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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

Arlene Uldrich

Charlene Brown

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LAMENTATIONS 3:24, NRSV

Sept. 8—Join Brad Brown in

AMAZING Worship at 10:45 AM

WORSHIP LEADER:

Laura Von Holle—Sept. 8

Diana Knowlton—Sept. 15

GREETER:

Bob Berk

THE DIGNITY OF LABOR

George Sweeting wrote an interesting article on the Dignity of Labor that I thought I would share with you.

On the first Monday in September, America celebrates Labor Day. It is a day of parades, picnics, and political speeches, a time when we recognize the millions of Americans who make up this nation's work force.

Labor Day means traditions to some, a holiday to others. But just what is it we are celebrating? And why does labor deserve such recognition?

Why do we labor? In Genesis 3:19 God tells Adam that because of his sin in the Garden of Eden, he will earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. Gone were the ideal conditions of Eden. Instead of "dressing" the garden, as he did originally, Adam and his descendants would engage in toil. The ground would bring forth thorns and thistles, and man would be required to labor.

God told Adam that his life would now be spent in labor. He would toil until the day he returned to the dust from which he had come. It is interesting, yet ironic, to realize that the thing we now honor – labor – is a direct result of the judgment of God passed upon man in the Garden of Eden. It is the result of sin!

Throughout America's history, we have recognized the importance of labor. From its inception, this nation has been dedicated to the principle of work.

The labor of millions of men and women has brought unequalled prosperity to our land. Only as we recognize and maintain the value of true, hard work can we remain a strong and determined people.

Someone has said that there are three kinds of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who have no idea what has happened. Today we need fewer watchers and more doers.

King Solomon said, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might (Eccl 9:10). God's principle for [humanity] is work, God intends for us to work.

On Labor Day we recognize the dignity of work and the rights of the worker.

Jesus believed in the dignity of labor. He was concerned about the worker and his work. In Luke 10:7 He says, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

Today millions of people around the world belong to labor unions. But few realize that trade unions were originally an outgrowth of the spiritual revivals of John and Charles Wesley.

In the early 1700's, working conditions in Britain had become inhumane. People worked 16 hours a day, six days a week. Children as young as 10 worked long hours in mines and factories; many died from accidents or simply from exhaustion. The working person – man, woman, or child – was little more than a slave to be exploited. The lives of many workers were characterized by drunkenness, immorality, and hopelessness.

At the same time, the Wesley's were traveling and preaching to crowds throughout England. Their influence prompted a great return to God and the beginning of social liberty in that country. Men such as Bishop William Wilberforce and Lord Shaftesbury began to force legislation that brought relief to the working classes. Whenever and wherever the gospel is proclaimed, it produces earthly as well as heavenly changes.

Attendance - Aug.25, Spt. 1 '13

8:45 — 23, 30

10:45 — 69, 57

Sunday school — 14

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
June '13	\$10,768	-4,190
July '13	\$11,204	-3,754

Happy Birthday

Susan Beall—Sept. 8

Greg Goodner—Sept. 8

Pat White—Sept. 11

Bob Hildebrecht—Sept. 12

Paul Marcum—Sept. 16

Myra Lakins—Sept. 18

Brad Medlin—Sept. 18

Jacob Roalef—Sept. 18

Karen Brown—Sept. 19

Margaret Cobb—Sept. 19



In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander	Kevin Bader
Parker Lee Balsan	Russell Berk
Glenda Boddie	Ginny Breckler
Nolan Butts	
Jim Coleman	Michelle Conn
Norm Conn	Ceci (Cobb) Cole
Larry Earwood	Rodney Finley
John George	Jamie Geswein

Ken Hambrick	Bill Hine
Don Keltner	Dustin Knowlton
Onu Kolossova	Barb LeBlanc
Kelly McRonney	Bob McCray
Lauren McClure	Marcella Miller
Hilda Mobley	Karolina O'Donnell
John Parnell	Cindy Romano
Calire Riccos	Deb Richey
Tom Scheit	Beverly Smith
Diana Smith	David Stockton
Wayne Stolic	Paul Stutz
Gloria Van Camp	Gina Van Camp
Evelyn Wheeler	Pat White
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
 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 (A Brooks son)
 Scott Certain –Afganistan (Jay's son-in-law)
 Nathaniel Nicholas—USA
 Brian Nicholas—USA (Nicholas family sons)
 Adam Reeves -S Korea (Edna's grandson)
 Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger's son)
 Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)



The Sept. Book Club selection is:

South of Superior by Ellen Airgood

Everyone welcome to join the group, we meet the last Monday of the month for a light meal and discussion.

Many Thanks

Several youth and adults shared special music with us this summer, we thank them all for sharing their talents.

Gage Rayney, Bethanne Bleeke, Landon & Mason Dull, Baxter & Noah Foskuhl, Anna Slaidins and Bob Karl. You all added beauty and joy to our worship services.

A BIG THANK YOU MESSAGE was delivered to the church bulletin board from the Greenmont Elementary Summer School children, for our support of their breakfast and snack needs throughout the summer school program.

The Thank You message is told in words and many beautiful smiles. Check it out.

Dear GOPCC,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of Campbell's Labels and/or Box Tops for Education. With the points you have helped us collect, we are able to buy much needed items for our campus school.

Sincerely, Zenovia Pearson, Donor Specialist, Crossroad Children's Home

"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Sharon Gilmore, who passed onto Eternal life on Aug. 27, 2013. May God comfort Jack (Husband) and Dawn (daughter) at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family

Cards may be sent to:
Jack or Dawn Gilmore
22 E Wren Cir.
Kettering, Oh 45420



Journey to Financial Freedom Seminar

Instructor—Kurt Braun, Stewardship Elder at Kirkmont Presbyterian Church in Beavercreek will be leading a Crown Financial Seminar, Oct. 5, 2013, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM . The cost of the seminar is \$25/person, or \$50/couple. Child care and lunch are provided.

Whether your finances are a mess or you already have a handle on your spending. Kurt will share on the topic about how Biblical Stewardship principles can guide us to better priority setting of financial decisions and better management of money and our lives.

God speaks of and to money matters over 400 times in the Bible, He speaks clearly, to lead us.

If interested in attending, call 426-8471 to register. Kurt has a B. S. in Accounting '77 and a M. A. in Financial Planning '99.

Brian & Ramona Donovan have attended Crown Financial Bible studies and would be happy to share information with anyone interested in attending.

"Dignity of Labor" cont.

As we study the Bible, we find that the Scriptures speak to both the employer and the employee. Each has his (or her) responsibilities to fulfill, and God will hold each accountable.

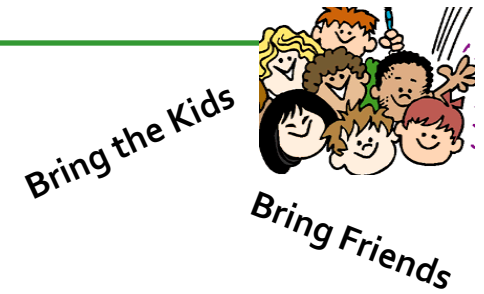
James warns wealthy employers of God's judgment upon their evil deeds. Those who spend their lives enjoying themselves and satisfying their whims at the expense of their employees are warned about a day of reckoning.

In Exodus, Israel is being exploited by the Egyptians. The Lord says, "I have surely seen the oppression of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows" (Ex. 3:7). God sees, hears, and knows when a worker is treated unfairly.

God also sees the laborer. The worker who loafes on the job is guilty of stealing. God sees the employee who pads his expense account or does outside business on company time. Failure to put in a good day's work is dishonest, and God knows.

But no matter what your position this Labor Day, Christ extends an invitation to you. No matter how others have treated you. He will treat you fairly. To employer and employee alike, Jesus says, "Come ... and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). Hope you and your family had a great Labor Day Weekend.

Shalom,
In His Service,
Rev. Dr. Robert Smitley



September 8th, 2013
Join Guest Leader Brad Brown
As he shares the Gospel
in a Magical Way



A special worship service is being planned for the 10:45 Service and we hope you will **INVITE EVERY-ONE** you know to come and join with us that morning. It will be fun and uplifting and enjoyable for all age levels as we hear God's message in a little different form. The youngest to the oldest should enjoy the message of the Gospel as it is presented to us that morning. **Following the service we will share in a Rally Day fellowship Tea. Please bring finger foods to share.**



Fall Sunday School Schedule

The Fall schedule will resume on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013.
 9:30 AM—Confirmation class
 -lead by Dave Roalef
 9:30 AM—High School/College
 - lead by Bob Colvin
 9:30 AM—Adult Bible class
 - lead by Frank Taylor
 9:30 AM—Adult Contemporary
 - lead by Laura Von Holle
 10:45 AM—Bible Adventure
 (during worship continues for all 4yr. Olds to 5th graders)
 10:45 AM—Nursery (babies to 3yrs)

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:
 Sept. 16 & 30**



CHOIR BEGINS PRACTICE

Thursday—Sept. 5th, 7 PM

We will start our new season with rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. Anyone interested in joining the choir is most welcome. No try-outs required. Come sing praises to God with us.

6 Month Giving Statements Ready
 Please pick up your 6 month giving statements, located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We thank you for helping us save on the postage.

Needed—Official Board Secretary

Jamie Fisher, Official Board Chairperson is asking for someone to step up and complete the term as Official Board secretary. Time commitment is minimal—one hour board meeting and 15 minutes to type up the notes (see sample on bulletin board outside the office).

Please prayerfully consider this small but important role in our church.

-Thanks ! Jamie Fisher

Capital Improvement Project:

WOW what a rousing success, we asked for \$26,000 and we have reached and surpassed our goal!

This summer the north parking lot has been repaved and restriped. We have created 3 additional handicap spaces. By the time you receive this, the south part of lot will have been sealed and restriped.

This part of the lot has a diagonal speed bump to control water flow. Please take care.

We have and will continue to solicit bids for a new digital sign, so far all are out of our range of affordability.

We the Finance & Trustee committees hope you are pleased with our use of your funds.

Gary Etter Trustee

Attention all 6th & 7th Graders

We will soon begin the new confirmation class, with Dave Roalef. Please notify the church if you plan to attend. The class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

Search Committee Update:

Even though the search committee has been extremely busy pursuing a qualified candidate to serve as our next pastor, we also recognize that we need to do a better job in keeping the congregation informed of our progress. To that end, we've compiled a brief summary of our activities to let you know what we've accomplished and where we stand at this time. Closely following the UCC pastoral search guidelines.

For the past 15 months your pastoral search committee, which consist of 14 very dedicated members has accomplished the following:

1. We surveyed the congregation to ensure all views were fully considered.
2. We collected church relevant historical information as well as detailed demographics representative of the congregation and local community.
3. Over numerous weeks we distilled this information into a detailed church profile which embodies who we are and what we seek in a new pastor. (Copy in church office.)
4. The Official Board approved the church profile and it was posted with UCC.
5. To date we have received, reviewed, voted on, and discussed over 75 profiles from pastors across the country.
6. As a committee we have met at least 40 times over the past 15 months with each meeting lasting an average of 2 hours.
7. The committee has created a series of first and second interview questions to assist us in selecting candidates that satisfy our church profile.
8. Based on your recommendations to us, through the surveys, we have identified 20 candidates who we felt met the criteria of the congregation. Of those, we continue to actively pursue a handful of highly qualified candidates. Additionally, we continue to receive new candidate profiles from the UCC.

In summary, the pastoral search committee has dedicated a substantial amount of time, energy, and effort in an attempt to find a new pastor who fully meets the criteria the congregation established. Individually we have invested over 200 hours in the process and we're fully committed to see this through to the end. Your Official Board is fully supportive of our efforts and your continued thoughts and prayers are invaluable to our future success.

Thank You! - the Search Committee

