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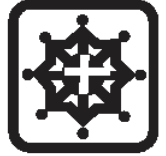


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Ryan Jenkins

**Organists:**  
Shelley Outlaw

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

#### Ushers:

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

... by the  
one man's  
obedience  
the many  
will be made  
righteous.

Romans. 5:19, NRSV

**WORSHIP LEADER:**  
Joe Von Holle—Aug. 10  
Ron Lyttle—Aug. 17

**GREETER:**  
Diana Knowlton—Aug.  
Ellen Farra—Aug.

**"From the Pastor"**

I have just ordered a DVD from PBS called "God in America." It is subtitled: How religious liberty shaped America.

About a year ago I watched the entire DVD, and found that it was very informative about how the Christian religion spread across America. I learned about people like the Franciscan Friars and the Pueblo leader Po'pay, Puritan leader John Winthrop and dissident Anne Hutchinson, Catholic Bishop John Hughes, abolitionist Frederick Douglass, Presidents Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln, reform Rabbi Isaac Meyer Wise, Scopes trial combatants William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow, evangelist Billy Graham, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell.

I am convinced that every American should watch this series. Please watch this space for more details of where and when it will be presented.

It is a pleasant surprise to see how many people stay for the Q & A sessions. Thank you for those who ask questions, and for those who afterwards come up to me and give their opinion. I love the idea that we can explore our faith together. No matter how insignificant you think your question might be - ask it. And don't then be surprised that many others struggled with the same questions. My promise still stand to answer your questions as good as I possibly can.

In future we shall have Q & A's on every second and fourth Sunday of every month.

Until next time,

My Best

Gabe

**Strategic Planning Session II**  
**With Jim Oates**  
**Saturday, August 16, 8:30 to 12 noon**  
**At: Greenmont-Oak Park Church**

**We Invite all church members to join us**  
**in sharing your voice and ideas**  
**about plans for the future of our church.**

**Attendance - July 27, Aug. 3 '14**

8:45 — 30, 77  
10:45 — 25, 69

Christian Education — 20, 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

**Happy Birthday**

- Mark Rayney—Aug. 11
- Tom Wheeler—Aug. 12
- Loretta Liesch—Aug. 14
- Andy Hager—Aug. 15
- Doris Robinette—Aug. 16
- Steve Foskuhl—Aug. 20
- Brittany King—Aug. 20
- Mike Robinson—Aug. 22



**In Our Prayers**

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



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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bill Hine       | Edna Holland    |
| Don Keltner     | 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)

To our Greenmont Family,

It is with humble gratitude that Sue and I would like to thank you for the wonderful luncheon you gave us on June 1<sup>st</sup>. It was wonderful to see so many of you join us for one last meal together. I know many hands went into planning the luncheon and we thank each one of you for your making it a great event and time of fellowship. We thank you for the gifts, all the cards, and the very generous congregational gift received. It has been my joy and my honor to serve you the last two and three-quarter years as your interim pastor and to be a part of the church family for over 10 years, and even more than that, it has been a blessing to be served by all of you. As a congregation and as individuals you have brought Sue and me a multitude of blessings. You mean more to us than I can ever express. I am exceedingly thankful to God for placing us at Greenmont for all those years. We wish for each of you God's greatest blessings in the future.

We will hold the church and your settled pastor in prayer that God will continue to bless you with growth and prosperity in the days and months and years to come.

Thank you all for everything, allowing me to serve and for serving.

In His Service  
Rev. Dr. Robert Smitley

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

We thank all who sent cards to Mary Jane while she was ill, and all the prayers, cards and visits from so many at Greenmont-Oak Park Church. They really lifted us up, through some dark days. We appreciate so many coming to attend Mary Jane's celebration of life.

- thank You Bob McBride & family



### Thank You Letters Received

We have three letters of thanks from the Christian Appalachian Project, the St Vincent De Paul Programs, and Pine Mountain Settlement School in Kentucky, for our gift donations. The full letters are posted on the church bulletin board.

They all express gratitude for our continued support of their work in our local and regional communities.



**Begins—Thursday, Aug. 28, 7 PM**

### Church T-Shirt SALE

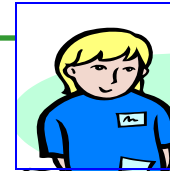
We want everyone to wear your green church T-shirt to the Sept. 7th Rally Day Picnic. If you are not able to purchase a shirt then wear any green shirt you have.

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

### 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. Membership/



Fellowship Comm.



Anyone interested in Church Membership, please contact Pastor Gabe or the church office, 252-6705, ext. 0. We look forward to talking to anyone wishing to join the church. - Pastor Gabe & Membership Comm

### Questions for Pastor Gabe— Schedule to change a little

Pastor Gabe has organized a brief Q & A time at the end of the worship Services, to be held in the sanctuary. If you have any questions to ask him, use the blank note cards provided in the pew rack to write out your question, and then place them in the offering plate. Following the 10:45 AM worship service on the **second and forth Sundays of the month, join Gabe for coffee and this Q & A time.** The Membership Committee will provide coffee. He welcomes any questions you have.

### Official Board Reports Posted

We want the church membership to know that Official Board meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. We have placed them there for convenience for all to access them and keep current on Church activities and issues.

### Fill the School Bus Supply Collection was a Success

We THANK YOU for all the school supply donations. We made up over 50 school kits for children in kindergarten through Senior High. Thank you for caring - Connie Sink & Lori Keltner

**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)

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:  
 Aug. 18 & Sept. 2**

**Wear Your Green Shirt  
 September 7, 2014 is RALLY DAY**

There will be NO Sunday School that day at 9:30 AM. We will have worship and a picnic pot-luck meal and fellowship FUN for all, after lunch.

We will order chicken to go along with our pot-luck dishes. Our youth will lead us in some games, inside and outside. There will be prizes to win. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR Sept. 7th.

**Women of the Bible**

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

- Aug. 10— Karen Brown
  - Aug. 17— Diana Knowlton
  - Aug. 24—Sandy Conn
  - Aug. 31 –Connie Sink
- Barbara Richards

**3 T's—August 19th @ MCL**

Mark your calendar for 3T's lunch and fellowship at MCL on Far Hills Ave, at 12 noon. Barb Varine and Joyce Kelley are our hostesses. Anyone 50 and over are welcome to come have some good food, fun and fellowship.



**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'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.

**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 craft and family friendly home based businesses.

The focus for this activity is to connect with our community and also raise some funds for the church. Our committee 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 both fundraising projects.

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



**Honor Given**

Bob McCray, a church member now living in South Carolina, was honored with other Vietnam Veterans at a ceremony on August 2, 2014. He received a certificate and pin from Senator Scott of South Carolina. This recognition has great meaning for him. We join in saying thank you for your service to our country. - GOPCUCC



**"In Sympathy"**

We extend our prayers to the family of Mary Jane McBride, who passed onto eternal life on July 6th. The celebration of life service was held on July 19th. Please keep Bob McBride and family in prayer. May God comfort the family at this time of loss.

Cards: Bob McBride  
 1507 Crescent Blvd.  
 Kettering, Oh 45409

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We extend our prayers to the family of Margaret Cobb, who passed onto eternal life on July 29. Margaret's Memorial service was held on Aug. 1st, here at the church. May God comfort the family at this time of loss.

Cards: Kendall Cobb  
 1031 Wedge Creek Pl  
 Centerville Oh 45459

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We extend our prayers to the family of Lena Patterson, who passed onto eternal life on Aug. 2. Please keep the family in prayer at this time of loss. May God comfort the family.

