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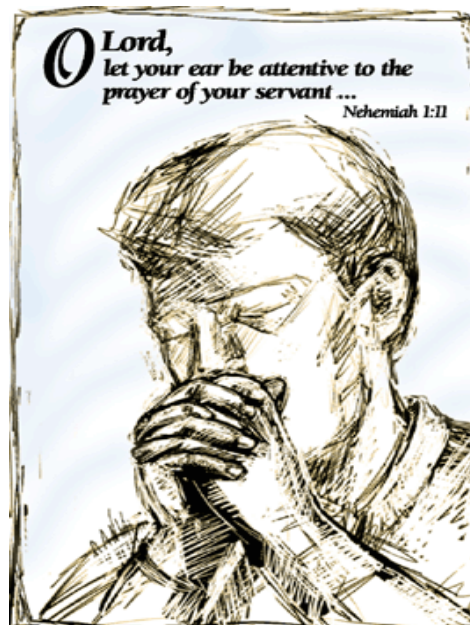
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GREETERS:

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Bob Beall

Choir Director:
Rob Duerr

Organists:
Jacque Fisher
Mary Jane McBride
Shelley Outlaw

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
Charlene Brown

"...A book of Remembrance was written in His presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name," Malachi 3:16b.

I am so grateful for members of our church who help in a variety of ways in the building of our church, that is, in the building up of one another's faith, in the support and encouragement we offer and receive from one another, and in the care taking of our church premises. How wonderful it is to see us gather for worship, praising God together as one voice and being "The Living Word" of hope, encouragement, and inspiration for one another in our sanctuary.

But we all know that there comes a time in our aging process when our health prevents us from fully participating in the life of our church. There comes a time when our faithful members find themselves permanently home bound or in a nursing facility and can neither participate fully in the work of the church nor come and join us for worship and receive communion along with the rest of us. There comes a feeling of grief at the loss of their connection with the church body. There is a sense of loneliness and sometimes a feeling of worthlessness that pains them.

Our church leaders recognized the importance of making sure that our home-bound saints receive the kind of honor they deserve when they called me to be your minister. One of my important duties was the visitation of our home-bound saints- to let them know they are still an important and valuable part of our congregation. I did it with joy and a feeling of appreciation for their lives.

While I was saying my "good-byes" to my home-bound friends, one saintly woman cried out that my departure means no one will remember her. I reassured her that she and others are on a special list, kind of like, "A Book of Remembrance" and she will continue to receive visits from our church. Many of our home-bound members held similar feelings; and each time I gave them reassurance that they will be remembered by our church family and they will continue to receive visits from us.

I have confidence that our church family will make time to visit our home-bound members. I have asked the Membership committee chairperson, Joyce Kelley to help organize teams for the purpose of visiting our home-bound saints. I know that you want to do it, because it is the way to honor them for their service to the church. You can say "Thank you" for their service, and there will be a time that we will be in their situation – cut off from full participation of church life. We would like to be remembered too. As the Apostle Paul said, "What you sow is what you reap." Let us sow the gift of visitation to our members in need, so that, when the time comes we too may receive visits .

During this time of transition, I am asking you to volunteer your service by being a part of a visitation team for our home-bound members. Please contact the church office, or Joyce Kelley, or me. We are having our first meeting on Monday evening, September 12 at 7:30. What a wonderful feeling it is to know that you are remembered by those whom you served. -Your friend and Pastor, Pastor Greg

Everyone Counts— Statistics

Attendance - Aug. 21, 28 2011

8:45 — 28, 19
10:45 — 83, 82
Sunday school — 38, 32

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
Mar. '11	- \$12,209	- \$3,641
Apr. '11	- \$14,261	- \$1,589
May '11	- \$13,157	- \$2,693
June '11	- \$10,387	- \$5,463
July '11	- \$14,577	- \$1,273

Happy Birthday

- Conner Elliott—Sept. 1
- Rachael Rogers—Sept. 4
- Joan Gastineau—Sept. 5
- Marcella Miller—Sept. 5
- Norah Stiles—Sept. 5
- Chris Heath—Sept. 6
- Susan Beall—Sept. 8
- Greg Goodner—Sept. 8
- Ron Rearick—Sept. 9



In Our Prayers

- Glenda Boddie
- Jim Coleman
- Jamie Geswein
- Ken Hambrick
- Vern Hine
- Carol Hildebrecht
- Ruth Ingles
- Marilyn Jones
- Dustin Knowlton
- Ron Callender
- Jim Farra
- Beverly Guffey
- Judy Hirshman
- Bill Hine
- Dan Jones
- Vincent Knowlton

- Erik Landing
- Nancy Lyttle
- Lauren McClure
- Karolina O'Donnell
- Cindy Ramono
- Mary Reynolds
- Laura Ruppert
- Paul Stutz
- Gloria Van Camp
- Evelyn Wheeler
- Mary Lehman
- Bob McCray
- Marcella Miller
- Harriet Shawhan
- Calire Riccos
- Doug Sink
- Danny Tomaz
- Flo Warner
- Mary Willett

Those in Nursing Care

- Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
- Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
- Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
- Marion Farren—Trinity Home
- Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
- Mildred Heath – Walnut Creek
- Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
- Will Jaeger – Grafton Oaks
- Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing
- Amy Karl—Wood Glen
- Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
- Charles Warren – East Moline, IL
- Vera Westfall—Walnut Creek

Military

- Ian Bader - USA, (Brown'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—USA
- Brian Nicholas—USA (Nicholas family sons)
- Adam Reeves—USA (Edna's grandson)
- Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger's son)
- Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)
- Kevin Stites— USA (S Stites grandson)

6 Month Giving Statements

Please look for your 6 month giving statement! We will have them available at the back of the church for you to pick up on Sunday. If you aren't able to come to church to pick it up, we will mail it to you. We just wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how you are doing on your Faith Promise. We thank you and appreciate you for your generous giving. Sometimes we forget if we are up to date on our promise, so the statement is a reminder if we need to play catch up on our pledges.

As far as the church goes, we are behind on our budgeted income to date. It will be difficult to meet our budgeted expenditures for the year if we don't collect more money. So, please take this opportunity to catch up your annual pledge and remember our plea earlier this year to add \$150 to your annual contribution. If everyone did this we'd be well on our way to meeting our budget needs. We do accept direct checks from your bank/financial institution if you want to set up an automated recurring payment to Greenmont Oak Park Community Church.

Thank you again for your constant generosity. If you receive your statement and notice any discrepancies, please contact the church office at 254-6705. Thanks from the **Finance Committee**



Thank You All

Thank You to the Special Music Volunteers that shared their music in worship this summer.

Landon & Mason Dull, the Collins Connection, Laura Von Holle, Bethanne Bleeke, Joy & Robbie Von Holle, Jane Simmons, Anna Slaidins, Laura Von Holle, Diana Knowlton, Nova Kigar, and Bob Karl.

Backpacks are Entertainment?

Really? Not for the hungry child. The Kettering Backpack Program is collaborating with KFHS and selling Entertainment Books. 50% of the \$30 will go immediately to the children. Will you make sure a child doesn't go hungry over the weekends? If interested in purchasing a book, please contact Jacque (jacquefisher@sbcglobal.net or 232-1637). THANKS!!! Jacque P.S. I am only opening up this opportunity because we don't sell them as a church anymore

Dishes are stacking up in the kitchen, your contribution to resent meals was appreciated, please pick up your dishware. Help to keep the church kitchen clean—thank you



Get Ready for

Rally Day!

Please join us for Sunday School, Sept. 11. The Ventriloquist ministry program featuring Karen & Ralph the dog will be performing a special program. Everyone is welcome to join and we want EVERYONE TO COME!

Following our worship services a carry-in dinner will take place. Please bring a covered dish. Tableware, drinks and main course will be provided by your Official Board and Christian Education Committee. We look forward to seeing you there for this fun filled fall kickoff! - Jamie Fisher, Christian Education.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Sunday School will resume on
Sunday September 18th, 2011.**

9:30 AM adults led by Frank Taylor

9:30 AM High School led by Bob Colvin

9:30 AM Nursery - 5th grade a teacher will be available as needed.

10:45 AM Nursery will have a teacher as needed.

10:45 AM Sunday School will have a teacher as needed.

**"Punt, Pass, and Kick
Contest"/ Tailgate Party**



In preparation of the upcoming 2011 football season, GOPCC Recreation Committee invites the church youth and community to join us in celebrating the kickoff of football season with a free "Punt, Pass, Kick Contest" The festivities will be held on Sat. Sept. 10 at 4PM., just after the Ohio State game.

Along with the contest there will be a Tailgate Party with refreshments of burgers, chips and pop available for a \$3.00 donation.

All are welcome to join us for this fun youth contest and Tailgate Party. Wear your favorite team jersey. We hope to see you there! - Matt Julien



**Adult Choir Has Begun —
All interested singers join us on
Thurs. @ 7:15 PM**

. We enjoy singing praises to God and if you do too, then please join us.

Youth News



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

Crusaders—NEW TIME

We'll meet on the 1st & 3rd Sundays, following worship.

Jr & Sr High - will meet on Saturdays, 8 to 11PM, starting -Sept.

Everyone who can help—mark your calendars for Sat. Oct. 8 at 12 noon—our pumpkins arrive. We need help unloading the truck - Youth and adults needed.



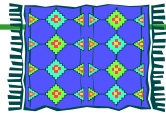
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Teacher Dedication will be held at the 10:45 AM Sept. 11, worship service.

All teachers are asked to attend this service .

Sunday School begins—Sept. 18

WINGS



Saturday, September 17th is the date of WINGS annual Garden Party. This year's theme is "The Comfort of Quilts" and will focus on the connection between quilts and how they define the blessings of our lives. If you have a quilt that has special significance to you, we would like to display it and have you share with us why it is important to you. Please contact any WINGS officer for other information about this part of our evening. Mark your calendar for this yearly event, we guarantee you will enjoy it!

Mystery Trip: While you are at it you can save Saturday, October 22nd. This will be a really fun day starting at about 9:00am and ending around 6:00pm. There will be a little bit of walking, a little bit of food and a little bit of shopping. What more can a lady ask for but a little bit of all of our favorite things?! More details will follow.

Book Club: Our book for the month of September will be "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant. This fiction novel retells the story of Dinah, found in the Bible in Genesis, Chapter 34. The story is told from Dinah's perspective and the women who surround her. You can obtain the book at any of the local book stores, on Amazon.com, and most of the libraries have several copies. Please join us on September 26 at the church at 6:30pm for dinner and a discussion of this very thought provoking story.

Blessings to all! Diana Knowlton

Official Board News

Early this month the Official Board met with SONKA Association Minister, Rev. Ruth Brandon. Rev. Brandon helped explain the procedures a church experiences during pastoral transition.

First, the weeks we have together are precious and the Board has formed a committee that will plan special events for Greg and his family leading up to his final Sunday with us on Sept. 25. Much of what will be happening will be publicized in the Chimes.

Second, the Board appointed an Interim Pastor Selection Committee. They will receive pastoral profiles and conduct the interviews necessary to find the candidate to serve as Interim Pastor. They will have many excellent candidates who offer the skills needed during this transition time.

After the interim pastor is in place, we will initiate a search process for a new pastor in accordance with our bylaws. The Board will attempt to keep you informed as we move forward step-by-step, thinking about our future.

For now, let us express our gratitude to God for Greg's ministry and enter into a time of celebration with him and his family. Please keep them in your prayers, even as you know from experience that he will be praying for us.

Bob Beall, Administrative Chairperson,

Official Board



Pastor King & family Farewell Dinner Saturday, Sept. 24 at 6:00 PM

The Farewell Celebration Committee invites the whole congregation to a **Celebration Dinner, honoring Pastor King and his family** for his Good Shepherd's care and service to our congregation, over the past 14 years.

We will have a lovely buffet meal, sharing of remembrances, the offering of farewell gifts, & some special music.

Everything will be provided for the meal. Please come to say farewell, and celebrate the ministry Pastor King shared with us .



Gift for the Kings'

We are taking up a collection for a congregational gift to the Kings' to be presented at their farewell celebration. If you would like to contribute, you may send directly to the church in the envelope provided in the Chimes, or you may put a check in the offering plate on Sunday with a memo stating "Kings Gift," or there will be envelopes at the back of the church you can use for the Sunday offering, also. Thank you so much. We know that many of you may want to give something else from your heart so please do not feel obligated to this group gift. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Bleeke at 294-2962. Thank you!

