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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	Frank Taylor
Arlene Uldrich	Jerry Archer
Charlene Brown	



Ash Wednesday Service

March 5th @ 7 PM

**WORSHIP LEADER:**  
Joe Von Holle—Feb. 23  
Bob Karl—Mar. 2

**GREETER:**  
Toni Bailey—Feb.  
Paula Geswein—Mar.

## Whose Calvary?

Now they call that lovely place in Jerusalem the Garden Tomb. It is much like the tomb of Jesus must have been. And in the same place, that rock face with indentations that look so much like the eye sockets of a skull fits in with our feelings about Golgotha. It was General Charles Gordon, the British General, who first noticed how much the side of this old quarry looked like a skull. It was he who first suggested that it indeed might be the place of the Crucifixion of Jesus. When a tomb was found nearby, Gordon was convinced. For years they called it "Gordon's Calvary" because he was the man who discovered it. There is a sense in which Calvary must always be "Every person's Calvary," and there is a sense in which Calvary is my personal Calvary. We often speak of Jesus as "your personal savior, and yet we know that he is also the Universal Savior of all who wish to be saved. There is a sense in which Calvary must always be Universal and can never be Gordon's Calvary, or my Calvary, or your Calvary. Jesus is the Savior of all who will be saved. But there is another side to the matter. The Grace of God in Christ must be experienced personally and individually. That is why we call this Universal Christ a personal Savior. And in that sense, Calvary becomes Gordon's Calvary, or my Calvary, or your Calvary.

As we move into this Lenten Season of Calvary in 2014, we invite you to join us in worship on Sunday mornings and for our mid-week services each Wednesday in Lent at 7:00PM. The Ash Wednesday Service will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM with the Imposition of Ashes and Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The service is entitled "Remember!" and centered around readings from Scripture. The theme of **remembering** is taken from the paired "salvation history" Psalms 105 and 106, which contrast the faithfulness of God with the **forgetfulness of His people**. Yet, the Psalms lead into a renewed hope and prayer that God will again **Remember**, and call His people to remember God's remembering!

Our Mid-week service and Sunday services will lead us to the Cross of Christ for our Maundy Thursday at 7:00PM when again we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion as we recall Christ's betrayal, trial, and death of the Cross. The choir will bring a Lenten anthem at the Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services.

On Easter Morning will hold our Early Sunrise Service in front of the bell tower again followed by a breakfast before the 8:45AM service. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at both the 8:45 and 10:45 services Easter Sunday. We also invite you to bring those beautiful

### Attendance - Feb. 9 & 16, 2014

8:45 — 17, 20  
10:45 — 58, 57  
Sunday school — 23, 20

### Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '13	\$38,886	+ 23,928
Jan. '14	\$9,670	- 5,288

### Happy Birthday

Kathy Rearick—Feb. 21  
Josh Elliott—Feb. 21  
Elizabeth Ancil—Feb. 23  
Lori Keltner—Feb. 23  
Marilyn Foskuhl—Feb. 26  
Ellen Earwood—Feb. 27  
Janet Colman—Feb. 28  
Gary Etter—Mar. 1  
Amy Smith—Mar. 3  
Katie Chapman—Mar. 4



### In Our Prayers

Liz Ancil	Kevin Bader
Cheryl Barnett	Russell Berk
Glenda Boddie	Ginny Breckler
Charlene Brown	Kevin Brown
Jim Coleman	Michelle Conn
Ceci (Cobb) Cole	Michelle Earwood
Terry Furnas	John George
Jamie Geswein	Ken Hambrick



Frank Heath	Bill Hine
Don Keltner	Dustin Knowlton
Onu Kolossova	Rosaline Lam
Betty Lingg	Bayard Liesch
Kelly McRonney	Bob McCray
Marcella Miller	Hilda Mobley
Naysa Morgan	Karolina O'Donnell
John Parnell	Cindy Romano
Pat Reeger	Calire Riccos
Deb Richey	Tom Scheit
Beverly Smith	Diana Smith
Wayne Stolich	Strine family
Michelle Strom	Paul Stutz
Gloria Van Camp	Gina Van Camp
Evelyn Wheeler	Pat White
Mary Willett	Cathy Winn
Dorothy Winn	

As prayers are answered—please let the church office know.

### 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. Leonard 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)  
Adam Reeves -S Korea (Edna's grandson)  
Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger's son)  
Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)

**Dear Greenmont– Oak Park Community Church,**

On behalf of the students and counselors of the entire Kettering School District, I want to recognize your contribution of \$500 in Dec. to the Kettering Backpack Program. Your donation will help provide proper nourishment for over 500 children in the Kettering City School District. This needed nutrition will allow these students to excel in the classroom and in life. - Karla Morin, Interim Co-Executive Director  
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**Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church,**

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$310.84. ( This was one of the Thanksgiving/Christmas Charities) Families and friends gather daily at the House of Bread to receive a hot, nutritious lunchtime meal all throughout the year. We strive to create a welcoming environment, where guests can receive a hot meal and help with meeting their basic needs.

Please accept my personal thanks for your gift, on behalf of our guests, staff and volunteers. - Sincerely, Melodie Bennett, Executive Director  
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**Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church,**

Safe shelter when they have nowhere else to turn. Their own apartments and Steady jobs. Someone to count on. That is what your generous donation of \$310.85 means to the homeless youth at Daybreak.

With your gift, you help keep kids safe. Safety, housing, employment, and hope for the future. I can't thank you enough for your generosity. - With gratitude, Linda Kramer, Chief Executive Officer



If you like to smile, shake hands, be one of the first people to meet our guests and introduce our guests to us, then you ought to consider being a Greeter. Greeters usually greet for one month, 10:30 to 10:45, before worship.

This is an important job. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the office. Please sign up. thank you.

Membership/Fellowship Committee

**Dear Church Family,**

I thank you for your generous gift of appreciation. The blessings I have received serving our Lord and you and the blessings I have witnessed among church members and the community outreach we all participate in is Holy Spirit guided and strengthened. Thank you for your confidence and support provided in so many ways. In Christ's Love,  
Nova Kigar



Stephanie Smith and Justin Rex were happily united in marriage on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at St. John's UCC Church in downtown Dayton. The couple resides in Cincinnati. The bride is the daughter of Ann Smith and the late Terry Smith.

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We congratulate Stephanie & Justin, may God's blessings be with you.

- GOPCUCC church family

fresh cut SPRING followers that should be blooming by then to place on our Cross which is not a Cross of death but a Cross of life during all three services Easter Sunday.

May this Lenten season be a serious time of self-reflection and meditation each day as we travel our own roads to the Cross and stand beneath it and acknowledge the fact that our Lord died on our behalf taking all the pain of our sins upon Himself. May this Lenten Season bring you true reconciliation, peace, joy, and love with God, your neighbor, and yourself as you approach your Savior on Calvary.

Shalom!  
Rev. Dr. Robert D. Smitley  
Interim Pastor



**40 Days of LENT**

The season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. We will hold an Ash Wed. worship service at 7 PM, to begin our Lenten journey. Then follow through the Lenten season with weekly Wednesday evening services at 7PM.

This season of Lent is a time for us to remember what sin brings to our lives, to repent and receive God's forgiveness. During this season we remember how our Lord stood in the place of sinners, in our place, and suffered the punishment we deserved for our sins. Jesus was tempted for 40 days in the wilderness, he resisted EVERY temptation of the devil, for our sake. Jesus is innocent of sin, he did this act of love for us.

God has used the number 40 to be a symbol of many teachings in the Bible. It often reflects the way people have fallen away from God and His plan, to their despair, but through God's mercy and plan they are taught they can be restored to renewal.

The 40 days that the flood covered the earth. Lent is a time to walk in newness of life.

The Lord God sent the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, teaching the lesson of humility and repentance. Lent is a time to seek His forgiveness, and to forgive others.

Jesus presented himself alive to his disciples for 40 days after His resurrection, teaching them about God's Kingdom and preparing them to be His witnesses. Lent is a time to witness for Jesus. Let us know and tell of the forgiveness and love that only Jesus Christ in one with the Father can give.

( thoughts shared from a devotional resource by Carol Geisler)

**Fall Sunday School Schedule**

The Fall schedule :  
 9:30 AM—High School/College  
 lead by Bob Colvin/Meg Roalef  
 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.  
**Girls of Grace** ( Jr & Sr High girls)  
 - meet 1st & 3rd Sundays at 6 pm

**SUBMARINE SANDWICHES  
 A SUCCESS AGAIN**

Green-Oak Preschool and the Trustees want to thank each and every person who helped with our submarine sandwich sale. We had approx. 30 preschool parents and 9 church members volunteer to help make the sandwiches.

We made and sold a total of 2300 sandwiches. The Preschool earned \$4,981.12 and the church earned \$622.20

Thank you for your continued support!

Valerie Baker, Preschool Director  
 - Gary Etter, Trustee Chairperson

**EXCITING WINGS  
 EVENTS COMING**



Mark your calendars:

March 16, following worship services  
**Bean & Cornbread meal**, please bring either a salad or a dessert to share. The rest of the meal is provided by the WINGS. **COME JOIN IN THIS FELLOWSHIP**

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March 30 to April 26  
 a **Spring Secret Sister program**, to culminate with the reveal at a Saturday, Apr. 26, brunch.



**Nutrition class -**

**We will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 PM**

Join us for nutrition classes as we start off our Healthier Life style support group. We have a core group interested in the issues of healthier living, both men and women are welcome to join us. We plan to offer each other support and information to help us succeed in making changes for the better in our lives.



**SPRING RETURNS  
 IN 27 DAYS**

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:  
 Mar. 3, 17 & 31**

**A Report from the Chairperson**

A strategic plan really has one goal, to help an organization do a better job. It can help a group focus their resources, time, and energy on the same goals and make sure that the organization's direction is being adjusted due to a changing environment. (Adapted from John M. Bryson, *Strategic Planning in Public and Nonprofit organizations*) Our church has not gone through the strategic planning process since approximately 2006. Having and utilizing a strategic plan is a good operating practice and also a requirement spelled out in our constitution.

On Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, a group of 24 people from our congregation met with Jim Oates from SONKA to start the Strategic Planning Process for our Church. This was just the first step in what will be a multi-step process.

We spent an interactive morning reviewing our Church's history: how our church came to be through the efforts of two neighborhoods, Greenmont Village and Oak Park, to help address the spiritual and service needs they saw in their community. During our almost 60 year history, we've only had 4 seated Pastors which is rather unusual.

We also familiarized ourselves with the "Lifecycle of a Church". In this

model, the Church's life mirrors the human life: birth, infancy, adolescence, empty nest, etc. Each stage of the lifecycle has varying degrees of four components: Vision (Where should we go?), Relationship (Whom should we bring?), Program (How will we get there?), and Management (What should we avoid?). By analyzing where we are in the lifecycle, we can begin to determine our plan and goals.

The first homework we have is to make a list of things that "you" do in the life of the church? How do you feel about it? Everyone has been asked to think about this for themselves and start to dialogue about it. We'll facilitate these discussions in some Sunday School classes and at some of our Committee and Board meetings. After we have had an opportunity to dialogue around this question, we'll be setting up another meeting to continue our process.

We look forward to your input as we engage in this process over the coming months. We are very excited about the possibilities and are very grateful to have the expertise of Jim Oates. He has brought many churches out of "old age and retirement" back into "adolescence" –youthful exuberance. Thank you! -Suzanne Dull,

Official Board Chairperson

