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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

How God Comes

Each morning, when the eastern sky, with opalescent tints grows bright, from out the dawn for those who hear, there comes a whisper,

"I am light!"

When spring arrives in bright array, transcending storms and winter strife, the budding trees and opening flowers, tell their sweet story:

"I am life!"

Then through the glorious summer days, long hours of bliss without alloy, the sun, the birds, all nature joins the great, glad chorus:

"I am joy!"

And when the heart is strangely stirred with mystic echoes from above, a voice divine speaks to the soul—Ecstatic moment! -

"I am love!"

Or if life's problems vex us sore and from our woes we seek release, God send His dews of quietness and gently whispers,

"I am peace!"

And should there come the darker hours, the shadowy vale can hold no fear; that reassuring voice speaks forth, "Courage, my children, I am here!"

I AM
Light,
Life,
Joy,
Love,
Peace,
HERE

Attendance Apr. 1 & 8, 2012

Easter Sun Rise Service—20
8:45 — 19, 22
10:45 — 95, 160
Sunday school — 23

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)
Income rec'd +/- Amt.
Dec. '11 - \$ 32,991 + \$18,033
Jan. '12 - \$12,947 -\$2,011
Feb. '12 - 10, 593 -\$4,365

Happy Birthday

Jordan Erbes—Apr. 14
Frank Heath—Apr. 17
Charlene Brown—Apr. 20
Kay Rearick—Apr. 20
Aaron Steinbrunner—Apr. 21
Tim Keltner—Apr. 23
Josh Parrett—Apr. 25



In Our Prayers

Glenda Boddie Angie Brooks
Ron Brown Jim Coleman
DeAnn Decker Cletta Dicks
CeCe (Cobb) Cole Jerry Edwards
Jamie Geswein Beverly Guffey
David Goldberg Ken Hambrick
Vern Hine Bill Hine
Carol Hildebrecht Ruth Ingles
Mollie Huggins

Nova Kigar King family
Dustin Knowlton Erik Landing
Mary Lehman Nancy Lyttle
Bob McCray Lauren McClure
Marcella Miller Karolina O'Donnell
Harriet Shawhan Cindy Ramano
Calire Riccos Herb Schafer
Tom Scheit Wayne Stolich
Paul Stutz Danny Tomaz
Gloria Van Camp Flo Warner
Evelyn Wheeler Mary Willett
Paul White

Those in Nursing Care

Ginny Breckler—Trinity Home
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
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
Charles Warren – East Moline, IL
Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington Tnsp.

Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)
Scott Certain – USA
(Jo Anne Jay's son-in-law)
John Meyer - Afghanistan
(Nancy Meyer son)
Nathanial Nicholas—Afghanistan
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 grandsons)
Ryan Stites - Afghanistan

“Your generous gift, has touched many lives”

Dear Friends in Ministry,

On behalf of all we serve in Appalachia through the ministry of the Christian Appalachian Project, I sincerely thank you for the gift of \$450. Because of your generous gift, you have touched many lives—sowing seeds of hope. Our ministry is only possible through continued partnerships with churches and so many people of faith. We deeply value your friendship.

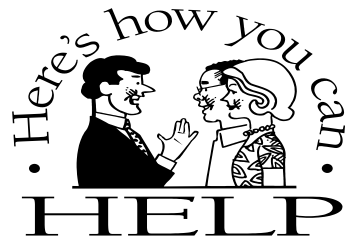
Our support is making a difference by helping a child develop a love of reading, giving parents skills to work with a developmentally delayed child, elderly transportation for doctor's visits, ensuring food on the table for families, lowering heating bills for persons on fixed budgets.

Your church's involvement is a very important link in this chain. Thank you again for your support and prayers. May God continue to bless your ministry.

With a grateful heart,

Sister Robbie Pentecost, OSF

Christian Partners



Disaster Relief from SONKA

Recent tornados affected people and communities in and very near the SONKA UCC area. Immediately our Disaster Relief coordinators and churches near the storm's path went into action offering help in multiple ways.

If you wish to make a donation to help support Disaster Relief, we can send it to SONKA for distribution as they maintain a Disaster Relief Fund. They also can take donations toward the National UCC disaster relief fund. So if you wish to contribute to disaster relief at any level, you may make your checks out to GOPCC and please note in the memo something like "Disaster Relief SONKA area" or "Disaster Relief Indiana/KY tornados" or "Disaster Relief SONKA National". We will make sure this money gets directed to the correct place. SONKA sends ALL funds directly to the relief effort.

As always, please keep our church and our neighbors in your prayers, especially those who may be experiencing hardships and devastation. Thank you!
- Finance Committee

Finance/Stewardship Report

This is an exciting and challenging time in the history of our Church.

Brad Medlin, chairperson, Dr. Bob and the Official Board are seeking new ways and means to guide Greenmont-Oak Park Community UCC to continued success as we navigate this period of transition in our leadership.

Our youth groups are very active and are organizing fund-raisers for their mission work camp in Big Cree, KY the first week of June.

The Neighbor-to Neighbor Food Pantry is meeting the emergency food needs of people in our community in an unprecedented numbers. They also had a very successful Christmas basket program again last December.

The Endowment Committee has \$8,000 of monies available for disbursement, thanks to a very good year of earnings. Many other programs by WINGS and other groups are actively meeting the spiritual needs of our members and friends.

Speaking of needs, we as Christ's disciples need to reflect on our Stewardship as it reflects on our spiritual connection to Jesus and his commandments.

The principle of "tithing" is biblical and addresses the 'need of the giver to give', and not on the need of the church to receive.

We need to give the first part of our day in meditation to God, We need to give the first part of our week in worship of God. We need to give the first part of our income to God. We need to give the first part of our social life to fellowship with other Christians.

Please pray for the Pastoral Search committee as they continue their work and by returning completed questionnaires to help build a profile of our church.

May God Bless You in all you say and do. - Frank Lakins, Search Committee chairperson



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 27 & 28. 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 23rd. 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 23rd.

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.

- Trustee Committee

Youth News



Footprints— (K to 2nd grade)
1st Sunday of month, 12 noon
Crusaders - 3 to 5th grade
3rd Sunday of month, 12 noon
Girls of Grace—Jr High girls
2nd & 4th Sunday of month, 6 PM

Christian Nighthawks—Sr High boys - TBA

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

The Youth are planning some Spring fundraisers to add to their funds for doing a work camp this summer.

Sat. April 28, from 4 to 7 PM
Spaghetti Dinner

Adult meal \$6/ child meal \$4
Dine in or carry-out.

Tickets can be ordered ahead, see Sheri Parrett.



Chimes Article Deadlines are:
Apr 23, May 7, May 23

Honoring our Graduates

It is graduation time again. We need to know who our 3rd graders, high school, and college graduates are this year. Call, write, or e-mail the church with this information. The information must be in by April 22, 2012..

WINGS

Please note that our Lady's Retreat "Seaside Escape" is now scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 16, starting at about 9:00 AM. More information on this fun day will be available soon.

Our annual Mother's Day celebration will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 12:00 noon at the church. Our theme this year is "The Ties That Bind" and will revolve around

the subject of aprons. We have a lovely lady coming from Columbus to share some of her collection of 700 aprons with us. She knows absolutely everything you ever wanted to know about them! The price this year will be \$15.00 per lady. More information will be available on the WINGS bulletin board, check it out!

The book club reading for this month is "Can't Wait To Get To Heaven" by Fannie Flagg. This is a delightfully uplifting tale loaded with Fannie Flagg's wonderful Humor. We will meet on April 30th at 6:30 PM for our discussion. Please join us!

Surprise, Surprise!!!
"Under the BIG TOP
Sunday April 29"



"What will we be doing in the BIG WHITE TENT on Sunday morning, April 29?", you are asking. We will be holding our regular 8:45 AM service and our special "Blessing of the Animals" worship service at 10:45 AM.

So bring your pet and your favorite lawn chair, and we will give God thanks for our furry, scaly, feathery, family friends. - Toni Bailey, Worship/ Music Committee



We congratulate the families upon the Easter Baptisms of our two new little Sisters in Christ, April 8, 2012.

Peyton Rose Steinbrunner (rt.)
&
Chloe Sue Karl (Lt.)



Our Doors
Are Open and Welcoming

The Membership Committee encourages you to invite family and friends to attend worship with us, and join us for fellowship activities, too. Share what a special unique church we really are.

SONKA SPRING GATHERING

Rev. Smitley encourages anyone interested to attend the Gathering, April 28 from 9 to 3 PM at Oak Creek UCC, 5280 Bigger Rd., Kettering. Registration is \$22 per attendee and you can register online at www.sonkaucc.org between March 19 and April 19. An interesting workshop on CHURCH VITALITY facilitated by expert Jim Oates fills up quickly, so please register early.



"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to Denise and the family of Dan Jones, upon his passing onto eternal life on Wed. Apr. 4, 2012. May God comfort you at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family

Cards maybe sent to the family at:
Denise Jones, 596 Ridgecrest,
Yellow Springs, Oh 45387

We extend our prayers to the family of Rosemary Aylstock, upon her passing onto Eternal life on Fri. Apr. 6, 2012.

The Memorial Service will be held here at the church on Saturday, April 21 at 2 PM. May God comfort the family at this time of loss.—Your GOPCC family

Cards may be sent to the family at:
Barb Malchow, 2725 Oakley Ave.,
Kettering, Oh 45419
Sue Aylstock, 406 Harmon Blvd.
Dayton, Oh 4 5419

