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Morning Worship: 10:45 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

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

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Charlene Brown



“FOR I AM WITH YOU
TO RESCUE
AND SAVE YOU,”
DECLARES THE LORD.

JEREMIAH 15:20, NIV

WORSHIP LEADER:

Frank Taylor—Mar. 23

Helen George—Mar. 30

GREETER:

Paula Geswein—Mar.

In Like the Spirit

In many places, March is quite windy: "in like a lion...!" Though I don't like the damp chill that's often part of the transition to spring, I love windy days. Something about the air's movement—a gentle breeze or ferocious gale blowing through trees, against the house, in my hair—breeds excitement in me, anticipation that something new is astir.

How fitting that in conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus said, "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John³:8, NRSV) Like Nicodemus, we fail to comprehend the Spirit of God. But Jesus reminds us that though we can't see the Spirit, we feel his love, see his actions of justice and hear his sounds. These include kind words, bold preaching, weeping for another, shared laughter and songs of praise.

-Heidi Mann (shared from the Newsletter, Newsletter)

I share this as it compliments Rev. Smitley's sermon from last Sunday, as we learned and thought more about the Holy Spirit. - Nova Kigar

Lenten Journey's that some of our Church Members are taking.

I asked several church members if they might share some of the ways they are reflecting on Lent, and the gift of salvation. Here are their responses:

- * I am fasting 1—2 days/ week., relying on God more.
- * I'm distributing a daily devotional booklet called, "The Little Black Book", six minute meditations on the Passion according to Matthew.
- * I'm giving up snack foods and saving the money to go toward the special Easter offering. Another is stopping Fast Food eating, and saving the money for the Easter offering.
- * God is more interested in my availability than my ability. I am working on doing things I've never done before, believing I can do what God asks. God is pleased when we are willing to use what we have to serve Him, regardless of how unskilled we think we are.
- * I'm living in moderation. My devotion says, "This frees up space in our heart for God. I was going to go get groceries before reading this thought. After reading it, I decided not to go. I had enough on hand. I was able to spend more of my day thinking about God.
- * I'm worshipping each week, praying and meditating daily.
- * Watching EWTN Midnight mass regularly.
- * Fasting on Fridays & not eating meat on Friday's
- * I am reading my daily devotions with thanksgiving for the gracious gift of salvation. Working on being still and listening to God.

I thank all those who were willing to share their acts of observing Lent. We are a community of individuals that are seeking to grow in our relationship with God.

Attendance - Mar.9 & 16, 2014

8:45 — 25, 25
10:45 — 67, 75
Sunday school — 21, 24

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
Feb. '14	\$12,075	- 2,883

Happy Birthday

Bob Karl—Mar. 20
Eleanor Bane—Mar. 22
Jon Dull—Mar. 22
Norma Haines—Mar. 22
Kristen King—Mar. 23
Eric Landing—Mar. 25
Beth Heath—Mar. 26
Bonnie Urbanas—Mar. 27
Edna Holland—Mar. 28
Kathy Palmer—Mar. 28



In Our Prayers

Liz Ancil
Cheryl Barnett
Glenda Boddie
Jim Coleman
Ceci (Cobb) Cole
Jamie Geswein
Bill Hine
Dustin Knowlton



Kevin Bader
Russell Berk
Ginny Breckler
Michelle Conn
John George
Ken Hambrick
Don Keltner
Onu Kolossova

Rosaline Lam	Kelly McRonney
Bob McCray	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	Michelle Strom
Paul Stutz	Gloria Van Camp
Gina Van Camp	Evelyn Wheeler
Pat White	Mary Willett

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
Verdena Mardis—Sterling House
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods

Military

Kirby Brooks— USA (A Brooks son)
Scott Certain –Afghanistan (Jay's son-in-law)
Adam Reeves -S Korea (Edna's grand-son)
Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)



May, June,

late summer and into fall, we still need volunteers to sign-up.

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



"In Sympathy"

We extend our prayers to the family of Vera Westfall, who passed onto Eternal Life this past week. A funeral service was held on Tues. March 18, with Rev. Smitley officiating. Vera was the second oldest living member of our church. Vera & daughter Sue joined the church in 1967. Vera was 98 and her birthday was coming up in late March. May God comfort Sue & Patsy and the family at this time of loss.

- Your GOPCUCC family

Did You Know...

- * that we still collect aluminum cans for recycling, turning them in to receive a little money. Bring your cans to church in tied bags and place them at the side of the Pantry building. The money goes into the youth fund. Ray Urbanas is our dedicated recycling volunteer.
- * That we keep several copies of the Chimes newsletter on the table at the back of the Sanctuary, and a few in the office. Pick one up if your mailed copy has not shown up yet.
- * The Fellowship/Membership Committee has gained 9 new members
- * The Trustee Committee has gained one new member

Like us on



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Passion Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Services

April 13 - 8:45 & 10:45 am



Maunday Thur.- April 17- 7pm



Come Remember the Lord's Last Supper



Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19 - 10:00 AM!



For children 12 and under. Meet the Easter Bunny in person. Many prizes each age group.

Easter Morning - April 20



7:00 am

7:40 am Easter Breakfast

8:45 am service

10:45 am service



Young Adults— Mission Trip News

We recently had two church college youth participate in mission service trips over their spring break from classes. This is how they spent their spring vacations.

Abbey Roalef, attending Nursing school at the University of Toledo, participated in a week long service trip to Nicaragua, in Central America.

Their health care team offered hearing, eye sight, and general health screening— medical assistance and diagnostic assistance to some rural village communities. Abbey is a senior and will graduate in June.

Adam Donovan, an engineering student at Wright State University, participated in a week long service trip to Grainger County, TN. They did different types of service in the community.

Adam shared, "The first day, my group did construction around the mission site and then went to work at a local food pantry in the afternoon. Then on the second and fourth day we went to a boarding school for children who were taken away from their parents, and sorted through rooms filled with clothes donated for the kids. The other project we took part in was putting a roof on a house of a family of 7."

Easter Lily's for the Sanctuary

We will again have Easter lily plants for purchase, to beautify the sanctuary for Easter services. The plants cost \$9.00/ea. Please sign up if you wish to buy one. Indicate if the plants are given in thanksgiving or memory of someone. Following the Easter morning services, your plant may be taken home. - Worship Committee

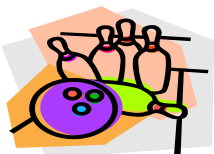
Sunday School Schedule

The 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



Youth—Cosmic Bowling Night

All youth, 7th—12th grade are going cosmic Bowling at Woodman Lanes on Friday, March 28th, 8:30 to 11:00 pm. The cost is \$10, and payable to Sheri Parrett. (Do not pay at the door). Please bring a 2 liter drink or snack to share, we will be in the party room.

Chimes Article Deadlines are:
Mar. 31 & Apr. 14

WINGS upcoming activity

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

March Book Club Selection

The Women's Book Club—March reading selection is: "Girl in Translation" by Jean Kwok. All women are invited to join us in reading and then holding discussion about this story on the last Monday of the month, Which is March 31 @ 6:30 pm. We enjoy a light meal together followed by our sharing time.



Fitness & Nutrition Group

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

The Fitness group is hosting a guest speaker from the American Heart Association on Tue. April 8th at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Lori Keltner at 293-5140.

Our group is also walking together now that the weather is nicer, all are welcome to join us.



Midweek Lenten Services

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, for Lenten services, as we remember, reflect and travel our way to the cross with our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Women of the Bible

Summer Sunday School will be doing a series, "The Women in the Bible". Ladies if you have a favorite women in the Bible and would like to talk about her, do your research and let me know who you have chosen. I would like to hear from you by the end of April, so that we can schedule you. June, July and August at 9:30, is the Sunday School presentation time.

- Barbara Richards

Community Easter Egg Hunt Coming



Mark your calendar! Our community Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 19 at 10 AM sharp! We are planning on 300 children. We need individually wrapped candy to fill over a thousand Easter eggs. Please bring your individually wrapped candy to the church office.

The Easter Bunny will also be available for pictures, all morning. We will have four groups: 0-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12 age groups. Besides eggs with candy, there will be many prizes for each age group. Only one special prize per person please. If you find more than one special prize egg, please share it with someone else.

We thank those who support us with the many donations of candy.

- Fellowship/Membership

New Pantry Donation Campaign

The Kettering Meijer's store is promoting a **new donation campaign to benefit our Greenmont-Oak Park Church—Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry.**

From March 30 to May 12, 2014, simply purchase a Meijer Simply Give \$10 donation card at the Meijers at Stroop & Wilmington. Give the card to the clerk at check-out. Our Food Pantry will receive the proceeds. Donation cards are available here at the church, on the Pantry bulletin board in the Gathering Place or on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

This Simply Give program brings community awareness to the hunger issues, so many families face in our local community. This fundraising program really makes a difference in our ability to purchase foods for our pantry. **April 11 & 12 the Meijers store will turn every \$10 donation into a \$30 donation with their corp. matching on these special days, in the campaign.**

Please consider the pantry as you do your Easter Holiday shopping on April 11 & 12.

- Food Pantry volunteers

Meijer's Simply Give Fundraiser
Kettering—Wilmington/Stroop Store
Benefits our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Pantry

March 30 to May 12, 2014

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