

Greenmont-Oak Park
Community Church
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Kettering, Ohio 45420

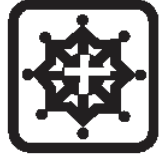


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Rob Duerr

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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 Jerry Archer
Arlene Uldrich Bob Karl

Let the Children Come unto Me

Matt. 19:14



VBS is June 25 to 29 from 6 Pm to 8:30 PM

WORSHIP LEADER:

June 24 — Pasko Evanoff

July 1— Tom Wheeler

GREETER:

June – Anna Slaidins

How Christian are we Christians? Are we who call ourselves Christian authentically and consistently Christian, Christian in our conduct and commitment and aspiration?

A few years ago the Canadian scholar, Wilfred Cantwell Smith, wrote a book, *Questions of Religious Truth*, which finishes with a chapter having the title; *Christian Noun or Adjective*. Dr. Smith says that if he asked if he is a Christian he readily answers, Yes. But he continues, if someone asks him if he is Christian, using the adjective, the adjective changes radically. This, he says, I find a searching question, and disquieting; one that undermines my complacency. Indeed, to ponder it is to be set all a-tremble. He sums up: The noun is comforting, the adjective demanding.

If you should ask me if I am a Christian, I will quite, assuredly, tell you that I am. I can claim to be a Christian in terms of background and affiliation and in terms of belief and intellectual commitment. But, I must ask myself, am I Christian, authentically and consistently Christian? The non-adjective distinction makes me very uncomfortable. Harvey Cox, the American theologian, said this: *We live in a time of the invalidation of the Christian gospel by Christians themselves*. For me that touches a raw nerve.

The word Christian as a noun or as an adjective, has become heavy with ambiguity. There is the person who never attends Christian worship services but who will tell you that he or she is just as good a Christian as those stuffy, long-faced people who go to church regularly. Sometimes the adjective is used, in a loose and imprecise way, to designate any act of kindness or compassion, the kind of act that is expected of Christians who take their religion seriously. Such usage is I suppose, quite proper – but I wonder if it is fair to the compassionate Jew or Muslim, the kindly Buddhist or Hindu, the morally sensitive agnostic or atheist.

Another perspective on this is shown in the story of Philippe Vermeir, a French pacifist who was imprisoned for refusing to bear arms for his country. His courtesy and kindness and simple forbearance proved a trial to his hard-bitten jailers, and when he was released his record was given this ironical endorsement: *incurrigibly Christian*.

We are misled when we think of being a Christian and being Christian as matters of achievement. St. Augustine of Hippo, one of the most influential thinkers in Christian history, said that *God deals with us, not as we are, but as we are becoming*. Martin Luther reflected this insight when many years later he wrote, *The Christian is not in a state of being but in one becoming*. Christianity, the, is not a condition but a process.

In the Christian scheme of things we are to be judged not by our achievements but by the honesty and integrity and courageousness of our efforts to manifest the Spirit of Jesus Christ in our lives. Another of Luther's sayings gives us some assurance, and some comfort, to those who struggle in their faith: *God, he says, rides the lame horse*.

Attendance June 10, 17 2012

8:45 — 29,
10:45 — 82,
Sunday school —

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
Apr. '12	- \$13,679	- 1,279
May '12	- \$10,746	- 4,212



Happy Birthday

- Joe Von Holle—June 23
- Mary Willett—June 24
- Rhonda Erbes—June 26
- Carol Hildebrecht—June 30
- Brian Hager—July 2
- Michelle Conn—July 3
- JoAnne Jay—July 4
- Diana Knowlton—July 5
- Sue Smitley—July 5
- Kaitlin Ryan—July 5
- Sherri Weyrauch—July 6
- Laura Von Holle—July 7

In Our Prayers

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|----------------|------------------|
| Glenda Boddie | Angie Brooks |
| John Butts | Jim Coleman |
| Michelle Conn | DeAnn Decker |
| Cletta Dicks | CeCe (Cobb) Cole |
| Jerry Edwards | Jamie Geswein |
| Beverly Guffey | Jeanie Guffey |
| David Goldberg | Ken Hambrick |
| Norma Haines | Chris Heine |
| Vern Hine | Bill Hine |

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| Carol Hildebrecht | Ruth Ingles |
| Mollie Huggins | Bob Karl |
| Don Keltner | 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 | Rev. Bob Smitley |
| 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
- 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

“Thank You Greenmont Church”

Dear Members of Greenmont-Oak Park Church,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you for the past 35 years. Everyone has been so supportive.

Thank you for the wonderful service and party on June 10. The engraved plaque will hang in my home and always be a reminder of the years we have spent together.

Love, Ruth

Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church,

FISH Southeast Food Pantry thanks you for the \$100 donation. We appreciate your support of this local program.

Sincerely, Janet Harris,

Pantry Coordinator

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift to Frontier Nursing University. For more than 70 years, FNU has educated generations of nursing leaders.

We are steadfast in our mission to prepare nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners who are leaders in the primary care of women and families residing in all areas with an emphasis on underserved and rural populations.

Your support helps provide the financial stability to maintain an affordable tuition for our students.

Sincerely, Susan E Stone

President and Dean

Dear Greenmont Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$328 to St. Vincent DePaul. Our records indicate that your financial support over the years has reached, \$5,584.00.

As a long-time and very generous champion of our work in the community, you understand the critical importance of our mission of assistance, shelter and hope for the poor and homeless.

None of this would be possible without you.

We believe, and we have demonstrated, that a compassionate ethic of tolerance and respect, combined with individualized case management and other supportive services, can lead those we serve to a life of hope and redemption.

With your continued support, our work will continue to live up to that promise. God Bless You.

Sincerely, David Bohardt

Executive Director

New Address:

Steven Keltner
839 Arbor Creek Dr
Holland, MI 49423

If anyone wishes to drop a note to Steven as he starts his new career, the family appreciates it. - Don Kelnter

We’re Looking for a Rocking Chair

If anyone has a rocking chair they no longer use, we could use one for the Hilty room,. - Barbara Richards

REGISTER FOR VBS NOW



Vacation Bible School is next week, please call in to the church office, 252 – 6705, or go on-line and print out the VBS registration form from the website, see Chimes May 5-13-12. It will make the first night go easier to register early.

-Nova Kigar

Trustee’s Work Update

The work on the upstairs classrooms has begun. Insulation, drywall, drop ceiling & new lights are in progress.

10 of 16 new windows are in and all walls are furred out.

Two major projects our church faces in the next 5 years or so is a new roof over the old part of the church (\$25- \$30 K). And Repaving the parking lot, our latest estimate (\$40, 000).

The door on the east side of Gathering Place has been rebuilt, and is now working good. We hope it will last a long while.

June will be extra busy for all Trustees, thanks for your patients.

- Trustees, Gary Etter

Remember to Lift the Search Committee in Prayer

In January we dedicated those on our Search Committee to the work of searching for our new Pastor. Let us remember to continue our support through daily prayer, asking for God’s guidance and strength and vision to be with them.



SeaSide Escape

Where Women Bask in God's Presence

Need a day at the beach? A time to slow down, wiggle your toes in the sand, and bask in the warmth of God's presence? Join us at SeaSide Escape. This beach-themed retreat you won't want to miss!



Location: WINGS Women's Retreat

GOPCC- Hilty Room

Date: July 14, 2012, 9 AM to 4PM

Cost: \$25 per person (includes light

breakfast and lunch as well as some

fun surprises)



Registration starts Sunday, June 10th thru Sunday, June 24. Partial payment of \$10 can be made at registration with the remainder due the day of the retreat.

Contact Diana Knowlton with any questions 938-5246

We're Getting Ready for VBS



**June 25—29, in the evening
6—8:30 PM**

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

Please see the sign-up lists for volunteers, and for snacks items there is a donation list on the bulletin board across from the office.

If you have any questions—please contact Sue Smitley.

REGISTER KIDS NOW

Call the church office to register your children and grandchildren age 3 to 5th grade. 252-6705



Summer Special Music Needed

With the choir taking a rest for the summer months, we ask for volunteers to share their musical talents with us. There is a calendar schedule list posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. We ask for special music at the 10:45 service only. If you require accompaniment, please indicate so when you sign up. - Music Committee, Toni Bailey

Chimes Article Deadlines are:

July 2, 16



Summer Sunday School

Come and join us, the discussions are inquisitive and interesting. The outcome can be surprising. Come give us your opinions.

- June 24—Nebuchadnezzar, Bob C.
- July 1— Judas, Rev. Smitley
- July 8— Pilate, Tom Wheeler
- July 15—Moses, Josh Parrett
- July 22Abraham, Von Holle family
- July 29—King Solomon, B Donovan
- Aug. 5—Ezekiel, Matt Julien
- Barbara Richards

Food Pantry Donations Needed

We are currently low on:

- SOUPS
- TUNA
- JELLO/PUDDING MIXES
- JIFFY/ MUFFIN MIXES
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- BATH BAR SOAP & TP



In May we served 170 families.
430 Individuals

Any and all donations are appreciated. You can drop off donations to the wooden chest in the Gathering Place. Thank you for caring and sharing.

“In Sympathy”

We extend our prayers and thoughts to the family of Ron Brown, who passed onto eternal life on June 8, 2012. Rev. Smitley officiated at his funeral service at the church on Monday, June 11, 2012. May God comfort the family at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to Charlene and the family at:
8 Capital Pl
Kettering Oh 4 5420

Big Creek Mission Trip

I just want to thank God and this church for giving me the opportunity to go on the mission trip with the youth group. It was a wonderful experience and meant so much to me to share it with my daughter and her friends. If you missed the kids’ testimonies at church this week, let me just reiterate that we were touched and inspired in so many ways by so many people. As the camp directors stressed, it wasn’t just about putting a roof on someone’s house; it was about sharing the gospel and our Christianity with them. And as the kids shared, we learned as much from the people we served as they gained from us.

I personally was inspired by the people who make serving others their daily job---caregivers of adults, teachers of children, people

who donate their time, goods and financial resources to their neighbors when they may appear to be worse off than the neighbors they are serving. We were all inspired to seek first the kingdom of God which leads us to serving our neighbors. And that is what Greenmont Oak Park Community Church is all about---serving God and neighbors. So I thank God for my life experiences that led me to Greenmont and for your mission and encouragement. Thank you for supporting our youth and the adults who work with them. And I especially want to thank Sheri and Brian Parrett, Brian and Ramona Donavon, Marian Steel, Brad Medlin, and Adam Taylor.

Big Creek Missions operates year round. Adult groups or families are welcome to go to the camp and make their own schedule. There is always mission work to be done and gospel lessons to be learned. Go to www.bigcreekmissions.com for more information.

In God’s love and grace, Lisa Bleeke

New Art Display

The new exhibit in the Hilty Room is featuring watercolor paintings by local artist Laura Noyes.

She enjoys doing buildings, house portraits, interiors, and abstracts. She is a member of DVAC and has been in many art exhibits locally and around Ohio.

Please stop in to see her great work which is available with information in the church office.

