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Welcome Guest Pastor
Jan Loomis—Aug. 26

WORSHIP LEADER:

Aug. 26—Bonnie Foster

Sept. 2—Bob Karl

GREETER:

Aug. 26—Toni Bailey

Sept. 2—the Foskuhl's

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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

HUMAN BRIDGES: INTERIM MINISTERS

In July I completed the second portion of my Intentional Interim Ministers program and requirements for the denomination. Few really understand the importance of an Interim Minister between what is called “settled” pastors in a congregation, especially when a pastor leaving has a long tenure with the congregation. I came across an article by G. Curtis Jones that kind of sums up what an Interim Pastor is about and thought it appropriate to share with all of you.

An exciting new ministry is emerging! It is the phenomenal popularity growth, and acceptance of interim ministries. The opportunity is so intriguing that an increasing number of clergy-persons are making it a life commitment.

Those who serve congregations as temporary pastors (following the departure of the regular minister and before the arrival of his/her successor) have been variously dubbed: “Supply Preachers,” “Fill-ins”, “In Betweens”, “Strangers by Design,” and “Bridges”. Beyond nomenclature, their job remains the same, namely to proclaim the gospel of Christ and to strengthen his church within definitive expectations.

In our highly competitive, impersonal society, wise leaders of the Christian community know that monolithic structures, old stereotypes in program and personnel will not suffice in an electronic age. The Church must not only be relevant but also redemptive and contagious.

Perceptive members of the congregation acknowledge, indeed crave, intelligent change and courage to grapple with the sensitive and devastating issues of the day. But many have also been discouraged by the all too common attitude described by Ralph Neighbour in *The Seven Last Words of the Church*: “***We Never Tried It That Way Before!***”

No one is better positioned than experienced interim pastors to encourage a congregation to walk humbly down its corridors of glowing self-portraits and, then, stop and face its current condition and reputation. Because an interim servant is unencumbered, he/she can speak the truth without fear of reprimand or dismissal. Thus the temporary minister can deal objectively and honestly with nagging problems and inflexible practices which a new pastor would hesitate to touch until, perhaps, too late to change. Since a qualified interim person has nothing to prove and everything to enjoy, he/she is usually more relaxed, tolerant, patient and confident.

Rev. Jones says that since his pseudo-retirement, he has been privileged to serve nine congregations, ranging in prominence from country churches to cosmopolitan centers. He has seen through new prisms the commonality and delivery of professing Christians. His assignments have run the gamut: from building programs, budgetary problems, poor housekeeping, congregational scimmages, overcoming undesirable ministerial residue to the meaning of Christian faith and personal commitment.

An Intentional Interim Minister is a kind of John the Baptist in modern context: Some observations:

Recognizing the inherent and inevitable dangers in bringing on the new minister immediately to follow his/her predecessor, the day of “back-to-back” pastorates is rapidly disappearing; Quickly the interim learns to cultivate a seeing eye and a listening ear; observing body language, picking up comments and voice inflections that communicate disappointment, despair, defeat. There are also the smiling saints who speak softly and generously to others and who stand ready to minister wherever needed. Since the politics of a well-defined, brief pastorate are minimal, the interim minister

Attendance - Aug 12 & 19 '12

8;45 — 19, 18
10:45 — 64, 74
Sunday school — 22, 20,

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
June '12 - \$7,975 - 6,983
July '12 - \$14,748 - 210

Happy Birthday (Aug 9-24)

Donna Pendergast—Aug. 9
Mark Rayney— Aug. 11
Tom Wheeler—Aug. 12
Loretta Liesch—Aug. 14
Andy Hager—Aug. 15
Nancy Lyttle—Aug. 15
Doris Robinette—Aug. 15
Emily Wilson—Aug. 18
Steve Foskuhl—Aug. 20
Brittany King—Aug. 20
Mike Robinson—Aug. 22



In Our Prayers

Kevin Bader	Glenda Boddie
Ginny Breckler	John Butts
Jim Coleman	Michelle Conn
Mattie Chandler	DeAnn Decker
CeCe (Cobb) Cole	Katie Foskuhl
Conner Elliott	Jamie Geswein
Sharon & Jack Gilmore	
David Goldberg	Ken Hambrick
Vern Hine	Bill Hine
Carol Hildebrecht	Mollie Huggins

Bob Karl	Pam Kelley
Don Keltner	Dustin Knowlton
Erik Landing	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	Emily Wilson

*If Prayers have been answered,
please share the news with the
church office.*

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
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)
Kirby Brooks— USA (Alyssa Brooks son)
Scott Certain – USA
(Jo Anne Jay's son-in-law)
Michael Mantia— Afghanistan
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)

Pantry Prayer Requests:

Secilia, Amy, William, Keith,
Charles, Henrietta

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.



THANK YOU TRUSTEES

The Green-Oak Preschool wishes to thank the church Trustees for all their hard work and talents in updating the upstairs classrooms. The teachers are excited about the start to the new year in their like new classrooms. Your efforts are very much appreciated. - Valerie Baker, Preschool Director & the Preschool staff.

Thank YOU Marge Copas

Marge has been very generous in keeping an eye out for items to enhance our church.

Marge found and donated a used hi-chair for babies and their families attending a meal function at our church.

Marge also gave a donation for the purchase of the new rocking chair. We now have two available rocking chairs at the second service, for young parents to use during the worship service in the Hilty room.

Thank you Marge for your generous donations. - Mitzpah—Barbara Richards

Discontinuing Our Coupon collection

Thank you to everyone who helped supply the food pantry with coupons over the past several years. That assistance did help many families stretch their dollars.

We are not doing away with this helpful support, but we have a couple Ascension church people coordinating this effort with a group of people, that will now provide for the coupon supply.

We are still in need of paper grocery bags, and are grateful for the many ways you give the food pantry your support. - Mission Outreach

does not have prior promises to keep or have any need to curry favor with the power-brokers in the congregation. A church usually accepts more readily suggestions of the interim for he/she is supposed "to have experienced" similar situations. Many congregations have a provincial concept of ministry which an interim can dispel and transcend. No one is quite so free and able to critique structure and program of a church as the "Stranger by Design". After confidence is established, the interim can encourage, perhaps lead, the congregation in developing an authentic profile of itself; an invaluable aid in determining future leadership qualities and needs. No one is better placed to protect a congregation from the "chicken" and "bullies" in the ministry, to openly counsel a search committee, than a loving kind interim. The interim minister is in the unique position of involving closure, without causing chaos or triggering an emotional avalanche.

The interim servant is a human bridge between previous ministries and future anticipations. Regardless of locale, problems, projections approved, throughout the clearly defined period of service, the Intentional Interim Minister has a unique opportunity to share experience, serve as consultant, and to demonstrate contagious Christian love and faith.

In His Service,
Rev. Dr. Robert D. Smitley
Intentional Interim Pastor



Sept. 9, 2012



FILL A PEW SUNDAY

This is a day to reunite with ALL the church family and grow our church family as we begin the fall season.

A \$25 dollar prize will be awarded to the church member who brings the most non-member people to church with them. Bring family along also.

At 9:30 AM—come see the "Karen & Ralph" special ventriloquist ministry program. Fun for all ages.



At noon we will enjoy a delicious POT-LUCK dinner.

A to G names bring a meat dish

H to P names bring a side dish

R to Z names bring a dessert dish

Please bring enough to serve 8—10. The table service and drinks will be provided.



Then a friendly wiffle ball game will follow our meal, played in the side

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS-Rev. Smitley

Due to a technical issue with the Pastoral email address we have changed Rev. Smitley's email address to:

PastorBob@greenmontoakpark.com

This change began on Monday, Aug. 12, 2012. Please change his email address in your email listing, so you can communicate with him un-interrupted.

Summer Sunday School

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

Aug. 26—Gideon, Brian Parrett

Bible Trivia

How much do you know or think you know about the Bible. "He made curtains of goats' hair for the ____? Over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains!" Who is he and what did he make them for? Join me on Sept. 2 at 9:30 and find out. - Barbara Richards

Chimes Article Deadlines are:
Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 1

**Fall Sunday School Kickoff
Sept. 16**

Classes will resume at 9:30 AM:

- * Confirmation—Dave Roalef & Rev. Smitley
- * High School/College —Bob Colvin
- * Adult Bible Class —Frank Taylor
- * Contemporary Adult class — Laura Von Holle (a teacher will be available at the 9:30 hour for preschool to 5th grade)

Bible Adventure at 10:45 AM

- * Sheri Parrett
- * Katie & Sarah Goodner

BackPack Mission Opportunity

On Aug. 12, Jacque shared a mission moment for the Kettering Backpack Program (www.Ketteringbackpack.org)

Can you find it in your heart to sponsor a year's worth of food for one child (\$132)? If not, how about one week (\$4)? 41% of the children in Kettering are on free/reduced lunches. For some, this food is the only nutrition the child receives over the weekend. The Kettering Backpack program now feeds 495 children.

Imagine going hungry between a free lunch on Friday until the free lunch Monday. Please just drop your commitment in the Offering plate or mail straight to the program. KB1, P O Box 86, Dayton oh 45409

I hope you join in this local mission opportunity.

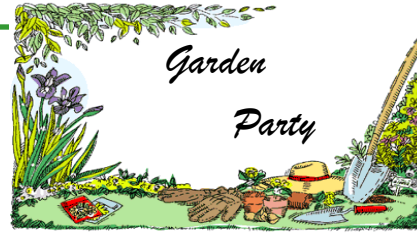
PS—individual items can also be donated via the pantry box (ie—100% juice box, cup of mac/cheese, cup of ravioli, cup of fruit.—Jacque Fisher



"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to Ruth Fulmer and family upon the passing of her mother, Virginia Ulrig. May God comfort you at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to:
Ruth & Roger Fulmer
4305 Braddock St
Kettering Oh 45420



WINGS will host its' annual Garden Party on Sunday, September 16, 2012 at 1:30 in the afternoon. We are planning something a little bit different and are very excited. We believe everyone will really enjoy it. There will be no charge for this Garden Party, however we will be doing a salad luncheon and ask that everyone bring their favorite salad. Check out the WINGS bulletin board for details this Sunday and we will keep you posted with more information as we get closer to the fun day.



Book Club will meet on Monday, August 27 at 6:30 pm to discuss our current reading, "The Amateur Marriage" by Anne Tyler. Don't forget to bring a dish to share with about 12 ladies. We also extend an invitation to anyone who might be interested to join us for a very enjoyable evening. We do have some good discussions .



ALL VOICES WELCOME to join us in singing praises to God!

Choir will begin Fall Rehearsals on Saturday, August 25, at 9:30 AM.

Oct. Volunteer Needed:

To organize and lead the Halloween Party on Sunday, October 28, 2012. We are seeking a leader for this Sunday early afternoon event. Maybe a Chili Cook-off and some games for the children is a way you'd like to help out. Please talk to Christian Education if you are able to help out in this way.

Seeking Christmas Play Director

If you have an interest in performing or directing, we are looking for someone to do the Christmas program this year. You can chose the play, music or create your own. The Date is the only thing planned by Christian Education so far and that could be changed if need be. As of now Sunday Dec. 9th was chosen. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. - Christian Ed.

We Need Your Pumpkin Recipes Soon Think Pumpkins

Fall is just around the Corner!

Our Pumpkins will be coming in on Saturday, Oct. 6th, three quarters of a semi truck load! Yea!!!

This year we want to do something new by selling Pumpkin Cookbooks. We are asking if you have any pumpkin recipes or an easy way to cook a fresh pumpkin please turn in your recipe to the church office or give them to Sheri Parrett. We will make our own cookbooks, and have them for sale with the pumpkins. Please turn in your pumpkin recipes by Sept. 4. Make sure to include your name (if you want it published).

