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Morning Worship: 10:45 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

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8:45 AM **10:45 AM**

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Pentecost

The birthday of the Church

May we be filled with

The fire of the Holy Spirit

&

Let Christ's love

Sweep over us.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Anna Slaidins—May 26

Jane Simmons—June 2

GREETER:

Kay Rearick

Elizabeth Sumner

Joyce Kelley—June

THE POWER OF GOD

Acts 2 is a stumbling block to some, and folly to others, but to Christian believers it reveals the power of God and the wisdom of God. It is the story of Pentecost, both an historical happening and an integral part of God's eternal purpose. Its importance in history has given Pentecost the name "Birthday of the Christian Church." Its importance in God's purpose lies in the dramatic coming of the Holy Spirit into a needy world, the third person of the Trinity entering the living experience of people.

We may describe the Holy Spirit as the God who is infinitely near as well as transcendently far off. He is a power working within us, a companion who will not fail us, a guide into needed truth for daily living, a comforter who not only consoles but also strengthens.

What the Holy Spirit is can best be seen in what it does. The Holy Spirit gives life-transforming power. When Pentecost came, it brought the gift of power from on high to the disciples – not before it was needed, for the disciples were a shattered band. To them the cross was a disaster, and the resurrection a mystery. Theirs was a lost leader and a cause that had collapsed. The Risen Christ had understood their need, and had counseled them to stay in Jerusalem until they received power from on high. "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8). Then it happened, and we see Peter standing before a vast assemblage of people from many lands, speaking with confidence and power, bringing conviction to his hearers, resulting in the conversion of 3,000 people. What changed Peter from a discouraged disciple to a dynamic apostle? It was the Holy Spirit coming into his life, bringing into his life the power only God can give. From this time, the disciples were transformed from men of uncertainty and ineffectiveness to men of assurance. They witnessed to Christ with courage, and were able to endure suffering, persecution, even martyrdom, with faith unshaken. More than conquerors, they rejoiced to be counted worthy to suffer for Christ. A fact of history so extraordinary it can only be accounted for by some extraordinary cause; and this was Pentecost, one of the truly memorable days in the annuals of humanity.

Pentecost fulfilled the word of the Risen Christ, "Ye shall receive power..." The Greek word for "power" gives us such words as "dynamic." Pentecost has been aptly described as the "dynamite" of God. For it was not the crucifixion that created the Christian Church, although it was a mighty triumph. It was Pentecost that created the Christian Church, bringing the power of God from on high into the lives of people, transforming the disciples into men of power, giving them the glory of lighted minds so that they understood as for the first time the mighty mission of the cross, the performance and the glory of Easter, and the joyous assurance of the ongoing life, for God has given his people not only the will to struggle, but the power to win. Trials became triumphs to people who rejoiced in their calling to be colleagues for the Living God in doing his will and his work in the world.

The great sermon of Peter on Pentecost shows forth the place of Pentecost in the purpose of God. He quotes the prophet Joel, who had looked to God with hope despite the devastation caused by locusts and had called upon his people to fear not

Attendance - May 12, 19 '13

8:45 — 15, 20
10:45 — 87, 79
Sunday school —

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

Caleb Elliott—May 23
John Slaidins—May 23
Virginia Breckler—May 30
Helen Hager—June 1
Lisa Bleeke—June 6



Memorial Day Prayer

We remember, O Lord, all those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Do not let us breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without remembering with great gratitude those who gave the last full measure of devotion—their very lives—for our benefit. May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander	Kevin Bader
Russell Berk	Glenda Boddie
Ginny Breckler	Nolan Butts
Jim Coleman	Michelle Conn
CeCi (Cobb) Cole	Larry Earwood

Margaret Foster	John George
Jamie Geswein	Sharon Gilmore
Greg Goodner	Ken Hambrick
Bill Hine	Don Keltner
Dustin Knowlton	Onu Kolossova
Kelly McRonney	Bob McCray
Lauren McClure	Marcella Miller
Hilda Mobley	Karolina O'Donnell
John Parnell	Cindy Romano
Calire Riccos	Deb Richey
Tom Scheit	Ron Sink
Beverly Smith	Diana Smith
David Stockton	Wayne Stolich
Paul Stutz	Gloria Van Camp
Gina Van Camp	Evelyn Wheeler
Paul White (Dicks family)	
Mary Willett	Cathy Winn

Those in Nursing Care

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
Marion Farren—Trinity Home
Sharon Gilmore—Crestview Manor
Doris Greenwood—Grand Court
Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
Vern Hine—St. Leonards Center
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
Harriett Shawhan—Heartland of Kett
Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington Tnsp
Emily Wilson—Sycamore Glenn

Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)
Kirby Brooks— USA (Al Brooks son)
Scott Certain – USA (Jay's son-in-law)
Michael Mantia— USA
Nathaniel Nicholas—USA
Brian Nicholas—USA (Nicholas family sons)
Adam Reeves—USA (Edna's grandson)

"Many Thanks"

Thanks to everyone who helped by bringing food, helped set-up and, helped clean up for the New Members Tea on Mother's Day. Thank you, Cheryl Barnett


Thank you very much for the Staff gift. I'll use it to buy new organ shoes. Watch out for them golden slippers.—Mary Jane

To my friends at the Greenmont Oak Park Church:

May God continue to bless and keep you always. Thank You so much for all the prayers, support, love, and the many opportunities. I am currently attending Hinds Community College. Studying to become a veterinarian, my love for animals is my reason for wanting to nourish and care for them to the full capacity. My future plans will be to attend Ms State next year to continue those studies. Thank you for caring. Thanks for your sponsorship.

- Zeynab Rakiem

(this is one of our sponsored Childfund children, who is graduating from the program we have sponsored Zeynab since she was 6 yrs. Old, she is now 19.)

We've started a Greenmont-Oak Park Community UCC Facebook page. Like us. (the one with Christ Window photo featured) 

This- N-That

- * The church office had a new copier installed earlier in May. Your Chimes and bulletin copies will be much clearer now! We are grateful for funds from the Endowment (designated in 2011) and Memorial funds in helping to purchase this new copier.
- * 25 attended the Family Heritage Day program.
- * Mark your calendar now for the Aug. 4, 2013 ALL CHURCH PIC-NIC

In Sorrow and Love we seek You Lord.

This week has tugged on our hearts and minds again as we see, and experience the walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

C. S. Lewis had personal experience of loss and grief, when his wife of four years succumbed to cancer. He wrote a book about it, titled: "A Grief Observed". One thought he shared in it was: "You never know how much you believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life or death to you."

Belief in God and eternal life became a necessity for him. He concluded with the psalmist that although he walked through the valley of the shadow of death, the Lord was with him to comfort and strengthen him.

Receive Christ fully unto you, so the Lord's strength and comfort may be yours, and pray that you may share it with those who need it so much this day and hour. Allow the Lord to move you to prayer or action that he will work through you.

but to be glad and rejoice and to look forward with expectancy to that day when God would pour out his spirit upon all flesh (Joel 2:21-29). Peter then quotes from the 16th Psalm, a joyous testimony to the victorious life made possible to people by the presence of God.

"I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; My body also dwells secure" (Ps 16:8-10).

This is a glimpse of the glory of Pentecost – God with us in our daily experience, no problem too big for his power, no person too small for his love. As we enter the Season of Pentecost may the Spirit of God refresh, strengthen, and transform each of your lives in the fruits of the Spirit.

Yours in Christ, *Rev. Dr. Robert D. Smitley*
Interim Pastor

Search Committee Update

We are currently meeting 3-4 times a month reviewing ministerial profiles. This has proven to be quite daunting! As an example, we would like to share the following with you.

A certain church found itself suddenly without a pastor, and a committee was formed to search for a new man. In due course, the committee received a letter from a clergyman applying for the position. The letter went like this:

"Gentlemen:

Understanding that your pulpit is vacant, I should like to submit my application. I am generally considered to be a good preacher. I have been a

leader in most of the places I have served. I have also found time to do some writing on the side. I am over 50 years of age, and while my health is not the best, I still manage to get enough work done so as to please the parish.

As for the references, I am somewhat handicapped, I have never preached in any place for more than three years. And the churches I have preached in have generally been pretty small, even though they were located in rather large cities. In some places I had to leave because my ministry caused riots and disturbances. Even when I stayed, I did not get along too well with other religious leaders in town, which may influence the kind of references these places will send you.

I have also been threatened several times and even physically attacked. Three or four times I have gone to jail for witnessing to my convictions.

Still, I feel sure I can bring vitality to your Church even though I am not particularly good at keeping records. I have to admit I don't even remember all those whom I have baptized. However, if you can use me, I should be pleased to be considered."

Hearing the letter read aloud, the committee members were aghast. How could anyone think that a church like theirs could consider a man who was nothing but a trouble-making, absent-minded, ex-jailbird? What was his name?

Well, said the chairman of the search committee, this letter is simply signed "Paul."

Please keep our Search Committee in your prayers and thank you for your support!



Congratulations to all our graduating students this year! Special recognition will be given to our third grader and High School graduates at the 10:45 AM service on June 2, 2013.

Third Graders: Mychaela Janzow, the daughter of Jessica Donovan, and Riley Steinbrunner, daughter of Ashley & Aaron Steinbrunner will be moving up to the Pre-teen class next fall, congratulations!

Garrett Rayney, son of Mark & Janine Rayney will be graduating from Fairmont High School. The family invites friends to join them in celebrating Garrett's graduation at the Geswein's home, 3320 Delaney St. Kettering, on Saturday, June 8th, 2 to 6 PM.

Kelsey Gearhart, granddaughter of Paul & Mary Marcum will also graduate from Fairmont High School. She plans to attend Kettering Medical College for Nursing.

Gabrielle K Etter, granddaughter of Gary & Barb Etter will graduate from Bellbrook High School and plans to attend Fairmont State in West Virginia on a full ride basketball scholarship.

Caroline Smith has graduated from University of Dayton with a B.S. degree in Dietetics. She is now working an Internship at Miami Valley Hospital.

May You continue to receive the guidance and blessings of God our Father as you take the next steps of your life journey.

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—Adam Donovan

June 16—Jude - Greg Goodner

June 23—Andrew—Brian Donovan

June 30—Matthew—Bob Karl

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:
June 3 & 17**



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.

VBS—Athens June 10 to 14, 2013



Christian Education will have a training/ information meeting May 30, at 7 PM, to give everyone the support needed to have a successful & fun Vacation Bible School week. We need everyone's attendance.

VBS Registration can be done by: **Call the church office, 252-6705, ext.0, or fill out a VBS registration form from the table at the back of the sanctuary, or find it on-line at the church website, www.grnemontoakpark.com in the May 12 Chimes publication. Hand in registrations to the church office.**

Parking Lot!

We need a new parking lot! We currently have over a dozen holes growing larger and many cracks also growing and crumbling in the parking lot. We need your help!

Our church is embarking on a capital campaign to raise \$26,000 to re-pave and stripe the parking lot. Gary Etter has challenged us to match his \$1,000 donation and our endowment fund may contribute up to \$12,000, so we are off to a great start!

The parking lot is the first thing our community sees when they come to GOPCC, and that can make a good or bad impression of our church and preschool. And we all

would like to drive and park on a clean, smooth surface.

We would love to have your financial commitment to raise the remaining \$24,000. At a time when it is difficult for us to even meet our tithing pledge, we need to prayerfully consider an additional gift to our church. Maybe you cannot pledge any more at this time. Can you organize and run a fundraiser? Please pray about this. And please, as always, pray for GOPCC and our commitment to serving God and His will for us, our congregation and serving the community.

Our capital campaign will run from June 1 – Sept 1, 2013. Only if we can get a commitment to meet our goal can we move forward with our project before winter sets in. We will be mailing you a letter and pledge form. This campaign is in addition to our annual stewardship campaign. We still need to meet our operating budget! The letter will explain the different options you have to support us.

Thank you for your prayers and your commitment to Greenmont Oak Park Community UCC Church. -The Finance & Trustee Committees



