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ADVENT

Turn Toward God

WORSHIP LEADER:

Connie Sink

GREETERS:

Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Pastor:

Rev. Gregory King
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Youth Leader:

Sheri Parrett

Admin. Chairman:

Anna Slaidins

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Nova Kigar

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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 -

Kendall Cobb

Greg Goodner

"From the Pastor"

We cannot think of Advent without thinking about "turning toward God." That is what the word 'repentance' means when it is used in the Bible. It is not just changing one's mind, nor about changing one's decision, neither is it about turning one's direction. It means turning toward God. This season, our local stores, Malls, car dealers, and all places of merchandise are calling us "To turn into" them for our Christmas joy and the giving of joy to loved ones. Perhaps they can - for a moment, but many of those items are vain attempts to fill a deeper need. It is our need to be in better relationship with those we live with. Advent announces that God has turned toward us. Advent announces that the joy of Christmas begins by our turning toward God. God will help direct how we can turn toward loving acts that will turn the lives of those around us (our family, our friends, and our neighbors) toward the love of God and toward a better relationship with us. As we go our shopping ways, turning toward those shopping malls and outlet stores, remember that Advent is calling us to turn toward God and to invest our livelihood on those things that make for a right relationship with our loved ones and neighbors. your friend and Pastor, Greg King

Let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there. Join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christmas Eve.

10 PM - Traditional service, with Communion



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



Worship schedule:

- Dec. 6 - Luke 3: 1-6 - "Make Ready"**
- Dec. 13 Luke 3:7-18 - "Look Forward"**
- Dec. 20 Luke 1:39-55 - "Meeting with Elizabeth"**
- Dec. 24 Luke 2:1-20 - "Christmas Past, Present & Future"**

Vital Statistics

Attendance Nov. 29, 09

8:45 - 25
 10:45 - 100
 Sunday School - 39

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

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Jan. '09	\$16,653	+ 475
Feb. '09	\$12,298	- 3,827
Mar. '09	\$14,598	- 1,527
Apr. '09	\$13,466	- 2,659
May '09	\$17,198	+1,073
June '09	\$10,176	- 5,949
July '09	\$11,929	- 4,196
Aug. '09	\$13,373	- 2,752
Sept. '09	\$14,255	- 1,870
Oct. '09	\$13,356	- 2, 769

Happy Birthday

- Steven Keltner - Dec. 5
- Jorday medlin - Dec. 5
- Katie Goodner - Dec. 8
- Megan Weyrauch - Dec. 9
- Patti King - Dec. 11



In Our Prayers

- Doris Alexander
- Glenda Boddie
- Nolan Butts
- Margaret & Robert Davis, Sr.
- Mitch Deis
- Harriett Edwards



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| Fran Ericson | Lauren McClure |
| Jim Farra | Bob McCray |
| Linda George | Deloris Miller |
| Jamie Geswein | Marcella Miller |
| Gene Gibson | Greg Moldovan |
| Dawn Gilmore | Karolina |
| Beverly Guffey | O'Donnell |
| Tom Hine | Nancy Pratt |
| Judy Hirshman | Rama Rengan |
| Katie Horvath | Cindy Romano |
| Lottie Jaeger | Harriet Shawhan |
| Jeanie Jenkovich | Sue Shroyer |
| Marilyn Jones | Kathy Steele |
| Dustin Knowlton | Connie Swanson |
| Eric Landing | Danny Tomaz |
| Mary Lehman | Gloria Van Camp |
| Peggy Lewis | Flo Warner |
| Nancy Lyttle | Evelyn Wheeler |
| Barbara Lyttle | Vera Westfall |

Those in Nursing Care

- Mary Lou Chaney - Bethany Vlg.
- Margaret Cobb - Walnut Creek
- Margaret Dill - Masonic Home
- Mildred Heath - Walnut Creek
- Opal Hunter - The Sanctuary
- Dan Jones - Patriot Ridge Nursing
- Mr & Mrs. Patterson - Liberty Woods
- Charles Warren - Vlg. of Westerville
- Wilma Yost - Kingston of Miamisburg

Military

- 2nd Lieut. Andrew Hayden - USA
- SPC 4 Tyler Mantie - USA
- PFC Michael Mantia - USA
- Capt. Adam Reeves - Iraq
- Corp. Ryan Stites - Japan



Annual Christmas Tea

WINGS would like to encourage everyone to attend the all church **Annual Christmas Tea** on Sunday, December 13th following 2nd service, to be held in the Donut Room. Please see the WINGS bulletin board to sign-up for what you plan to share. All types of finger foods; cookies, desserts, cheese and crackers are needed. You may drop your items off before 2nd service begins. We hope to see everyone there. It's a wonderful time to visit and meet new people. Blessings to all! - WINGS



Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia for the sanctuary this Christmas Season, please sign-up to purchase a plant. The cost is \$9.00. The poinsettias will beautify the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Your plant may then be taken home after the service. - Worship Committee

2010 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. - Worship Committee



Mittens & Socks

Help us decorate our Mittens & Socks tree in the Hilty room. Gifts of mittens, gloves, hats and socks can be placed in the tree up through Dec. 15, for our Christmas Basket families.

Christmas Card Greetings

Our church has a tradition of sharing Christmas greetings to church family by placing your greeting card on the second tree in the Hilty room. The cards will decorate this tree, and all those sharing greetings will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

3 T's Christmas fellowship



The 3T's will be meeting on Dec. 15th at 12 noon at MCL. The Collin's Connection will be singing and playing Christmas songs, plus we will be having a Christmas cookie exchange. Bring 3 dozen of your favorite cookies and join in the fun! Come one, come all! - Jane Simmons

Youth Events

- Dec. 4 - 5th quarter
- Dec. 6 - Jr & Sr High, 6pm
- Dec. 11 - 5th quarter
- Dec. 13 - 4 pm - join in "A Taste of Christmas"
- Dec. 18 - 6 pm - Christmas Baskets - 8 pm 5th quarter
- Dec. 19 - 9 am - Christmas Baskets
- Dec. 20 - 2 pm - Christmas Caroling and program.

"Christmas Staff Gifts"

As the Christmas Season approaches, it's time to be thankful for our many blessings - especially our hard-working staff! Please remember Greg, Nova, and our music staff and thank them for all their efforts this past year. Staff gift envelopes are available in the back of the church or you may designate a gift for our staff on your offering envelope. - Susan Beall, Staff Committee

"In the Mail"

Hello All, Hot, hot here in Florida for our first week (Oct. 26), but it's cooling down now - mid 80's. Florida needs rain. The foliage was beautiful on the trip down. - Love, Helen & Jerry

"Thank You"

To all my GOPCC Friends: thanks for all the cards, visits and prayers that I've received from you all during my recovery from surgery. Hope to be back at church with you all soon. Love, Kay Rearick

Thanks for your help, Footprints!

Carol Landing and our Footprints youth, (kindergartners through 2nd grade), prepared and decorated the shut-in Christmas card bags that Rev. King will deliver with his Christmas visits. Thank you to all the youth for making our beautiful bags to hold the cards. - Nova, church office

"Thank You"

Thanks for your investment in the Lord's work here at Gospel Mission. Your gift of \$150 is generous and will be used for general expenses to continue providing the programs for those who need our services. - Kenneth Clarkston, Chaplain/Director

"Special Christmas Offering"

We will equally divide the offerings up to a value of \$2100 between Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors in Need, St Vincent de Paul, Veterans of the Cross, and YWCA's Battered Women's program. If we exceed the total of \$2100, the donations above the 2100 will then be given to the church operating budget. Special giving envelopes will come to you in next week's Chimes.

Volunteer Opportunity

The African Christian Community Center at Lutheran Church of our Savior, 155 E. Thruston Blvd, Dayton is in need of teachers for their English as a second language classes. They have a shortage of teachers. They are currently meeting on Tues. & Thurs. from 6 to 7 pm. If anyone is interested in volunteering to teach english, please contact Cordinator Mugo Kiswile at 937-299-6199.



White Gift Sunday - Dec. 13

Want to help with Christmas Baskets?

Sign-up to volunteer for Christmas Baskets on the clipboards in the Gathering Place above the Pantry food donation box . We're going to prepare and distribute 150 Christmas Baskets, and there are three opportunities to volunteer: (1) Adults & High School - Shopping & Setup on Friday, December 18th, from 2- 5 PM; (2) Adults & little kids - Filling Baskets on Friday, December 18th, from 6 - 8 PM; (3) Adults & High School - Distribution and Gift Wrapping on Saturday, December 19th, from 8:30- 11:30 AM.

As you begin to prepare for the Holiday season, please remember our pantry is preparing 150 food and gift baskets for families in need. We are gathering extra food, warm hats, socks, gloves or mittens, books & toys for children. Your support is appreciated, and your gifts can be brought to the church on Sunday, Dec. 13. Food items can be brought to the church at any time. - Mission Outreach

Watch our bulletin board in the Gathering Place for special food needs:

This week we NEED:

Cereal & Soup

For Christmas baskets we NEED:
canned fruits, cake icings
cornbread/muffin mixes



A Taste of Christmas

The partnership of Ascension and Greenmont-Oak Park churches will present, "A Taste of Christmas", to be held Sunday, December 13 from 4 to 6 pm.

All are welcome to join us here at Greenmont-Oak Park Church and share a sample of a favorite Christmas dish or treat that may be special in your family. Our sharing won't stop there, however - we'll celebrate Advent together with a short prayer service, singing Christmas carols and recalling family traditions. We'll also have some craft projects designed for children and families.

So mark your calendars to join us for this Holiday Advent celebration with our neighbors from Ascension church. If you plan to bring a sample dish, please let us know so we can reserve a place for your dish. - Bob Colvin, Ecumencial Committee

