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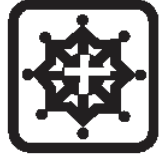
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ALL
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FLOW

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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 Greg Goodner

Arlene Uldrich

Charlene Brown

WORSHIP LEADER:

Loretta Leisch—Nov. 25

Rev. Smitley—Dec. 2

GREETER:

Nov. - Cheryl Barnett

New Congregational Meeting Set—Dec. 16, following morning worship.

On Wednesday evening November 14, the Official Board held their monthly meeting and on the agenda was a discussion of the New Constitution and By-laws. The entire Board agrees changes need to be made and some changes were made to the working draft that you saw at the Annual Meeting on November 4th. These changes were in response to your voices being heard.

The New Constitution is still a working draft and we can work on the fit to better serve our church. The Official Board has decided to hold three more informational meetings to discuss the new constitution.

- 1— Monday, Nov. 26 at 7 Pm in the sanctuary with Jamie Fisher leading.
- 2- Sunday, December 2 at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary, with Brian Donovan leading.
- 3- Saturday, December 8 at 11 AM in the sanctuary, with Jamie Fisher leading.

These sessions are to prepare us for the next Scheduled Congregational meeting, Sunday, December 16 following morning worship. These sessions are important in order that we have a consensus about this new document for the congregational meeting. The Official Board requests that you prayerfully consider attending these sessions, seeking the will of God in all that we do in uplifting His church and serving Him.

The Agenda for the Dec. 16 Congregational meeting will include:

- I. Open Meeting—Jamie Fisher
- II. Accept Nov. 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes
- III. Items of Business
 - A— consider indefinite Interim contract—Rev. Dr. Smitley Until settled Pastor is Called.
 - B—sanctuary ramp
 - C— 2013 Operating budget
 - D—new constitution
 - E—Slate of Officers
- IV. Endowment Report
- V. Closing

Attendance - Nov. 11 & 18 '12

8:45 — 20, 15
 10:45 — 75, 87
 Sunday school — 21, 22

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
Aug. '12	- \$10, 174	- 4,784
Sept. '12	- \$10,820	- 4,138
Oct. '12	- \$12,457	- 2,501

Happy Birthday

- Jeff Mitchell—Nov. 25
- Bob Beall—Nov. 26
- Judy Simmons—Nov. 28
- Connie Sink—Nov. 29
- Layton Vires—Nov. 29
- Yevonne Goodner—Dec. 1
- Ruth Fulmer—Dec. 4
- Steven Keltner—Dec. 5
- Jordan Medlin—Dec. 5
- Katie Goodner—Dec. 8
- Rev. Smitley—Dec. 8
- Megan Weyrauch—Dec. 9
- Patti King—Dec. 11



In Our Prayers

- Doris Alexander Kevin Bader
- Glenda Boddie Ginny Breckler
- John Butts Jim Coleman
- Michelle Conn CeCi (Cobb) Cole
- Conner Elliott Jamie Geswein
- Sharon & Jack Gilmore
- David Goldberg Ken Hambrick
- Vern Hine Bill Hine
- Carol Hildebrecht Mollie Huggins
- Don Keltner Dustin Knowlton
- Erik Landing Betty Lingg

- Bob McCray Lauren McClure
- Vicki, Zachary McBride
- Marcella Miller Hilda Mobley
- Karolina O'Donnell Brian Parrett
- Harriet Shawhan Cindy Ramano
- Bob Rearick Calire Riccos
- Herb Schafer Tom Scheit
- Beverly Smith Wayne Stolich
- Paul Stutz Danny Tomaz
- Gloria Van Camp Gina Van Camp
- Evelyn Wheeler
- Paul White (Dicks family)
- Paul White (White family)
- Mary Willett Emily Wilson

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
- Vern Hine—St. Leonards Center
- Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
- Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
- Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington Tnsp.

Military

- Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)
- Kirby Brooks— USA (Al Brooks son)
- Scott Certain – USA (Jay's son-in-law)
- Michael Mantia— Afghanistan
- 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 & Ryan Stites—USA (Stites grand sons)

Pantry Prayer Requests: Amy
 Please remember all our unspoken pantry families needs .

Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Church family,

Thank you, Rev. Smitley, for your visit with me at Bethany rehab. For my hip replacement. Your prayers were very comforting and reassuring and I wish to thank everyone who have been praying for my successful recovery. I hope to be returning to church in the next several weeks.

My sincere thanks also to all my WNGS sisters and friends who attended the open house my daughter, Barb Varine and myself hosted for the 'Doll House betty built'. My other two daughters, Jeanne Hughes and Patty Kasse were also a big part of the entire story. It depicted their lives growing up in the 1050's and 1960's. What a fantastic day! - Betty Lingg

Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$150 to Homefull. The donations provided by caring people like you help us to continue our mission to work to end homelessness by providing housing, services, advocacy and education. We believe that with your help we can achieve our vision of a community where there is no homelessness.

Sincerely, Tina Patterson,
Executive Director

Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Church,

There are many things about the Spirit Chain fundraiser process at Kettering Fairmont High School that brings me great joy. Finding out we set a new school record was pretty fabulous... but not my favorite. We held our first ever Veteran's Appreciation Night at a football game. We were floored when 50-60 veterans showed up.. We were moved as these men and women received a standing ovation. My favorite aspect of Spirit Chain is working with the students each day. It seemed our students were thrilled and proud with every quarter they raised. Any time a student stood in front of me, smiling ear-to-ear, and glowing over a fundraising accomplishment - those moments are what it is all about.

Spirit Chain may be over for another year, but the idea of philanthropy never leaves Fairmont's hallways. Thank you for your donation of \$726. I'm sure all of our charities want me to thank you as well,, so, on behalf of the Honor Flight Dayton, Kettering Backpack Program, and Shoes-4-the Shoeless, your kindness is much appreciated.

Mrs. Jenny Borchers,

Student Activities Coordinator

Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church,

Thank you so much for your generous investment in the Lord's work. Your gift of \$150 will bring many returns.

By His grace,

Kenneth Clarkston, Chaplain/Director

Hanging of the Greens

Nov. 25, 5 to 7 PM

Join in the all church member activity, to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas.

We will decorate and then conclude the evening with a vesper service at 7 PM. Let us make way for the Christ Child, and prepare to celebrate the joy of the season.

Las Posadas—

Dec. 2,

3 to 5 PM

The Ascension—Greenmont Partnership is planning a special advent event, "Las Posadas" This celebration will be a version of the Mexican tradition.

This procession will start at Greenmont and the people will knock at nine doors and will be sent on their way. At the ninth door the door is opened and then a short prayer service followed by a fiesta with a piñata & activities for all.

Help is needed with cookies for refreshments. If students know Spanish it would be most helpful for the procession.

Contact Lois Keil if able to help, 299-0257 or lakeil67@aol.com



Poinsettia Plants are \$9.00

If you wish to purchase a poinsettia plant for Christmas, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

We ask that the plants remain in the sanctuary through Christmas Eve worship services, before taking them home.



A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED WITH THE PUMPKIN PATCH.

Our fundraiser earned \$3,799 in profits from the pumpkin sales, plus \$1,177 in festival earnings for a grand total of \$4,976. These funds will go toward some programming throughout the year and for the youth work camp trip this coming summer. We plan to go back to do more Mission work at Big Creek Missions in Kentucky. God is blessing that work, and we want to be a part of it again. We so appreciate everyone's help with the pumpkin patch, it couldn't happen without you.

Sheri Parrett & the Youth

A quick note to our youth we will be moving the Saturday evening start time back to 8 PM.



Special Christmas Offering

The Official Board decided to combine the Thanksgiving and Christmas Special Offerings. We will equally divide the offerings up to a value of \$2100 between Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors in Need, Veterans of the Cross, Big Creek Missions, and YWCA'S Battered Women's program. If we exceed the total of \$2100, the donations above the 2100 will then be given to the church operating budget. Special giving envelopes will be coming to you in the Chimes.

Youth



**Fall Schedule
Jr & Sr High**

Youth— Sat. evening
8 pm—small group Jr & Sr High
Bible discussions
9 pm—combined fellowship
Footprints/ Crusaders (1—5th)
1st & 3rd Sundays, follows worship

All Sunday School Classes will remain in session through the Holidays.

Chimes Article Deadlines are:
Dec. 3, and Dec. 17

"In Sympathy"

We extend our thoughts & prayers to the family of Nancy Lyttle, who passed onto Eternal Life on Nov. 17. The Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, Dec. 1 at 4 PM. Please keep Ron and family in prayer. May God comfort you at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to:
Ron Lyttle, 1915 Farmside Dr.
Kettering, Oh 45420

We extend our thoughts and prayers to the family of Jeanna Guffey upon her passing onto Eternal Life. Please keep Cletta & Allen Dicks and Bev. Guffey in prayer. May God comfort you at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to:
Cletta & Allen Dicks, 4480 Bucksport Ct Dayton, Oh 45440
Beverly Guffey, 8333 Leisure Dr Centerville, Oh 45458

Christmas Card Shower for the Shut-Ins



Please 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: Verdona Mardis, Harriet Shawhan, Nancy Lyttle, Sharon & Jack Gilmore, Mary Willet, Bob Hildebrecht, Evelyn Wheeler, Marion Faren, Howard Jordan, Karolina O'Donnell, Kenny & Ginny Hambrick, Margaret Dill, Lottie Jaeger, Margaret Cobb, Vera Westfall, Lena Patterson, Mary Lou Chaney, Gloria Van Camp, Ginny Breckler. -Your cards & notes mean so much.



& Santa

We have just the thing for all the folks of GOPCC to include in your Christmas Holiday season. On Dec. 9th, we are going to visit the various nursing facilities in the area where our list of shut-ins are residing. We will proceed to do Christmas caroling up and down their hallways bringing the Spirit of the season as well as joy to their hearts. We will also present each GOPCC shut-in with a lovely poinsettia to brighten their rooms.

So mark your calendar for Dec. 9th, 2 to 5 PM. We will divide into groups and carpool from church.

Concluding the afternoon, we will share in refreshments at church, visit with the jolly old Santa himself and hand out the GOPCC Christmas ornaments to all participants.

We hope you will seriously consider participating. This is something everyone can do. We want to lift the hearts & spirits of those who are no longer able to attend worship & fellowship with us.

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST Grows

We are still in need of:

- ♥ paper grocery bags
- ♥ canned soups
- ♥ canned ravioli
- ♥ Tuna
- ♥ Peanut butter & jelly
- ♥ Toilet paper/ Bath soap
- ♥ canned fruits



We fed a RECORD 207 FAMILIES in Oct.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

The Season of Preparing for Christmas Baskets for 180 families has begun.



White Gift Sunday is Dec. 9

Along with the regular pantry assistance, each year, our church family along with Ascension church, Prince of Peace, and Good Shepherd ask for your help in giving a little extra to share the spirit of Christmas with our pantry families.

We will be collecting extra food items: fruits, veggies., soups, baked beans, spaghetti, Mac-n-cheese, sweet potatoes, jello, boxed Instant puddings, instant potatoes, Boxed stuffing and jiffy mixes.

Hats, gloves & socks, and gifts for boys and girls age 1 to 16. Our gifts will be lifted in prayer to bless the lives they touch at Worship on Dec. 9th at both services. The Christmas Baskets will be handed out on Sat., Dec 15.



WINGS—Upcoming Activities

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Mystery Trip. About 15 ladies had a great day at Carrillon Park. Very, very enjoyable.

Now we will move on to the last few events of year 2012 beginning with a "Secret Angel" activity. An information sheet is included in this Chimes, fill it out if you are interested in participating. When you complete it, place it in the Christmas box that will be located adjacent to the WINGS bulletin board. On Friday, November 30 at 7:00 pm we will draw the name of our "Angel" at a "Chik Flik" to be held in the Hilty Room. The name of the Flik is not known yet (suggestions can be placed in the Christmas box). Please bring your favorite snack to share for the movie. We will also vote to accept our new group of officers for the 2013-2014 term. The "Secret Angel" reveal will be held at Sue Smitley's home on Saturday, December 29th at 2:00 pm.

December 16 is the date of our Christmas Tea. You will be asked to bring some type of finger food.

Finally, book club will meet on Monday, November 26th. The new book is titled "A Working Theory of Love" by Scot Hutchins.

Thanks for all of your support. Blessings!
The WINGS Officers

