponsorship more personal for one of these kids, please call the Church office or Brian Donovan at 294-6015.

"Silent Applause"

Hi! My name is Jane Simmons and I am the Chairperson of the Music Committee. I have two things I want to share with you.

1- If you appreciate our anthem's and it inspires you in any way, can we try the silent applause response: Elbows to your side and lift your arms and hands up, then wave your hands back and forth! If this is not enough for your response, then please tell any choir member after the service how it inspired you.

"Craft Items are being displayed in the Gathering Place to find a new home for them. If you have a use or need of any items, please take them home. Free will donations will be accepted, but it is not necessary."

Dear Greenmont - Oak Park Church,

I was very pleased when I received your gift of \$200 in October. The generosity of the Conference and its member congregations is vital to our mission Thank You!

Your gift will help to ensure that we will continue programs of feeding, clothing, educating, offering recreation, therapy, and spiritual support for children in need.

Crossroad is celebrating 125 years of service. Founded as an orphanage in 1883, today we provide treatment for children who are suffering from severe emotional difficulties, often as a result of abuse and neglect. We work with children age six to twenty-one. Crossroad has a strong mission and commitment to working with children with special challenges and combined challenges.

Please accept my sincerest gratitude for your tremendously important gifts and prayers.

God Bless You All, Kyle Zanker,
VP of Development

(Kyle added as a footnote - Thank you friends!, We have not visited in some time, and would like to come join you for worship some time. All we need to do is call!)



Adopt-a-Pew Sunday

Please plan on participating on Sunday, November 23 and "Adopt a Pew". Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone you can think of to attend church with you on that Sunday. The person responsible with bringing the most "guests" to church that Sunday will get gift certificates for ice cream at Coldstone Creamery for them and their guests. Please sign up to "adopt a pew" and plan on participating that Sunday. If anyone has any questions, please contact Suzanne Slaidins-Dull at 434-5368.



Thanksgiving Dinner

The Church's Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will take place after church on Sunday, November 23rd after our "Adopt a Pew" Sunday. As in years past, the church will be supplying the food

but we need volunteers to prepare the turkeys, stuffing, and mashed potatoes and bring them to church that morning. There is a sign-up sheet posted outside of the Church Office. We'll also need donations of dessert to be brought that morning as well. Please plan on signing up!!!



Hanging of the Greens

The annual Hanging of the Greens, where we decorate the church for the Christmas Season, will take place after Church on Sunday, November 30th. The Vitality Committee has offered to go through our Christmas Decorations and organize things so the decorating can go as smoothly as possible with the Church looking the best it can for the Holiday Season. If you would like to help us get ready, please sign-up on the sheet posted outside the church office or contact Suzanne Slaidins-Dull to volunteer. Once people have signed-up, we'll select a meeting date and time to go through everything prior to the 30th. Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation to the church to update some of our decorations, that would be most appreciated.

