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Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM
Morning Worship: 10:45 AM
Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

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8:45 AM	10:45 AM
Gary Etter	Bob Karl
Arlene Uldrich	Jerry Archer
	Tom Wheeler



WORSHIP LEADER:
Jane Simmons—May 25
Andy Cavin—June 1
GREETER:
Cheryl Barnett—May
Charlene Brown—June
Arlene Uldrich—June

SENSE OF AN ENDING ... AND A BEGINNING

Two and about ¾ years ago we began a journey together knowing that at some point there would be an ending and a new beginning. That time has arrived and now we all feel the pangs of anticipation and yet reservation of what is to come in the future for all of us. T.S. Eliot states: "What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

I found this to be an interesting thought as our time together grows short and this will be my last article for the Chimes. "The ancient Greeks had two words for time: **chronos**, the tick-tock chronological time that we are more familiar with; and **kairos**, the right or opportune moment. We also know what these **kairos** moments are like: tired and dissatisfied with our lives, we're waiting for someone to say that it is okay to change. For the fisherman on the shore (Matthew 4:18-22) this was their **kairos** moment. (Martin 140)." For us it was not being tired and dissatisfied but of finding a new settled pastor that brings an opportune moment for the change.

There is something about this notion of **kairos**. A time for each thing. A season. A changing over and ending up. Dropping nets to follow. Or abandoning the now for the unexpected call. The sense of an ending. And of a beginning.

When you talk about such things, others stare. They don't get it. Aren't privy to the crook of God's finger. The hook of the Shepherd's staff. My walking papers, My mandate to go. To follow. To pick up a pen. Or a cross. Or both.

There is something both beautiful-and painful-in accepting the call one receives in these **kairos** moments.

It is hard to get others to understand, but there is no way they truly can – not being in your skin. Not having walked in your moccasins.

The most one can hope for is for one's spiritual director to affirm the call. It's enough. A nod from him and a nod from grace – that'll do.

Kairos. The changing time.

A blank page.

It's not that anything is possible, it is only that His will awaits. And somehow, you'll know it. You begin to perceive it.

The words on the blank page are written in invisible ink – the kind of ink that fills God's pen. And your spirit is the secret decoder that unlocks the hidden script. You see the words.

And you get to say –

Ok. Let's do it

So be it. Amen.

You drop your nets and walk from what was to embrace what it to come. It is the moment you are ready for God's plan for you.

Kairos. We will walk different paths in the days to come – an opportune time for each us to see an ending that is a wonderful beginning – yet we will forever be tied together in **chronos**.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve this congregation, to see endings and be involved in "opportune moments of change" and new beginnings within the life of this congregation corporately and individually, as I have watched you grow in your

Attendance - May 11 & 18, '14

8:45 —	25,	22
10:45 —	71,	63

Christian Education — 18, 11

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

Happy Birthday

- Caleb Elliott—May 23
- John Slaidins—May 23
- Alysia Brooks—May 25
- Virginia Breckler—May 30
- Helen Hager—June 1
- Jacob Bane—June 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 |
| Margaret Foster | John George |
| Jamie Geswein | Ken Hambrick |
| Bob Hildebrecht | Bill Hine |
| Edna Holland | Don Keltner |



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| Kristen King | Onu Kolossova |
| Dustin Knowlton | Kelly McRonney |
| Rosaline Lam | Bob McCray |
| Mary Jane McBride | Naysa Morgan |
| Phyllis McCray | John Parnell |
| Karolina O'Donnell | Cindy Romano |
| Joyce Pratt | Deb Richey |
| Calire Riccos | Beverly Smith |
| Tom Scheit | Wayne Stolich |
| Diana Smith | Paul Stutz |
| Michelle Strom | Gina Van Camp |
| Gloria Van Camp | Pat White |
| Evelyn Wheeler | |
| 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)

“Many Thanks”

THANKS so much for all the prayers, cards, and presence at the visitation for my mom (and Jamie's grandma). It was a long two weeks, but... she left peacefully and in her sleep (which was her desires). We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Peace and Blessings, Jacque

Dear Church Members,

On behalf of the Missionary Health Scholarship Committee, I want to thank you for your contribution of \$500. Your support provides an education for a deserving Honduran student. We appreciate the generous donations that have been given. Once again, thank you.

Kathy Peterson, Missionary Health Service. People helping People

It Takes Both for a Successful Food Pantry

While we have received the wonderful gift of gift cards to purchase foods from the Meijer's store, we still need help with food item donations, so our families can receive some of the nice extras that only collected foods can provide.

It takes both our basic food purchasing and food collections to give us variety to best serve our families. We want to do the Lord's work to the best that we can. Thank you for supporting the Pantry in all the ways that you do.

Our pantry shelves could use help with: * cereal, * pasta/rice side mixes, *breakfast bars, *pop tarts, *tuna, *canned fruits, *drink mixes, *TP and bath bar soap.

We also need PAPER BAGS

Summer Special Music Time

Let us give our thanks to the Choir for all their beautiful songs they have shared in our worship services over the past season. May they have a restful summer before returning in the fall.



In the summer months, we ask that anyone who has vocal or instrumental talents to share them with us during the 10:45 AM worship hour. A sign-up sheet has been posted.

- Worship Comm.

Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Community church:

Thank you so much for your generous donation of Campbell's Labels and/or Box Tops for Education. With the points you have helped us collect, we are able to buy much needed items for our on campus school. Items we purchase with labels are:

DVD/VCR Combination Deck, Space Place Class Organization Center, Motorized Solar System, Texas Instruments Calculators, Playground Easy Pack Kit, The Sports Book, Motivational Class Pack

Your thoughtfulness has provided our school with much needed supplies.

Sincerely, Zenovia Pearson,
Donor Specialist
Crossroad Children's Home

SENSE OF AN ENDING ... (Con t.)

Christian faith and pilgrimages. May God continue to bless all of you as we now take our separate paths and watch that "invisible ink" of God unlock that hidden script he has for each of us for the future as we perform his work in His kingdom here on earth.

"Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love"

Rev. Dr. Robert D. Smitley
Interim Transitional Minister

Vacation Bible School is June 23-27



"Wilderness Escape" -Where God guides and provides. We will follow Moses after they were led out of Egypt. We will focus on Trusting God. All Children age 3 by March 1, 14 through 5th grade are welcome to join us.

VBS will be the week of June 23 to 27th, from 9:30 AM to 12 noon. A Friday family lunch and some fun activities will close out our week.

Registration is now open, call the church office, 252-6705, ext. 0, or come in to register.

Tell friends and family with younger children about our VBS.



As we move through this time of transition from Interim Pastor Robert Smitley's care to our New Pastor Gabriel Oberholzer's coming we want to share the timeline of the transition.

Pastor Robert Smitley will be with us through Sunday, June 1st. It will be his last Sunday leading us in worship. **We will hold a "Thank You" carry-in meal with Rev. Smitley & Sue and his family** following the morning worship services. Rev. Smitley will then be with us through Saturday, June 7, completing his services. We are collecting donations toward a gift for Rev. Smitley, if you wish to contribute, please place it in the offering plate or mail it in.

On Sunday, June 8th, we will have a pastoral supply Pastor lead us in worship. This allows for a clear break between Pastoral leadership.

On Sunday, June 15, Pastor Gabriel Oberholzer will start his ministry here.

Continue to hold Rev. Smitley & Sue, our congregation, and Pastor Gabe in prayer as God leads us all into the future. We know we can trust in God's plans, may we be open to receive God's new beginnings for all.

- Official Board

Christian Education 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

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:
June 2 & 16**

Women of the Bible

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

- June 1—Deliah—Cheryl Barnett
 - June 8 - Mary & Martha - Nikki Taylor & Sheri Parrett
 - June 15—Ester—Meg Roalef & Gabby Rayney
 - June 22—Ruth—Jane Simmons
 - June 29—Abigail—Karen Brown
 - July 6—Hannah—Barb Richards
 - July 13—Deborah—Molly Donovan
- If anyone needs help getting the information together, please contact me. - Barbara Richards

FIRST QUARTER GIVING

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for their spiritual and financial support of our church. We ended the year on a positive note and are so grateful to those who made that happen at the end of the year! We challenged you last November to increase your giving by 10% this year. We hope you took that to heart. At the end of this first quarter of 2014, we are \$9,700 BEHIND in our giving. Please consider catching up now so that we don't keep running this deficit higher.

We are excited about the direction our church is going, and we hope you are, too! Please prayerfully consider your giving each and every month. We want Greenmont Church to make an impact in your lives and in our community. Thank you again for everything.

With God's blessings, The Finance Committee

Lilies and Bulletins

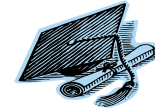
Thank you to everyone who signed up to purchase an Easter Lily and to those who sponsor the bulletins each week. The lilies are \$9.00 a piece and bulletins are \$14.00 per week. Please remember to put a check or cash in the offering plate for these, and please make sure to write a memo about what you are paying for! Thanks for your help with our book keeping. These payments will show up on your quarterly giving statements.

Thanks again!
The Finance Committee

Graduation Sunday is—June 8th.

There will be a **Graduation Tea** in the Donut room. Punch and cake will be served. Finger foods and sandwiches are needed.

Congratulations to Our Graduates.



HIGH SCHOOL:

Taylor Medlin— Taylor graduated early in December, 2013, from Fairmont High School.

Joe Hager is graduating from Fairmont High School and plans to attend Sinclair Community College in the fall.

Joshua Parrett is graduating from Fairmont High School with honors and scholarships awarded for his academic and wrestling skills. Josh received many awards. While maintaining a 3.5 grade point, he was Division One Wrestler of the year. Josh was a 4 -time State qualifier in wrestling. Josh was also the runner up State Wrestling Champion, 2014. He plans to attend Ohio University and be on their wrestling team.

COLLEGE:

Andy Hager graduated in April from University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering. He now works at Kinetic Vision in Cincinnati as a simulation Engineer.

Jessica Parrett graduated in May from Sinclair Community College with Associate dual degrees in American Sign Language and Social Work. She is accepted to Wright State University to continue her bachelor degree program in Social Work.

Abbey Roalef graduated in May from Toledo University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Abbey will be moving to Charleston,

North Carolina to live and work at a hospital there in the fall.

Craig Sink graduated Cum Laude from the Ohio State University with a bachelor of Science degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He will be moving to Texas to work.

Ryan Sink graduated from the Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Materials Science Engineering.

Megan Weyrauch graduated in May from the Ohio State University with dual degrees in English and Professional Writing. She is currently a Managing Editor of the On-Line paper service for colleges across the United States.

May God's blessings be with you in your future life endeavors.



"In Sympathy"

Our sympathy and prayers are with Allen & Cletta Dicks upon the recent passing of Allen's sister . May God comfort you at this time of loss. - Your GOPCUCC family

Our sympathy and prayers are with the Fisher family upon the passing of Jacque's mother, Pat Reeger. May God comfort you and the family at this time of loss. - Your GOPCUCC family

Our sympathy and prayers are with Jim Weyrauch's family upon the passing of Jim's father. May God comfort you and the family at this time of loss. - Your GOPCUCC family

Our sympathy and prayers are with the Mobley family, upon the passing of Hilda Mobley. May God comfort the family at this time of loss.—Your GOPCUCC family

