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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



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Service & Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 24, 2013

WORSHIP LEADER:

Jane Simmons—Nov. 24
Brian Donovan—Dec. 1
Anna Slaidins—Dec. 8

GREETER:

Paula Geswein—Nov.
Dixie & Cindy Archer—Dec.

Stewardship Sunday!

Just a reminder that this Sunday, November 24 is Stewardship/Thanksgiving Sunday. We are thankful for our church, our members, our pastor. So we will celebrate with a delicious Thanksgiving dinner and we will show our appreciation and thanks by being good stewards. Please remember to bring your Tithing Pledge cards and your completed Time and Talent Survey. We will collect these during the offering time at both worship services. There are extra blank pledge cards and surveys at the back of the church if you need one. The tithing pledge information is very important to us for budgeting and financial purposes. And we encourage each family to fill out a Time and Talent survey so that we can know your interests and strengths so you can do God's work here at Greenmont– Oak Park Church.

Also, it's not too late to catch up on this year's financial commitment. Let's "stuff" the offering plates!

Thank you very much. We truly look forward to seeing you and celebrating with you on Sunday! Feel free to bring guests!

Giving thanks for you from the Stewardship/Finance Committee

'In Memoriam' Sunday—Nov. 24

This coming Sunday, Nov. 24 we will remember those who have received Christian burial through our church in the past year.

Family members have been invited to share in this special service of remembrance of their loved ones. The invitation was also extended to the families to join us in our Thanksgiving meal. There will be a time of remembrance at both services. 8:45 AM & 10:45 AM.

Dec. 1—New Members Received

Anyone interested in joining the church, please contact Rev. Smitley. New Members will be received into membership on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013 at the 10:45 AM worship service.



Community Invited to Thanksgiving Dinner— We now have 13 RSVP's

The Membership/Fellowship Committee is inviting the Pantry families and community to join us in worship and our Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 24.

Let us give a warm welcome to our guests as we share our meal.

Hanging of the Greens—Nov. 24



Following our Thanksgiving Meal we will join together in decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. Please stay and share in preparing God's house for celebrating the joy of Christ's birth.

Attendance - Nov. 10 & 17 '13

8:45 — 20, 26
10:45 — 60, 73
Sunday school — 18, 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
June '13	\$10,768	-4,190
July '13	\$11,204	-3,754
Aug. '13	\$9,635	-5,323
Sept. '13	\$13,100	-1,858
Oct. '13	\$10,685	-4,273

Happy Birthday

Bob Beall—Nov. 26
Judy Simmons—Nov. 28
Connie Sink—Nov. 29
Layton Vires—Nov. 29
Yevonne Goodner—Dec. 1
Ruth Fulmer—Dec. 4
Jordan Medlin—Dec. 5
Steven Keltner—Dec. 5
Katie Goodner—Dec. 8
Rev. Bob Smitley—Dec. 8



In Our Prayers

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



Dawn Gilmore	Ken Hambrick
Bill Hine	Don Keltner
Dustin Knowlton	Onu Kolossova
Kelly McRonney	Bob McCray
Marcella Miller	Hilda Mobley
Naysa Morgan	Karolina O'Donnell
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	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 –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)

A Huge Thank You!

The Youth Group Pumpkin Patch Fund-raiser was a success despite all the rain & the cold. We sold over \$15,000 in pumpkins. Over all we had the best sale ever! We ended up with a full semi truck load after our second delivery. All in all God blessed us with an awesome month. Our total Profit came to \$5,700. This fund-raiser wouldn't be a success without everyone working together. Special thanks to our church, the youth & their families, the Bellbrook ROTC & the Wilmington Ave. VFW.

That said we are donating \$1,500 to the Operating fund of our church.

We earned enough to also pay for our mission trip June 29—July 3, 2014. We will be returning to Big Creek, KY. If you would like to go please sign up in the Gathering Place or contact myself or the church office. God bless you! Sheri Parrett

Thank You:

The hard working people who made the new Ramp happen.

Kyle Barnett, Ray Urbanas, Woody Young, Paul Marcum, Brian Donovan, Ron Lyttle, Phil Brown, Ryan Brodowski, Greg Goodner, & Nova Kigar.

Words can't express the gratitude for all of your hard work and dedication to seeing this project through. These volunteers saved the church at least \$10,000.

We only hope that the congregation enjoys the fruits of our labor.

Thank You Ray Urbanas for faithfully mowing the church lawn.—the Congregation

Church Family,

I just wanted to extend another thank you for your support of the CROP Walk this season. With everyone's help we were able to surpass our goal of \$800 and raise a grand total of \$1371!! (and surpass our total from last year) CROP Walk donations are used for so many worthy missions including supplying children with life saving nutrition. For \$24, 20 children are provided nutrition packets for 365 days. With your help, we are able to feed 1143 kids in 2014! Again, I would like to thank everyone for supporting through donations, thoughts, and prayers, and a special thank you to all those who walked and took part in the morning announcements and skits.

God Bless,

Kate Brown and the Social Action Committee



Lost & Found

Lost— Nov. 1 wedding event -camera memory card with digital photos taken. Last seen in the Library room at the church, if found, please hand into the church office.

Found— 2 pair of black rimmed glasses. These have been here since Sept. and early Oct.

Also a nice cross necklace, found last week in the kitchen. Come to the church office about claiming. - Nova Kigar

Search Committee interview questions

In our continuing effort to communicate with the congregation about the ongoing pastoral search effort, the search committee would like to share with you some information about the interview process. With candidates that have warranted that level of mutual interest, we have done two separate interviews. We enter the interview with a specific script of questions we ask each candidate, but may add, delete or modify some questions if the information is included in the written profile we receive from the candidate. The questions range in topical areas to include worship styles, pastoral ministry practices, Christian education, administrative style and church growth, both financial and membership.

Here is a small sample of the questions posed:

*We draw attention to our new constitution and ask him/her to describe the ideal pastor/laity relationship.

*"How would you describe your management style?"

*"We are challenged to attract young people and young families. What has been your experience/ideas on addressing these issues?"

*"Please tell us how you are/were involved in the Christian education at your present/prior churches".

*Please describe for the committee what experiences you have had with other churches where you helped them to maintain focus on their long term goals.

*Have you ever used technology in your worship services and if so, do you foresee using it in the future?

*Describe strategies you've used in the past to increase church membership. How successful were they?

Some congregational members have asked if items unique to our congregation are discussed with candidates. By sharing some of these questions we hope to reassure you that the candidates and our congregation are entering the discernment process with openness and candor. Concerns brought up at the recent congregational meeting have also been incorporated into our interview process as we move forward.

The search committee would like to be as open as possible during this process, while maintaining the confidentiality of our candidates. Coming forward, we will present to you some of the more potent questions we receive from the candidates as they make their decisions as well.

Please feel free to bring concerns to any committee member. There is a list of names on the bulletin board by the pastor's office door. You can also write them on Sunday's bulletin insert and put it in the offering plate.

Fall Sunday School Schedule

The Fall schedule :

- 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)
- Crusaders/ Footprints** (K to 6th grade) - meet the 1st & 3rd Sundays following worship.

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:
Dec. 2 & Dec 16.**

Home-Bound Card Shower

We will collect Christmas Cards for the shut-ins throughout November. The deadline to have your cards at church is Dec. 2. There will be a box in the sanctuary to receive them. Here is our Shut-In list:

Lottie Jaeger, Karolina O'Donnell, Virginia Breckler, Jack Gilmore, Margaret Cobb, Ginny Hambrick, Evelyn Wheeler, Bob Hildebrecht, Howard Jordan, Gloria Van Camp, Liz Ancil, Verdena Mardis, Mary Lou Chaney, Kenny Hambrick, Lena Patterson, Mary Willett, Vera Westfall, Margaret Dill, Pat White, and Doris Greenwood



We Are the Voices of the Living God

The Partnership of Ascension & Greenmont-Oak Park Churches invite you to share the joy of the Christmas Season with the "homebound" of our two churches, through **Caroling on Sunday, Dec. 15, 6 to 8 PM.**

We will meet at Greenmont church to organize into groups for Caroling. Bring one Christmas card to share with our "homebound ". Refreshments will be served following the caroling in the Greenmont-Oak Park church basement. Donations of your favorite holiday treats gladly accepted.



Annual Church

Christmas Tea Dec. 15

Join in the Christmas Tea fellowship following the 10:45 AM worship service, downstairs in the Donut Room. Let us share our Special Christmas treats and celebrate the Joy of the Advent-

Clifton Mills Excursion—Dec. 1 @ 4 PM

The WINGS have organized a visit to Clifton Mills to see the holiday lights. All ladies are invited to join in. They plan to stop for a bite to eat and then head to Clifton Mills to enjoy the lights. The cost is \$10/person at Clifton Mills, and dinner is self pay. A sign-up sheet will be posted for those interested in attending.



The Kettering Meijer's store **donation campaign** **benefits our Greenmont-Oak Park Church—Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry, November through December.**

Simply purchase a Meijer Simply Give \$10 donation card at the Meijers at Stroop & Wilmington. Give the card to the clerk at check-out. They debit you \$10 and return the card to you for your tax records. Our Food Pantry will receive the proceeds at the end of the campaign period. Donation cards are available on the Pantry bulletin board in the Gathering Place or on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



**Dec. 15—White Gift Sunday
180 Christmas Baskets**

The Food Pantry committee wants to share that we have begun basket preparations.

These 180 families combined have 284 children that we help provide Christmas gifts for, as well as the food baskets for the families. Gifts of hats, mittens, scarves, socks, books, new or gently used toys or games, will be collected on White Gift Sunday, Dec. 15, during the offering time in worship. We appreciate your support of this community outreach.

As always, food items collected for the pantry, or baskets, is always appreciated. Canned fruits, soups, vegetables, spaghetti pasta & sauce, cereals, and bath soap and TP are needed most right now.

If you want to help prepare baskets, we need volunteers on Friday, Dec. 20 and Sat. Dec. 21st. A sign-up information poster will be in the Gathering Place soon.



**Youth Christmas Program
Dec. 22, 9:45 AM**

The youth invite all the church to attend their Christmas Breakfast and Program, during the Sunday School hour in the Donut room. A light breakfast will be served including egg casserole, donut holes, juice and coffee, followed by a Christmas program. This time was chosen, so all church members might consider attending, as the children share the Christmas story with us. - Sheri Parrett

Christian Education Meeting

If you are interested in the Christian Education program, we invite you to join us at the December 5th, meeting at 7 PM. - Barbara Richards

**Congratulations to
New Grandparents and all the family,**

Don & Lori Keltner became first time grandparents to Aticus Own Keltner, born November 14, 2013 to Steven & Stephanie Keltner in Michigan. All the family is doing well. May God bless Aticus all his days.

Greetings from Jasmeen
(our youngest ChildFund Child)

Jasmeen is three years old and lives in South Dakota. Jaseem is attending HeadStart and learning her colors and writing skills. She enjoys playing and reading stories. She lives with her mother and brother. A new photo and information about Jasmeen is posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

