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Jan. 13— 10:45 AM Worship service

Installation of Official Board & Standing

Committee Chairpersons will be held.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Jan. 13—Tom Wheeler

Jan. 20—Rev. Smitley

GREETER:

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 Frank Taylor

Arlene Ulrich Jerry Archer

Charlene Brown Tom Wheeler

As we begin the New Year of 2013 it might be a good idea to rethink our commitment to the church and our attendance at worship on Sunday morning. There are all kinds of reasons for not attending church. It is amazing though how many different avenues we can take that are felt to be more important in our life than attending worship on a regular basis, yet when something happens we expect the fellowship to be right there to help us. More and more activities are pushing attendance at church to the back burner as something that really isn't necessary to have a strong Christian faith and to grow in our faith and in the word. In today's world our "worship" on Sunday morning is whatever social activity corresponds to the seasons of the year on whatever level that may be found.

In the Gospel of Luke the 18th chapter, verses 9 through 14 Jesus is telling a parable of the two men who prayed. ***To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."***

To worship is to say: "This is who I am, I am a Christian, and this is where I belong." To come to church regularly and to participate in worship and the life of the church is to give a witness by our example to the community that our faith has meaning. We declare whose side we're on. By being in worship we are announcing to the world, "I believe in Jesus the Christ."

Now if worshiping gives us identity then it also gives recognition of our dependency on God. I cannot say, as did the Pharisee: "God, I have it made. I have done all this, God. I am self-sufficient and self-reliant." I am here because I confess by my very presence that I am dependent upon God for life, for strength, for peace of mind, for courage, and for all of his gifts. We are in need of God's forgiveness. We pray, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." We recognize we all are dependent on God.

In our attending church, we come to praise God and express our thanksgiving. We say in recognition that we are dependent upon God, "God thank you for your good gifts." We begin our service with affirmations of praise, we have an affirmation from the choir to praise the Lord, and then we respond with hymns of praise. With an awareness of the majesty of God, we can then say, "Thank you, God, for your gifts."

It is through attending church that we can actually receive nurturing, personal and spiritual growth, fellowship and support of this community of faith. This isn't something that happens by osmosis. This doesn't happen by just having your name on a roster somewhere or telling people I belong to Greenmont church. When we worship as one body we know that we are not alone. We worship with friends, and together we mutually encourage each other. The program of the church is not limited to the hour you are here. Opportunities can abound in the church when people participate in the church school, start small study groups and Bible groups, fellowship activities. When this happens, encouragement, nurturing support, and fellowship permeate the entire life of the church.

Through worship it may be the only time during the week we find ourselves confronted with the gospel and experience the presence of God. When scriptures are read and

Attendance - Dec. 23, 30 - '12/Jan. 6,13

8:45 — 17, 20, 19
 10:45 — 90, 57, 97
 Sunday school — 22, 18, 26
 Christmas Eve—100

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Oct. '12	- \$12,457	- 2,501
Nov. '12	- \$12,709	- 2,249

Don Keltner	Dustin Knowlton
Erik Landing	Phyllis Lakins
Kelly McRonney	Bob McCray
Lauren McClure	Vicki McBride
Angie McGaughey	Marcella Miller
Hilda Mobley	Norman Monnin
Karolina O'Donnell	John Parnell
Brian Parrett	Harriet Shawhan
Cindy Ramano	Calire Riccos
Deb Richey	Herb Schafer
Tom Scheit	Beverly Smith
Diana Smith	Wayne Stolich
Paul Stutz	Danny Tomaz
Gloria Van Camp	Gina Van Camp
Evelyn Wheeler	
Paul White (Dicks family)	

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.



Happy Birthday

Jacque Fisher—Jan. 11
 Taylor Steinbrunner - Jan. 11
 Frank Lakins—Jan. 13
 Janine Rayney—Jan. 13
 Betty Lingg—Jan. 13
 Ryan Brodowski—Jan. 14
 Dave Fisher—Jan. 14
 Kim Elliott—Jan. 18
 Emily Gastineau—Jan. 18

In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander	Kevin Bader
Russell Berk	Glenda Boddie
Ginny Breckler	John Butts
Jim Coleman	Michelle Conn
Angie McGaughey	CeCi (Cobb) Cole
Conner Elliott	Michelle Earwood
Pasko Evanoff	Jamie Geswein
John George	Sharon & Jack Gilmore
David Goldberg	Ken Hambrick
Vern Hine	Bill Hine
Carol Hildebrecht	Mollie Huggins

Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)
 Kirby Brooks— USA (Al Brooks son)
 Scott Certain – USA (Jay's son-in-law)
 Michael Mantia— Afghanistan
 Nathaniel Nicholas—USA
 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: Tammie
 Please remember all our unspoken pantry families needs .

Chimes Newsletter Changes

- due to Postal Service changes

Beginning with this issue, the Chimes will be coming to you on heavier weight white paper, because the Postal service has made regulation changes. We will still be sending out the Chimes twice/month, for the coming year.

For those with computer internet service, remember you can see the Chimes on the church website.

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Final copies of New Constitution available

Please find new final copies of the New Constitution, for your use, on the table at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Church office. They will be made available starting Sunday, Jan. 13.

- Official Board



"Thank You"

Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Comm. Church,

Thank you ever so much for our Christmas basket. We were and are blown away by the kindness and generosity you folks gave us. It is greatly appreciated!

Happy Holidays and May God Bless!

- Dan & Mary Gordon

Many Thanks,

The Christmas Cards and greetings are so sweet & kind. I so appreciate being thought of at this time. Also the kindness of the delivery and preparation of the Christmas basket.

Peace and joy to you this Christmas.
May God bless you all, Gloria Van Camp

Dear Friends at Greenmont,

Thank you so much for your beautiful cards and your many wonderful messages, and the lovely flower arrangement. You can't know what a wonderful feeling it is to have you think of me at this Christmas time. Merry Christmas—
Evelyn Wheeler



the Word is proclaimed, we experience the presence of God in our midst. We come to church to be confronted with the gospel – the message of the love of God for us and the power of God's love to change our lives.

Finally, it is also through worship that we receive our marching orders. We have come to receive strength for living, and motivation for service and witness. We are urged not to remain cloistered within these walls but to go out into all the world and share the good news that God loves each one of us and all of his people throughout the world earth. We enter to worship and depart to serve.

May the New Year of 2013 be one in which we truly declare our identity as a person who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; renew and recognize our dependency on God; receive Christian nurturing; personal and spiritual growth; good Christian fellowship; and deeper support of this community of faith; where we can be confronted with the Gospel and the awesome presence of God himself; and receive our marching orders to serve him in all corners of the world, through practicing regular attendance at worship. See you in church regularly this year.

In His Service
Dr. B.

Thanks to our outgoing Financial Secretary

The Finance Committee and the Official Board would like to sincerely thank JoAnne Jay for serving as our Financial Secretary for the past 10+ years. Her commitment and support of our church is amazing. Every single week for all these years she

has counted and reconciled all our tithes, offerings and cash receipts and taken the money to the bank. In strict confidentiality she kept our giving records and mailed out the giving statements. Thank you, JoAnne for your time and expertise! She is now turning the books over to Anna Slaidins. If you have any questions about your giving records for 2012 or before you can contact JoAnne. For 2013 Anna will be your contact. May God continue to bless JoAnne and her family.

The Finance Committee



Thanks & God goes with you Jacque

Dec. 30, 2012 was Jacque Fisher's last Sunday serving our church as organist. Jacque's work is transferring her to Georgia. Jacque has served us as one of our organist for 15+ years, offering beautiful music, leading & mentoring our youth to offer their musical talents for worship from time to time, and supporting weddings held at Greenmont Church with her gifts.

Jacque also started the Kettering Good to Go Back Pack program, providing foods to elementary youth over the weekends. This work is well established and will continue.

We ask God to continue to bless you Jacque on this new life journey, and will look forward to times when you can return to visit. - Your GOPCC family

Youth



Winter 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

Chimes Article Deadlines are:

Jan. 21, Feb. 4

Contemporary

Sunday School Class

Because of the response to last fall's study series on Poverty, the contemporary class will continue in the same subject area this winter. Beginning on January 6 we will be reviewing the Sojourners discussion guide "Christians and Poverty". There are four scheduled sessions (our history indicates this will go longer) that explore how Christians should explore poverty in all its forms – both financial and spiritual. They posit that the correlation between the two now, as in Biblical times, cannot be dismissed simplistically. The articles studied will combine Bible study, social and economic analysis and stories of real people. The series is designed to spark discussion, thought, and action about how to live out God's call for justice for all. Please come join us on Sunday mornings between services across from the kitchen.

Laura Von Holle

Jan. 20 –Peace Service Guest Speaker

Rev. Dr. Charles Sumner Brown

Please welcome Rev. Dr. Brown as he will deliver the message at both services on Sunday, Jan. 20. A luncheon will follow the services.

He is the Pastor Emeritus, of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Dayton, Oh. He is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA, (A B.) 1956, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, M. Div. (cum laude) 1962 and Boston University, Doctor of Theology (Th. D) 1973; Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (DHL) 1993, Central State University. Before entering the pastorate full time, Dr. Brown served as Professor of Church & Society at United Theological Seminary and Associate Professor of Practical Theology (with tenure), Yale University Divinity school. Dr. Brown is an emeritus member of the Governing Board of the The Dayton Foundation, Chairman of the Ecumenical Neighborhood Development Corporation, and is former President of the Ohio Baptist General Convention. Dr. Brown also serves as Adjunct Assoc. Professor of Community Health, WSU School of Medicine and Distinguished Professor of Church and Society at Payne Theological Seminary. Dr. Brown is married to the former Joan Marie Steed and is the father of two sons.



Let us remember to lift our Search Committee in prayer.

Lord Jesus, you know all things, we ask for your gracious guidance, in our search for a new Pastor. Grant the Search Committee faithfulness to the work entrusted to them. Give them a sense of application to be fruitful and pleasing to you. Amen.



Sub Sale 2013

At this time every year we have a submarine sandwich sale in order to provide a few extras for the Preschool. The church is going to work with us on the sale. This year the profits from sandwiches sold by Preschool parents will go for many of our special programs. These include Breakfast/Lunch with Santa, field trips, the Philharmonic String Quartet and picnics in the park. The profits from sandwiches sold by church members who are also Preschool parents will be equally divided between the church and preschool. Last year we sold 2658 sandwiches.

The sandwiches are really delicious! They are prepared with Pepperidge Farm buns. This year we are offering an option of ham, salami and pepperoni with Pizza sauce, cheese and mild peppers. You may order them with or without the peppers. The other option is turkey with provolone cheese and lettuce. They are individually wrapped. They cost \$3.50 each.

All orders must be turned in by Sun., Jan 27. You may put orders in the offering plate, Church office or Preschool office. On Friday, Feb. 8 at 3 PM all the fun begins! We need a few people to help make sandwiches for special orders. Then from 5 to 7 PM, we need many helpers to come continue to make sandwiches. There is a sign-up sheet on the Church bulletin board. It really is fun, we get to meet Preschool parents, building new friends.

All orders must be picked up Friday night, Feb. 8 between 7 & 8 PM from the Donut room. Payment is also required at that time. If you cannot pick up your orders on that date, please notify Valerie Baker , 252-7840 by Feb. 1.

Thank you so much for all your help and support! - Valerie Baker, Director of Green-Oak Preschool

"Good Morning"

"Hello"

Greeting for 2013

First we want thank everyone who served as greeters in 2012. Your welcome made church family and guests feel more connected as they entered the sanctuary.

We have a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the office, to begin the coming year. Please sign up to be a greeter for the 10:45 AM service. It is easy, we ask that you come on the Sunday you greet at 10:30 AM and welcome everyone with a smile and outstretched hand. We'd like every church member to participate. Please consider this meaningful and simple service. - Membership Committee

2013 Bulletin Donations

New sign-up sheets are posted on the church bulletin board. If you care to donate bulletins, the cost is \$14. Payment may be dropped in the offering plate, please indicate what your payment is for in the check memo.

Your participation in our worship service in this manner is greatly appreciated. - Toni Bailey, Worship Comm.

