

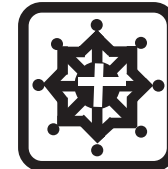
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*Focus on Christ
this Season*



This Sunday is White Gift Sunday
The Annual Christmas Tea @ 12 noon
& "A Taste of Christmas" @ 4pm

WORSHIP LEADER:
Steve Simmons
GREETERS:

Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Anna Slaidins

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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"

DINNER AND TLC Groups

Starting in January several people have agreed to host Dinner & (TLC) Tender Loving Care groups where we are inviting members to participate and to get better acquainted with other members of our church family.

These groups of (plus or minus) eight will meet in homes for dinner, interactive activities and discussion once a month for five to six months. We hope that spiritual nurture, support, and fellowship will grow out of these Dinner and TLC small groups. We hope to grow together as a church family and experience the Spirit of our loving God in our midst as we break bread together.

We are looking for fifteen adult people to join us: couples and single people, young and seasoned folks to join us. You will be divided up among our hosts/facilitators and work out a dinner date. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board across from the church offices.

Excitedly yours,
Pastor Greg



*Join us in celebrating the birth
of Jesus Christmas Eve.
10 PM - Traditional service,
with Communion*



Worship schedule:

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 Dec. 6, 09

8:45 - 25

10:45 - 108

Sunday School - 33

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 |
| Nov. '09 | \$21,362 | + 5,237 |

Happy Birthday

Jessica Parrett - Dec. 12

Diane Yost - Dec. 12

Cheryl Barnett - Dec. 13

Anna Slaidins - Dec. 13

Hugh Culbertson - Dec. 13

Craig Kigar - Dec. 16

Don Keltner - Dec. 19



In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander

Glenda Boddie

Nolan Butts

Margaret & Robert Davis, Sr.

Mitch Deis

Harriett Edwards



| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 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 |
| Peggy Lewis | Camp |
| Nancy Lyttle | Flo Warner |
| Barbara Lyttle | Evelyn Wheeler |
| | 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 - Iraq

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

Join Us - Dec. 20 at 2 PM



&



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.



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



"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.

"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

Ladies Mark Your Calendars

Save Saturday, January 23, 2010 to attend WINGS January meeting to be held at Nedelko's. This meeting will be slightly different, and will include a brunch/meeting along with the long awaited Secret Sisiter reveal! This meeting is for all ladies of the church, everyone is welcome to attend. If you're not a Secret Sisiter, come anyway we'd love to have you!

Also, Sunday, Feb. 7th will be our next shut-in visit, please join us for this meaningful and rewarding service. - Blessings to all, Nikki Taylor

"Pass This On - to Benefit Someone You May Know"

If you know of any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE house-cleaning - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. See www.cleaningforareason.org - Lisa Bleeke

Youth Events

- 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.

Hello Greenmont Church family,

I just wanted to give everyone an update on our youth programs.

Our junior high kids (5th Quarter) meet every Friday night 8 - 11 PM. We started out with 3 kids and now average about 20 kids. At the Halloween Party we had 31 junior high kids. Most exciting so far, we had a Lock-In on Nov. 13th and it was a big success with 26 junior high and 10 senior high youth. We played games, one of the favorite is "Light of the Lord Scavenger Hunt" It teaches a message that God is our light and He'll show us the way. Another favorite is like capture the flag, where they have to find Jesus and bring him back to the town. They played until 2 AM. Of course we had pizza another favorite, not a slice was left. We took the kids pictures and then later they decorated a frame for it to keep the memory of their evening. Some of the youth watched movies or played cards and the seniors played Apples to Apples until 5:30 AM. We had pancakes for breakfast and with no sleep we still managed to have everything cleaned up in time for Zumba class.

Our youth helped with the Giving Thanks Dinner, and will be participating in the December Christmas events. We will be helping with the Christmas baskets by offering free wrapping of gifts and serving families breakfast and carrying baskets for families. I hope we have a good turn out of youth to help. I know some of the kids have their own church and holiday obligations but it would be great to extend our church family traditions to them as well.

The Crusaders (3 - 6th grade) are made up of 4 kids, but their hearts are big enough for 30. They're doing an outreach activity "Operation Christmas Child" by sending shoe boxes filled with toys, trinkets and candy to needy children. We meet once a month, but by great demand we're going to twice a month.

I'm enjoying the youth very much and want to thank everyone for their support. A special thanks is given to God, and my adult helpers; Brian & Ramona Donovan, Pastor Greg, Brittany King, Greg Goodner, Dave & Meg Roalef, Marion Steel, & my husband Brian, without them it wouldn't be possible. Also thanks to the Trustees for putting in the doors to our new youth room, they look awesome. The room will be put to good use. God Bless, Sheri Parrett

"We are cleaning up the coat rack areas of the church, if you have left any clothing, coats, sleep over supplies, now is the time to claim them. All unclaimed items will be removed before Christmas. - Thank you Trustees



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 this Sunday, Dec. 13.

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

This week we NEED:

Cereal & bath soap

For Christmas baskets

we NEED:

**canned fruits, cake icings
cornbread/muffin mixes**

"A New Record Set"

Approx. a 24% Increase

In November the Pantry served a record 185 families, that included 231 children, 294 adults and 28 senior citizens. That is 30 more families than our previous record. in October. Your support of the pantry is very needed and appreciated. - Mission Outreach

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, Ecumenical Committee

I received a report from Frank Lakins, our finance and Stewardship chairperson and from JoAnn Jay, our financial secretary that over \$100,000.00 was pledged for year 2010 mission plan. That is the best pledge commitment I have ever seen. While that may not cover the total expenses for next year, it does say that our membership is truly committed to the ministries of GOPCC and that you are supporting our mission plan as best as God is enabling you. Our mission plan is not funded by taxes, or grant monies. Our ministries are supported by followers of Christ who are filled with the Holy Spirit and eager to participate in the mission of God that “all may be one” and “reconciled to himself.” It is supported by passionate and compassionate people who want to love God more dearly and serve our neighbors more clearly.

Thank you for your commitment and pledges to the 2010 mission plan of Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church. May God continue to bless you with His abiding presence in all that you do and wherever you go.

Your pastor and friend,
Greg King