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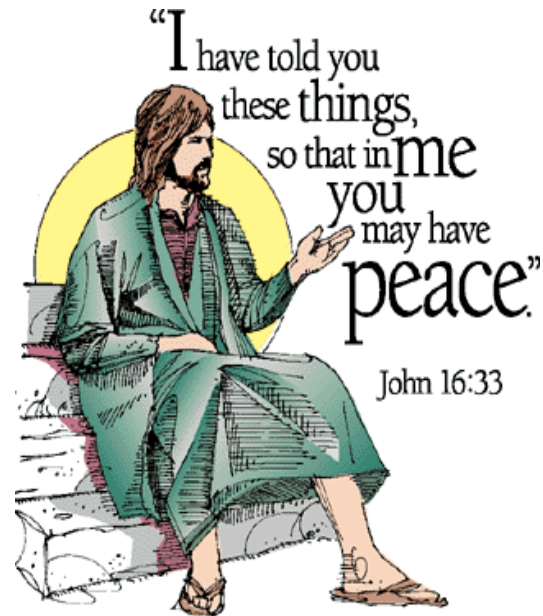
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Sermon Bible Readings

- Mar. 1 - Proverbs 21:3;
Acts 24:25; I Cor. 9:25
- Mar. 8 - Heb. 10:23-25 & 11:1



WORSHIP LEADER:

John Slaidins

GREETERS:

Sheri Parrett

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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 -

Charles Warren

Frank Taylor

“Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted, Psalm 25:16.

According to Christian author, Lloyd Ogilvie, loneliness is the anxiety of unrelatedness. It is caused by an inability to establish, develop, and nurture deep, lasting, and satisfying relationships with other people. Most of us do not lack human contact. Our problem is not in the lack of opportunity, but in our deep sense of unrelatedness with those whom we do have contact.

A married man of forty years explained, “We have had a good life together. We have worked hard. Now we are ready and capable for retirement. But we have never really gotten to know each other. I have been occupied all my life in my business. I have not been able to develop any deep relationships with people because my business policy was to always keep my personal life out of my business. My wife has been very busy with the children. We have had the normal kinds of contacts socially. But now, when we have all the time, money, and resources we need, we find that we have very little to talk about. We are just now realizing how lonely we have been all along, although activity and pressures kept us from knowing it.” This is loneliness of unrelatedness.

We will always be lonely until we discover a deep relationship with God. St. Augustine prayed, “Lord, you have created us for yourself and made our hearts restless until they rest in you.” Our loneliness is rooted in the lack of fellowship with God for which we were created. It is in relationship with God that we learn what it is to be loved and accepted as we are. The season of Lent is the opportunity for us to journey with Christ from our loneliness to a deeper relationship with God. Join us weekly for worship. Fast and pray during these forty days of Lent. “Taste and see that the Lord is good.”

Your friend and Pastor, Greg King

"GriefShare"

Once again we are sponsoring GriefShare, a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close.

Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar with expert information and a group discussion time. You'll have the opportunity to interact with others who have experienced a recent loss, learn about their experiences and share your own.

GriefShare is nondenominational and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics.

Please join us for the next GriefShare session at **Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church, 1921 Woodman Drive Kettering, OH, Thursday evenings, starting March 5th from 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.** Please register as soon as possible by calling the church office – 252-6705.

Vital Statistics

Attendance Feb. 22, 09

8:45 - 13
10:45 - 89
Sunday School - 39

Offering - Operating Income
(monthly budget need - \$16,125)

	<u>Income rec'd</u>	<u>+/- Amt.</u>
Jan. '09	\$16,653	

Happy Birthday

Gary Etter - Mar. 1
Laura Ruppert - Mar. 4
Katie Smitley - Mar. 4



*The LORD
is near
to ALL who
call on
HIM.
- Psalm 145:18*



In Our Prayers

Nate Anderson - in Vietnam
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
Dustin Knowlton
Barb LaBlanc
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
Rich Shea
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.

**Pancakes,
Pancakes,
Pancakes...**



The men of Greenmont will be having a free PANCAKE Breakfast on Saturday, March 21, between 9 & 11 AM, here at the church. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED to come on in for some Hot pancakes and sausage! Any male church members are welcome to volunteer, please call Craig Kigar @ 708-6830.

'Healthy News'

Be sure to check out the bulletin board and the "Healthy News" section. This week: women's exercise. Keep apprised of healthy opportunities in the area. If you have something to post, please contact Lisa Bleeke, 294-2962. Thanks! The Membership & Health Ministry Team

"In Sympathy"

We extend our sympathy to Mildred Heath upon the passing of her brother onto Eternal Live this past week. May God comfort you at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family.

**Dream, Believe, Do Camp
God rocks! (+ bugs!)**



- Genesis Camp**
- CSI Camp - Church & Science Investigators**
- Jr Sports camp**
(Elementary theme camps + more)
- Still Loving the Pool**
- Camp vs. Wild**
- Things that go Bump in the Night**
- Jr High Outpost camp**
- Movie Your faith camp**
- CSI Camp**
- Sr Sport Camp**
(Jr & Sr High theme camps + more)

Grandparent/Grandchild camps, 3 night/4 days. Sharing faith, fun and nature together. All these camps and more are made possible through the UCC- Pilgrim Hills and Temple Hills camps here in Ohio. We have all the info and camper request forms and materials in the church office. Come check it out!! **They even have scholarship fund information available to assist with costs, and an early registration rebate of 10% off the price.**



I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved. - John 10:9



"It was All Black & White"

What an awesome job our youth did under the direction of Patti King and Jim Murray (from Ascension church) in presenting, "The Stations of the Cross". Their presentation offered us life enacted silhouettes of Jesus' journey through Passion week. Their statue like depictions brought out such bold sharp detailed images, while the story was told through readings and song. We had 16 youth from Greenmont & Ascension church share in this dramatic presentation. Again, it was beautifully and meaningfully done. Following the presentation, all enjoyed fellowship and participated in making Lenten devotional books and cards for our shut-ins. We had approximately 100 people join in this Pre-Lent Ecumenical Celebration. Thank you Ecumenical Committee for the meaningful, inspiring Christian journey experiences. .

"Grand Total = Success"

The Green-Oak preschool submarine sandwich sale made a profit of \$5,448.43 for the preschool and a profit of \$780.00 for the Greenmont church Trustees. The church total was better than last year. Considering the current economy, this was again - a successful year for the sale. The church profits will be used toward church property needs and expenses. Ruth expresses her thanks to all for their support of the sale. - Green-Oak Preschool

"New Art Display"

We are fortunate to have a new exhibit of art by Pasko Evanoff. Be sure to stop in the Hilty Room to see the display. The paintings are available with information in the church office or you may call Pasko at 298-3810.



March 1 is Pantry Sunday

Items especially needed:
**Bath soap,
tuna,
spaghetti pasta,
canned fruits**

**"Rewards Programs
have earned more \$\$"**

Thank you to our Kroger Rewards Card users. We had 13 reloads of your cards this past month, that took us over the \$5,000 total, to receive a rebate check. We earned \$204.48 for the church. Please continue to use your Reward Cards, this program has the potential to earn between \$700 to \$1,000 for our church for the coming year.

We also received a rebate check from GFS for our amount of purchases over the past year, we earned a rebate of 2%. Our check was for \$58.81.

Thank you all for using these community business programs, to offer more support to our church. - Finance Committee

**Summer Program
Job Openings**

Washington UCC in Cincinnati is looking for 3 assistants for their summer youth program. Housing and food is provided, plus a \$2,500 salary. The job openings will be for the weeks of June 15 through Aug. 6, an 8 week program. More details about the positions are posted on the bulletin board across from the Pastor's office.

The youth program will be offered Monday - Thursday, but planning hours and sharing leadership of a Sunday Kids Club will be extra work beyond the weekday schedule. If you are interested in applying for this team oriented, youth program, position, please contact Rev. Pam DeFusco, 513-541-7757 or email to: revpamdefusco@aol.com



"The Bloomery"

**Ladies Join in the
Spring Retreat**
WINGS, Ladies

Ministry invites all interested women to "The Bloomery". Where women blossom in faith and friendship.

Refresh yourself at our fun, floral retreat! We'll use petals and blossoms to help us explore God's perennial goodness and grow in friendship with each other.

The Bloomery will take place Saturday, Mar. 7, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The festivities will be held at the Shakertown Rd. Retreat Center in Beavercreek. The cost, \$28, covers a light breakfast, catered lunch, fun & refreshing activities, and your personal journal, all in a welcoming and comfortable environment!

We encourage you to join us, even if you have not participated in any WINGS activities... please consider attending this inspiring retreat.

Also, we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible as space is limited. You may pay 1/2 down with the balance due by Mar. 1st. Registration & payment will be accepted next Sunday, Mar. 1, in the Gathering Place, following the morning worship services. Partial Scholarship help is available, if needed.

Please call Nikki, 427-1774 or Diane 938-5246 for more information.



**"Green-Oak
Preschool
Registration &
50th Anniversary"**

On Monday, Mar. 2 at 9 AM REGISTRATION for fall classes will begin for parents who have children currently enrolled or who are members of Greenmont-Oak Park Church. If you need a specific class or time, I recommend that you register as soon as possible.

Green-Oak will be having our 50th ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE on Sat., Mar. 7 from 1-3 PM. "The Voyageur Puppets" will perform. Carl Nichols, from Channel 2 will say a few words and cut the anniversary cake. We have invited the teachers of the last 50 years to join in the celebration. Church families are invited to take part in the activities. Also, prospective students and their families may wish to tour the facility, meet the teachers and have some refreshments.

After the puppet show, we will begin OPEN REGISTRATION for fall classes.

Sunday, Mar. 8 at the 10:45 AM church service we will have an ALL CHURCH CELEBRATION of the Green-Oak 50th anniversary. After the service we will have a tea and cut the anniversary cake. Please plan on joining us for this special occasion! - Ruth Fulmer

