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Palm Sunday



Procession of the Palms

The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated
Sunday, April 17, 2011

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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



April 17—Celebrate the Rite of Confirmation

The process for our youth to confirm their faith is a two year process. The first year we cover the story of God’s effort to create a world where God and all creation lives in harmony by studying this great story in our Bible. The second year we look into what it means to be a Christian. We discuss some of our historical creeds, as we help our confirmands explore what they believe. We explore what it means to live a Christian life: to live in relationship with God and with one another.

Three of our youth are confirming their faith and will declare their willingness to be full participants in the life of our church family: Bethanne Bleeke, Molly Donovan, and Gage Rayney. Sunday, April 17, at our 10:45 worship service these three bright students will declare their faith and participate in the Rite of Confirmation. We hope you will join us as they dedicate their lives to Christ Jesus and embrace our church’s Covenant Commitment for their living. A reception will follow the service.

Blessing in Christ’s love, Pastor Greg



Our Special offering for Easter will be equally divided 4 ways between One Great Hour of Sharing, Bread for The World, World Neighbors, and the Good Neighbor House.

The UCC through One Great Hour of Sharing offers and engages in partnerships worldwide to act out God’s mercy and justice in sharing gifts of relief and development to transform lives touched by disaster and poverty. Four such agencies they partner with are: Foods Resource Bank, Oikocredit, Church World Service, and IMA WorldHealth, among many more.

Bread for the World, is another global relief and resource agency that works to change legislation to assist those experiencing poverty and hunger. They work to be a voice for those who need help being heard.

World Neighbors works to provide relief and resources to those facing natural disasters, poverty due to displacement by war and political –economic changes . They provide resources to help people to become self sustaining.

Good Neighbor House is a local assistance organization helping those in our community who are homeless and without assistance. They provide clothing, food, house wares, and medical assistance for those without insurance, who do not qualify for other programs.

Please prayerfully give as God calls you to for these special missions. - Official Board

Everyone Counts— Statistics

Attendance— Apr. 10, 2011

8:45 — 25
10:45 — 85
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

- Charlene Brown—Apr. 20
- Kay Rearick—Apr. 20
- Aaron Steinbrunner—Apr. 21
- Tim Keltner—Apr. 23



In Our Prayers

- Ben Barnett
- Glenda Boddie
- Jim Farra
- Gene Gibson
- Jamie *Geswein*
- the Goldbergs
- Ken & Ginny Hambrick
- Judy Hirshman
- Bill Hine
- Jack Gilmore
- Beverly Guffey
- Vern Hine
- Carol Hildebrecht



- Edna Holland
- Marilyn Jones
- Dustin Knowlton
- Mary Lehman
- Bob McCray
- Marcella Miller
- Karolina O’Donnell
- Harriet Shawhan
- Calire Riccos
- Doug Sink
- Danny Tomaz
- Flo Warner
- Vera Westfall
- Loren Houck
- Dan Jones
- Erik Landing
- Nancy Lyttle
- Lauren McClure
- Jenny Mount
- Cindy Ramono
- Mary Reynolds
- Laura Ruppert
- Paul Stutz
- Gloria Van Camp
- Evelyn Wheeler
- 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 (S Stites grandson)



Graduation Info Needed

It is graduation time again and we need to know who is graduating this year. Third graders to high school and college. Call, write, e-mail, those who are graduating this year. - Barbara Richards

Congratulations!

To Jessica Donovan on her graduation from Miami Jacobs College. She has a degree in Surgical Technology. She graduated in Sept. 2010 and is now employed at Community Tissue Services fulltime. She will formally walk down the aisle in June 2011. We are proud of you Jessica! - Bonnie & Ray Urbanas

Greenmont Village seeking new Trustee Board members. You may live inside or outside the village. If you have 3—6 hours/ month to spare and are interested in serving, please call the Village office, 252-9941

April 10-16

National Volunteer Week

To recognize and honor those who do volunteer work, you are to be celebrated. You are people in Action.

It has been said, "Volunteerism is sharing God's gifts with others." Perhaps that is the reason that the latest national survey conducted on volunteerism showed that those who identify themselves as religious and/or who attend religious services regularly volunteered almost three times more often than those that did not.

The staff of Greenmont-Oak Park Community church thank you all for your willingness to give of yourselves, to your church and your community.

Angel's Among Us

Once upon eternity,
Above the clouds so high
There were some chosen angels
Who had no wings to fly.

Their hands were made for helping
And hearts were tender too.
Their smiles were warm and happy
And glowed as halo's do
So God sent down these angels
Because they were such dears,
To spread their gentle love on earth
We call them Volunteers.

- by G Carlile



(shared by Cheryl Barnett)

Holy Week Events

Galilean Supper

Maunday Thursday, April 21 @ 6:15 PM
Please sign-up on bulletinboard (a count is needed for the food preparations). Come remember our Lord's last night with his disciples.



Good Friday Service

April 22 @ 7:30 PM



Easter Egg Hunt

Don't be late!!

Saturday, April 23 @ 10 AM Sharp
For kids through age 12.

Prayer Vigil

Begins at 12 noon, Saturday, April 23
Through midnight.

Please sign-up for a time slot on the poster in the Gathering Place.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 24, 2011

8:45 AM—Early Service

10:45 AM Morning service

(only Nursery services will be available on this day at the 10:45 AM worship service, no Adventure Bible class. No 9:30 AM youth Sunday School)



"Easter Lilies"



Once again, we will use the Easter Lily to grace our chancel and sanctuary area on Easter Sunday. You may purchase a plant for \$9.00. Please sign-up on the list on the church bulletin board. Your lily plant may be taken home after the services Easter morning. - Worship Committee

Wrapped Candies Needed for Egg Hunt

We ask for donations of wrapped candies and volunteer help for the Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 23. Please bring your candy to the church office by Sunday, April 17. Any questions call Rev. King, 252-6705.

—Recreation Committee



Saturday, April 16

Starting at 9 AM

Everyone's help is appreciated.
Preparing our Church for Easter



Youth Events Calendar



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

**Jr & Sr youth—Apr. 16 @ 8 PM
Girls of Grace—Apr. 17 @ 6PM**



Food Pantry Needs

**Cereal, pancake & Jiffy mixes,
Puddings, TP and Bar soap**

Last month, March 2011, we served 179 families - 527 individuals (this is our second highest month on record, the highest month was Oct. 2009, 185 families) Your continued support is appreciated. - Mission Outreach



Helping At Home Service Project

The youth group is doing a service project this spring and summer, funded by the endowment committee.

This project will help those who can't afford to get the work completed, or are unable to complete the work themselves. In order for this project to be a success, we are asking for your help. If you, or someone you know is in need of minor repairs, lawn clean up, or painting. We would like to help!

Just submit a request in writing to the church office with a contact name and phone number by May 30th. I will call all requests whether we will be able to help or not.

We are also looking for adult crew leaders who are skilled in these areas. If you would like to join us in our efforts to help our neighbors that would be great too! We will have a planning meeting on Wed. April 13th at 6:30 at Greenmont Church. If you have any questions please call the church office 937-252-6705 or Sheri Parrett 937-475-5724. If we all do a little no one does a lot! Thank you & God bless you!
Sheri Parrett

"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to the family of Paul Marcum, Jr. upon his passing onto eternal life this week.

Rev.King will officiate at the Memorial service on , April 20, at 4 PM. A visitation will follow the service from 5 to 7 Pm here at the church.

May God comfort Anu, Paul & Mary and the family at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family

Coming Soon All Church—Tent Sale



"Donate unwanted usable items"

The Trustee Committee is preparing for the annual all church Tent Sale to be held April 29 & 30. As you spring clean save your unwanted usable items to bring to the sale.

The Trustees will have a pickup service for large items, beginning Monday evening April 25th. If you have small items that you can bring yourself, they can be brought to the church during the day or evening hours the week of April 25th.

Volunteers are also needed to help price items throughout the week and work the sale on Friday and Saturday. Questions can be directed to Gary Etter, or the church office. This is a good couple of days to be a representative of our church to the community as you organize and browse through all the treasures, large and small.

The profits from the sale will go toward church property needs cared for by the Trustees work.

Thoughts for Earth Day

With the annual recognition of Earth Day again upon us, it is appropriate for us to give further reflection to Pastor King's sermon. As Rev King said, God is the gardener: "the earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24). We, as people of God should learn to garden like God does. God creates, cares for and sustains the world. Would our relationship with the earth change if we viewed this planet as an immense and diverse garden? Would we behave differently if we identified creation as the focal point of God's abiding attention, devotion, and love? Would we be more vocal about the injury and injustice carried out against creation, including its animals, ecosystems and persons? Would we advocate for policies that heal our land and protect its creatures?

As Rev King pointed out, the dandelions continue to appear despite our efforts to eradicate them. This is a timely reminder as we approach Easter. LIFE WINS! Given a chance, animals and plants that approach extinction can revive, adapt and thrive. We all know we should use less water, recycle, drive less, buy less, and buy local. God also calls us to look beyond ourselves to our global neighbor. The question then becomes, How or what will you change to help life win? What will you do to participate in the Garden of Eden that God asks you to work and care for? (Genesis 2:15)

-Social Action

GriefShare

If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you have probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. You yourself may not understand the deep hurt you feel.

That is the reason for GriefShare, a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. We want to understand what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. Each of the thirteen GriefShare sessions includes a video seminar and group discussion. You will have the opportunity to interact with others who have experienced a recent loss. GriefShare is a nondenominational group and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics.

Just as God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit comforted and helped the disciples learn how to live again after the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus, God will help us learn how to journey from Mourning to Joy. Please join us for the next GriefShare session, which begins Thursday June 9th at 6:30 P.M. at Greenmont-Oak Park Church. Please register by May 27th. A donation of \$20.00 for registration and the study book is appreciated.

Blessings in Christ's love, Pastor Greg