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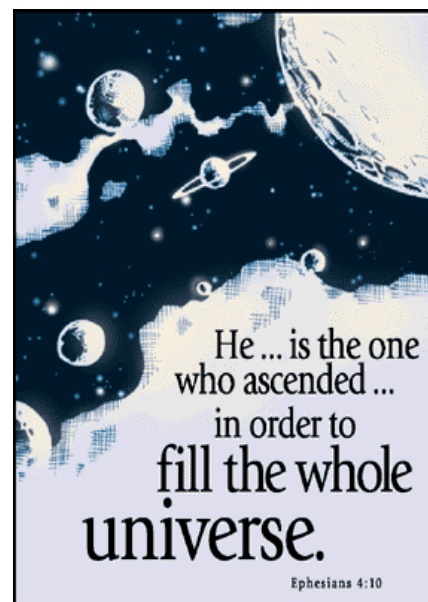
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Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM
Morning Worship: 10:45 AM
Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

<u>8:45 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Gary Etter	Jerry Archer
Arlene Ulrich	Bob Karl
Charlene Brown	



WORSHIP LEADER:
Bob Colvin—June 23
Lisa Bleeke—June 30

GREETER:
Joyce Kelley—June

DETOURS

It seems the perennial flower for the State of Ohio is in full bloom already. You can see those big orange blossoms everywhere when you are traveling. In fact, they seem to appear where you least expect it and where they weren't just two days ago. They are the ugliest flower I have ever seen and you can find them right along side and across the highways up and down the state of Ohio. OH! The name of this ominous flower you ask? Why none other than the Traffic Barrel! As soon as the weather turns warm they seem to pop-up out of the concrete and asphalt everywhere – more like a weed than a flower.

But the sight of these obstacles means that there is a detour in the normal route somewhere along the line that could be anything from a change in lane direction to taking you off onto some unknown country road you have never driven before.

I remember one summer afternoon when I was pastoring a dual charge in Crawford and Seneca Counties and decided to make the trip from Bucyrus to Tiffin by cutting across country using State Route 103 top State Route 100. I was not aware at the time that there was a detour on Route 103, because of a bridge being out north of State Route 100. At the crossroad I found myself having to decide on whether I would turn right, left, or turn around and return the direction I had come. What added to my frustration was the lack of a road sign to give me some kind of indication as to just where I was on Route 103. I finally decided to head north and turned right on this unmarked road. I found some of frustration diminishing as I began to recognize some of the country ahead of me. I finally crossed over Albaugh Road and knew where I was as I passed several of the congregation member's farms and saw a sign for Kennedy Road.

As I continued on my way to Tiffin, I thought about the times in our lives when we find ourselves at dead-ends and feel that we have failed. The feeling of frustration and helplessness that one has in times like this; we aren't real sure which road to take because we don't know what might be down on the other end. It is difficult for us to realize that what is on the other end of the new road might bring more success and directions to grow than we originally thought we had.

Louis Pasteur agreed to wage war on bacteria that caused wine to sour. The French wine industry had promised a big reward, so Pasteur retreated to his laboratory and finally developed a process using heat to kill bacteria. The bottled product would last longer on the shelf.

Were the winemakers pleased? Not at all. The heating process ruined the taste of their product, so his process was useless, they said.

Lesser men would have slipped away in defeat. But not Pasteur. Surely his process could be applied to preserve some other drink. What about milk? It could be "pasteurized" and then distributed from countryside to city. That's how a safe healthy drink was provided for the children of the world. Trying to preserve wine, Pasteur had unwittingly laid the foundation of the dairy industry.

Attendance - June 9 & 16 '13

8:45 — 15, 18
10:45 — 75, 82
Sunday school — 21, 21

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
May '13	\$10,436	-4,522

Happy Birthday

Joe Von Holle—June 23
Mary Willett—June 24
Rhonda Erbes—June 26
Carol Hildebrecht—June 30
Brian Hager—July 2
Michelle Conn—July 3
JoAnne Jay—July 4
Diana Knowlton—July 5
Sue Smitley—July 5
Kaitlin Ryan—July 5
Sherrie Weyrauch—July 6



In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander	Kevin Bader
Russell Berk	Glenda Boddie
Ginny Breckler	Nolan Butts
Jim Coleman	Michelle Conn
Norm Conn	CeCe (Cobb) Cole
Larry Earwood	Margaret Foster
John George	Jamie Geswein
Sharon Gilmore	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

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
Sharon Gilmore—Crestview Manor
Doris Greenwood—Grand Court
Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
Vern Hine—St. Leonards Center
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
Barb LeBlanc—Heartland of Kett.
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
Harriett Shawhan—Heartland of Kett
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)

Mark Your Calendar—Aug. 4, 2013



**The All Church Annual Picnic
At the
Greenmont Park Shelter House
8:45 AM to 4 PM**

**Both church services with com-
munion and Sunday school.
We Picnic after morning worship
then
Fellowship and games with prizes.**



**There are ways you can help beside
bringing your lawn chair, food and
wearing your green Church t-shirts.**

I will need to borrow several coolers to keep the drinks cold. I also need a gas grill and a hot dog griller. Does anyone have a corn hole game we can borrow? We are having prizes for our games. We are planning BINGO as one of our games. Those who would like to bring a white elephant or two as prizes, please bring them to the church office by July 15, so we can see how many more we need. Thanks for all your help—Cheryl Barnett

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www.greenmontoakpark.com

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Church World Service—THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
Your generous donation to the Church World Service Blankets+ program tells people in crisis, "You're not alone. Someone cares." On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your \$612 generous donation, we thank you.

- Because of your compassion,
- * families who have lost their homes to tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and other disasters are getting help with blankets, emergency food and shelter—and with rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.
- * People struggling against crushing poverty and harsh climates are learning sustainable farming practices that will help them keep food on the table—and take it to market.

May God bless you for your support,
Rev. John McCullough

Life can be like that. What first appears as frustration or failure later proves to be a blessing. An unwanted detour leads to a better destination.

The next time you run into a dead-end, look around. God has a curious way of diverting us in new directions. He never sets up a detour without somewhere opening up a better route –

Dr. B.

What Money Can Buy

Money Will buy:

- A bed BUT NOT sleep.
- Books BUT NOT brains.
- Food BUT NOT appetite.
- Finery BUT NOT beauty.
- A house BUT NOT a home.
- Medicine BUT NOT health.
- Luxuries BUT NOT culture.
- Amusements BUT NOT happiness.
- A crucifix BUT NOT a Savior.
- A church pew BUT NOT heaven.

What money can't buy, Jesus Christ can give freely without charge. Is He your Lord and Savior? If not, you can get a new lease on life right now. Confess to God that you have sinned and that you want to turn from your sins to receive Jesus as Lord of your life. Through that step of believing faith you can start life afresh with your sins forgiven and a new life in Christ.

WINGS—June



Book Club Pick

This month the ladies will be reading, "Dreamer's of the Day" by Mary Doria Russell.

Anyone interested in joining the book club is welcome. We meet on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 PM, for a light potluck meal and discussion time.



49 children attended VBS last week.

This was our largest VBS in three years. The children made up five youth family groups from: Lystra, Ephesus, Antioch, Corinth and Rome.

They came to Athens, Greece to hear Apostle Paul share the news about Jesus Christ, God's Son and God's Love for us all. As they stayed in Athens they then shared the news with market place shop keepers, Athens athletes, and anyone they met. They prayed and sang in praise to God.

On Wednesday night we had 29 children with 23 parents or family members take part together. Most parents joined right in experiencing God's love with their children.

Along with the children we had 21 adults, 6 college students, 4 senior high youth and 11 junior high youth volunteer to be a part of VBS, for a total of 42 volunteers. What a great all generations working together experience we had. Thank you everyone for your enthusiasm for sharing God's love.

**Getting to Know the Disciples
Summer Sunday School**

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 23—Andrew—Brian Donovan
- June 30—Phillip—Jacob Roalef
- July 7—Bartholomew—Gage Rayney
- July 14—Judas—Tom Wheeler
- July 21—Peter—Joe Von Holle
- July 28—Simon—Dave Roalef
- Aug. 4—Matthew—Bob Karl
(Our Aug. 4 class will meet at the park at its usual time.)



**Chimes Article Deadlines are:
July 1 & July 15**

God Sightings

Our VBS children shared some ways they see God throughout their day:

- * there was no rain while I had a lemonade stand
- * We're here to get to know each other
- * I saw the stars in the sky
- * I helped grandma after she fell. God helped me with my grandma's safety.

"In Sympathy"

We celebrated the lives of two long time GOPCC members last week: Marion Farren, age 96 and Emily Wilson , age 89, a Charter member of our church.

We extend our prayers and thoughts to the family of Marion Farren upon his passing onto eternal life on June 4,13. Marion and Ethel Farren were members of our church since 1951. Marion's service was held on Thursday, June 13. May God comfort the family at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family

Send cards to: Joe Farren
2137 Green Oak Ct
Kettering, Oh 45440

We also extend our prayers and thoughts to the family of Emily Wilson upon her passing onto eternal life. Emily was one of the 41 Charter members, founding our church. (Margaret Cobb is our remaining living Charter member.)

Emily was active, and of service to God, in our church all her adult life, right up till April of 2013. May God comfort the family at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family

Send cards to: James Wilson
9988 Bannan Ct
Miamisburg Oh 45342

Church Office Vacation Help

Nova will be taking a week's vacation from July 22-26. We are looking for some office help from 9 AM to 1 PM on Monday—Thurs. of that week, It will require phone work, and copy machine work for the bulletin and misc work. Please let the office know, if you might be able to help cover the office hours, that week.

**Parking Lot!
\$11,000 Pledged in Commitment !
Campaign Moving Forward**

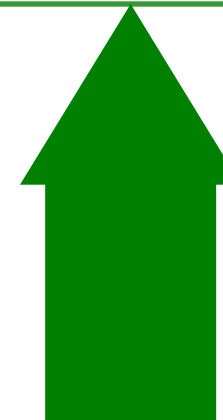
We need a new parking lot! We currently have over a dozen holes growing larger and many cracks also growing and crumbling in the parking lot. We need your help!

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!

We would love to have your financial commitment to raise the remaining \$14,000. 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. This campaign is in addition to our annual stewardship campaign. We still need to meet our operating budget!

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



- \$26,000
- \$22,500
- \$20,000
- \$17,500
- \$15,000
- \$12,500
- \$10,000
- \$7,500
- \$5,000

Paving the way to our Goal !

Contact Rev. Smitley or the church office about offering Summer Special Music.—thank you



- Food Pantry Wish List:**
- * drink mixes (tea bags, kool-aids, Punch, etc.)
 - * Canned corn, peas
 - * Tuna
 - * Spaghetti pasta and sauce
 - * TP and bath bar soap
- Any donations can be dropped off at the red cart or wooden chest in the Gathering Place. Your service to our neighbors is greatly appreciated.

