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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:

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

Gary Etter

Arlene Uldrich

Charlene Brown

October



Soul Purpose Gospel Quartet—Oct. 20 @ 7 PM

Come experience a worship hour in song

WORSHIP LEADER:

Ron Lyttle—Oct. 20

Paul Marcum—Oct. 27

Sandy Conn—Nov. 3

GREETER:

Paula Geswein

"Are you Jesus?"

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us ... Ephesians 5: 1-2

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago...they had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding. ALL BUT ONE!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight. The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "mister..." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?" He stopped in mid-stride... and he wondered. He gently went back and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus—He is good, kind, carrying, loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place. "The girl gently nodded: "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me, so you are like Him—only He knows who will do His will. Thank you for hearing His call, Mister." Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that questions burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as live unfolds day to day. You are the apple of His eye even though you, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked up you and me on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

Sometimes we just take things for granted, when we really need to be sharing what we know. The eyewitnesses to Jesus' life record repeatedly that he was a man who took time to literally touch people. He shared moments with those who needed to tell their stories. He hung out with the sinful (in their homes) and he did it without condemnation. So are you Jesus...to anyone? - shared from the internet

Attendance - Oct. 6 & 13 '13

8:45 — 23 & 15
10:45 — 80 & 64
Sunday school — 26

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
Aug. '13	\$9,635	-5,323

Happy Birthday

Barbara Richards—Oct. 19
Amee Conn—Oct. 20
Anna Landing—Oct. 24
Alyssa Yarbo—Oct. 24
Craig Sink—Oct. 25
Ryan Sink—Oct. 25
Joyce Kelley—Oct. 27
Mason Dull—Oct. 28
Robbie Von Holle—Oct. 28
Margaret Foster—Nov. 1
Gage Rayney—Nov. 1
Lee Amundson—Nov. 2
Howard Jordan—Nov. 5
Dominic Palmer—Nov. 5
Toni Bailey—Nov. 6



In Our Prayers

Liz Ancil	Kevin Bader
Parker Lee Balsan	Cheryl Barnett
Russell Berk	Glenda Boddie
Ginny Breckler	Jim Coleman
Michelle Conn	Norm Conn
Ceci (Cobb) Cole	Dennison family
Larry Earwood	Rodney Finley
John George	Jamie Geswein

Ken Hambrick	Bill Hine
Don Keltner	Dustin Knowlton
Onu Kolossova	Barb LeBlanc
Kelly McRonney	Bob McCray
Marcella Miller	Hilda Mobley
Karolina O'Donnell	Josh Parrett
John Parnell	Cindy Romano
Calire Riccos	Deb Richey
Tom Scheit	Beverly Smith
Diana Smith	David Stockton
Wayne Stulich	Paul Stutz
Gloria Van Camp	Gina Van Camp
Evelyn Wheeler	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
Pat White—Lincoln Park Nursing

Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)
Kirby Brooks— USA (A Brooks son)
Scott Certain –Afghanistan (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 contemporary Sunday School class has begun the study of the book "Twelve Steps to A Compassionate Life" by Karen Armstrong. Armstrong is the author of numerous books on religious affairs. In 2008 she was awarded the TED Prize and began working on the Charter for Compassion, created online by the general public and crafted by leading thinkers in Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. The charter was signed in November 2009 by a thousand religious and secular leaders. It can be found at www.charterforcompassion.org.

This book is intended to set forth a program that can lead us toward a more compassionate life. She identifies that a compassionate life is not a matter of only heart or mind but a deliberate and often life-altering commingling of the two. Please join us following the first worship service across from the kitchen on Sunday mornings.

Congratulations!

Bob & Susan Beall on becoming first time grandparents. Bob's daughter Sarah gave birth to a baby girl on Sept 28th, 2013. Little Aurora Cybele and mom (and dad) are doing fine. Bob & Susan visited and helped the new parents after the birth last week. What joy these new little ones bring to us all. May God bless Aurora as her life journey begins.



Sanctuary Ramp progress in photos



Remember you can see the Chimes on-line at the church web site.

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SOUL PUR-POSE—Gospel Quartet



Join us Sunday, Oct. 20 at 7 PM for a good old fashioned gospel song program. You will hear many hand clapping and inspiring hymns and peace giving assurance hymns. Bring family and friends for this hour long program of worship in song. We will offer refreshments following the program. A free will offering will be collected.

Congregational Meeting—Nov. 3, 13

Following morning worship services we will hold our annual Congregational meeting. A letter is coming to church members this week, with meeting agenda items, slate of officers and the proposed 2014 Ministry spending plan included. Please read this information over and attend the meeting on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013 - Official Board



Information & Feedback Meetings

The Official Board will be hosting three informal meetings to have discussions about the status of our church, the search process, and listen to congregational concerns and feedback. We feel that we have not been communicating very well with the congregation, and we regret it. Please plan to attend one of the sessions: Sunday Oct 20th 9:40am-10:30am, Wednesday Oct 23rd 7:30pm-8:30pm, and Sunday Oct 28th 9:40am-10:30am.



The Pumpkin Patch is Open

THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING TO UNLOAD THE TRUCK—over 25 youth and adults helped us move pumpkins into the pumpkin patch.

This fundraiser supports all our youth programs, outings, mission trips and more. We couldn't do it without your help, support and prayers.

God Bless you—Sheri Parrett, 475-5724

A mission moment—the very first day -a young grade school boy from the neighborhood came to the pumpkin patch and asked about the pumpkin costs. I shared information about why we are selling the pumpkins and about the Crusaders youth program and invited the child to join us. He knew some of the other children who attend our church. The boy went home and talked to his dad. His dad came over and was also invited to visit our church. The dad said his son would be able to attend the youth program. (Moments like these are opportunities that God gives us to share his love and to help build His Kingdom. - Approximately 700 families will visit our pumpkin patch by the end of October, come be a part of sharing God with our community.) - Sheri

Even the rainy first day of the sale, we had 12 families visit the pumpkin patch. - Mid week we had a group home—group of people visit our pumpkin patch, they have visited for the past three years. What a joy it is to share our pumpkin patch ministry. - Sheri

Fall Sunday School Schedule

The Fall schedule will resume on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013.
 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)

Youth Programs

Jr & Sr High Youth - meet every SAT. 8 to 11PM (7th to 12th grade) Fellowship, games, snacks and scripture based discussion are a part of all youth meetings.
Crusaders/ Footprints (K to 6th grade) - meet the 1st & 3rd Sundays following worship. Bring a sack lunch.

WINGS Book Club

In October we are reading the book, " In My Father's Country" by Saima Wahab
 We will meet at church for a light dinner and discussion on Monday, Oct. 28 at 6:15 pm.



We raised **over \$800** for CWS -**CROP WALK**— thank you to everyone who gave their support for hunger resources. Our gifts alone will feed 667 children nutritious meals for one year. - THANK YOU AGAIN
 Mission Outreach/Social Action

Chimes Article Deadlines are:

Nov. 4 & Nov. 18

Playing Catch Up

Dear Church, at the end of September our **operating income is \$30,000 below budget**. This means we are not meeting our Church's operating needs. \$30,000 is well over half of Pastor Bob's compensation package. \$30,000 is our budget for utilities and custodial services alone. These are things we cannot pay without your tithes and offerings. **Our church cannot survive with a \$30,000 deficit!**

Just so you know, the ramp we are building and the new parking lot and roof were not taken out of operating funds. We were blessed with additional funding for these projects. Our operating expenditures are the basic needs of the church: staff salaries, church utilities and maintenance, committee program expenses and a small portion going to mission outreach programs.

We know it's too late in the year for us to make up that kind of loss, but if you could pray about this and find a little more to give to your church before the end of the year, it would make a big difference. Maybe you could do some personal or group fundraising with the proceeds going to our operating budget. If you are not up to date on your pledge or you know you haven't done your part this year, now would be a great time to **CATCH UP!**

Thank you very much for considering getting us back on track this year. In the next Chimes issue we will have pledge cards for next year. So please start praying with your family about what your commitment will be.

By God's grace, The Finance and Stewardship Committee

FAMILY FALL Festival & PUMPKIN Sale



Sat. - Oct. 26 - 12 to 5 PM Carnival Games & Petting Zoo

PreSchool Open House - Oct. 26 -12 to 2 PM (ages 3 to 5)

Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church

Games:

Ring toss

Spin the Wheel

Knock the Can

Duck Pond

Food:

Bake Sale

Popcorn

Hot Dogs/Hamburgers

Pumpkin Seeds (Seasoned)

FUN:

great photo site

petting zoo

Jumping Castle \$

Face Painting

Tickets : 50 C each



AND PUMPKINS For Sale !!



Volunteers needed for sales and the festival

Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, 12 to 3 PM

—Chili Cook Off & Halloween Party

Bring your favorite chili soup to share in a Chili Cook-off contest, followed by a Trunk-or-Treat Halloween party for the young at heart. After eating lunch we will dismiss to the parking lot for people to offer treats to the children as they parade past your parked cars and into the pumpkin patch for games, and a costume contest. The parking lot will be closed off during the treat handing out segment of the party. - Sherri Parrett



