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**Chapel Worship:** 8:45 AM  
**Morning Worship:** 10:45 AM  
**Christian Education:** 9:30 AM  
**Bible Adventure:** 10:45 AM

#### **Ushers:**

<u>8:45 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Gary Etter	Les George
Arlene Uldrich	Pasko Evanoff
Linda Oxley	Ron Dill

**It is you who light my  
lamp; the Lord, my God,  
lights up my darkness.**



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#### **Scripture Readings:**

Week of Nov. 9— Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25, Ps 78:1-7  
Sol 6:12-16, Ps 70, I Thess 4:13-18, Matt 25:1-13  
Week of Nov. 16— Judg 4: 1-7, Ps 123, Zeph 1:7, 12-18  
Ps 90:1-8, 12, I Thess 5:1-11, Mat 25: 14-30

**WORSHIP LEADER:**  
Frank Taylor—Nov. 9  
Suzanne Dull—Nov. 16

**GREETER:**  
Paula Geswein—Nov.



November is Stewardship month at Greenmont which will culminate on November 23 when we consecrate the pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets and share Thanksgiving dinner together. Please pray about your financial and spiritual commitment to GOPCC and consider the following.

**Reflection on Stewardship: Sacrifice**

I began working in the corn fields of Indiana corn detassling when I was 14. That first summer I bought a bicycle with the money earned. I took good care of that bike because I had worked so hard for it--probably better care than if it had been giving to me. It's human nature that we value what we sacrifice for.

Our willingness to sacrifice in pursuit of God reflects just how precious He is to us. And, likewise, if He is not precious to us, perhaps it is because we have never sacrificed anything for Him. While we may say we wish to go deeper with God, our willingness to sacrifice for it reveals whether or not our desire is genuine.

God doesn't require sacrifice because he is needy or demanding but because He knows we need to sacrifice. Sacrifice sharpens our character, refines our faith, deepens our commitment. Perhaps instead of remaining disillusioned by what God has withheld from you, you need to ask yourself what you have withheld from Him. Going deeper will cost you something--maybe getting up early to go to church or pray, tithing on your gross income and not just your net, teaching a Sunday school class instead of sitting in one....Your sacrifice sends God the message that you are serious about seeking Him, which He will reward with his very presence.

Pray that with every sacrifice you make for God that you grow nearer to him. Ask him to show you what you can let go of so you can get closer to him.

In God's love, Lisa Bleeke,

(adapted from The Book of Hope, Janet Guthrie)

**Attendance - Oct. 26, Nov 2 '14**

8:45 — 26,  
10:45 — 78  
Installation Service—90

Christian Education — 23, 21

**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
Aug. '14	\$11,530	-3,428
Sept. '14	\$13,418	-1,540

**Happy Birthday**

- Sasha Taylor—Nov. 9
- Paula Geswein—Nov. 12
- Shelby Harshbarger—Nov. 16
- Caitlin Karl—Nov. 16
- Joy Von Holle— Nov. 16
- Dawn Gilmore—Nov 18
- Riley Steinbrunner—Nov. 19
- Stacy Stiles—Nov. 19
- Bob Colvin—Nov. 22



**In Our Prayers**

- Liz Ancil
- Russell Berk
- Ginny Breckler
- Michelle Conn
- Don Craig
- Julie Finley
- Margaret Foster
- Jamie Geswein
- Kevin Bader
- Glenda Boddie
- Charlene Brown
- Ceci (Cobb) Cole
- Kara DePew
- Gary Foskuhl
- John George
- Jack Gilmore



- Ken Hambrick
- Bill Hine
- Sean Humphrey
- Kristen King
- Rosaline Lam
- Kelly McRonney
- Phyllis McCray
- Delbert Newhouse
- Joyce Pratt
- Calire Riccos
- Jane Simmons
- Diana Smith
- Michelle Strom
- Joe Trevan
- Gina Van Camp
- Evelyn Wheeler
- Mary Willett
- Edna Holland
- Don Keltner
- Dustin Knowlton
- Loretta Liesch
- Bob McCray
- Naysa Morgan
- John Parnell
- Cindy Romano
- Deb Richey
- Beverly Smith
- Wayne Stolich
- Paul Stutz
- Gloria Van Camp
- Sue Wagner

**Those in Nursing Care**

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

**Military**

- Kirby Brooks
- Adam Reeves
- Casey Ryan



**GIVING THANKS**

Following the morning worship services on November 23rd, we will hold a "Giving Thanks" Dinner for all church members to attend. A sign-up volunteer list is posted to help in preparing the meal. Anna Slaidins will lead the organization of the meal, talk to Anna about volunteering. - Membership/Fellowship Committee

**"Many Thanks"**

**Dear Pastor & Congregants,**

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Greater Dayton Christian Connection. Bless You, Rev. Dr Crystal Walker ( We gave a \$100 donation)

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**Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Church,**

Thank you so much for your generous investment in the Lord's work at the Gospel Mission, in Dayton, Oh.

By His Grace, Ken Clarkston

( we gave a \$150 donation)

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**Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Church,**

The Fairmont High School Spirit Chain, would like to thank you for your support of their 2014 charities, which include the Kettering Back Pack Program. Your \$535 donations to the Back Pack Program is greatly appreciated. - Mrs. Corey Miller, Student Activities Coordinator, Fairmont High School

**Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Church,**

Thank you so much for your gift of \$150 to Homefull. We are so appreciative of you support. We know that it takes the commitment of an entire community to overcome the effects of poverty, to create stable and supportive housing for adults and families with children who need it, and to offer the critical services that are so vital to someone achieving their goal of overcoming homelessness. We are inspired by our partnership with Homefull.

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These are several missions that we Offer support to through the operating budget that we approve each year at our annual congregational meeting. We feel God call us to share our ministry through these gifts to local organizations that in their way, pass on God's light in providing for these areas of need.

**Why Praise God?**

In Reflections on the Psalms, C S Lewis shared that he was confused and embarrassed by God's instructions to offer him praise. "We all despise the man who demands continued assurance of his own virtue, intelligence or delightfulness."

But then Lewis thought about great artwork, for which admiration is the only appropriate response. Otherwise, he wrote, "we shall have missed something."

Lewis concluded that God wants praise not only because it's right but because we need to do it. Praising God fulfills our highest purpose. As Psalm 33:1 9NIV) says, "it is fitting for the upright to praise him"

**82 Million Scriptures given annually**

This past Sunday, Nov. 2, we had a Gideons guest speaker, Gary Cooper, share with us about the Gideons' Bible ministry. They hand out both hardcover Bibles at a cost of \$5, and the smaller New Testament Scriptures at an amazing \$1.25 a copy .

They ask for prayers and donations to cover the cost of printing Bibles, which they provide internationally, around the globe. Their mission is simply to place God's word into the hands of people, spreading the Gospel message and growing God's kingdom.

A free will offering collected \$336 for the purchase of Bibles in their mission work.

The Gideons thank you for your gift!

**It's not Too Late to Sign-Up for UNBOUND— Freedom in Christ Nov. 8th - 9 to 5 PM**

This is a day seminar which presents a sound and practical way for everyone to experience greater freedom from the influence of evil and to enjoy a fuller life in Christ.

Participants will view a DVD series by Neil Lozano, creator of the Unbound Seminar, and be led in discussion and prayer by the Unbound Ministry team of Dayton.

Breakfast snacks, and a lunch will be provided. A \$20 donation is asked to help with book materials and foods.

Register with [chrisjasek@gmail.com](mailto:chrisjasek@gmail.com) or call (937) 865-0342

**Looking for Board Nominations**

We are looking for some new faces on our Official Board! We have openings for At Large Board Members for 2015/2016.

The Board meets once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. If you would like to be involved in this way, to have a voice and help implement great ideas, please contact Suzanne Slaidins, Lisa Bleeke or Pastor Gabe. We need to have the slate filled by November 1. Thank you very much for considering this.

**Nominees for Official Board positions are:**

- Official Bd Chair person –Bob Beall
- Official Bd ViceChair-Diana Knowlton
- Treasurer—Lisa Bleeke ( 1 yr remains)
- At Large-Jane Simmons (1 yr. remains)
- At Large—Lori Keltner
- At Large— Adam Taylor
- At Large—open\_\_\_\_\_
- Trustee Rep —Gary Etter
- Recording Secretary—Joyce Kelley

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We are also working to fill the Standing Committee Chair position for: Mission Outreach/ Social Action . Christian Ed and Staff Committees now have nominees. A nomination roster list is available on the table in the sanctuary.

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, November, 16th**

**Following worship services.**

**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/Gary Etter

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:  
Nov. 17 & Dec. 1**

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

**November’s Reading Choice**

The Ladies Book Club has chosen, “The Paris Wife” by Paula McLain for their Nov. book. All ladies welcome to join them for a lite meal and discussion on Monday, Nov. 27th at 6:15 PM.



**White Gift Sunday - Dec. 7th**

We are preparing 180 Christmas baskets for families in need. Donations of new or gently used games, toys, books and warm gloves and hats are needed for children age 12 and under. They may be brought to church on Dec. 7th.

**Congregational Annual Meeting  
Sunday, Nov. 16th  
following morning worship.**

In preparation for our annual meeting nominations for officers and plans for a 2015 operating church budget have been presented to the 2014 Board and accepted to bring to the congregation for their vote and decision.

We are pleased to announce that the 2015 spending plan’s total will remain the same as this year’s.

Total Missions work—\$5,800  
Total Committees - \$5,300  
Total Trustees/ Maint.—\$38,000  
Total Office/One-call/Financial - \$4,899  
Tot. Salaries /Ins./House/Taxes - \$126,936  
TOTAL = \$180,935 same as this year

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Copies of the 2015 Spending Plan are available in the sanctuary on the table .



**Home-Bound  
Card Shower**

We will collect Christmas Cards for the shut-ins throughout November. The deadline to have your cards at church is Nov. 30. There will be a box in the sanctuary to receive them. Here is our Shut-In list:

Lottie Jaeger, Virginia Breckler, Jack Gilmore, Ginny Hambrick, Howard Jordan, Gloria Van Camp, Liz Ancil, Verdona Mardis, Mary Lou Chaney, Kenny Hambrick, Margaret Dill, Margaret Foster, and Doris Greenwood

Pastor Gabe will then deliver them, with his Christmas visits.

**Trustees House Project Going Well**

As many of you know the Trustees have been afforded a house to be refurbished in Oak Park. There was no church money involved and the proceeds after completion of the project and sale will go toward a new shelter house. The work is being done by church volunteers, for the most part.

They have upgraded windows and doors, are redoing the kitchen and bathroom, and spackling and painting the rooms, and finishing nice wood floors. The garage door has been replaced, and tree removal work has been done. Roof work is happening this week. The Trustees invite volunteers to come join them in the work, or to just stop by and visit to see how the project is going, the house is at 1942 W Bataan.

The Trustees also ask for prayers for them as they proceed with the project. They hope to complete the work by the end of November. It has been exciting, and also a big challenge.

As stated earlier, the profits after sale will go toward building a shelter house on the large grass area north of the parking lot. Many shared this vision of having a shelter house through surveys in recent years , and we already know of several ways it would be of use to our ministry. We Give God thanks for this opportunity.

- the Trustees



**Winter 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 November 2 to Jan. 4, 2015, 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 is now providing over half the food items we hand out. This fundraising program really makes a difference in our ability to purchase foods for our pantry. **On Nov. 14 & 15 the Meijers store will turn every \$10 donation into a \$30 donation through their corp. matching on these special days, in the campaign.**

**Please consider the pantry as you do your coming Holiday shopping on Nov. 14 & 15.**  
- Food Pantry volunteers

**Special Offerings Chosen**



**Thanksgiving and Christmas**

The Official Board has selected six mission organizations to equally share in the combined Thanksgiving & Christmas Special Offerings. They are; House of Bread, Daybreak, Big Bear Creek Mission, Veterans of the Cross, YWCA’s Battered Women’s program and Neighbors-in-Need. They will equally share up to a value of \$2,100 . Any amount in excess of \$2,100 will then be given to the operating fund. Special Thanksgiving & Christmas offering envelopes are/ will be included in the Chimes mailings.

