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Join us for a Welcome Reception for Rev. Dr. Robert & Sue Smitley following the Congregational Meeting this Sunday, November 6, 2011



Turn Your Clocks Back Saturday Night, Nov. 5

WORSHIP LEADER:

Frank Lakins—Nov. 6

Pasko Evanoff—Nov. 13

GREETERS:

Toni Bailey—Nov. 6

Paula Geswein—Nov. 13

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Rob Duerr

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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 Les George Arlene Uldrich Pasko Evanoff

Charlene Brown Ron Dill

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A Job Well Done

As has been announced, Rev. Dr. Robert Smitley has been called to be our Interim Pastor. As Administrative Chairperson of the Official Board, I would like to extend a big GOPCC thank you to the Interim Pastor Selection Committee. Susan Beall, Joyce Kelly, Nova Kigar, Gary Etter, and Brad Medlin devoted many hours of meeting, study, and prayer to select and interview candidates for Interim Pastor. We are grateful for the dedicated service of this committee. Their commitment to the process has proven to be a vital step in this transitional moment in the life of our church. Thank you...Susan, Joyce, Nova, Gary, and Brad!

I'd also like to thank Rev. Ruth Brandon, our SONKA minister, for her help and guidance as our church begins to examine our past and move forward during this time of transition.

Take care, Bob Beall

Interim Pastor is Called

When Rev. Greg King was called to his new church this summer, the Official Board moved forward as this church has done before, and set about the task of bringing an interim pastor to our church. The Official Board selected an Interim Pastor Selection Committee who began the process of interviewing interim pastor candidates. After many hours of meetings and interviews, the Interim Pastor Selection Committee recommended that our church call Rev. Dr. Robert Smitley to serve our church as Interim Pastor while our church is looking for our settled Pastor. The Official Board voted unanimously to approve the Interim Pastor Committee's recommendation at the Official Board Meeting on October 19.

Rev. Smitley brings a broad and impressive pastoral experience to our church. This experience and wisdom that Bob has will figure prominently in this transitional moment in the life of our church. Let's keep Bob and his family in our prayers as our church moves forward.

We invite you to meet Rev. Smitley (Bob) and his wife Sue this Sunday, November 6, following our Congregational Meeting in the Hilty Room for a welcoming celebration of cookies, finger sandwiches, and many other assorted yummies.

We extend a warm welcome also to Bob and Sue's family: Kim and Josh Elliott, Katie and Carl Chapman, and Emily, and their four grandchildren: Christopher, Conner, Caleb, and Faith.

The Official Board will host a tea to honor Reverend Smitley and his wife, Sue, on November 6, immediately following the congregational meeting. Please join the board members for this special time of fellowship as we recognize the Smitley's new commitment to GOPCC.

Everyone Counts— Statistics Attendance Oct. 30 2011

8;45 — 19 10:45 — 80 Sunday school — 23

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

-\$1,273

-\$6,071

Happy Birthday

July '11 - \$14,577

Aug. '11 - \$9,779

Barbara Richards—Oct. 19 Amee Conn—Oct. 20 Betty Hine—Oct. 24 Anna Landing—Oct. 24 Alyssa Ybarbo—Oct. 24 Craig Sink—Oct. 25 Ryan Sink—Oct. 25 Joyce Kelley—Oct. 27 Mason Dull—Oct. 28 Robbie Von Holle—Oct. 28 Margaret Foster—Nov. 1 Gage Rayney—Nov. 1 Lee Amundson—Nov. 2 Howard Jordan—Nov. 5

In Our Prayers

Glenda Boddie
DeAnn Decker
Gary Etter
Jamie Geswein
Ken Hambrick
Vern Hine
Carol Hildebrecht
Jim Coleman
Jerry Edwards
Jim Farra
Beverly Guffey
Judy Hirshman
Bill Hine

Ruth Ingles Marilyn Jones Dan Jones Dustin Knowlton Vince Knowlton Erik Landing Mary Lehman Bob McCrav Nancy Lyttle Lauren McClure Marcella Miller Karolina O'Donnell Cindy Ramono Harriet Shawhan Calire Riccos Mary Reynolds Laura Ruppert Tom Scheit Doug Sink Paul Stutz Danny Tomaz Gloria Van Camp Flo Warner Evelyn Wheeler Mary Willett Diane Yost

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
Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
Charles Warren – East Moline, IL
Vera Westfall—Walnut Creek

lan Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)

<u>Military</u>

Ryan Stites - USA

Scott Certain — USA
(Jo Anne Jay's son-in-law)

Andrew Hayden — USA
(Edna Holland's grandson)

Tyler Mantia — Afganistan

Michael Mantia — USA (Mantia family sons)

Nathan Nicholas—USA

Brian Nicholas—Korea (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 grandsons)

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WINGS—Ladies News

WINGS will host a meeting for all the ladies of the church on November 9, 2011. Please join us at 7:00 pm in the Donut Room. We will be having a very special guest speaker from our church and will share a very easy craft project. Please bring a pie pumpkin and an 8-10 inch taper candle for our craft.

Book Club for the month of November will be held on November 28th at 6:30pm in the Donut Room. We will discuss our newest book, "Same Kind of Difference as Me." Please don't forget to bring a dish to share if it is your turn.

The WINGS Officers would also like to thank everyone who participated in our Mystery Trip. We had a wonderful fall day of shopping in Lebanon, Ohio, a slow, but fun ride on the Pumpkin Patch Express which took us to a working farm where we enjoyed the pumpkin patch and shared our fall devotional. The day was topped off with a lovely quiet time together as we shared dinner at The Golden Lamb. We certainly are grateful for all the support we have received this year and look forward to more fun activities and adventures next year. God's blessings to all of our wonderful ladies!

Christmas Card Shower for the Shut-Ins

Bring your Christmas Cards to church for Rev. Smitley to deliver with his Dec. visits. We have a box for them in the sanctuary. Our Shut-Ins are: Verdena Mardis, Rosemary Aylstock, Harriet Shawhan, Nancy Lyttle, Sharon & Jack Gilmore, Mary Willet, Bob Hildebrecht, Evelyn Wheeler, Jim Farra, Marion Farren, Norma Haines, Howard Jordan, Karolina O'Donnell, Kenny & Ginny Hambrick, Dan Jones, Margaret Dill, Dan Miller, Lottie Jaeger, Mildred Heath, Margaret Cobb, Vera Westfall, Lena Patterson, Flow Warner, Mary Louise Chaney, Gloria Van Camp, Ginny Breckler

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Memorial Service Doug Sink

We thank the members of **Greenmont Oak Park Community** Church for the beautiful Memorial Service held on October 29, 2011 in memory of our dear husband and father Doug Sink. The visitation and service has helped us immensely as we expressed our grief openly to you and all those in our wider community. We could feel the true love and sympathies expressed by each of you. This process has deepened my personal faith, and I am grateful. The Memorial Service was perfect. Thank you Reverend Bob Smitley for your visits and leading Doug's service. We also thank Nova Kigar for organizing the Memorial Tea, and assisting through the service. Our gratitude goes to the all the preparers and the servers: Susan Beall, Sue Smitley, Anna Slaidins.

Thank you for all your cards and prayers you have sent to Doug and our family during his illness, and now your cards of sympathy are providing us with prayers of comfort and healing. Also, the meals provided nourished us at this difficult time. The love of our church has truly sustained our family. We truly appreciate all these blessings.

In closing, from a card we received from Cheryl and Ben Barnett: We are never prepared for the loss of a loved one, but God is always prepared to help us through that loss. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18.

Connie, Erik, Adam, Sherri, Julie, Craig, and Ryan Sink



Congregational Meeting
- Sunday, November 6
Follows the morning
Worship services.



We will remember those dearly departed who have received Christian burial this past year through our church, on Sunday, November 6, 2011

LOOK FOR YOUR GREEN ENVELOPE!!

We're sending it to you in the mail. It contains this year's Time & Talent Survey and Tithing Pledge card. This year we appealed to you to increase your giving by \$150 a year (\$12.50 /month). We would like you to again consider that for next year.

Also, consider filling the T&T survey out as a family. As your kids get older there may be activities and service projects they are interested in helping with. Or maybe there are things spoouses want to do as a couple. Take time with your family to talk about your commitment to Greenmont Oak Park Community Church. If anyone in your family is interested in a particular thing, just include everyone on the same survey and put your family name on the front.

If your T & T availability has not changed since last year, please put your name on it and write "NO CHANGE From last year." We would like you to complete a new pledge card, though. The pledge card information is kept confidential by the Financial Secretary.

Stewardship Sunday will be Nov 20 which is also Giving Thanks Sunday. Please bring your T & T survey and pledge card that day to be collected during the morning offering. Or you may mail it back in if you cannot make it to church that day: GOPCC; 1921 Woodman Dr. Kettering Oh 45420.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. May you be blessed as you continue to bless us at GOPCC! - The Stewardship/Finance Committee

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Youth News

"We are planting seeds for Christ, let us have faith that God will provide for their growth ."



Youth Groups Fall Schedule

Footprints— (K to 2nd grade) 1st Sunday of month **Crusaders** - 3 to 5th grade ard Sunday of month Girls of Grace—Jr High girls Last Sunday of month, 6to 8pm

Christian Nighthawks—Sr High boys - Saturday- Nov. 5

Jr High youth—6th to 8th 1st & 3rd Saturday evenings 8 to 11PM

5th Quarter—Sr High youth 2nd & 4th Saturday evenings 8 to 11PM

Prayer Walk— Sunday, Nov. 13



Since we have a congregational Mtg. on Nov. 6, let's plan to walk (Greenmont side) on Nov. 13. We will walk for 1/2 hour—bring comfortable shoes and warm clothes. Yours in Christ, Jacque—PS- Pray constantly.

Chimes Article Dealines are: Nov. 14 & 28, and Dec. 12

Music (Choir) and Worship Committee Meeting Nov. 13, 11

There will be a Music/Worship meeting, Sunday, Nov. 13, following the 2nd worship service in the Hilty Room. We have several topics to discuss. Please plan to attend. -Toni

"Giving Thanks Dinner"



Plan to join us for the Giving Thanks Dinner on Nov. 20. We have posted a signup sheet for help with food, serving, or cleanup. All are asked to bring a dessert to share.

We hope to have special guests with us. We are inviting some pantry families to join us for our special meal.

"Hanging of the Greens"

Following our meal, we will then decorate our church for the coming of Advent. Rev. Smitley encourages us all to stay and help. If we all do a little no one has to do a lot—and it becomes more meaningful working together.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Offering

We will again combine our Special Thanksgiving & Christmas Offerings to equally divide our gifts between six organizations. Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors-In-Need, St. Vincent DePaul, Veterans of the Cross, and the YWCA's Battered Women's Program, up to an amount of \$2,100. Any amount in excess of this total will be added to the church operating costs. Special envelopes will be mailed to you with your Chimes. Prayerfully consider what gifts you may offer.

Selecting a Search Committee

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion... Philippians 1:6

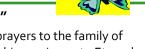
The selection of a Pastoral Search Committee is one of the most spiritual ministries in the life of a church. It is a task that is approached with prayer, wisdom, sensitivity, and awareness that God may be calling certain members to consider serving in this capacity. So, at this time, on behalf of the Official Board's direction, I invite members of our church to volunteer to serve themselves or submit the name of another member(s) to be considered as part of the Search Commit-

Beginning this Sunday, nomination forms will be made available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Complete the form and place it in the Administrative Chairperson's mail box in the church office. When you submit your nomination form, include a brief description of the reasons why that person(s) would be an asset to the committee. Not all nominees will selected.

If you are not able to access the nomination form at church, please call the church office, 252-6705, or Bob Beall, 298-1367 for assistance.

The Official Board has approved a subcommittee (Bob Beall, Brad Medlin, and Lisa Bleeke) to review the nominations and make recommendations to the Official Board, Nomination forms will be accepted through Sunday, November 27. It is the goal of the subcommittee to present the Pastoral Selection Committee for approval to the Official Board in January, -Sincerely, Bob Beall 2012.

"In Sympathy"



We extend our prayers to the family of Doug Sink, upon his passing onto Eternal life this past week, on Oct. 26.

Rev. Dr. R Smitley officiated at his Memorial service on Sat., Oct. 29th., here at the church.

May God comfort Connie, Eric, Adam & Sherri, Julie, Craiq & Ryan at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family

Contemporary Sunday School

The 9:30 Contemporary Sunday School class is viewing a series of videos from a workshop presented by Marcus Borg entitled "Living a Transformed Life: Being Christian Today." The focus is on mysticism in the context of the sacred. Session topics include "Experiencing God and the Sacred", Mysticism in the Bible, & Speaking Christian: Reclaiming Christian Language. We have viewed three sessions thus far, but it is not too late to join us.

Marcus Borg has been national chair of the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and co-chair of its International New Testament Program Committee, & is past president of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars. We meet in the downstairs classrooms & welcome all interested persons.

CROP Walk

The Social Action Committee wishes to thank all who supported the 2011 CROP Walk. We had a beautiful day to walk in Fairborn and were pleased to contribute \$ 450 to Church World Service. Walkers included Anna Slaidins, Joe, Laura and Robbie Von Holle and Steve Simmons. Again, thank you to the church for your continued generosity.