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**Chimes**



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*Focus on Christ  
this Season*



**Children's Christmas Pageant**  
**Sunday, Dec. 21 @ 6:30 PM**

**WORSHIPLEADER:**

**Bob Beall**

**GREETERS:**

**Sean Humphrey**

**Office Hours**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Telephone: 252-6705  
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**Pastor:**

Rev. Gregory King  
[pastor@greenmontoakpark.com](mailto:pastor@greenmontoakpark.com)

**Youth Leader:**

Sheri Parrett

**Admin. Chairman:**

Suzanne Slaidins-Dull

**Church Secretary**

Nova Kigar

[office@greenmontoakpark.com](mailto:office@greenmontoakpark.com)

**Choir Director:**

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 -**

Greg Goodner  
Kendall Cobb

**Sermon Bible Readings**

Dec. 21 - Advent IV  
- Luke 1:26-38  
Christmas Eve  
- Luke 2:1-14  
Dec. 28 - Epiphany  
- Colossians 1



***Merry Christmas***

*An  
angel  
of the Lord  
appeared to them,  
and the glory of the Lord  
Shown over them. They were  
terribly afraid, but the angel said to  
them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good  
news for you, which will bring great joy to all the  
people. This very day in David's town YOUR SAVIOR WAS  
BORN - CHRIST THE LORD! And this is what will prove it to you:  
you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."  
Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel,  
singing praises to God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and  
peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"*

*Gospel of  
Luke  
2:9-13*



*From the Chimes staff and myself, we wish you  
a very Blessed Christmas - Emily Wilson, Peggy Goldberg,  
Delores Miller, Arlene Uldrich, and Nova Kigar*

*( this will be the last issue of the year, the next issue  
will be out the week of Jan. 4th.)*

**Vital Statistics**

**Attendance Dec. 14, 2008**

8:45 - 25  
10:45 - 123  
Sunday School - 36

**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)
Nov. '08	\$14,483	(- \$60)

**Our total deficit to date is -\$22,253**

**Happy Birthday**

Jessica Moore - Dec. 28  
Jim Jones - Dec. 28  
Emily Robinson - Dec. 28  
Holly Keltner - Dec. 29  
Ashley Steinbrunner - Jan. 2  
Nobu Oishi - Jan. 6  
Kelley Hager - Jan. 6



**In Our Prayers**

Nate Anderson - in Vietnam  
Mildred Berk - Lincoln Park N C  
Kendall Cobb  
Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek  
Margaret Dill - Masonic Home

Jamie Geswein  
Gene Gibson  
Dawn Gilmore  
Beverly Guffey  
Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek  
Judy Hirshman (Chaney)  
Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor  
Lottie Jaeger  
Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing  
Scott Kigar  
Dustin Knowlton  
Jimmy & Mary Lehman  
Peggy Lewis  
Nancy Lyttle  
Barbara Lyttle  
Bob McCray  
Deloris Miller  
Marcella Miller  
Michael Ourfalian - Iraq  
Mr/Mrs Patterson - Liberty Woods  
Nancy Pratt  
Ron Rearick - in Afghanistan  
Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek  
Cindy Romano  
Mary Sampson - Liberty Woods  
Sue Shroyer  
Sue Smitley  
Kathy Steele  
Connie Swanson  
Gloria Van Camp  
Mary Vance  
Flo Warner  
Evelyn Wheeler  
Vera Westfall  
Diane Yost  
Please let the church office know,  
how God is answering prayers in  
our lives.



## Upcoming Jr & Sr Youth Events

- Dec. 19 - 6PM to Sat. 12 noon  
- LOCK-IN, Christmas Party,  
Play practice
- Dec. 21 - Christmas Play, 5:30 PM  
"Operation Baby King"

## 3rd - 5th Graders Join in the Christmas Play & monthly youth group fun!



We are restarting our 3rd to 5th grade youth group. We are starting this month of December, to include the kids in several of the upcoming Christmas season events, and invite them to be part of the youth Christmas play.

I am excited and looking forward to working with your children. Any questions, please call me, Home #298-6210 or cell # 475-5724 - Sheri Parrett

### Thursday, Dec. 18 - 6:30 PM

- Christmas Party, share a dessert practice play music.

### Sunday, Dec. 21 at 5:30 PM

- arrive for Christmas play

## Kindergarten Volunteer needed one Sunday a month.

We are looking for a volunteer to help one Sunday a month at the 10:45 worship hour. Male or female may apply. Call the church or e-mail the church if you can help out in this way. - Barbara Richards

## 2009 Flower & Bulletin

### Donations

New sign-up sheets are posted on the church bulletin board. If you care to donate these items for worship, the cost is \$20 for flowers and \$14 for bulletins. Payment may be dropped in the offering plate, please indicate what payment is for in the check memo. - Thank you, Worship Committee



### "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.

## 425 Faces

Thank you for helping us to look into the faces of 425 people this coming Saturday, putting a Christmas smile and the spark of Hope in their eyes.

Our church generously collected 36 bags of warm hats, gloves, mittens or socks, 26 bags of food items, and 50 bags of toys, games, and books on White Gift Sunday. THANK YOU!

Mission Outreach is a group, working like elves this week finalizing all the details of preparing and handing out the Christmas Baskets. We thank the Greg Goodner family and youth for offering and serving people a breakfast and gift wrapping. And our many volunteers who will fill the baskets or carry the baskets of food to cars for the families.

I read a new term in a recent letter from the House of Bread (also serving those in need), they coined the term, "the inexperienced poor". They are the individuals who will find themselves for the first time ever as persons needing to ask for help. We have already been seeing these families in the pantry, they are not faceless people to us. . God has given us a great ministry to fulfill, pray for His guidance and strength in doing our part of this work, revealing Him in His Glory. Your support is very appreciated. - Mission Outreach

## "Christmas Greetings"

"Have a Blessed Christmas" -  
Margaret Dill  
"Merry Christmas to all" -  
Mildred Heath



## "Thank You"

Dear Church family,

I want to first thank the children of Greenmont & Ascension churches for the beautiful card they made, and all the wonderful Christmas greetings from so many of you.. The beautiful tree ornament made with loving hands is also a very nice gift surprise. They bring back such lovely thoughts about my church family, like trading hugs with Bonnie Foster on Sundays and Nobu Oishi lending me a helping hand. Thank you to Rev. King for visiting & serving communion to me, I appreciate it very much. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Rosemary Alystock

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Thank You God and Church,

Three nursing homes received floral arrangements. Thank you to Joe Farren and the WINGS for supplies to add to my collection to enable me to make over 70 arrangements to share with three nursing homes. The patients appreciated them very much. I Thank you God for giving me the talent to make these arrangements. - Cheryl Barnett

## **"More - More Kroger Rewards Earned"**

Our combined reloads of our Kroger cards have exceeded the \$5,000 amount, earning us a new reward check for \$236.60. We reached the goal in one month this time, due to the purchase of \$20 cards for the Christmas Baskets by Mission Outreach. These funds will be put toward the general operating fund. In the last two months we have earned \$471 for the church. Thank you for participating in this program. If you are not a part of this program and would like to be, ask Joe Farren for information about how to get started, it is easy. Just \$5 will start you off.

## **"WINGS" Thanks you!**

WINGS would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Tea on Sunday and also, a special thanks to those who brought food to share.

Your extra effort and delicious contributions of food made the Annual Tea a great success! Without your support, this annual event wouldn't be possible. You are all loved and appreciated. In Christ,  
Nikki Taylor & WINGS



## **"Christmas Eve 11PM Candlelight Service"**

Join us in joyful worship on this Holy Night, Christmas Eve. Share in singing traditional carols, candlelight, hearing the Christmas story and experiencing or re-experiencing the birth of Jesus in your heart. Our service will be held at 11PM, with a wassail fellowship following the service.

## **Poinsettia Plants for Christmas**



We will again offer the purchasing of Poinsettia plants to beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service. The Plants may then be taken home after the service. The cost of a plant is still \$9.00. Please sign up on the church bulletin board if you wish to purchase one. - Worship Committee

## **"Staff Gifts"**

If you would like to give to the Staff's Christmas gifts, envelopes will be provided. Please ask the ushers for an envelope over the next two Sundays, then return your gift in the offering plate. Thank you and Merry Christmas from the Staff Committee



**Join angel agent Double O-Heaven and a host of helpers in this delightful Christmas pageant. Agent Double O-H is assigned the mission of ensuring that no nation or single group of people claim the baby king as their own.**

### **Christmas cookies:**

The Christian Ed. Committee asks that all families bring 2 dozen cookies to share for our Christmas pageant on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. . You can bring them to the kitchen that morning or when you come to the program that evening. Thank you.

### **Traditions:**

Everyone has a favorite family tradition at Christmas time. We are asking church members to decorate a small poster—telling of your special tradition—and bring it to church on Sunday morning, December 21<sup>st</sup>. We will use these to decorate the Donut Room for our Christmas program. You can pick up the poster board at the church.

