



Greenmont-Oak Park Community

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/Nov.

Arlene Uldrich Pasko Evanoff/No

Linda Oxley

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Youth leaders—Oct. 118

Pasko Evanoff—Oct. 25

Bob Karl—Nov. 1

GREETERS:

Charlene Brown

Arlene Uldrich

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:

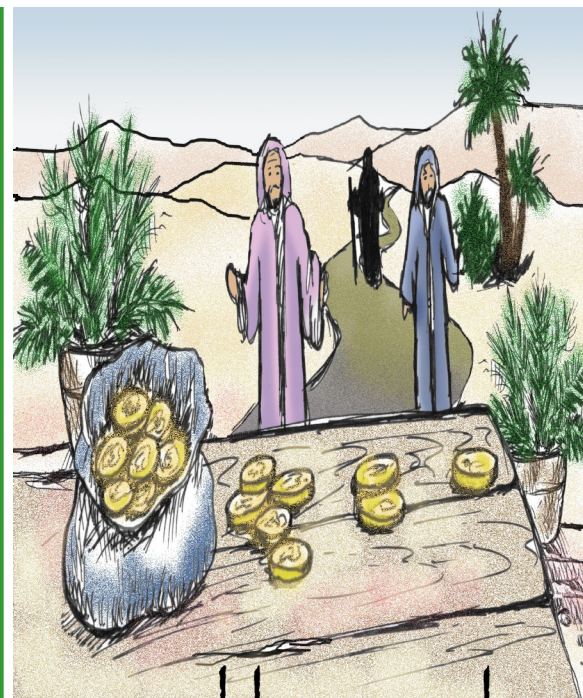
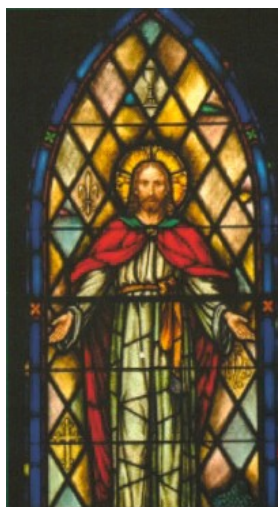
"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:30-31)

Scripture Readings for weeks:

Nov. 1—Ruth 1:1-18, Ps 146, Heb 9:11-14,
Mark 12:28-34

Nov. 8—Ruth 3:1-5,4:13-17, Ps 127, I Kings 17:8-16,
Ps 146, Heb 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

Nov. 15—1 Sam 1:4-20, Daniel 12:1-3, Ps 16, Heb
10:11-14, Mark 13:1-8



The Parable of the Talents

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Dear GOPC(UCC) Family and Friends,

Almost a year ago the Official Board approved a plan to hand out \$10.00 bills on Thanksgiving Sunday. (They were very kind to the new pastor's request - they just couldn't resist my enthusiasm. I believe they now have more faith in me!)The plan was approved, and we distributed the bills asking everyone to use the \$10 as seed money and to multiply it. This is how the "Talent Challenge" was born.

Since then I have heard some very interesting stories of how our people are going about to multiply their "talents." Pasco bought paint supplies to the value of \$9.00 and multiplied his talents to more than \$500! Another lady told me that the talent challenge changed her life. Asked in what way the challenge changed her life, she explained that she has a purpose when she gets out of bed every morning. She knows what she was going to do that day! The moment I encouraged Nikki to find "investors" in her challenge, her face lit up! It was almost as I could see the wheels inside her head spinning! The business woman's mind was working! I wish I had more time to share more stories I have heard.

On Thanksgiving Sunday (November 22nd) we will all return our "talents" to the worship service. It will be interesting to see how this congregation as a whole multiplied our talents! You see, we have a personal responsibility to multiply our talents, but then we as a congregation as an entity also have a challenge. Remember - you cannot return less than \$10.00.

We still have a month left to multiply our talents!

Until next time - My best Wishes! Gabe.

We need to bless to be blessed ... Isaiah 56:7

“These I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Your church is a house of prayer for all peoples, bring the tithes and help us meet our financial needs. We must not fall short or get weak, November is for thanks, show God our thanks.

- Finance/ Stewardship, Tim Fox

Attendance - Oct. 25 & Nov. 1

8:45 service	17	23
10:45 service	56	78
Sunday School	21	23

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
July '15	\$14,876	-82
Aug. '15	\$20,788	+5,638
Sept. '15	\$12,065	-2,893
Oct. '15	\$11,635	-3,443

Jack Gilmore	Bob Karl
Lori Keltner	
Ken Hambrick	Edna Holland
Sean Humphrey	Kristen King
Dustin Knowlton	Rosaline Lam
Kelly McRonney	Bob McCray
Phyllis McCray	Steve Mills
Naysa Morgan	Delbert Newhouse
Ester Oxley	John Parnell
Sheri Parrett	Joyce Pratt
Cindy Romano	Calire Riccos
Deb Richey	Kay Rearick
Roalef Family	Beverly Smith
Diana Smith	Marion Steel
Wayne Stolich	Elizabeth Sumner
Joe Trevan	Lynn Uldrich
Gloria Van Camp	Gina Van Camp
Larry Van Camp	Chloe Wakefield
Sue Wagner	
Mark Webb	



Happy Birthday

- Paula Geswein—Nov. 12
- Shelby Harshbarger—Nov. 16
- Joy Von Holle—Nov. 16
- Dawn Gilmore—Nov. 18
- Riley Steinbrunner—Nov. 19
- Stacy Stiles—Nov. 19



Those in Nursing Care

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

Military

- Adam Reeves
- Casey Ryan

In Our Prayers

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| Judy Admundson | Liz Ancil |
| Kevin Bader | Cheryl Barnett |
| Glenda Boddie | Ginny Breckler |
| Kara DePew | |
| Robert Davis | Leigh Davis |
| Ahmad Doucet | Laura Etter |
| Pasko Evanoff | Marilyn Foskuhl |
| John George | Jamie Geswein |



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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 Colleen Karl
 10:45 AM—Nursery (babies to 3yrs)

The Gideons International say thank you for your gifts, \$162 total, to help provide Bibles around the world.



**Nov. 14 9 to 2 PM
 Community Fall Bazaar**

We will have crafters and home-based businesses, lunch (chili, hot dogs and chips) and baked goods and candy. We need baked goods and candy to sell. Money earned from the Bazaar will go to the general fund. Please support us by making baked goods and candy and shopping at the Bazaar.

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:
 Nov. 16 & 30**

We sold ALL THE PUMPKINS!!

Our Grand total sales were \$8,243. The Native Americans at the Reservation will receive a portion and the Church youth program will receive a portion. We thank you for your time and talents, working together at the Pumpkin patch.

All Church Giving Thanks Dinner - Nov. 22

Following the morning worship services on November 22, we will hold a "Giving Thanks" dinner for all church members . A sign-up volunteer sheet is posted to help with preparing the meal. Anna Slaidins will lead the organization of the meal, talk to Anna about volunteering.



Thanksgiving Special Offering

The Official Bard moved to combine our Thanksgiving and Christmas Special Offerings this year. We will split the two special collections, 50% toward our church operating budget and 50% divided equally between six ministry programs that serve the community and the world.

These six organizations are: House of Bread, Daybreak, Big Creek Mission, Veterans of the Cross, YWCA's Battered Women's program and Neighbors-in-Need.

Special Thanksgiving envelopes were mailed out to you with the November Stewardship letter. Respond as God guides you. This offering will be combined with the Christmas offering.

Great Figures of the New Testament

The Contemporary Adult Sunday School invite you to join us in our new video lesson series. The lectures are from Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University Divinity School. We are focusing on familiar and un-named characters including shepherds, kings, friends, enemies, evangelists and martyrs. We'll look at who they are, what they do, and how they've been accessed across the centuries by historians, artists, theologians and worshippers. The purpose is to "provide a deeper understanding of the figures who anchor Christian origins and whose stories told and re-told from the first century to the present provide insight into our diverse religious, sociological, cultural and moral values." Please join us between the two Sunday morning worship services across from the kitchen for as many or as few lectures as you choose.



Sunday Adult Bible Study Group

Our class group meets in the Donut room between the morning worship services. We are just starting a study of the book of Mark. Everyone is welcome to join us in a cup of coffee or tea. Then reading God's Word and after join in sharing in our faith discussions.

Congregational Meeting—Nov. 8th

Following the morning worship services, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held. The 2016 Ministry Spending Plan and the 2016 Slate of Officers will be voted on, along with the New Constitution draft and Policies and Procedures, that we have been reviewing.

The Official Board approved the 2016 spending plan to be presented to the congregation. The total budget is \$176,250 that is a decrease of \$4,685, from last year. Copies are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Mission Outreach	4,350
Programs	5,050
Maintenance	31,619
Administration	4,599
Staffing	130,632

2016 Slate of Officers **Nominees are:**

- Official Board Chair—Bob Beall
- Official Bd. Vice Chair-Diana Knowlton
- Board Secretary—Joyce Kelley
- Treasurer— Lisa Bleeke
- Finance—Anna Slaidins
- Standing Committees**
- Christian Education—Nikki Taylor
- Finance/ Stewardship—Tim Fox
- Worship—Toni Bailey
- Staff - Susan Beall
- Trustees—Gary Etter
- Food Pantry—Brian Donovan
- PreSchool—Val Baker (Ex Off)
- Pastor—Gabe Oberholzer (Ex Off)

Please attend and participate in the Future of our Church and God's Ministry.

Monique Cooper—Music Recital

The Choir and Music Committee would like to announce the special music program offered to the church by our new Choir Director, Monique Cooper on Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 pm.

Monique is a senior at Wright State University, working on her vocal, choral degree. As part of her program of singing, she will be taking a trip to Italy with a choral group from the University in late February. A free will—love offering will be taken to show our support of Monique, and help her prepare for the trip.

Free to Take

The Food Pantry have some plastic Bread Trays and a few other assorted trays that are not wanted or need to be returned to the Food Bank ... so they are free for any use.

These trays are located outside the Food Pantry and might be of storage use in a garage or basement. If you can think of a way to use some, please take what you can use.

Dear Greenmont Church,

Thank you for participating in this year's CROP WALK. A Portion of the proceeds help fight hunger locally and we couldn't do it without the help of people like you. -The Food Bank Team

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

UD Basketball Tickets Email Auction/ Talent Challenge

We have tickets to the Saturday, November 21, UD basketball game that are up for email auction. The Flyers play William and Mary at 2:00 PM.

*The ticket package includes 2 lower arena seats, 5 rows off the floor, Section 102, Row F, seats 7 & 8. These are great seats!!

*Parking Pass

*Pregame access to Time Warner Lounge and dining option prior to the game.

So, email your bid to me (rbeall@woh.rr.com) by Saturday, November 14. Each entrant may have one bid. The bidding starts at \$50.00.

I will notify the winner on Sunday, November 15. Your winning check should be made out to Greenmont Church, memo: UD Ticket Auction.

Thanks, Bob and Susan Beall

God is still Speaking,

And so...for the months of October and November you can write a "Dear God" letter..asking a question of God!

The letters don't have to be signed, just placed in the offering, leave in the office or give to Gabe.

Pastor Gabe will give us God's reply via scripture.

Have some fun and bring God's Word to more life in our church!

Ask anything, God is concerned with everything.



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. 29th. There will be a box in the sanctuary to receive them. Here is our Shut-In list:

Virginia Breckler, Ginny Hambrick, Kenny Hambrick, Doris Greenwood, Gloria Van camp, Pat White

Pastor Gabe will deliver them with his Christmas visits .



Mmmm! Yum !

Come hungry on Sunday, Nov. 8th immediately following the Annual congregational Meeting.

Several of us have joined together to organize a church luncheon as part of our \$10 challenge to raise money for our church. Please help us out and satisfy your hunger at the same time! We know after the meeting our tummies will be growling so, why not enjoy some delicious food from City BarbeQue!

Cost is: \$8/adult, Children 12 or under/\$4 ea, Children 3 yrs and under/ Free with paying Adult.

Family of 4- \$20.

We hope to see Everyone there. Your Crew of Investors are: Taylors, Taylors, Archers, Lieschs, Marcums

Holiday Food Pantry

"Simply Give" Campaign.



Our Food Pantry will benefit from the Meijer Simply Give holiday campaign starting November 1st and running through the end of the year.

The Double Match days will be November 13th & 14th (a \$10 donation gets the Pantry \$30 in gift cards those days). Last year, our Pantry received about \$20,000 in gift cards from their Holiday Campaign! Most of this came from the double match days.

Help us spread the word:

Double match days at Meijer

November 13 & 14th.

We are taking 180 families for the Christmas Baskets this year.

FOUR 4- men needed for Confirmation Mentors

We need at least four more men to volunteer a bit of their time to serve as mentors, we have one volunteer so far. If you might be interested please contact Dave Roalef at 937-609-1392 for details.

3T's will be meeting November 17, 2015, at MCL Cafeteria, at 12:00 noon. Joyce Kelley and Toni Bailey are our hostesses. Anyone 50 years old and older are encouraged to join us for food, fun, and fellowship.