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**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 Hager

Arlene Ulrich                  Frank Taylor

Charlene Brown

*Thank You God*

*for Mothers*



*Happy*

*Mother's Day*

Welcome New Members—May 12

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

Frank Taylor—May 12

Loretta Liesch—May 19

**GREETER:**

Kay Rearick

Elizabeth Sumner

### An Old-fashioned Mother's Day

This coming Sunday we will celebrate Mother's Day during the worship service. When I say "Mother's" day I think of it as inclusively. There are women today who may not have "given birth" but still have taken on the role of mother. Today more than ever we have single dads who are both mother and father to their children in our ever changing society. Roles have changed along with our environment, the role of father and mother are not as clearly defined as they used to be in ages past.

But I got to thinking of Mother's Day when I was a child (just a few years ago) and how different it was back then compared to now. In fact, I was looking for some resource for another project and happen to stumble across an article written by the former Rector Eldred Johnston of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Columbus. As I read the article it brought back some fond memories as the day's I was just a child in the Sunday School on Mother's day and the programs we used to put on with the songs and skits and yes giving the little Dixie Cups with sprouting flowers in them to our mothers at the end of the service in church. The article brought back a lot of memories for me and I thought I would share it with you. Rev. Johnston wrote:

In my boyhood the high point of the year (after Christmas and Easter) for rural churches was Mother's Day. Church attendance was unusually high as sons and daughters and grandchildren gathered to honor mother on *her* day. It was just assumed that an essential part of this tribute was attending church with mother.

The pastor's sermon was given an appropriate title for the occasion: "God Could Not Be Everywhere" or "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Rules" or "The Noble Profession of Motherhood."

Of course, Mother's Day was not observed in Bible times, so there are no specific Scriptures pertaining to it. Yet it was customary to preach from a biblical text, so the pastor usually chose one of these: "Son, behold thy mother; mother behold thy son" (Mark 3:32 or "Whither thou goest I will go" (Ruth 1:16 or "Blessed art thou among women" (Luke 1:28).

A favorite scripture lesson for Mother's Day was found in Proverbs 31. Here is an effusive praise of mothers, beginning, "Her price is far above rubies..." and ending, "Her children rise up and call her blessed." But wasn't it likely that some cynics would scoff at this idealism? Not on Mother's Day. On that day everyone wore rose-colored glasses; their heroine was a saint enshrined in stained glass.

Part of the morning program was contributed by the children of the Sunday School. A typical presentation consisted of six little girls in white dresses wearing hats made of yellow crepe paper representing daffodils. The recitation had some title like "A Bouquet for Mother." The girls would take turns stepping in front of the lines and reciting verses (something like this

**M** is for *mother* we love and admire, Laboring from dawn to dusk without whimper or tire.

**O** is for *older* she grows every day, But to us she'll always be pretty and gay.

**T** is for *tresses* she braided so neat, To make us look charming, saucy, and neat.

**H** is for *hearty* meals she always would serve, Never from that standard would she ever swerve.

**E** is for *early* when she would arise, To start her chores from clean

**R** is for *reverent* – her God always came first, For his love and guidance she ever did thirst.

The entire cast would chant the finale in unison: So here's to you, dear Mother, may your happy days be filled with our love, our thanks, and our praise!

Absolutely essential for the Mother's Day program was the awarding of potted plants – usually geraniums or petunias. There was a wide variety of categories for these awards:

The youngest mother present.

The oldest mother present.

The mother of the most children.

The mother with the largest family present that morning.

The mother with the youngest baby.

The mother who had come the longest distance to church.

The mother with the most grandchildren.

### Attendance - Apr. 21, 28, May 5 '13

8:45 — 20, 9, 22

10:45 — 75, 58, 61

Sunday school — 26, 15, 24

### Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '12	\$13,272	-1,686
Jan. '13	\$10,411.91	-4,547
Feb. '13	\$10,323	-4,635
Mar. '13	\$14,314	-644
Apr. '13	\$8,745	-6,212

### Happy Birthday

Frank Taylor—May 11

Marion Farren—May 13

Barbara Varine—May 13

Elaine Donovan—May 15

Adam Sink—May 15

Hilda Mobley—May 16

Ken Hambrick Jr.—May 20

Dave Roalef—May 20

Harriett Shawhan—May 20



### In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander

Russell Berk

Ginny Breckler

Charles Cole

Michelle Conn

Conner Elliott

Margaret Foster

John George

Sharon&Jack Gilmore

Kevin Bader

Glenda Boddie

Nolan Butts

Jim Coleman

CeCi (Cobb) Cole

Larry Earwood

Jamie Geswein

Ken Hambrick

Bill Hine  
Dustin Knowlton  
Kelly McRonney  
Lauren McClure  
Hilda Mobley  
John Parnell  
Cindy Ramano  
Deb Richey  
Beverly Smith  
David Stockton  
Paul Stutz  
Gina Van Camp  
Paul White ( Dicks family)  
Mary Willett

Don Keltner  
Onu Kolossova  
Bob McCray  
Marcella Miller  
Karolina O'Donnell  
Harriet Shawhan  
Calire Riccos  
Tom Scheit  
Diana Smith  
Wayne Stolich  
Gloria Van Camp  
Evelyn Wheeler

As prayers are answered—please let the church office know, so we may give God thanks with you.

### Those in Nursing Care

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.  
Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek  
Margaret Dill – Masonic Home  
Marion Farren—Trinity Home  
Doris Greenwood—Grand Court  
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)

Remember to hold our Food Pantry families in prayer.



# ATHENS -VBS Discover Paul's Dangerous Journey

Join us for Vacation Bible School.  
Have fun with family & friends.

For children age 3 (by Mar.1, 13) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**When:** June 10-14, 2013

**Where:** Greenmont-Oak Park Comm. Church  
1921 Woodman Dr., Kettering, 252-6705

**Time:** Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri. 10 AM to 1 PM  
(bring a sack lunch for your child – drinks are provided)

**Family Night – Wed. 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm**  
(a complete light meal provided for everyone)

Cost: \$6.00 per child or \$12.00 per family

Pre-registration is desired. Call 252-6705, ext. 0  
Cost assistance or lunch assistance is available, if needed.

**Complete & return registration by June 6, to church office.**

**Emergency Medical forms must also be completed**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Last grade completed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency# \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a home church? Yes/No, Name \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies food/other \_\_\_\_\_

Office: Pd \_\_\_\_\_ Med. Form \_\_\_\_\_



## New Member's Sunday—May 12, 2013

Join us this Sunday, May 12 as we welcome two new members into our church. Pastor Smitley will lead us in officially adding Cheryl Qualters and Betty Lingg to our church family.

Cheryl Qualters has lived in the Dayton—Kettering area most of her life. She graduated from Fairmont East High school and attended Sinclair College. Cheryl worked in clerical services. She has a daughter, Amanda & son-in-law Jared and granddaughter, Gigi. She enjoys gardening, reading, dogs, and volunteers with mentally challenged adults and being a grandparent. Her favorite hymns are: *Lead Me* and *Sanc-tus Rio*. Wish Cheryl a Happy Birthday also, it is coming up on May 18.

Betty Lingg is a life long Kettering area resident. She is the mother of 3 children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren including: Garrett, Gage, Gabby and Gavin Rayney. Betty is retired from TWA and worked at the Cox airport, in Vandalia. She enjoys flower gardening, reading and is a builder of a miniature Victorian doll house. Her favorite hymns are: *How Great Thou Art* and *On Eagles Wings*.

Following the 10:45 AM worship service, join us in a Welcome Tea for Cheryl and Betty. Bring finger foods to share, and greet our new members.

- Membership/Fellowship Committee

We've started a Greenmont-Oak Park Community UCC Facebook page.

Like us on



The hymns used for Mother's day were of special significance; they set the emotional tone for the observance. An advance survey was taken to determine the favorite hymns for the service. The winners usually were "The Old Rugged Cross," "Little Brown Church in the Dale," "Amazing Grace," "I Love to Tell the Story," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and "I Come to the Garden Alone."

After the service people would gather in the social hall. Coffee, punch, and cookies were served while families mingled and exchanged greetings. Congratulations were proffered to mothers who had won awards. Most conspicuous were remarks of astonishment as visiting children were introduced: "You mean this is George, that freckled-face kid who couldn't sit still a minute in my Sunday School class! And now he's a dentist!"

Gradually the gathering broke up as families went home to a sumptuous meal, prepared mainly in advance in the early morning hours (by guess whom?).

May you recall some wonderful memories as your families gather to celebrate an awesome day together in giving thanks to God for all who whatever way or gentle that role is fulfilled. "Give her [them] the reward she [they] have earned, and let her [their] works bring her [them] praise at the city gate. (Prov. 31:31)

In His Service,

*Rev. Dr. Robert Smitley,*

Interim Pastor

### Family Heritage Day—May 18th

**"Everyone come & join in"**

We will honor both Mothers and Fathers at this meal and program event, on Saturday, May 18 at 4 PM.

Fathers will do the grilling ( hamburgers & hot dogs) and mothers ( **WINGS**) will provide the entrees, and dessert, there will be special guest music and other surprises.

Just bring your family to share in this special evening.



### Youth 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:**

**May 20 & June 3**

### May- Adult Bible Sunday Class

The adult class is discussing the book of Luke. Some of the discussions are quite lively. Come and join us.



### Summer Youth

**Retreat—July 11-14**

Sheri Parrett, the Roalefs and Donovans and Mike Robinson are planning a youth retreat to be held at Mike's home in Murphy, North Carolina in July.

Any interested youth should contact Sheri about attending. The cost is \$25/youth.

### 3-T's

The next 3-T's event will take place at noon on May 21st, at MCL Cafeteria. The host for this month is Cheryl Barnett. If you are 50 years or older, please come join us for some good food, fellowship, and fun.

### Getting to Know the Disciples

#### Summer Sunday School



The discussions for the disciples for Summer Sunday school is filling up. If you would like to talk about one let the church know. There is a lot of information on them.

We are taking a look at the disciples from the time they met Jesus to what they did after the Crucifixion. We're sure some information will surprise you.

June 2— Stephen—Gary Etter

June 9—John—A dam Donovan

June 16—Jude - Greg Goodner

June 23—Andrew—Brian Donovan

June 30—Matthew—Bob Karl

### This- N-That

- \* 5 new Jr High youth are consistently attending youth group, over the past 6 weeks.
- \* We have enrolled our first VBS student, already.
- \* We had 14 pets join us in worship for Blessing of the Animals.
- \* We have 95 students enrolled, so far, for the 2013-14 Preschool year.
- \* The Parkinson's Support group had a guest speaker share information about Speech and the disease, and how to exercise to improve speech, I sat in and found this information helpful to me as a soft speaker. All are welcome to join. - nova

### VBS—Athens June 10 to 14, 2013

Christian Education is busy planning for Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is following Paul on his dangerous journey to Athens to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

We will hold Bible School from 10 AM to 1 PM, Mon, Tue, Thur, and Fri. with a lunch break instead of a snack break. Everyone is asked to bring a sack lunch.—drinks will be provided. Lunch help is available for anyone who might need it. Then on Wed. we will have Family Night with a light meal provided for everyone.

We need volunteers: to teach a story, do crafts, help in the kitchen, sing songs, and play games. This is a real teamwork program, the materials are very good at guiding us through the week. A sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board across from the office, consider joining the VBS team.

We will have a training/ information meeting later in May to give everyone the support needed to have a successful & fun Vacation Bible School week.

**See page 6 for a  
VBS Registration form.**



### Graduation Time Again

We need to know of any 3rd graders, High School graduates, and College graduates. Please call or e-mail the church with any information by May 20.



### We knocked it out of the park!

Thanks Lord for great items, good weather, and super fantastic help.

A special thanks to the Margie Foster family, their gifts were above and beyond.

So far our total is \$5043.30 and I expect more in near future. This will go a long way in keeping our property in good shape.

All of this could not have happened without great donations, and countless hours of volunteer help.

**Thanks to the following who made it happen** Phil & Karen Brown, Charlene Brown, Ryan Brodowski, Ellen Earwood Cheryl Barnett, Chris & Zakk Donovan, Roger & Ruth Fulmer, Greg, Sara, & Katie Goodner, Matt Gard, Jerry & Helen Hager, Nova Kigar, David & Jonell Martin, Paul & Mary Marcum, Barb LeBlanc, Mike Robinson, Rev Bob & Sue Smitley, Darlene Schafer, Connie Sink, Arlene Uldrich, Ray Urbanas, Tom Wheeler, Woody & Becky Young, and Barb Etter.

I sincerely hope I forgot no one. We appreciate Goodwill for the trailer. Gary

### "Are You Interested?"

We are asking if anyone is interested in going to the La Comedia for a dinner-theatre evening? The musical is "The Sound of Music" till June 30, and in the Fall a drama play, "Church Basement Ladies" is playing.. It is a very funny comedy. Let Sue Smitley or Paula Geswein know, maybe we can form a group about going.

