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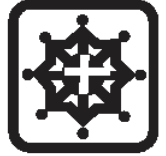
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Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM

Morning Worship: 10:45 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

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

Gary Etter Frank Taylor

Arlene Uldrich Jerry Archer

Charlene Brown



WORSHIP LEADER:

Lisa Bleeke—Jan. 26

Gary Etter—Feb. 2

GREETER:

Cheryl Barnett—Jan.

Toni Bailey—Feb.



“Fuel to the Fire” Some thoughts from the past...

Since we met Saturday, to reflect on the history, current status, and the future work that God is leading us into I thought these words from Rev. Ray Hilty are as true today as when he first said them.

God ALWAYS RENEWS us with many types of fuel (His love, strength, word, mercy, grace, hope, joy, relationships, wisdom, salvation, rest, miracles, ...). He can build the Fire in us to a Blazing faith again. Rev. Hilty felt that their fire needed refueling then and some of us may feel that we need to be refueled now. God is refueling us, preparing us to continue to do our part in building His Kingdom on Earth. - Nova, Office Manager

Ray's Rays Rev. Hilty article, Chimes, March 1969

Yesterday, the sermon title was “Fire Upon the Earth”. The title comes from a verse in Luke where Jesus is reported to have said: “I am come to bring Fire upon the earth.”

Imagine my surprise tonight as I listened to a tape recording of an address by Dr. Elton Trueblood in which he said: “I have never heard a sermon on the subject: ‘Fire Upon the Earth’. Perhaps it’s too hot a subject.”

Two Trueblood comments on that topic follow: he called attention to the many “Fires upon the Earth” where small groups of Christians seek to be on fire for God...where a small minority of the members are kindling fires in churches where the light has all but gone out, and faith has grown cold. Dr. Trueblood claimed that it is impossible to be genuinely Christian alone. Christians must work together to be of much help to Christ in our needy world. The “fires of faith’ must blaze in the world. “One log on a fire invariably goes out, but a pile of small pieces of wood make quite a blaze. A group of very ordinary on fire for Christ persons working together can make quite a conflagration.

We see the truth of the last Trueblood comment in our own congregation: how a relatively few members working together as the Missions and Benevolence Committee accomplish a tremendous work locally, as well as in Appalachia and among the migrants. What a fire of faith on the earth! Thank God, also, for the many donors of materials and money who add “fuel to the fire.”

Jesus said: “Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into the harvest.” May you and I, dear reader, be an answer to that prayer of our Lord.

I believe that we respond to the Lord and are still laborers of God’s harvest, and

Attendance - Jan. 12 & 19, 2014

8:45 — 28,
10:45 — 64,
Sunday school — 25

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec’d	+/- Amt.
Dec. ‘13	\$38,886	+ 23,928

Ken Hambrick	Frank Heath
Bill Hine	Don Keltner
Dustin Knowlton	Onu Kolossova
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
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. Leonard Center
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington Tnsp



Happy Birthday

Jack Mobley—Jan. 23
Emily Smitley—Jan. 23
Julia Medlin—Jan. 27
Garrett Rayney—Jan. 27
Jon Roalef—Jan. 28
Linda George—Jan. 29
Eric Sink—Jan. 30
Chloe Karl—Jan. 31
Karen Hammonds—Feb. 4
Mary Schwarz—Feb. 7



In Our Prayers

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

Military

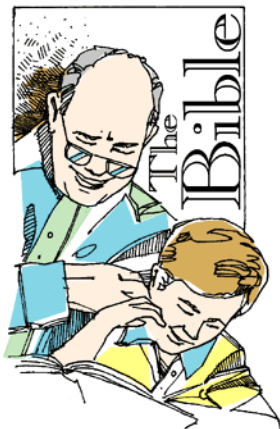
Ian Bader - USA, (Brown’s grandson)
Kirby Brooks— USA (A Brooks son)
Scott Certain –Afghanistan (Jay’s son-in-law)
Adam Reeves -S Korea (Edna’s grand-son)
Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger’s son)
Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)



A simple blessing

This is something that I cherish. Once in a friend's home I came across this blessing, and took it down in shorthand...it says something I like to live with: "Oh Thou, who dwellest in so many homes, possess Thyself of this. Bless the life that is sheltered here. Grant that trust and peace and comfort abide within, and that love and life and usefulness may go out from this home forever."

- Lady Bird Johnson



PEOPLE OF THE WORD

Third Epiphany week scriptures

Isa 9:1-4

Ps 27:1, 4-9

I Corin. 1: 110-18

Matt 4: 12-23

that many fires have remained burning upon the earth, that the Lord has given us to tend. He also has new fires for us to build and attend to, and as I said earlier, He refuels us, renews us, prepares us for the tasks and life He sets before us.

Let us take the glowing embers of the fires of the past and use them with the Holy Spirit to fan the flames of faith for now and the future. — In Christ, Nova

We Did It!!!

We met the challenge and ended the year with over \$18,000 in net income!! Thank you to our blessed and generous church members who answered the call, we went over and above our pledged giving by \$13,109 and our benefactor matched that with an additional \$20,000!!!! We are so pleased and proud and appreciative. Thank you and God bless us.

-----the Finance Committee



Thank You for your support

We raised \$523 for each of the two Neighbor families in need this Christmas season, and the checks are going out to them this week.

We raised \$1,865 for the six charities with our Thanksgiving and Christmas Special offerings. These checks are also being sent out this week for the organizations: Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors-in-Need, Big Bear Creek Mission, Veterans of the Cross, and YWCA's Battered Women's program.

We thank you all for the generosity you share with others. Responding to God's call for us to serve others, and how Jesus revealed this to us by example.

- Anna Slaidins, Financial Secretary

- the Official Board

Opportunities

New 2014 Bulletin Chart and Greeting Chart posted.

We ask for donations of bulletins, that may be given in memory of someone or celebration of that special occasion. The cost of bulletins is \$14.00. A calendar chart is posted across from the church office if you wish to make a donation of them for a Sunday. The Worship Committee appreciates your gift of these for the worship services.

A Greeters chart is also posted across from the church office. We need people to come 15 minutes early, before the 10:45 AM worship service, to welcome guests and members as they enter the sanctuary. This volunteer task is very rewarding, hand shakes and hugs are freely given and received.

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:
 Feb 3 & 17.**



Big Creek Mission Camp Coming Up this Summer, June 29 to July 3, 2014

See Sheri Parrett about registering for the summer work camp to Big Creek Mission in Kentucky. Registrations are due by Feb. 1st. A Deposit fee is needed, talk to Sheri about this detail. For more information about the camp, check out the web site, BigCreek-Mission.com

**EXCITING WINGS
 EVENTS COMING**



Mark your calendars:

Feb. 14 @ 6 PM

—**Potluck Dinner & Movie Night** , all are invited to join us for a meal followed by the movie, Narnia.

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.

March 30 to April 26

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

May 28 to 31, 2014 a **Ladies Retreat** at Pike Lake State Park Lodge. Reservation/ Lodging payments of \$30.00 are due by Jan. 28th. This is a four day/ 3 night retreat. Talk to Sue Smitley or Diana Knowlton with any questions

"A BIG THANK YOU"

The youth group thanks Connie Sink for the wonderful donated Ping, Pong table and equipment. It is really nice. We look forward to many years of use with it.



Sub Sandwich Sale 2014

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY JAN. 29

Every year at this time we have a submarine sandwich sale in order to provide a few extras fro the Pre-school. The church is going to work with us on the sale. The profits from sandwiches sold by church members who are also preschool parents will be equally divided between the church and preschool. The profits from church members only will go toward the Trustees project to maintain the church. Last year we sold 2658 sandwiches, total. The church sold over 700 sandwiches.

The sandwiches are really delicious! They are prepared with Pepperidge Farm buns. This year we are offering an option of ham, salami and pepperoni with pizza sauce, cheese and mild peppers. You may order them with our without the peppers. The other options is turkey with provolone cheese and lettuce. They are wrapped individually in plastic bags. They cost \$3.50 each.

All orders must be turned in by Sunday, Jan. 26th. You may put orders in the offering plate, Church office or Preschool office. Then on Friday, Feb. 7 at 3 PM all the fun begins! We need a few volunteer workers to came at 3 PM to start making sandwiches, and more workers to help make sandwiches starting at 5 PM. We also need a few people to help with baby-sitting from 5 to 7 PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the

Church bulletin board. It really is a lot of fun working together.

We really need you to pick-up all of your orders on Friday night, Feb. 7 from 7 to 8 PM in the Donut room downstairs. WE also require that you pay for all your orders at the time of pick-up. If you cannot pick up your orders on the pick-up date, please notify Valerie Baker by Friday, Jan. 31.

Thank you so much for all your support and help! If you have any questions please call me at 252-7840.

Valerie Baker, Director of Green-Oak Preschool.

"Many Thanks"

To those who know and remember me—those who write me, call me, - see me (stop by for a visit) thank you so much. And of course thankfulness for all the many prayers and cards. Lovingly, Gloria Van Camp

To all my friends at Greenmont Oak Park Church, thank you for the many Christmas cards that I received. I thoroughly enjoyed every one of them. I especially enjoyed the notes. Thank you again, God Bless, Mary Lou Chany

Dear Members,
 The day after Christmas and more have passed and I have finished my custom of checking all cards received. What a warm feeling filled my heart every time I read a name whose life was joined with mine through our church. What a great relationship!
 Thank you for the cards and may the coming year be one of the very best for you and yours. Sincerely, Margaret Foster

