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Suzanne Slaidins-Dull

**Choir Director:**  
Ryan Jenkins

**Organists:**  
Shelley Outlaw

**Chapel Worship:** 8:45 AM

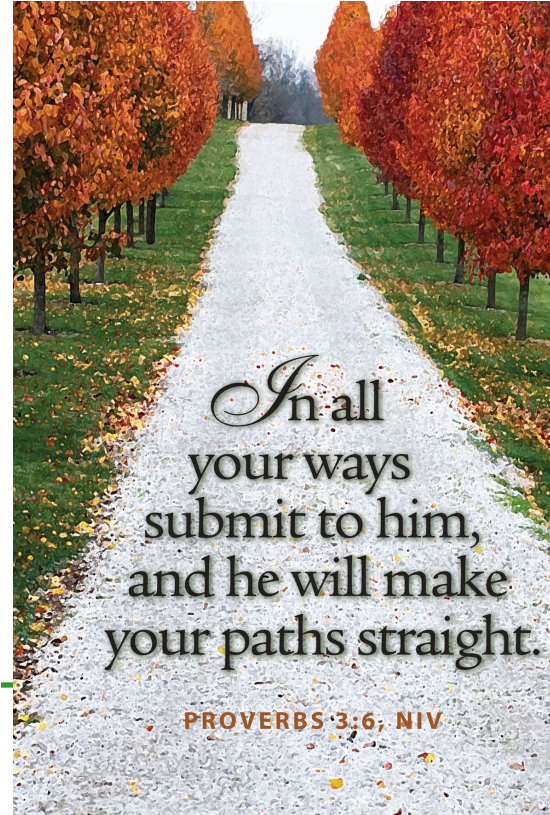
**Morning Worship:** 10:45 AM

**Christian Education:** 9:30 AM

**Bible Adventure:** 10:45 AM

#### **Ushers:**

<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
Gary Etter	Robert Berk
Arlene Uldrich	Jerry Archer
	Greg Goodner



#### **WORSHIP LEADER:**

Ellen Earwood—Aug. 24  
Steve Simmons—Aug. 31

#### **GREETER:**

Diana Knowlton—Aug.  
Ellen Farra—Aug.

**God revealed many thoughts to me and all who attended**

There are many words to characterize what was going through my head on Saturday morning—and into the afternoon. Stimulating, exciting, thoughtful, concerned, sad, dreamful, remembering, connected, focused, listening and understanding. These are my thoughts, others in attendance may have had a different experience. I had not attended the first session last January, so I had a little catching up to do, but the facilitator, Jim Oats, had a good overview of the last session, in which they made a historical outline of church events and defining moments.

This session we then began to define where we are in the life cycle of our church. We see ourselves as past mature to the old age part of the cycle. This was defined by four components: Vision, Relationships, Programs, and Management. In this older part of the cycle, we the church are low/weak on vision, relationships and programs, but strong in management. In early ages of a church the Vision, and Relationships and Programs are stronger.

Our focus was then to begin to define what Vision is, and what God’s vision is for our church. Also we worked on defining what Mission is, and how we currently act out mission. Our discussion centered around our church covenant and our SERVE mission statement. They embody vision and mission for our church. This is not a process that makes final decisions to define these things, but a starting point to ask ourselves what purpose God has intended for our church. I came away from the session with a stirring of thoughts about how God is leading us. Visions and thoughts of new actions began to be shared, first as whispers, then in excited voices, at the end of the session. It felt good to me to hear people sharing visions. One thought Jim shared with us that has stuck with me, is to think twice as big as your vision first comes to you. Trust God to provide the way and that God is doing this work through us. God’s plan does not fail, he will perfectly execute it.

We are now a church that is passing on God’s work from the first generation to successive generations. We are aware that we have needs and visions of multiple generations within our church family. We are doing this self examination to better hear God’s voice as it is revealed to us and in us. To clearly focus on God’s vision for us. We are learning about the needs of what reviving—rebuilding our church requires for new persons to join us, and know God, as we also respect the needs of our current church members and the point where they are at in their journey. We have not scheduled the next session, but I encourage you to watch for information on it and to come and share God’s voice that is only expressed through you. God will lead us in this journey. God is telling us how to continue forward, for God’s purpose. - Nova Kigar

**Attendance - Aug. 10 & 17 '14**

8:45 —	25,	95
10:45 —	33,	91

Christian Education — 16, 17

**Offering—operating income**

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Jan. '14	\$9,670	- 5,288
Feb. '14	\$12,075	- 2,883
Mar. '14	\$13,731	-1,227
Apr. '14	\$12,713	-2,245
May '14	\$11,911	-3,047
June '14	\$10,893	- 4,065
July '14	\$12,479	- 2,479

**Happy Birthday**

- Bethanne Bleeke—Aug. 26
- Allen Dicks—Aug. 26
- Landon Dull—Aug. 26
- Ron Lyttle—Aug. 26
- Conner Elliott—Sept. 1
- Joan Gastineau—Sept. 5
- Norah Stiles—Sept. 5



**In Our Prayers**

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|----------------|------------------|
| Liz Ancil      | Kevin Bader      |
| Russell Berk   | Glenda Boddie    |
| Ginny Breckler | Jim Coleman      |
| Michelle Conn  | Ceci (Cobb) Cole |
| Don Craig      | Kara DePew       |
| Gary Foskuhl   | Margaret Foster  |
| John George    | Jamie Geswein    |
| Jack Gilmore   | Ken Hambrick     |



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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bill Hine       | Edna Holland    |
| Don Keltner     | Frances Kigar   |
| Kristen King    |                 |
| Dustin Knowlton | Rosaline Lam    |
| Loretta Liesch  | Kelly McRonney  |
| Bob McCray      | Phyllis McCray  |
| Naysa Morgan    | John Parnell    |
| Joyce Pratt     | Cindy Romano    |
| Calire Riccos   | Deb Richey      |
| Tom Scheit      | Jane Simmons    |
| Beverly Smith   | Diana Smith     |
| Wayne Stolich   | Michelle Strom  |
| Paul Stutz      | Gloria Van Camp |
| Gina Van Camp   | Evelyn Wheeler  |
| Mary Willett    |                 |

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

**Those in Nursing Care**

- Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
- Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
- Doris Greenwood—Grand Court
- Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
- Vern Hine—St. Leonard Center
- Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
- Verdena Mardis—Sterling House

**Military**

- Kirby Brooks— USA (A Brooks son)
- Adam Reeves -S Korea (Edna’s grand son)
- Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)

## Toys, Games and Books Needed

### We're restocking the Nursery

Making our little ones feel comfortable at church. Ages 1 yr to 3 years.

Our church nursery and toddler room is looking for some new or gently used toys, games and books for the children to play with during worship time and as the nursery is used at other times. Our current toy-book supplies are over 15 years old and in sad shape.

We would like to have toys that clean up easily, are educational. Nothing with small parts, please. Check out your closets, if you have un-used toys appropriate for this age group and would like to donate, we thank you.

We also want to thank Colleen Karl for purchasing all new crayons, glue, scissors, markers and the like for our Sunday School supplies.

Hospice of Dayton has expanded its services to include a new Pathways of Hope grief support Grief Counseling Art center at the Wilmington Ave. location. They will offer programs to support and encourage artistic expression for those experiencing loss and grief.

Studies have shown that many grieving individuals respond more quickly using creative arts therapies than through traditional verbal therapy

Their mission is to provide bereavement services to anyone in the community who has experienced loss. Contact Hospice with any questions you may have. 937-258-5537

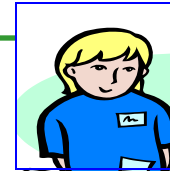


## Church T-Shirt SALE

We want everyone to wear your green church T-shirt to the Sept. 7th Rally Day Picnic. If you are not able to purchase a shirt then wear any green shirt you have.

We are selling church T-shirts, \$8.00/ea.

We have sizes; S, M, L, XL while supplies last. They will be available for sale in the Hilty Room after both church services over the next few weeks. If paying by check write check out to the church, in the memo write: Church T-shirt



## Picnic! Picnic! I love picnics!

It is almost time for the annual Church Picnic and Rally Day Celebration. You won't want to miss it. It's Sunday, September 7. We will worship together at the 8:45 and 10:45 services.

At noon we will have a carry in lunch with chicken and hot dogs, drinks, and table service provided (in the Donut Room). Remember to wear your Church green t-shirt (or if you don't have one wear another green top).

Bring your cooler/basket with some goodies in it, and bring your lawn chair. The games start at 1:00. We will have BINGO with prizes, board games and outdoor games. See you then.

Cheryl Barnett, Membership/Fellowship Committee

## Confirmation Class Forming First Class—September 14

We will be starting a new confirmation class this year with classes held during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 AM) on Sundays. This is a 2-year program for young people (6th-11th grade) who wish to prepare to make their own decision about accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior. The name Confirmation stems, of course, from the word "confirm". Many children are baptized when they are young by their parents and join them at church as Christians, though the decision was made by their parents.

Confirming this decision requires study, prayer, and mentoring so that a young person may be fully prepared to make this decision again for themselves. The confirmation class provides this structure. The first year involves a study of the Bible and God's plan for our salvation. The second year includes a mentoring component where each student is paired with an adult mentor from the Church for one-on-one study and relationship building. If the student has not been baptized, baptism is also offered concurrent with confirmation, so all are eligible to participate. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in the program, please contact the Church office. 252-6705

- Dave Roalef

## Women's Book Club August Reading Choice:

"The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd is the August reading choice. The ladies will meet on Monday Aug. , 25th, for a light supper and discussion.



## Gearing UP

### Christian Education Schedule

The schedule :

- 9:30 AM—Confirmation  
lead by Dave Roalef
- 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)  
Lead by Sheri Parrett/ Colleen Karl
- 10:45 AM—Nursery (babies to 3yrs)

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:**  
**Sept. 2 & 15**

### Worship Greeters Needed

Starting with September through the rest of the year, greeters are needed to welcome people for the 10:45 AM service. It is an easy job. You just shake hands and say Good Morning. Welcome. You have the guest sign in on the Guest Registry and give them a Greenmont-Oak Park Church pen and let one of the Membership/ Fellowship members get them a mug. It is nice if you would announce their names at the end of the announcements so others can greet them. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you.



### Meijer's "Simply Give" to support our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry

The Kettering Stroop/ Wilmington Meijer's store has started a new fall "Simply Give" donation campaign to benefit our church Food Pantry. It began Aug. 4th and will go through Sept. 27th. Your \$10 donation will be matched by the Meijer's Corp. to make a \$20 donation and there will be three special double-double days on Sept. 4, 5 and 6th. Then your \$10 donation will become a \$30 donation by Meijer's double matching.

Donation cards are here at the church and at the store.

If you wish to make a donation to the church for this campaign, then we will collectively purchase the Simply Give donation cards on the triple amount days in early Sept. Write in your check memo: "Simply Give" Checks needed by Aug. 30

If you wish to purchase them yourself while shopping that is great also.

### Women of the Bible

Summer Sunday School will be presenting a series, "The Women in the Bible".

Aug. 24—Sandy Conn

Aug. 31—Connie Sink

- Barbara Richards

### Community Fall Bazaar plans underway.

Mark your calendar for a Community Fall Bazaar, that will be held on Saturday, October 18th, from 10 to 4 PM. We will be renting booth spaces for home crafts and family friendly home based businesses. ( No rummage sales—that is for the Tent sale in the spring)

The focus for this activity is to connect with our community and also raise some funds for the church. Our committee ( both Preschool and church members) is busy organizing: promotion, publicity, a raffle, a bake sale booth run by the church, booth table set-up and tear down, parking & traffic flow management. As you can see there are many ways church members are needed to assist, please talk to Cheryl Barnett about volunteering on Friday, Oct. 17 or Saturday, Oct. 18. We will set-up tables and some chairs, the booth renters set up their stuff. Pastor Gabe is excited about this new idea—join us in participating. This is a way to meet and greet our neighbors.

We will tie into the Pumpkin Patch, through the youth running a food concession stand. This joint-organizing is to benefit all fundraising participants, the church, youth and preschool.

If you want to rent a space call Lindsey Niswonger, (419—708-1930), or email: lindseymarie07@gmail.com



Remember Pastor Gabe's Q & A sessions will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month following 10:45 AM worship.

### New Choir Director!

It's with great excitement that we announce the selection of a new choir director! **Introducing Ryan Jenkins.** He is currently studying Vocal Performance at the Ohio State University and expects his degree in the spring of 2015. We're looking forward to the inspirational and energizing music he will lead our choir ( and our congregation) in singing. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 pm.

Our first rehearsal will conclude with a "Dessert Carry In" as a means to get to know Ryan, so bring along your favorite dessert to share. **New choir members are always welcome so start warming up your voices!**



**Begins Thursday, Aug. 28, 7:30**

Outside Lights are in the process of being replaced by new LED lights to better light the parking lot and outside of building at night. - Trustees

