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United Church of Christ

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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:

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

Gary Etter Les George

Arlene Uldrich Pasko Evanoff

Linda Oxley Ron Dill

Greenmont Church is called to:

S—Support families & youth

E—encourage spiritual development

R—Reach out with service & fellowship

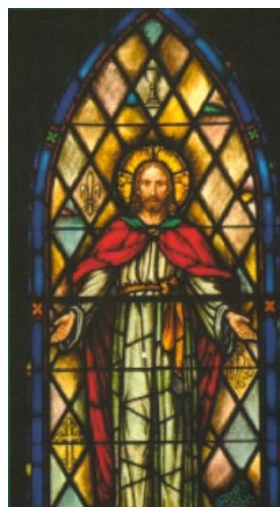
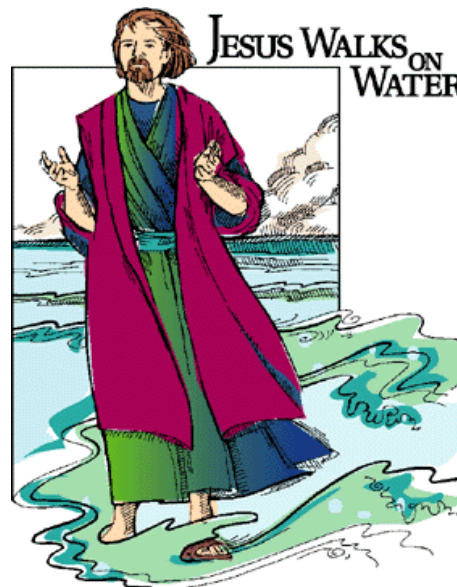
V—Voice the hope of Good News in Jesus Christ

E—Envision a better world through Christ's example

Church membership is based on the affirmation of the

Biblical covenant:

"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:30-31)



Scripture Readings for weeks:

July 19— 2 Sam 7:1-14a, Ps 23, Eph 2:11-22,
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26—2 Sam 11:1-15, Ps 14, 2 Kings 4:42-44,
Ps 145:10-18, Eph 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

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Use GPS—Travel in safety

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Meg Roalef—July 26

Ellen Earwood—Aug. 2

GREETERS:

Charlene Brown

Arlene Uldrich

Dear GOPCC Family and Friends,

It is the usual thing to do: during a worship service there will be an opportunity to put our offering/contribution into a plate. In some of the poorest-of-the-poor congregations the pastor will have a glance at the plate, and then ask to send the plate around for a second time!

You will remember that I sent the plate around for a second time in November of last year. Instead of asking for a second donation, you had the opportunity to take an envelope filled with a \$10.00 bill. The idea was that you would use the \$10.00 as "seed money" and "multiply your talents." My guess is that most people thought: "I will simply add a couple of dollars and it's all over!"

Are you still working on your talent project? Are you having fun putting your talents to work? I want to remind you that Thanksgiving is only a couple of months away. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will have the opportunity to return our \$10.00, as well as the "interest" we earned by using our talents.

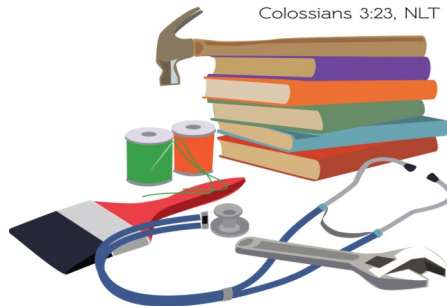
On a personal note: according to my contract I have the "right" to have vacation. However - I like to think about vacation days as a "privilege." So - in that sense - thank you for the privilege of vacation. I enjoyed being in Arizona, Utah and Nevada for two weeks. But - let me be truthful about it - I am very glad to be back in Ohio where it is green and lush!

Until next time - my best wishes

Gabe

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Colossians 3:23, NLT



Attendance - July 12 & 19

8:45 service	28	71
10:45 service	26	93
Sunday School	20	19

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Jan. '15	\$11,114	-3,844
Feb. '15	\$10,797	-4,161
Mar. '15	\$17,386	+2,428
Apr. '15	\$11,831	-3,127
May '15	\$15,068	+110
June '15	\$13,201	-1,757

Happy Birthday

- Evelyn Shartle—July 25
- Arlene Uldrich—July 29
- Suzanne Dull— July 30
- Darlene Schafer—July 30
- Barb LeBlanc—Aug. 1
- Cindy Archer—Aug. 1
- Jack Gilmore— Aug. 2
- Jeana Gastineau—Aug. 3



In Our Prayers

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| Judy Admundson | Liz Ancil |
| Kevin Bader | Glenda Boddie |
| Ginny Breckler | Kara DePew |
| Robert Davis | Leigh Davis |
| Ahmad Doucet | Laura Etter |
| Marilyn Foskuhl | John George |
| Jamie Geswein | Jack Gilmore |
| Bob Karl | Lori Keltner |

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| Ken Hambrick | Edna Holland |
| Sean Humphrey | Kristen King |
| Dustin Knowlton | Rosaline Lam |
| Kelly McRonney | Bob McCray |
| Phyllis McCray | Naysa Morgan |
| Delbert Newhouse | Ester Oxley |
| John Parnell | Sheri Parrett |
| Joyce Pratt | Gage Rayney |
| Cindy Romano | Calire Riccos |
| Deb Richey | Beverly Smith |
| Diana Smith | Marion Steel |
| Wayne Stolich | Paul Stutz |
| Joe Trevan | Ray Urbanas |
| Gloria Van Camp | Gina Van Camp |
| Larry Van Camp | Chloe Wakefield |
| Sue Wagner | |
| Mark Webb | |
| Pat White | |
| Diane Yost | |



Those in Nursing Care

- Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
- Doris Greenwood—Oak Creek Terrace
- Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
- Vern /Betty Hine—St. Leonard Center
- Verdena Mardis—Sterling House

Military

- Adam Reeves
- Casey Ryan

Christian Education Schedule

The SUMMER schedule :
 9:30 AM—Mission Speakers
 10:45 AM—Bible Adventure
 (during worship - continues for
 all 4yr. Olds to 5th graders)
 Lead by Colleen Karl
 10:45 AM—Nursery (babies to 3yrs)

July Book Club Pick

The ladies are reading, "Open House" by Elizabeth Berg this month. They will meet on July 27th at 6:30 pm for a light meal and discussion. All those interested in reading the book are invited to join them.

Chimes Article Deadlines are:
July 30 & Aug. 17

Please remember to turn lights out, turn air conditioners off and check locks when leaving the building.



\$10 Purchases a Directory

The new Pictorial Directories will be available for \$10 each (unless you had a professional picture taken by Lifetouch, then it is free). Please get your money and number of copies you want for you or your friends to the office or Cheryl Barnett by July 15 as we need to pay before they are printed. Thank you.



Summer Christian Education

Focus on Missions

Join us in the Donut room at 9:30 AM. Come and learn about what they do.

July 26— Hospice of Dayton

Helping families in the challenging time of life-limiting illness. We want to help them focus on quality of life, sharing time with loved ones, and making every moment count.

Aug 2— Daybreak A youth shelter and resource program for teens with domestic issues.

Aug 9— Matthew Crum, a retired U. S. Air Force serviceman and Gideon since 2009. Matthew had been deployed 4 times to 5 different Muslim countries: Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Kuwait. Matthew worked with the Air Force Chaplin services at all his posts since year 2000.

Each of these events first focus was on the Word of God and getting it into the hands of people who do not have it. It allowed for a tremendous opportunity to share the Word of God with those of Muslim faith. It allowed telling the story and opening the door to conversation and building relationships.

Aug—16—not determined yet.

Aug. 23—Habitat for Humanity



Praise and Thanks

Good Things are happening around here! We are starting new fun activities and helping our church to go and grow.

We've cut some expenses and are working to be more "economically wise." Some of our members from long ago, who have moved away, have given some very generous gifts to help. Praise God!

Sign up across from the office for some fun! We have many special interests and talents to share. And why not invite a friend or family member to join in. All are welcome.



An extra gift in the offering helps us to meet our bills and do God's work. Keep giving and watch how God grows our church!

It's a Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church, UCC tradition.

Thanks and Glory to God!

- Finance/Stewardship

"In Sympathy"

We extend our thoughts and prayers to the family of Howard Jordan, Sr. who passed onto Eternal life last week.

Pastor Gabe officiated at Howard's funeral service on July 20, 2015.

Cards may be sent to the family:

Howard Jordan, Jr.
 3358 Blocker Dr, Kettering, Oh 45420

Coloring Art Workshop

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Aug. 8th, for another workshop, Coloring day. We will have pages for you to color with pencils or markers and you can choose from flower pages or mandalas, circular designs often used for meditation. Coloring is a great stress reducer which will get your mind off all your troubles for a while. The cost is \$5, again at Doris Alexander's, 3951 Maricarr Drive. No need to bring anything unless you have favorite colored pencils or markers. You can sign up on the bulletin board or by calling Barb LeBlanc at 256-6490 or Doris at 298-4176 .

Meeting /Gathering

July 28—Shepherds meeting at 10 AM
 Anyone interested in visiting with shut-ins welcome. A discussion on the topic of depression will be included in the meeting.



Pasko Art Exhibit in Hilty Room

Pasko has done it again! He has painted more watercolors which he is sharing with us in the Hilty Room. Stop in and have a look.

Pasko—298-3810, call if interested in purchasing a painting.

Many THANKS

Three church members are working weekly to care for our outside church property this summer.

We thank Fred Foskuhl, caring for the flowers, Ron Lyttle, caring for general yard work and Randy Medlin for mowing the grass. Your kindness and service are appreciated.

Earth Care Thoughts

- * Use the right dose of detergents and other chemicals. Thanks to the efforts of manufacturers, you now need far less detergent to wash a load of laundry or dishes.
- * Keep litter out of our lakes and oceans. Vast though they are, the seas cannot absorb all our pollution. It is becoming saturated. Do not leave any waste on the shore, or throw any overboard.

To the Congregation:

We appreciate you more than words can say.

We can't thank all of you enough for the wonderful afternoon of sharing good food and friendship to send us on our adventure to Texas.

Thanks for all the gift cards which definitely got used and that went towards gas.

Special thanks to Ben and Cheryl for the extra boxes we needed at the last minute!

You will all be missed; but will be in our thoughts every Sunday morning.

Love Karen & Phil

(Karen & Phil are in their temporary home with family, as they look for their own place)



Items we continually need are:

- * Cereals
- * TP
- * Bath bar soap
- * paper grocery bags

These nonfood items we cannot buy with our Meijer's gift card dollars.

We continue to serve on average 150 families each month.

On Vocation? Use GPS

Many vacationers rely on a global positioning system to get them easily to a destination. But in every season of life, God sends us on vocation—following his call to both feed our passions and serve others. Our "Calling," Frederick Buechner said, is "where [our] deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

But is there a GPS for vocation? It's not as detailed or predictive as we'd like. It doesn't name our destination at the outset, and it offers general instructions rather than specific directions. And we may end up 'recalculating' our life route more often than our vehicle GPS recalculates our vacation route.

Even so, we travel in safety. This "GPS" might stand for God's Peace and Strength, or Gospel Promises Sustain, God Provides Salvation or Go! Proclaim! Serve! The GPS guiding our vocation speaks to us through Scripture, worship, trusted Christian friends, life events and the silence of our heart. Listening, we hear our Guide's calm voice and continue on vocation. — Heidi Mann,

The Newsletternewsletter

The first Quarter Giving Statements are ready and available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please pick up your envelope on Sunday.

If you have any questions about your giving account, contact Anna Slaidins, 252,3345



Looking for Pumpkin Patch Coordinators

We are looking for 2-3 people to be Team Coordinators for the fall 2015 Pumpkin Patch fundraiser. We will work with the youth again in operating this year's fundraiser.

The plan is to share the work and responsibilities. Please let Bob Beall know if you are interested in being a leader for this event.

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