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*The heavens declare
the glory of God; and
the firmament sheweth
his handywork.*

Psalm 19:1

WORSHIP LEADER:

Jan. 27— Gary Etter
Feb. 3—Ron Lyttle

GREETER:

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Rob Duerr

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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 Bob Karl

Arlene Ulldrich Jerry Archer

Charlene Brown

HAVE WE DONE OUR BEST WORK?

We are half way through the first month of a brand New Year: a year that will hold new and exciting opportunities and possibilities for us as individuals and as a church. There will probably be some major changes and some minor changes as the year unfolds before us. The results of these changes, positive or negative, will be in response to how we approach them as a church and individually; whether or not we feel we have or are presently doing our best work.

Donald O. Newby once wrote: *We are called to be the people of God who transcend the centuries, nations, races, and language of humankind. We are witnesses to the love of God. We are called to participate in the creation of a world that promotes justice for all, relieves misery, and reconciles the estranged. We are a worshipping and celebrating community in the presence of God. We are a mutual support system. We are the glue that helps hold a fragmented world together. We are a reservoir and conservator of the faith. We are a nurturing community for new generations – for any who are seeking faith. We are enablers called to assist and strengthen one another to use our differing gifts for others. We produce prophets, often to our chagrin. We are an instrument of God for the accomplishments of his will. We reflect the political, economic, and cultural systems of which we are a part. We are frequently part of the problem of a given society, but more often we have much to say about the solution. We have thrived or survived in the midst of every kind of political, economic and social order derived by men and women. We are a channel and source of strength to those who gather with us and a witness, conscience, and servant to those who do not. We are called to be one people so that the world may believe.*

If, as Donald O. Newby writes, we are the church, we should ask ourselves if we have or are presently doing our best work for the church. The art colony in Toas, New Mexico, perpetuates a custom from the traditions of the Toas Indians. They said that you must offer up to the Great Spirit your finest work. You must sacrifice it to him. This may enable us to do even finer work. In the spring of 1983 a poet passed through the art colony. He read one of his works to a small group of admirers. They agreed it was very good, perhaps the best he had written. He built a small fire and burned it. Now the city concludes its Spring Arts Festival with a painting burning. A small group gathered in the plaza. One by one they made a pile of their canvases. Composers and writers added their contributions. A fire was lit. One onlooker sighed as fine canvas was destroyed. She knew the painter and thought it her finest work.

Attendance - Jan. 13 & 20 2013

8:45 — 23
10:45 — 65
Sunday school — 26, 28

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '12	\$13,272	-1,686

Happy Birthday

Doti Gastineau—Jan. 19
Dixie Archer—Jan. 20
Mary Marcum—Jan. 22
Elizabeth Sumner—Jan. 22
Julia Medlin—Jan. 27
Garrett Rayney—Jan. 27
Jon Roalef—Jan. 28
Linda George—Jan. 29
Eric Sink—Jan. 30
Karen Hammonds—Feb. 4
Mary Schwarz—Feb. 7
R C Walker—Feb. 8



In Our Prayers

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

Don Keltner	Dustin Knowlton
Erik Landing	Kelly McRonney
Bob McCray	Lauren McClure
Vicki McBride	Marcella Miller
Hilda Mobley	Karolina O'Donnell
John Parnell	Harriet Shawhan
Cindy Ramano	Calire Riccos
Deb Richey	Darlene 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)	
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— USA
Nathanial 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)

Pantry Prayer Requests: Karen
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.

www.greenmontoakpark.com

Dear Greenmont Oak Park Community Church,

On behalf of the students and counselors of the entire Kettering School District, I want to recognize the contribution of the \$525.00 to the Kettering Backpack Program. Your donation enables us to provide backpacks of food for selected students every Friday.

The kids are blessed to have you as partners! Thanks for your constant and unflinching support!! - Jacque Fisher

Birth Announcement

Bob McCray announces the birth of his second grandchild, Bryson Anthony, 8 lbs. 1 oz. to his daughter Jeannie, on Jan. 14, 2013. Proud grandpa was back in Ohio, with the family for the birth, and Bob has been back visiting and worshipping with us on Sunday mornings. Congratulations to all the family.

Walking Partner Needed

Michelle Conn is looking for a walking partner to exercise with. She is hoping her walks will assist in her recovery from surgery. If interested in being a walking partner, call, 301-7691

Across the Miles

We have a copy of the letter from Mary Schwarz, written earlier this month to some church members. It will be posted on the bulletin board across from the office for those who wish to read it.

Mary is well and planning to downsize and move into the assisted living facility in the Eden Homes community, later this year.

- Barbara Richards



Foods Needed for Food Pantry

- * canned fruits
- * baked beans, & other beans
- * peanut butter
- * tuna
- * jello/pudding mixes

We serve on average 164 families/month
Your continued support is appreciated!

The sculptor Frank Lyons put in only an empty box. He said it was a sort of promissory note. *You see, he said, I have yet to do my best piece of art.* There are so many lessons for us in this little parable. The true and living God never demands senseless sacrifice. Nor is he a God who must be appeased in some magical way. There is no magic act that will unleash the creative potential within us. And we do like to believe with Frank Lyons that we have yet to do our best work – don't we?

And exciting year has begun. A new constitution and by-laws is in place, a new Official Board only needs a couple of more volunteers to fill the roster. We have added new members to our rosters and I pray we will add even more this coming year. The church profile is completed and ready for the congregation to review and then be sent to the Association for approval and then made available for potential candidates to obtain and submit their profiles for the search committee's review. There is no doubt that during this year of 2013 we have our best work yet to do.

In His Service,
Rev. Dr. Robert Smitley



Our Ash Wednesday service will be held on Feb. 13, 2012 at 7 PM. Join In this meaningful worship to begin the Lenten season.

- Worship Committee



Shut-In Visitation meeting

The Membership/Fellowship Committee will be meeting for a short meeting Sunday, Feb. 3, after the second worship service.

All those willing to visit the shut-ins may pick up a decoration to take to them. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office to sign up for "Shut-In Visitations".

- Cheryl Barnett



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)

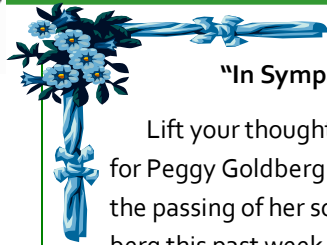
Chimes Article Deadlines are:

Feb. 4 & 18

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



"In Sympathy"

Lift your thoughts and prayers for Peggy Goldberg and family, upon the passing of her son, David Goldberg this past week. May God comfort you at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to:

44 W Wren Cir.
Kettering, Oh 45420

"Let Us Know When..."

Please call the church office and let the pastor or secretary know when:

- ◆ You have changed your address or phone number or email address.
- ◆ You have entered the hospital or know of someone from church that is hospitalized. (The Hospital Privacy Act doesn't allow hospitals to notify us any more)
- ◆ You would like for the pastor to call you by phone or in person
- ◆ You are unable to attend church and would like to receive communion at your residence.
- ◆ You face something that would be easier with extra support
- ◆ You celebrate something that would be great to share
- ◆ You have questions about our church life



Valentine Tea—Sunday, Feb. 10

The ladies of the church are hosting a Valentine fellowship tea, following morning worship, Feb. 10. Mark your calendar.

Remember the

Submarine Sandwich Sale

Orders are due by Jan. 27

Next Sunday



All sandwiches are \$3.50 each

Call in orders accepted:

Preschool #252-7840

Church #252-6705, press 0

Sandwich types:

3 meat & peppers sub

3 meat & no peppers sub

Turkey sub— lettuce/cheese

All sandwiches are wrapped individually in plastic bags. Great for freezing! All orders from church members, (not preschool parents) will benefit the Trustees projects here at the church.

Sandwich Pick-up date:

Feb. 8, @ 7:00 pm

Volunteer Help Welcome:

Feb. 8— 3 to 5 pm & 5 to 7 pm

Let us offer our good support . Tell friends and family—help take orders from them

The sandwiches are delicious!

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.

"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.

