

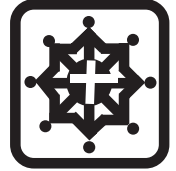
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Communion Sunday



Food Pantry Sunday

Sermon Bible Readings

- Feb. 1 - Ephesians 3
- Feb. 8 - Ephesians 4
- Feb. 15 - Ephesians 5



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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 -

Charles Warren
Frank Taylor



“But Jesus answered them, ‘My Father is still working and I also am working.’”

- John 5:17

January! Cold and overcast! It certainly can affect my mood. How about yours? One man was asked how he starts his mornings. He replied that he gets up, looks into the mirror, and asks himself how he feels. “If I feel good, I go to work; if I don’t, I know that I’d better not go to work! I’d only spread my bad mood to dozens of people all through the day.” Quite a luxury isn’t it. Most of us cannot plan our life around our moods. We have to go to work, pick up responsibilities, and share people’s burdens...sometimes when we do not feel like it. If we (I) waited to feel right, we (I) would get little done.

The secret of life in Christ is challenging, but helpful and hopeful. If we do the thing that love demands, sooner or later we will feel the love that the things requires. When we get bogged down in our feelings, action is required to change our mood. When we are frustrated about some person or about some situation, there is something we must do to break the tension. We need to act, but not react.

I know my feelings and moods are like clouds which can hide the sunshine, but they are destined to pass. The day can seem dark and bleak, but these clouds cannot change the fact that the sun is still there. In life, we cannot be fogged in by bad feelings. We need to remember that Christ has not changed and that Christ is still present with us. His love and power are just as available as when things are sunny and bright. Let us try to keep ourselves from being the center of the universe and direct our orbit around Christ. When we do the things that love demands we will be like a jet streaming through the clouds of feelings and into an atmosphere where the son is shining and bright. Even though bad and moody feelings may be present, have faith that the strong wind of the Holy Spirit will begin to blow and our horizon will be clear.

Your friend and Pastor, Greg King



**Remember the
Marriage Enrichment Sessions**

Monday evenings, February 2nd & 9th -7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

"Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" & "Don't Rock the Juke Box"

Vital Statistics

Attendance Jan 25,09

8:45 - 18

10:45 - 108

Sunday School - 42

Offering - General Fund

(monthly budget need - \$14,543)

Offerings rec'd +/- Amt.

Happy Birthday

Karen Hammonds - Feb. 4

Harold Goldberg - Feb. 4

Leslie Frytag - Feb. 7

Mary Schwarz - Feb. 7

R C Walker - Feb. 8



In Our Prayers

Nate Anderson - in Vietnam

Kendall Cobb

Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek

Margaret Dill - Masonic Home

Jim Farra

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

Libby Kigar

Dustin Knowlton

Jimmy & Mary Lehman

Peggy Lewis

Nancy Lyttle

Ron & Barbara Lyttle

Bob McCray

Deloris Miller - In

hospital

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

Kathy Steele

Connie Swanson

Gloria Van Camp

Mary Vance

Flo Warner

Evelyn Wheeler

Vera Westfall

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



Sub Sale

The sandwich orders are in.



Remember, Friday, Feb. 6 from 3:15 to 5:00 PM, we need a few people to make special orders. Then from 5 to 7:30 PM we need as many helpers as can come to make sandwiches. Please join us and sign-up on the Church bulletin board.

All orders need to be picked-up on Friday night, Feb. 6 from 7:30 -8:30 PM, in the Donut Room. We also require that you pay (\$3.50/sandwich) for all your orders at the time of pick-up. If you cannot pick up your orders on the pick-up date, please notify me by Fri. Jan. 30.

If you have any questions please call me at 252-7840 or 298-0703. Ruth Fulmer, Green-Oak Preschool Director



"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to the family of Martha Myer, who passed onto Eternal Life. Rev. King officiated at her service on Jan. 26. Martha offered her services to our church as a custodian in the early 80's. May God comfort the family at this time of loss. - your GOPCC family

We also extend our prayers to the family of Mary Fleming who passed onto Eternal Life in mid January. May God comfort the family at this time of loss. - your GOPCC family

Worship Committee

Sunday, Feb. 1 at 12 noon

Committee members we will be meeting following the services in the Laubach room. All members should attend this first meeting, several important issues will be discussed. We need new volunteers, and they will be welcomed. - Toni Bailey, Worship Chairperson

Many Ways to Serve

The Worship Committee is looking for members of the church to help with ushering at Sunday services. The people can be women, families, men, youth. There will be someone to assist you. Everyone is welcomed to help the ushers.

The Flowers (\$20) and the bulletins (\$14) need sponsors. They can be "in memory of", "honoring someone," or "in dedication of". There are plenty of Sunday spaces still available on the donor charts across from the church office. Payments can be placed in the offering plate, please indicate what the payment is for.

The Worship Committee is also looking for people to set-up, or clean-up the communion items on the first Sunday of each month. There will be training available. A sign-up sheet will be posted for volunteers on the bulletin board.

If you have any questions, call Toni Bailey - 643-3795. Thanks to everyone for helping.

Board Retreat Highlights

We explored ideas and ways to connect to our community more in a bolder and more intentional way and how we can form partnerships for some ministry programs or projects. We especially began to focus on connecting to the Greenmont Elementary school and our neighborhood Fire Station. Our intent is to reach out from our church to become more acquainted with our neighbors. We take the initiative to meet our neighbors and build ways to more intentionally share God's Love and message of Hope.

Specific ideas of action were: to honor our Fire Station Personnel with a special worship service and thank you lunch.

Through the Pastor, Committees and church groups to identify the school volunteer needs and offer volunteer help, collect soup labels and box tops for them, and offer the summer school supply collection to help their students with resources. Connect more with school staff to gain insight to our neighbors children's needs.

Addressing community hunger issues - through our pantry work, summer kids lunch program, or other possible community meals being offered.

In all these things and through our worship services - invite all, & welcome all to join us in Praising and

Thanking God for His Love for us. Sharing this Good News - Joyfully!! We might possibly hold an outdoor community worship service or sponsor a community wide program held at a larger community location.

With God's guidance simultaneously extending ourselves out to our community and welcoming others to join us here at Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church. - These highlights were the focus of our goal setting for the coming year. - Nova Kigar, Board secretary



Youth Event Calendar

Feb. 1, Sunday - 12 noon

- Jr & Sr High & **Everyone**
Pre Super Bowl Party

Come see the kids Superbowl adds they produced themselves. And share in some lite lunch & refreshments.

Feb. 5, Thursday - 4-6 PM

- Crusaders (3-5th grade)

Feb. 6, Friday - 9 to 12 AM

- Sr High - 5th quarter gathering

Feb. 8, Sunday - 6 PM

- Jr High - games & snacks

Feb. 13, Friday - 9 to 12 AM

- Sr. High - 5th quarter gathering

Feb. 20, Friday LOCK-IN - 7PM

- Jr & Sr High

Feb. 22 - Sunday 1:45 to 4PM

- Jr & Sr High - Lenten Program

"Thank You"

Dear Greenmont Church,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. I shall use it for something special. - Mary Jane McBride

Dear GOPCC,

I would like to thank you for your invitation to speak and share my experiences from my pilgrimage to Bosnia. How wonderfully warm and welcoming everyone is! You are all truly Blessed to have each other and your Blessing goes out from each of you to touch the whole community. That's the path to Peace and you are all Carriers of Peace set out upon that path. I am so very Blessed to have met you all! Gratefully Yours in Christ, Mary Pyper

Top Five Things You can do to Fight, Bias, Bigotry and Racism

We will share this information over the coming two weeks, to learn about steps we can take to fight against bias, bigotry and racism. We have often encountered acts of discrimination, inequality and stereotyping. Sometimes, where we least expect it. Sometimes we are the unwitting victims. And other times, it can even come from ourselves. **Learn about these steps of good change: Steps 3, 4**

& 5 - Social Action (Steps 1 & 2 were shared last week)

3. Listen and Speak Up

Whether its asking questions of individuals and groups you are unfamiliar with, or picking up a book or visiting a website: take the time to find out more about the cultures, societies and religions that are unfamiliar to you. Education is the key to eliminating the spread of bias, bigotry and racism.

4. Venture Beyond

When we think in new ways, meet new people and embrace new ideas, we expand our capacity for understanding. Seek experiences that bring you in contact with religions, ethnicities and culture that are unfamiliar to you. Being open to different perspectives and lifestyles is one of the best examples you can provide for others to following -- and expand your own experience in the process.

5. Get Involved

Do not stand still. Get involved. Join an organization in your community that inspires you. Participate in programs or honest conversations focusing on human relations issues that are important to you and your community. Making a commitment to be active is the most important step in joining the fight against bias, bigotry and racism.



WINGS invites all ladies of the church to a "Brown Bag" luncheon Sunday, Feb. 8th after church. Bring your own lunch and a drink. There will be Fun and Fellowship. After the luncheon, ladies (choosing to participate) will be divided up and will go to visit shut-ins or go to visit the nursing homes. - Toni Bailey



Spaghetti Dinner Planned Kenya, Africa Trip Fundraiser

Our own Sarah Goodner has been chosen to travel to Kenya, Africa with the SONKA Global Partnership in June. This delegation of adults and youth will visit with our sponsored community in Rubate, Kenya, and meet old and new Christian friends.

A Spaghetti fundraiser dinner is planned for Saturday, February 21, here at Greenmont Oak Park Church between 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM. Free will donations will be appreciated, in offering support to Sarah. Come join us in wishing Sarah a blessed and safe trip of hope and new friendships and mission. - the Goodner family

'YOUR Support Makes it POSSIBLE'

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry partnership between GOPCC and Ascension is flourishing, making possible another record year in 2008, serving our friends and neighbors in need. Not including the 150 Christmas Baskets, we served 1,382 client families (3,930 people) in 2008. This total includes 1631 children, and 2277 adults. We have more that 40 regular volunteers that are dedicated and do a great job.

While the total numbers are large, we need to remember that there is always an individual person or family with a story or struggle that comes through our door for help. We are sincerely thankful for each one of you that gives a food item or monetary donation; this ministry truly wouldn't be possible without the generous people at GOPCC and Ascension. Thank you all.



Remember the First Sunday of each Month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. Bring your nonperishable food items or basic personal hygiene items for families in need. - Thank You

