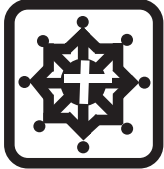


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*Fill-A Pew Sunday,  
Nov. 23*



Followed by our Traditional All  
Church Thanksgiving Dinner



**WORSHIPLEADER:**  
Lisa Bleeke  
**GREETERS:**

**Office Hours**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
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[pastor@greenmontoakpark.com](mailto:pastor@greenmontoakpark.com)  
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Robert Duerr  
**Organists:**  
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 -**  
Les George  
Pasko Evanoff  
Ron Dill  
Mike Hanes

## "From the Pastor"

"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing," Psalm 100:1-2.

Singing hymns and spiritual songs is the heart of worship. St. Paul encourages Christians to "be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord," Eph. 5:18-19. James adds, "Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms," Jm. 5:13. In several places our scriptures tell us to sing new songs that express the mercy of God which comes to us new everyday.

I recognize that some of the songs I select for worship, while they have meaningful words or a moving melody are not that familiar and therefore, it is uncomfortable to sing with the fullness of the Spirit. I know that many of us, including me, cannot read music and need to follow someone who can sing and read music.

I know that our congregation likes music and likes to sing. I know that singing can aid in reaching deep down into our heart and soul and raise up our spirit into the presence of the divine where we are bathed in streams of sacred love, forgiveness, gratitude, awe, and holiness. Therefore I have invited several people to help me with our worship service.

I have asked Anna Slaidins, Sue Smitley, and Laura Von Holle to be our song leaders for our 10:45 worship services. Bob Colvin and Bob Karl said they will help us when instrumentals, like the guitar, can enrich our joy of singing. They have beautiful voices and they sing in the spirit. And I believe they will help all of us lift up our hearts and send our voices of praise and prayer deeper into the heart of heaven.

We will begin this new adventure with our song leaders on November 30<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday of Advent.

Your friend and Pastor,

Greg King



### Sermon Bible Readings

Nov. 23

- Deut. 10, 11, & 34

- Hebrews 3 & 11

Nov. 30 - Advent I

- Mark 13:33-37

Dec. 7 - Advent II

- Isaiah 40:1-11

## Vital Statistics

### Attendance Nov. 16, 2008

8:45 - 22

10:45 - 102

Sunday School - 33

### 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

Jeff Mitchell - Nov. 25

Bob Beall - Nov. 26

Judy Simmons - Nov. 28

Connie Sink - Nov. 29

Layton Vires - Nov. 29

Yevonne Goodner - Dec. 1

Ruth Fulmer - Dec. 4

Steven Keltner - Dec. 5

Jordan Medlin - Dec. 5



### 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

Evelyn Wheeler

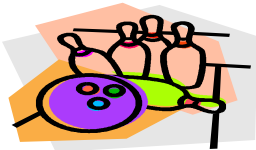
Marlene Wimpy

Vera Westfall - Heartland Centerville

Diane Yost

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





### Upcoming Youth Events

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.

**There will not be a Chimes next week, due to the Holiday. Happy Thanksgiving to all.**



### Las Posadas (The Inns)

Ascension & Greenmont-Oak Park Churches Present "LAS POSADAS" on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2:00 pm. Please come and share in the Mexican and Latin American custom that symbolizes the trials they believe Mary and Joseph had to endure before finding a place to stay where Jesus could be born.

This ecumenical Advent celebration will begin at Greenmont Church and culminate at Ascension Church.

**Come walk the path of the Holy Family. Make 'room' for Jesus in your life this Christmas!**

If you plan to attend this SPECIAL EVENT, please call the church office, 252-6705, to RSVP by Friday, Dec. 5.



### **"Thank You"**

In this season of thanksgiving, we would like to thank you for providing our schools and communities with clean water and fun place to play. - PlayPumps International.

(This card came in response to the 2007 VBS kids donation to help build waterpumps powered by the merri-go-round play equipment at schools in sub-Saharan Africa. As the children play at recess, they pump water into the resevoir tank for the community. The card is posted on the church bulletin board.)

### **"Address Correction"**

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

**"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."**



### **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.

### **"Special Invitation"**

The Western Reserve Association and  
St. Peter United Church of Christ  
125 E. Ridgewood Dr  
Seven Hills, Ohio

*Graciously Invite you to  
Join in Celebrating*

*The Ordination of  
Mariah Kathleen  
Marlin-Warfield*

Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008 at 2PM.  
All our welcome to Gather for the  
Reception to follow the service.

