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Community Church  
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*We are  
Easter People*



**WORSHIP LEADER:**

Apr. 29 - Diana Knowlton

May 6—Frank Taylor

**GREETER:**

Apr. 29—Elizabeth Sumner

& Kay Rearick

May 6—Paula Geswein

& Barb LeBlanc

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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                      Jerry Hager  
Arlene Uldrich                  Fran Taylor  
Charlene Brown

**THE STRANGER WE TOOK IN**

When I was about 3 years old, my dad met a stranger who was new to our small town of Troy, OH. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer, and so invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around to welcome anyone who would visit us.

As I grew up I never questioned his place in our family. In my young mind each member had a special niche. My brother, Dale, 10 months and 8 days younger than me, was my best friend and we did everything together. In fact what one of us didn't think of the other did and people thought we were twins. Yvonne, my older sister gave me the opportunity to play "Little Brother" and terrorize her all the time. My parents were complimentary instructors - Mom taught me to love the Word of God and Dad taught me to obey it.

But the stranger was our storyteller. He could weave the most fascinating tales. Adventure, mysteries, and comedies were daily conversations. He would hold our entire family spellbound for hours each evening.

If I wanted to know all about politics, history, or science, he knew it all. He knew about the past, understood the present, and seemingly could predict the future. The pictures he could draw were so full of life that I would often laugh or cry as I watched.

He was like a friend to the whole family. He took Dad, Dale, and me to our first major league baseball game. He was always encouraging us to see movies, and he even made arrangements to introduce us to several movie stars. My brother and I were deeply impressed with John Wayne in particular.

The stranger was an incessant talker. Dad didn't seem to mind, but sometimes Mom would quietly get up, while the rest of us were enthralled with one of his stories of faraway places. Mom would go to her room, read the Bible, and pray. I wonder if she ever prayed that the stranger would leave.

You see, my Dad ruled our household with certain moral conditions and convictions, yet somehow this stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our house – not from us, or our friends, or from adults. Our long term visitor, however, used occasional four letter words that burned my ears and made Dad squirm. To my knowledge the stranger was never confronted.

My dad was a tee-totaler who didn't permit alcohol in his home, but the stranger felt we needed exposure. He didn't actually ever give us any alcohol, but he constantly tried to enlighten us to other ways of life. He covered the gusto side of life with beer and other alcoholic beverages.

He talked freely (probably much too freely) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing. I know now that my early concepts of the man-woman relationship were influenced by the stranger.

As I look back, I believe it was the grace of God and what we had been taught

**Attendance Apr. 15 & 22, 2012**

8:45 — 20, 22  
 10:45 — 78, 90  
 Sunday school — 26,

**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
Mar. '12	- \$11,348	-3,610



**Happy Birthday**

- Judy Amundson—April 26
- Ginny Hambrick—Apr. 28
- Cindy Brodowski—May 3
- Ann Smith—May 6
- Doris Greenwood—May 7
- Frank Taylor—May 11
- Marion Farren—May 13
- Barbara Varine—May 13

**In Our Prayers**

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

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Mollie Huggins  | Nova Kigar         |
| King family     | Dustin Knowlton    |
| Erik Landing    | Mary Lehman        |
| Nancy Lyttle    | Bob McCray         |
| Lauren McClure  | Marcella Miller    |
| Nancy Meyer     | 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      | Emily Wilson       |

**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)
- Nathaniel 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

### "In Sympathy"

We extend our thoughts and prayers to the family of Mildred Heath, upon her passing onto eternal life, April 20, 2012. May God comfort Frank, Beth, Marty and all the family at this time of loss.

A Memorial service is being planned for Saturday, June 2, 2012. More details will follow later.

Cards may be sent to:

Frank & Beth Heath  
279 W Rahn Rd  
Kettering, Oh 45429

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We extend our thoughts and prayers to the family of Claude Goodner, upon his passing onto eternal life. May God comfort Greg, Yevonne, Katie, and Sarah and all the family at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to:

Greg & Yevonne Goodner  
4575 Dolly Dr  
Kettering, Oh 45440

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Our prayers and thought also go out to Steven and Judy Simmons upon the passing of Judy's sister, Jo Ann Smith. May God comfort you at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to:

173 James River Rd  
Beavercreek, Oh 45434

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Our prayers and thoughts also go out to Susie Stites, upon the passing of her sister, Sandy Daber. May God comfort you at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to:

3555 S Central Ave  
Flager Beach, Fl 32136

Dear Dr. Bob,

On behalf of our two precious grand-daughter's we would like to thank you for the beautiful service of baptism for our granddaughters', Chloe and Peyton on Easter Sunday.

As grandparents the service of dedication was extra special to us and our families. Your attention to every detail does not go unnoticed and is so appreciated. The baptismal roses were beautiful and thoughtful too!

Thank you for all you do for our church and church members.

In Christ, Bob Karl, Frank & Nikki Taylor

### A Little thoughtfulness can be the greatest blessing all. THANK YOU

Those who have been so thoughtful with kindness to me as I am pretty much Homebound with some disabilities - but isn't our Father-God and his love overseeing our needs and giving us peace in the quietness of rest.

I wish to thank the Pastor for his visits and encouragement, communion and prayers. The cards and all the Christmas cards that were so beautiful. And the food help at times when it was needed. Also offering food help to my Grandson and his family. Also the visits of the ladies.

I am so appreciative—so please accept my gratefulness with love and best wishes of blessing upon all of Greenmont-Oak Park Church and those that serve and those that they serve.

May God continue to protect, love Gloria Van Camp

in church and Sunday School that kept the stranger from deceiving us. Time after time he opposed the moral values of the Bible. Yet no one said much about it, and no one wanted him to leave.

More than 57 years have passed since the stranger first moved in with our family. To be honest I found a stranger like him and some of his cousins and took them into my own home. Now they sit in the den, the living room, their bedrooms, kitchen, just all over the house. They wait patiently for someone to listen to them talk, and you look at them as they talk.

Their names? ..... We always called them by their initials: T.V., P.C., I.P., C.P. L.P.

What a difference it would make if we spent as much time listening to God talk to us as these guys. It might even begin to change us, our families, our neighborhood, community, state, nation, and even the world. After all he shouldn't be a stranger in any home, but a close intimate personal friend to all of us.

-Dr. Bob

### 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

### Marilyn Hunter

#### We Welcome You Back with us

Sunday, April 1, 2012 we received Marilyn Hunter into membership, here at GOPCC.

Marilyn and her family originally joined the church in the early 1960's. Today, Marilyn works at the Walnut Creek Nursing Care center.

She has shared fond memories she had growing up in our church, under the Pastorate of Ray Hilty, please welcome her back.

Mother's Day Celebration  
May 5th



### 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!

**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
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**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.

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

**We're Getting Ready for VBS**



**June 25—29, in the evening 6—8 PM**

Sky VBS is an uplifting discovery of TRUSTING GOD. Everything is possible!

Please see the sign-up lists for volunteers to help with our exciting week of VBS. There are many ways to help. Kitchen help, games, stories, crafts, photos and much more.

Come be a part of this exciting outreach to our community and church family. If you have any questions—please contact Sue Smitley.

**Art Display**

If you haven't seen the art in the Hilty room yet, be sure to stop in. Pasko Evanoff's latest watercolor paintings are there. They are great and information on them is in the office or call him at 298-3810.

- Doris Alexander

**First Quarter Giving Statements Ready**

We have your giving statements in the church office, and ask that you pick it up over the next few weeks, to help us save on postage costs. - Financial Secretary

*Greenmont-Oak Park Church &  
Green-Oak Preschool invite you to share in a  
Recognition Service and Reception*



*Honoring Ruth Fulmer on her retirement.*

*Sunday, June 10 at 2 PM.*

Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Church,

It is with excitement and some sadness that I announce my intention to retire June 30, 2012 as Director of Green-Oak Preschool. Green-Oak has been much like a second home for me for the past 35 years, a home filled with a seemingly endless parade of wonderful children and families.

It is now time for me to focus on my "other" home. I have aging parents who will benefit from more assistance and six energetic grandchildren who require more of my quality time.

I would like to thank the church, the staff and the Preschool families for all your support and assistance throughout the years. It has been a rewarding experience working with you. I look forward to your help in the successful transition to new leadership over the next few months. In order to facilitate a timely and orderly transition, I have been actively preparing for this change. For the past two years I have been training Valerie Baker as the Assistant Director. She has proven herself committed and capable in assuming these responsibilities. Therefore, I highly recommend the Church Staff Committee select her as the new Director. I also propose the Preschool Board create the position of Preschool Financial Secretary to oversee the financial aspects of the school. I would be willing to serve in that position. Sincerely, Ruth Fulmer

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The Official Board respectfully accepted Ruth's retirement, and applauded her for Her 35 years of service to the Preschool and our church.

## 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