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Come & Join Us
at
Greenmont - Oak Park
Community Church



Spring is Here
A Good Time to Renew Life

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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	Les George
Arlene Uldrich	Pasko Evanoff
Charlene Brown	Ron Dill

I am looking for subjects or topics of your interest for a sermon series and small group discussions. Please email me at:

pastor@greentontoakpark.com or you can call or send it by mail.

Thanks for your input. - Pastor Greg

"...Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" Mark 10:38b.

As we walk in the season of Lent we are being asked by our Lord Jesus, are you able to drink His cup and be baptized with His baptism. James and John wanted positions of prestige and power. They wanted greatness. They have been misunderstanding the real meaning of Greatness. Jesus asked them if they were able to drink the cup that He would drink and be baptized with the baptism with which He would be baptized. Jesus was implying His forthcoming cross and suffering. But the competitive, recognition-hungry disciples did not comprehend. They naively replied, "Yes, we are able." Jesus then told them that greatness means being a servant. Let us ponder this awesome challenge this week: "And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many," Mk 10:45. With the question of "are we able?" is a similar question, "Are you willing?" Jesus did say to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized..." This promise comes as we recognize our unwillingness to serve one another in love. We are called to expose our inner secrets in the light of our Lord who is able and willing to transform these deep-seated secrets into instruments of His work. If God is able to turn "spears into pruning hooks and swords into plowshares," Christ is able to transform our inner, secret desires that were once instruments of power-hungry, oppressive self-centeredness into instruments of peace.

Our journey during Lent is a transitional walk from what we think we are able to do for Christ to what Christ Jesus is able to do through us. When we get clearly in mind what we are called to be and do as servants, then we know that we can't take that walk alone. The refrain of a gospel song, "Are We Able?" should not be, "We are able," but Christ is able."

Blessings in Christ's love, Pastor Greg

Everyone Counts— Statistics

Attendance— Mar. 20, 2011

8:45 — 19
 10:45 — 87
 Ash Wed. service— 54
 Sunday school —27

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$15,850)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '10	- \$ 15,964	+ \$114
Jan. '11	- \$15,252	- \$598
Feb. '11	- \$ 13,545	- \$2,305

Happy Birthday

- Bonnie Urbanas—Mar. 27
- Edna Holland—Mar. 28
- Kathy Palmer—Mar. 28
- Peggy Goldberg—Mar. 30
- Lottie Jaeger— Mar. 30
- Jane Simmons—Mar. 30
- Vera Westfall—Mar. 31
- Cleta Dicks—Apr. 1
- Greg Robinson—Apr. 1
- Abbey Roalef—Apr.1



In Our Prayers

- Doris Alexander
- Ben Barnett
- Glenda Boddie
- Jim Farra
- Gene Gibson
- Jack Gilmore
- Beverly Guffey
- Ken & Ginny Hambrick
- Judy Hirshman
- Jamie Geswein
- the Goldbergs
- Jim Haines



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| Vern Hine | Bill Hine |
| Carol Hildebrecht | Edna Holland |
| Loren Houck | Marilyn Jones |
| Dan Jones | Don Keltner |
| Dustin Knowlton | Erik Landing |
| Mary Lehman | Nancy Lyttle |
| Paul Marcum, Jr | Bob McCray |
| Lauren McClure | Marcella Miller |
| Jenny Mount | |
| Karolina O'Donnell | Cindy Ramono |
| Harriet Shawhan | Calire Riccos |
| Laura Ruppert | Doug Sink |
| Paul Stutz | Danny Tomaz |
| Gloria Van Camp | Flo Warner |
| Evelyn Wheeler | Vera Westfall |
| Mary Willett | |

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
- Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
- Will Jaeger – Grafton Oaks
- Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing
- Darlene Mahoney— The Sanctuary
- Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
- Charles Warren – East Moline, IL

Military

- Charles Barlow—USA
 (Jane Simmon's grandson)
- Scott Certain – Afghanistan
 (Jo Anne Jay's son-in-law)
- Andrew Hayden – USA
 (Edna Holland's grandson)
- Tyler Mantia – USA
- Michael Mantia – USA (Mantia family sons)
- Nathan Nicholas—Korea
- Brian Nicholas—USA (Nicholas family sons)
- Adam Reeves—USA (Edna's grandson)
- Sam Rogers— USA (Jen & Jim Roger's son)
- Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)
- Kevin Stites— Kuwait
 (Susie Stites grandson)

Let's Laugh

Following Too Close

Timmy was a little five year old boy whose Mom loved him very much. Being a worrier, she was concerned about his walking to school when he started Kindergarten. She walked with him the first few days, but he came to her one day telling her he did not want her walking him to school every day. He wanted to be like "big boys". He protested so loudly that she had to find another way to handle it.

She asked her neighbor Nancy if she would surreptitiously follow her son to school at a distance, but close enough to keep a watch on him. Nancy said, that, since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise so she agreed.

The next school day, Nancy and her little girl set out behind Timmy as he walked with his friend Ronnie. This went on for a whole week. Timmy's friend noticed that this same lady was following them every day. Finally Ronnie asked Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us all week? Do you know her?"

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yea, I know who she is."

Ronnie asked, "Well who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest an' her little girl Marcy," Timmy said.

Ronnie inquired further, "Well, why does she follow us every day like that?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night Mamma makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers cuz she worried about me so much. And in it, the prayer says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life.' So, I guess I'll just have to get used to it."

(Shared through Cheryl Barnett)



Come, To The Water

Once again we had a wonderful program offered to us by the youth of both Ascension Church and GOPCC along with the combined choirs and musicians.

Approximately 70 audience members enjoyed the Stations of the Cross presentation, followed by activities, and refreshments.

The 16 youth under the direction of Sheri Parrett gave from their hearts to offer this presentation. You could hear and see that what they were doing was important to them. From the youth lay readers to those acting out the silhouette moments, they brought clear expressive voice and clear still pictures of Christ's journey to the cross and then reassuring us of the gift of His resurrection. The choir and musicians also added their gifts of telling the old, old story. The Ascension Contemporary keyboard, guitar, flute and rhythm instrumentalists accompanied the choirs, beautiful additions.

Families made Lenten devotional

books, Easter cards for shut-ins, and family Lenten remembrance footprints to continue the Lenten journey at home.

We thank the Ascension and Greenmont—Oak Park Church ecumenical committee for their efforts to bring us together, to share in the Love of God and Salvation of Jesus Christ.

We hope to have some pictures soon, to share with you, from the event.



BY PASKO

All new artwork by Pasko Evanoff is now in the Hilty Room. He recently had a very successful exhibit at Christ Methodist Church in Kettering and often has work at the Kettering Rec Center. We are lucky to have Pasko share his watercolors with us. Please stop in to see his new paintings which are available. There is information about them in the office.

Youth Events Calendar



Adventure Bible Class - 10:45 worship service. (for ages 4 yrs through 5th grade)

Jr & Sr High LOCK-IN Mar. 25

- bring permission form
- bring \$5 for meals
- bring a snack/drink to share
- bring sleeping bag/pillow

March 27-April 3—Spring Break



Young Children’s Play Coming to Green-Oak Preschool
 April 4th & 5th a Home Schooled group of youth will be performing the play, “The Wizard of Oz” for our Preschool students. We invite any church families with preschool age children to come see the play as well. Come either Monday, April 4, or Tuesday, April 5, in the morning around 10: 15 AM. The performance is free and will last around 30-40 minutes. This group performed for the school last year, and offered a simple & nice story for the children.

Official Board March Highlights

Our March meeting was busy with sharing information and making decisions.

highlights were:

- 1– Congregational Planning Team report and work overview. This task force is looking at the results from the last Nov. congregational survey results. They are helping the Board to work on re-visioning efforts, and helping us find resources to assist the committee’s in their specific work to ‘Increase and Maintain the attendance” here at our church. They shared some good information, and will work with us through the rest of the year.
- 2– The Easter Special offering recipients were decided. The offering will be divided 4 ways between: One Great Hour of Sharing, World Neighbors, Bread for the World, and The Good Neighbor House.
- 3– the Endowment Committee had 8 requests for funds to support outreach and Christian Education and church development needs. The Endowment Committee made their recommendations to the Board for use of approx. half of the Endowment interest funds available at this time. The Board also approved these recommendations.

4- Our church will be making three Neighborhood newsletter mailings over the coming year to invite and share news about our church and our activities .This year we will outreach to 728 residents in the Bauer—Watervliet—Highridge area and Newcome-Knolls area . (Last year we sent mailings out to the Greenmont Village and Oak Park areas.)

Dear Friends

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$350, your gift will be used to further our mission and support the daily operation of the House of Bread.

For over 26 yrs., the House of Bread has nourished the underserved in our community due to the support of individuals like you. Our daily operations are possible in part because of partnerships with the Food Bank and United Way and other local food businesses. Your support allows us to serve seven days a week, including all major Holidays. Everyone deserves to share the holidays in a place where they feel welcome. We are most grateful for your support.

With gratitude, Melodie Bennett
 Executive Director

Bread for the World

Area Meeting

Sunday, April 3, 2011, 3-5 PM

Our church has been hosting the area Bread for the World Meeting for several years. Individuals from throughout the Miami Valley are invited to this meeting as we learn how we can help to end hunger at home and abroad.

Speakers include Larry Hollar, our area Bread for the World coordinator and an aide from Senator Brown’s Cincinnati office.

All are welcome to attend. Please join us at 3 pm - April 3rd in the Hilty Room.

Social Action Committee



Earth Hour Observance

On Saturday, March 26 at 8:30 PM we are asked to participate in a worldwide collective commitment to protect our planet, by turning off our lights for one hour.—Please join in.

