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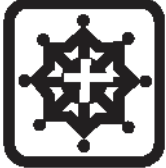


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Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM

Morning Worship: 10:45 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

8:45 AM **10:45 AM**

Gary Etter Jerry Archer

Arlene Uldrich Bob Karl

Charlene Brown



"In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,'" Acts 20:35.

Many of us have heard the old saying that, "A dollar is your best friend." Our financial world teaches that money is the ultimate security blanket. But where should Christians find security? Our Biblical writers tell us that "God will supply all our needs," but practical experience sometimes challenges that fact. We are pressured to get all we can and to keep all we can. But our sacred Book emphasizes giving as a spiritually energizing act. "It is better to give than to receive." Can this be true?

Jesus said not to be anxious about material needs. He knew what he was talking about. Financial anxiety debilitates us spiritually and makes us believe that we are self-sufficient.

Christ, Paul and our other spiritual ancestors testify that our need to be givers is more imperative than the need of anyone to receive from us.

Although money makes a good servant, it is a terrible master. We think that our money is working for us, but if we are not careful, the role may reverse. Consider the person who works 70, 80, 100 hours a week. He or she may bring home a big paycheck, but never has time for the things God deems important: church, prayer, and family.

Jesus knows that we need material things, but wants us to trust in him to supply those needs. He gave us a bountiful planet and the abilities to lead full lives on it. He has repeatedly promised that if we seek his values, all will be given to us. That is a huge promise. And that is good news of good giving.

Our need to be givers is more important than the need of anyone to receive from us. It is essential to life to be a giver, because "to give is to live, and to live is to love, and to love is to give." Let us give that we may have life and have it more abundantly.

Your friend and pastor, Greg King

Bible Readings for the Coming Weeks are:

- Oct. 10—I Corinthians 8:1-13
- Oct. 17—I Corinthians 9:15-23
- Oct. 24—I Corinthians 10:1-13



Everyone Counts— Statistics

Attendance—Oct. 3 '10

8:45 — 43
 10:45 — 75
 Sunday school — 30

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$15,850)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Jan. '10	\$22,844	+ 6,986
Feb. '10	\$12,189	-3,669
Mar. '10	\$13,117	- \$2,741
April '10	\$12,554	- \$3,201
May '10	\$15,173	- \$677
June '10	\$10, 513	- \$5,337
July '10	\$11,320	- \$4,530
Aug. '10	\$11,863	- \$3,987
Sept. '10	\$	

Happy Birthday

- Verdena Mardis—Oct. 10
- Steve Simmons—Oct. 10
- Flo Warner—Oct. 12
- Nova Kigar—Oct. 14
- Phyllis Lakins—Oct. 14
- Ben Barnett—Oct. 16



In Our Prayers

- Doris Alexander
- Robert Andino
- Cheryl Barnett
- Glenda Boddie
- Reagan Bradshaw
- Allen & Cletta Dicks
- Jim Farra
- Gene Gibson
- Donna Foskuhl
- Linda George

- Jamie Geswein
- Beverly Guffey
- Vern Hine
- Loren Houck
- Paul Jarusicwic
- Erik Landing
- Nancy Lyttle
- Paul Marcum, Jr
- Lauren McClure
- Greg Moldovan
- Karolina O'Donnell
- Harriet Shawhan
- Laura Ruppert
- Gloria Van Camp
- Flo Warner
- Evelyn Wheeler
- Vera Westfall
- Mary Willett
- Dawn Gilmore
- Judy Hirshman
- Carol Hildebrecht
- Marilyn Jones
- Dustin Knowlton
- Mary Lehman
- Mantia family
- Bob McCray
- Marcella Miller
- Nancy Pratt
- Cindy Ramono
- Iris Traylor
- Danny Tomaz



Those in Nursing Care

- Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
- Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
- Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
- Marion Farren—Trinity 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 – East Moline, IL

Military

- Charles Barlow—Afghanistan
- Ian Beall – Iraq
- Michael Beall – Iraq
- Scott Certain – USA
- Andrew Hayden – Iraq
- Tyler Mantia – USA
- Michael Mantia – USA
- Nathan Nicholas—Korea
- Brian Nicholas—USA
- Adam Reeves—USA
- Kevin White—Afghanistan



Welcome

Rylie Alexis Barnett, born Tuesday, September 28. She weighted 8 lbs. 7.4 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Eric and Mandy Barnett and big brother Evan. Proud Grandparents are Cheryl and Ben Barnett.

Congratulations to all the family, and blessings to Rylie. - GOPCC

A Season of Glory

Now has come the glory season. Glory in the bountiful fruits of God's earth. Glory in the breathtaking multi-colored leaves of the trees. Glory in the invigorating smells of Fall. Even glory in the sparkling frost—blanket covering the grass and putting it to sleep for the winter. Glory, glory everywhere we look.

- author unknown



Make a Difference Day

The City of Kettering Volunteer Office and Town & Country shopping Center are together organizing this year's "Make a Difference Day" project. There hope is that businesses, schools, churches or service clubs will join them in making a positive impact in the community.

The service projects this year include:

- ◆ raking leaves for seniors in the community that are unable.
- ◆ Assisting the Kiwanis Club with assembly of trauma dolls for use in area hospitals.
- ◆ Volunteer firefighters will be assisting our seniors in need of smoke detector battery replacement.
- ◆ Collecting foods for the Kettering Backpack program.

We here at GOPCC will have a box in the Gathering Place for Backpack food items now through Oct. 22.

- individual cup servings of puddings, fruits and Mac-N-Cheese, or individual cups of ravioli can be dropped off in the box.

Any groups here at church that wish to participate in any of the other projects should contact the Kettering Volunteer Office, 296-2433.

WINGS MYSTERY TRIP on 10/10/10



Ladies, this coming Sunday is our annual WINGS MYSTERY TRIP!

It's not too late to join us even if you haven't signed up yet. Please meet us in the Gathering Place, lower level right after 2nd service. We plan to leave as soon as possible.

There is no cost for the trip other than your lunch and tip. Lunch pricing varies between \$7.00 and \$10.00.

We think you'll find this an interesting and fun trip and hope you'll plan to join us!

If you have any questions please give me a call.

In Christ, Nikki Taylor



Follow up

Thank you to all who supported the 2010 CROP WALK to benefit Church World Service. This year's walkers were Bethanne and Lisa Bleeke, Steve Simmons, Laura, Joe, and Robbie Von Holle, Carol, Eric and Anna Landing, Carol Hildebrecht and Amy Smith, Connie Sink and Rev Greg King. Although the weather was somewhat breezy and chilly, once we began walking we stayed warm enough. Thank you also for your contributions and prayers. It is not too late to make a contribution, checks made out to Church World Service can be put in the offering plate or you can make a contribution on line at churchworldservice.org. Social Action Committee

1,200 Pumpkins Arrive



Oct. 9 @ 8 AM.

Volunteer help is needed to unload the truck on Saturday morning, Oct. 9. Any help is welcome, this is a big task. Adults and all available youth are needed.

Also a volunteer sales schedule will soon be posted in the Gathering Place, adult help will again be needed, during the school hours. Everyone's help is appreciated, this fundraiser almost covers our youth activities expenses for the year. We are also in need of some borrowed wheel barrels and wagons to transport pumpkins.

Mark your calendar for our Fall Festival weekend, Oct. 23 & 24, from 12 to 4 PM each day. We will have games, food, bake sale items, and of course pumpkins. Donations of tent awnings to borrow for this weekend would be appreciated. Contact Sheri, about the possibility of borrowing any awning or wagon items.

- Sheri Parrett, youth leader

475-5724





Youth Events Calendar

- Thurs.—Oct. 7— 4 Pm**
Crusaders (3rd to 6th grade)
- Fri. - Oct. 8—8 Pm**
Jr & Sr High Pumpkin setup
- Sat. Oct. 9— 8 AM**
Pumpkins arrive, ALL Come to help, bring family/friends
- Sun. - Oct. 10 6 PM**
Jr & Sr—YonCon
- Thurs.—Oct. 14—6 Pm**
Girls of Grace
- Sat.—Oct. 16—8 Pm**
5th Quarter gathering

Footprints



**First Fall Meeting—
Oct. 10**

Calling all kindergartners through 2nd graders to join us at 12 noon—1 pm for our first fall meeting. Bring a sack lunch and we will work on a craft project together. Hope to see you soon, and catch up on how your summer went. — Carol Landing, 256-6702

Worship Committee Meeting

We will be holding our next Worship Committee meeting on Sunday, Oct. 17 after the 10:45 church service. Everyone who works with the Committee is invited to attend.

- Toni Bailey, Worship Chairperson

Pantry Needs

- Canned fruits
- Canned Peas
- Mac-N –Cheese
- Pork & Beans
- Canned soups
- Bath Soap
- TP

Any of these items are greatly appreciated by the Pantry staff and the pantry families. All food items can be brought to the wooden chest in the Gathering Place.

In 2009 we assisted 502 NEW Individuals, representing between 320 & 360 NEW families, that came to our pantry for the first time.

We are seeing these same figures again this year. So far, 426 new individuals have come to the pantry this year. Again, your help is very appreciated. Thank You

- Mission Outreach

Dear GOPCC Members,

This past summer, Rev. King gave a sermon that referred to blessing same sex unions. Around the same time, the youth group attended a UCC event that promoted LGBT workshops and other materials. These events created much discussion among our board members over the last three months and finally we came to a motion and a vote. The following is the motion:

Rev. Greg King made a motion and it was seconded that would reaffirm an already existing agreement between GOPCC and Rev. King that "same sex" blessings and marriages will not be performed at GOPCC and by their minister; and that all GOPCC church supported education, discussions, and questions concerning homosexuality in our children and youth activities be restricted and referred back to their parents. The motion was unanimously approved.

Due to the events that transpired, the board members also passed the following motion :

The Mission & Outreach committee recommended that Our Church's Wider Mission (OWCM) of the United Church of Christ be taken out the line item of their budget. The Finance and Stewardship committee after much discussion agreed to that proposal from Mission & Outreach. Upon creating a 2011 budget modifying it from 2010, Finance and Stewardship presented the 2011 budget to the Official Board. After a motion and a second to present Finance and Stewardship's 2011 budget to the November Annual Meeting the motion was approved. After more discussion and a consensus among the Board members, Rev. King made a motion to include the OCWM as an annual Special Offering at a time not connected with our Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter Special Offerings.

If there are any questions about the actions that were made by the official board, please do not hesitate to ask. Please remember that your official board wants to know your concerns if there is any at all.

In Christ,

Ashley Steinbrunner

Official Board Chairman 2010

