

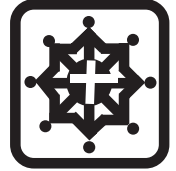
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Rev. Bob Smitley

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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 -

Frank Taylor

Jerry Archer

I was not able to worship with my GOPCC family, because Patti and I attended a wedding in Kansas City. We traveled through a hail storm with gusts of wind almost tipping over our van; and the rain was coming down so hard that we could not see in front of us. It was a little frightening.

It was beautiful wedding. This wedding had some wonderful nuances. Perhaps I can suggest some of these things to people who want to get married at our church. It was neat to see the groom escort his parents down the aisle to their seats. The Flower Girl, rather than spread flower petals on the floor, gave flowers to the people sitting along the center aisle. The traditional vows were rearranged just a little differently and gave greater attention to the promise of honoring, respecting, and loving each other. I liked that emphasis. I plan to include that vow with my list of others, which I share with couples in choosing vows for their wedding. The vows went something like this:

I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, whether we are rich or poor, sick or healthy, I will honor you, and respect you (I'm going to add "love you" to this part as well), as long as we both shall live.

It is a subtle change, but it draws our attention to the fact that, no matter what, marriage is based on offering respect, honor and love in every circumstance. We do not bad mouth and make rude or cruel comments to our spouse, or say such things in front of our children or to our friends or in any other social setting. Honor and respect enriches the soil in which love can grow deep roots in a marital relationship. No matter what the atmospheric conditions are, honor, respect, and love will keep a marital relationship alive and thriving.

This reminds me that the Marriage Enrichment group is hosting a "Friday Nights at the Movies" June 12th. It will be shown at dusk and weather permitting, we will show it in the parking lot of our church. If it is raining or too cold or windy, we will show the movie inside. The movie title is, Fireproof. All are welcome to come.

The ceremony concluded with a surprise visit of a Scottish man playing his bagpipes - of course the priest knew and the organist knew and the bride knew about this surprise (you never pull a surprise like that without the permission of the bride).

I noticed at the wedding ceremony and the reception some people holding a portrait size picture of a man and a woman posted to a piece of Styrofoam and attached to giant popsicle sticks. Every once in a while someone would take a picture of the people holding these portraits. I asked what that was all about. I was told that the gentleman was suffering from cancer and was too ill and weak to attend these celebrations. So, friends made up these picture-portraits as a way to say that they are with the families in spirit at these celebrations. Pictures were taken to show that they were there; and later the friends will show them the pictures having a good time at these celebrations.

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Vital Statistics

Attendance May 17, 09

8:45 - 21

10:45 - 104

Sunday School - 21

Offering - Operating Income

(monthly budget need - \$16,125)

	<u>Income rec'd</u>	<u>+/- Amt.</u>
Jan. '09	\$16,653	+ 475
Feb. '09	\$12,298	- 3,827
Mar. '09	\$14,598	- 1,527
Apr. '09	\$13,466	- 2,659

Happy Birthday

Alysia Brooks - May 25

Tim Lewis - May 26

Ginny Breckler - May 30

Nila Jay - May 31

Helen Hager - June 1



In Our Prayers

Liz Ancil

Nate Anderson - in Vietnam

Joe Back

Charles Barlow - in Iraq

Glenda Boddie

Byran Bice family

Bill Chimell

Esther Crowley - Trinity Home

Margaret & Robert Davis, Sr.

Margaret Dill - Masonic Home

Harriett Edwards

Jim Farra

Jamie Geswein

Gene Gibson

Dawn Gilmore

Beverly Guffey

2nd Lieut. Andrew Hayden - USA

Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek

Judy Hirshman (Chaney)

Katie Horvath

Opal Hunter - Crestview Manor

Lottie Jaeger

Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing

Marilyn Jones

Dustin Knowlton

Eric Landing

Schylur Leukhardt

Peggy Lewis

Nancy Lyttle

Barbara Lyttle

Bob McCray

Deloris Miller

Marcella Miller

Michael Ourfalian - Iraq

Mr/Mrs Patterson - Liberty Woods

Nancy Pratt

Capt. Adam J Reeves - Iraq

Rama Rengan

Guy Robinette - Walnut Creek

Cindy Romano

Sue Shroyer

Kathy Steele

Corp. Ryan Stites - Japan

Connie Swanson

Gloria Van Camp

Mary Vance

Flo Warner

Charles Warren

Evelyn Wheeler

Vera Westfall

Wilma Yost



"Let's ZUMBA"

The GOPCC Recreation Committee is sponsoring an exercise class called ZUMBA to be held Thursday's in June @ 7:30 PM. We need a minimum of 10-12 people signed up to have the class, so ask family and friends to join us. The sing up list is on the bulletin board across from the office. Any age, both male and female are invited to join. The cost is \$5 per night, per person, and you pay as you walk in. Please contact Jamie Medlin if you have any questions.

Zumba is an up-and-coming exercise class replacing the aerobics classes of the past. Zumba uses predominately Latin-based music and repetitive dance steps to get your heart going and it can be easily adapted from low impact to high energy depending on the participant's physical capabilities. Zumba does not require any dance talent, nor dance experience, AND it's fun!

Please come join us for one hour a week and do something good for your body. If we have enough interest in June, we will continue through the summer.

"Sunday School Changes"

May 31st will be the last session of the 9:30 Sunday School until the second week of September. The 10:45 Junior church will take on the classes for these students. The

teachers at the 10:45 hour will continue with the rotation they are on now. If you have questions, call Patti King or myself, Barbara Richards. Thank You for your cooperation. - Barbara Richards

"You Can Help?" **"Camping** **Items** **Needed"**



The youth group in preparing for their June 17 Music festival camp is in need of some camping supplies. If you can help them by loaning an item or donating an item for their trip, they would appreciate it. Contact Sheri Parrett, 298-6210, about your support. The items needed are:
Screened in Tent,
portable tables, water,
propane stove or small portable grills,
bags of charcoal, snack items,
hand wipes, hand sanitizer,
paper products, (NO plastic please - cups, plates)

"Ball Game Sold Out"

The Recreation Committee is please to say that all tickets have been sold. We will eat a light meal at the church (5 PM), May 30, before we leave for the evening game. Please contact Jamie Medlin if you have any questions at 252-4657.

On Tuesday, May 19th we will have a brief VBS informational meeting at the beginning of the Christian Education meeting (7:00 PM). We are very excited to be bringing a "Bible Times" VBS to GOPC this year. Come and hear how this dynamic event will unfold!

Jerusalem **Marketplace VBS** **June 29th – July 3rd** **9:30 – 11:30 AM**

A Jerusalem marketplace in Kettering? YES!

This summer, we will travel back in time to the Jerusalem of Jesus' lifetime. Our faith stories will come alive for children and adults as we experience life as if we walked by Jesus' side. This is a VBS unlike any you've ever attended!

Because we are setting up a marketplace outside, we will need about 10-12 booths. We are looking for those 10 X 10 shade tents. Please call the church office if you can donate one for the week. Next week we will post a list of other needed supplies.

We hope you can be a part of this AMAZING week! Please call Patti King (294-7932) with any questions.

Registration for VBS will begin next Sunday, May 24. Registration forms will be in the Sunday bulletin.



Summer Music

The Music Committee is in need of summer music while the choir takes a break. If you can sing, play an instrument or both and would like to share your talent with us, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Thanks, Diana Knowlton, Music Committee



Summer **Food** **Program**



Greenmont Oak Park Church has committed to partner with the Children's Hunger Alliance and The Living Word Church of Vandalia to provide lunches to neighborhood children from June 15 - July 31, Monday through Friday, again this summer. We will provide the location where the meals are served and on-site supervision. Weather permitting we will be using the playground.

We will need volunteers to sign-up for setting up the lunch line and serving the meal. A volunteer calendar is ready for you to sign up. Points of contact at church are Marilyn Foskuhl, Laura Von Holle and Nova Kigar.



"Women's Bible Study"

A new Bible study for women will be starting up on June 1, based on the book "What's So Amazing About Grace" by Philip Yancy, and will be led by Joyce Kelley and Jane Simmons. We will be meeting every Monday evening at 6:30 from June 1 through August 3. Cost for the book will be around \$10.19. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board and we are asking that you sign-up by May 24th so that the books can be ordered and received by June 1.

Delbert Newhouse Art Featured

The new art display in the Hilty room is by Delbert Newhouse, an active member of Dayton Society of Painters and Sculptors. He enjoys painting landscapes and buildings. He has taken classes at Sinclair Community College Senior Art Program and feels that he has had great teachers there.

Delbert and his wife Mary live in Kettering and enjoy square dancing, traveling, and card playing. They have three children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. His paintings are available with information in the church office. You may also call Delbert at 299-2156.

"The Jamboree was Fun"

Back in March the Crusaders (3rd - 6th grade) attended a Jr. Jam at Cederville University. We had a small turnout, three youth attended: Gage & Gabbie Rayney and Molly Donovan along with four adults: Ramona Donovan, Katie & Sarah Goodner & myself. The kids were added into a larger group of kids from a baptist church for their activities. We learned about putting our differences aside by playing games, singing songs, and watching a skit about the Hatfields & McCoys. I was very impressed by the student staff and their ability to relate with the children and the college itself was beautiful.

The children went off with their college student counselors while the adults went to work shops to learn about ministering to our youth. Overall it was a great day and we hope to go back for their fall program. - Sheri Parrett, Youth Leader

"Thanks for your Support"

Our May 1st car wash was a success with a profit of \$219. We had about 12 -15 people working, and with the prom being that same day we were pleased with all the great help. We are very thankful for all the support from those who came to get their cars washed. Thank you - Sheri Parrett

We noticed a table in front of the wedding reception hall. There were wedding pictures in beautiful frames of the parents, grandparents and great grandparents from the bride side and the groom side. On the dining tables were folded cards with the name Alzheimer's Association printed on it and the writing on it said that the bride and groom were donating part of the wedding proceeds to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of their grandmother and any family members of their guests who are suffering from this disease. What thoughtfulness! God was certainly speaking through this couple's ceremony. Certainly I was blessed by God's grace. --Your friend and Pastor, Greg King



"Stewardship Update"

You should have received a first Quarter Report letter from the Stewardship/Finance committee with a giving envelope. Although we collected more income the first quarter of 2009 than we did first quarter 2008 (thanks to your generous giving), we are still below our budget. That means we have more expenses to pay than income coming in. Last year we had a deficit of \$20,000 at the end of the year.

We cannot afford to be in that financial position again this year. If we want our church to continue to operate 10,15 or more years into the future, we must meet our budget. Our challenge to you is for you to increase your monthly/annual giving by 10% over what you gave last year. If everyone does that, we will be able to meet our budget this year. Please pray about this and consider how you can

financially support your church. You can use the envelope you received in the mail for your "catch up" funds. Thank you so very much. God blesses us all. -- the Fiance/Stewardship committee.

"New Members Info"

The new members meeting has been changed to June 2 at 7:00 PM. The installation ceremony will be Sunday, June 21, with a tea following the service. Please consider joining our church family if you're not already a member. In Christ's Love, the Membership Committee

"WINGS Shut-In Visits"

Any church member is invited to eat lunch at MiMi's on Sunday, June 14th, after late church. If you wish, you may visit a shut-in after lunch. Please sign up on the WINGS bulletin board for lunch and/or visitation. If you have questions, call Marilyn Foskuhl at 426-9280.

Pictorial Directory Reminder



Life Touch Photography will be at our church May 28, 29 and 30th to take your picture! Please sign up on the chart in the Gathering Place or call the church office, 252-6705 or Lisa Bleeke, 294-2962 and we will write you in to be part of the directory. - Membership Committee

