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**NEXT
SUNDAY**



**VBS Volunteer -
Wacky Ballgame Kick-off
follows Morning worship**

Come ONE

Come ALL !!

All American Lunch included.

Bring your lawn chairs.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Bob Colvin

GREETERS:

Jane Simmons

Kay Rearick

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Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM
Morning Worship: 10:45 AM
Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

8:45 AM **10:45 AM**
Gary Etter Greg Goodner
Arlene Uldrich Pasko Evanoff
Charlene Brown Frank Taylor

How are all of you doing with your **"Praying to Pentecost?** If you have misplaced your guidelines, I can email you a copy or I can send it by mail or bring it to you. Just call the church office, Remember what your goal is: **TO EXPERIENCE A LIFE OF RELATIONSHIP AND INTIMACY WITH OUR LIVING AND LOVING GOD.**

I encouraged last Sunday's worshippers to focus on step six this week: "Ask God to give you sensitivity to the needs of one person today with whom you can share God's love in word or deed." The grace, joy, and hope we receive from our relationship with God beg to be shared. Keep up the good work of praying.

Sometimes I find I am spending longer than fifteen minutes following these "Ten Steps to God." It depends a lot on how long I spend giving thanks (I end up thanking God for more than three things as suggested in the guidelines.) or how much I need to ask forgiveness during time of confession.

One of the things I find myself giving thanks to God is for the openings and closings of in life. It is so important to have things either open or closed for the flow life to continue. The opening or closing of each day encourages either activity or rest. Just look at the openings and closings of our bodies: the opening and closing of our pupils control the amount of light so we can see; the opening and closing of our heart valves and our arteries to maintain blood flow; the opening and closing of our esophagus so we can swallow food or breathe without obstruction; the opening and closing of our pores to regulate moisture and heat; and so on. There are the openings and closings of stages of life – each offer its joys and challenges. There are opening and closings in other parts of nature that are important for life to continue to flow. For just the simple openings and closings of the things in life, which I take for granted but hold such importance, I am very grateful.

Remember your goal – **experiencing a life of a relationship and intimacy with our living and loving God.** Keep up with your prayers. Renew your efforts. Join together with your brothers and sisters in praise and worship these next Sunday. Let's witness God transforming our lives.

Your friend and pastor,
Greg King



Everyone Counts— Statistics Attendance—April 25, 2010

8:45 — 19
10:45 — 94
Sunday school — 37

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$15,858)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Jan. '10	- \$22,844	+ 6,986
Feb. '10	- \$12,189	- 3,669
Mar. '10	- \$13,117	- \$2,741

Happy Birthday

Cindy Brodowski—May 3
Ann Smith—May 5
Barb Etter—May 6
Doris Greenwood—May 7

In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander
Robert Andino
Cheryl Barnett
Glenda Boddie
Nolan Butts
Harriett Edwards
Joshua Elliott
Fran Ericson
Jim Farra
Donna Foskuhl
Gene Gibson
Jamie Geswein
Beverly Guffey
Vern Hine
Carol Hildebrecht
Marilyn Jones
Mary Lehman
Barb Lyttle
Paul Marcum, Jr
Lauren McClure
Linda George
Dawn Gilmore
Judy Hirshman
Bernadette Harawa
Loren Houck
Dustin Knowlton
Nancy Lyttle
Mantia family
Bob McCray
Marcella Miller



Greg Moldovan
Karolina O'Donnell
Nancy Pratt
Cindy Ramono
Harriet Shawhan
Iris Traylor
Danny Tomaz
Gloria Van Camp
Flo Warner
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
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
Will Jaeger – Grafton Oaks
Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
Charles Warren – Vlg. Of Westerville
Wilma Yost - Kingston of Miamisburg

Military

Ian Beall – Iraq
Michael Beall – Iraq
Scott Certain – USA
Andrew Hayden – Iraq
Tyler Mantia – USA
Michael Mantia – USA
Ryan Stites – USA
Kevin Stites - USA



OFFERING OF LETTERS -MAY 16th



Bread for the Worlds Offering of Letters at our church is approaching!

Bread for the World (BFW) is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to exist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities where we live.

God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to help our neighbors, whether they live in the next house, the next state, or the next continent. Food is a basic need, and it is unjust that so many people must go without enough to eat. We can end hunger in our time. Everyone, including our government, must do their part. With the stroke of a pen, policies are made that redirect millions of dollars and affect millions of lives. By making our voices heard in Congress, we make our nation's laws more fair and compassionate to people in need.

Each year BFW invites churches and groups across the country to take up a nationwide Offering of Letters to Congress on an issue that is important to hungry people. Here at our church, we have participated in many Offering of Letters and our letters have made a difference! A few examples of past Offering of Letters' results: strengthening of US nutrition programs; in sub-Saharan Africa projects were successful in improving agriculture, clean water, health and education; establishing the Millennium Challenge Account, a program aimed at reducing poverty and fighting corruption in the world's poorest nations.

In 2010, we have many opportunities to change history for hungry people:

President Obama and others have set the goal of ending childhood hunger in the U.S. by 2015. Child nutrition programs will be reauthorized by Congress and Bread is working to increase program access and participation for low-income children.

But Food assistance alone will not end childhood hunger. Families need enough financial resources to meet their basic needs—including food. So this year's Offering of Letters will ask Congress to protect and strengthen a few key tax credits that can make a big difference for low-income people.

Bread continues to be involved in developing the Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative to address world hunger by strengthening agriculture and food security in poor countries.

Work continues on the reform of US foreign assistance, the topic of Bread's 2009 Offering of Letters. This Offering will carry over into 2010 as lawmakers continue to wrestle with the reform of US foreign aid.

On May 16th our church will be participating in Bread for the World's 2010 Offering of Letters as we will write letters to support the needs of low-income families. Congress will be debating tax policies and will be deciding which tax credits will be renewed or changed. Tax credits could deliver billions of dollars of assistance to working families struggling to put food on the table. -Connie Sink, Social Action Committee

2010 Tent Sale



This year's sale was a big tug on my heart strings. The church has been doing some kind of sale since 195- and my dear friend and mentor has been there thru them all. This was Loren Houck's last sale. He and his son Jerry were cleaning out his Condo so Loren could go to live with Jerry in Virginia. We sent a truck and they made at least 8 to 10 trips to the tent. The last being Sat. morning with pillows and blankets, and we said our good byes. We will miss you!!!!

The sale what a success, only one item sold for more than \$100.00 and we brought in \$4292.80 in a day and half. THANKS to all who donated, worked or bought!

These are the fantastic volunteers who made it happen. Joann & Niles Jay, Jonell Martin, Barb Etter, Roger & Ruth Fulmer, Ryan Brodowski, Greg Goodner, Rev Greg King, Ray & Bonnie Urbanas, Tom Wheeler, Phil & Karen Brown Paul & Mary Marcum, Bob Colvin, Carol & Anna Landing Carol Hildebrecht, Nova Kigar, Arlene Uldrich, Connie Sink Ron & Charlene Brown, Darlene Shafer, Gage Rayney Sharon Nicholas, Paula Geswein, Helen Hager, Cheryl & Ben Barnett, Mike Robinson, Loren & Jerry Houck.

I sincerely hope I didn't miss anyone. A special thanks to Rev King for the great lunch he supplied for the workers.

Your Humble leader thanks you all—Gary

VBS 2010 Homerun Event!!



When: Sunday, May 2nd, 12:00 (after the second service)

We're kicking off our VBS preparations with a Wacky Baseball game and an All-American lunch --then we'll be traveling to Egypt with Joseph and learning of his adventures there. If you are thinking about helping with VBS this summer, this is one event you won't want to miss! Questions?

Call Patti king @ 776-8299 EVERYONE WELCOME, participants and spectators.

Rubate, Kenya , Africa Mission Trip news



The SONKA team is hard at work, preparing for the team's trip. They are asking for UCC churches to consider donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and used/new (reading) eye glasses to take with them for the Rubate Health Clinic. These donations can be brought to the boxes in the Gathering Place. Thank you.—Greg Goodner & the SONKA Global Partnership Team

Church Mug Sale—continues

The Membership Committee ceramic mugs with the church logo on them continue to be sold following the morning worship services. A portion of these mugs will be used in our visitor gift bags on Sunday mornings. The rest of the mugs are for sale to the congregation. Proceeds will be used to cover the cost of the periodic mailings of church advertisement pamphlets to the community. The cost is \$5.00 each. A table will be set up in the Gathering Place immediately following the 10:45 service. Thanks in advance for your help in our efforts to attract more people to our church.

Many Sundays Still Available for Flower or Bulletin Donations

See the sign-up charts on the bulletin board across from the church office, if interested in donating flowers or bulletins for our worship services.

The cost of Altar flowers is \$20 and the bulletin cost is \$14. There are still many Sundays open. If donating flowers, you may take one or both bouquets home with you after the services, or offer them for shut-in visits or to bring cheer on a hospital visit by the Pastor.

This simple way of serving our worship services is meaningful. Thank you to all who make donations and bring this beauty to our services.—Worship Comm.

WINGS

The Women of Faith Conference, Columbus, Ohio

Spring Retreat Friday, April 30th –May 1st

As you are reading this news article WINGS conference attendees are preparing to head up to Columbus very early on Friday morning. We plan to car caravan from the church to arrive together at Nationwide Arena. Please keep WINGS in your prayers for safe travel and for everyone to receive a blessing from the Lord at the conference. It is our hope to return spiritually refreshed and fully energized to serve God through this ladies ministry.

All of your support and continued prayers are very much appreciated, thank you.

"All Daughters' Luncheon" Saturday, May 8th 2010

It's so hard to believe it's just a little over a week away from Mother's Day! Once again, this year WINGS will be hosting the All Daughter's Luncheon at Nedelko's. Our theme will be "When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Lemonade!" using Philippians 4:11 ***"I am not saying this because I am in any need, for I have learned to be content in whatever situation I am in."***

Many of you reading this have been in situations when life handed you a lemon and you had to make the best of the situation at hand. Please join us in celebrating Mother's Day and see how this year's theme speaks to your heart.

The sign-up sheet is posted on the WINGS bulletin board. For planning purposes we'll need a definite count so, if you're thinking about joining us, please be sure to get signed-up. We look forward to seeing you there!

You may pay for your tickets in advance, after 2nd service on Sundays, April 25th and May 2nd in The Gathering Place. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. The event will be held at Nedelko's in Beavercreek, on Saturday, May 8th at 11:30 AM.

Remember to wear yellow if you can! If you have any questions, please contact me or any of the WINGS officers.

Shut-In Visits

On Sunday, April 11th several women from WINGS and two brave men, Phil Brown and Frank Taylor joined together for lunch at the Wilimington Pike LaRosa's before going on shut-in visits. Overall, 14 people enjoyed fellowship and good food before heading out to visit loved ones from our church. All in all 16 people received visits. It's really been a blessing to visit so many people who have built this church both physically and spiritually. If you would like to join us in our next visit please do so, or if you'd like to receive a visit please let us know. Thank you to all who have so graciously welcomed us into your home.

In Christ, Nikki Taylor

Take me out to the ball game!



The Dayton Dragons game is Sun. June 6th at 2pm. Tickets are \$11 and include a coupon from Dairy Queen for ice cream after the game. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office or call Jamie Medlin @252-4657 with any questions. We only have 50 tickets so make sure to sign up early!!

We're Gathering Graduation Info.



It is Graduation time, and the church would like to recognize these achievements. We need to know who will be graduating from, 3rd grade, high school and college this year. We will need the information by May 25th. Send in your information to the

Wanted—Used 3-Ring binders

If you have any 3-ring binders still in good shape, but your not using, I am collecting them. I am covering them with fabric for the school bus project. Please put them in the church office with my name on them Thank you—Cheryl Barnett

