



Greenmont-Oak Park Community

United Church of Christ

Chimes



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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:

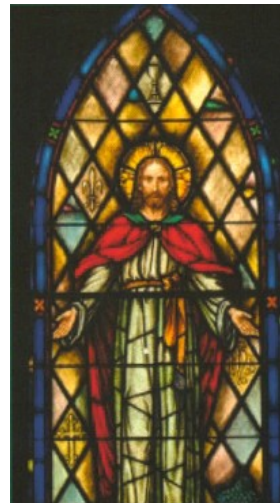
"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:30-31)

Scripture Readings for weeks:

Oct. 18— Job 38:1-7 Ps 104:1-9,24,35, Isa 53:4-12, Ps 91:9-16, Heb 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

Oct. 25—Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Ps 34:1-8, Jer 31:7-9, Ps 126, Heb 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

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



For we are
GOD'S HANDIWORK,
created in
CHRIST JESUS
to do
GOOD WORKS.

EPHESIANS 2:10, NIV



CHANGE YOUR
Clocks

Turn Back 1 hour
Sat. Oct. 31

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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

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.



God is speaking to us, constantly! Do you notice?

Consider this, other than the vowels (a,e,i,o,u) the most used letter in our alphabet is the letter "t". Do you see the cross? Notice how many t's as crosses you see all around you, in architecture and every where! I enjoy seeing these. They are a gentle reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. This reminds is that we are called to serve God and do God's works for his Glory.

- Praise, Finance & Stewardship

Attendance - Oct. 11 & 18

8:45 service	23	18
10:45 service	69	64
Sunday School	12	21

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

Happy Birthday

- Gage Rayney—Nov. 1
- Lee Amundson—Nov. 2
- Dominic Palmer—Nov 5
- Toni Bailey—Nov. 6
- Sash Taylor—Nov. 9



In Our Prayers

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

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



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



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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)

8 Month Giving Statements are ready to pick up. Find your envelope in the box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



Two Billion BIBLES
Oct. 25th— Guest Gideon Speaker
 We will again have a Gideon speaker with us at both worship services on Sunday, Oct. 25th.

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:
 Nov. 2 & 16**

Pumpkin Patch UPDATE



As of Oct. 18th our total sales exceeds \$5,500 so we are off to a good start. The weekend sales really pick up, and the weather so far has been nice.

Some families are coming back as a family tradition now. Some families with toddler and young children like our patch because it is not so crowded and the children can really explore the pumpkins and enjoy the experience. The parents are not worried about where they are at. These are some of the ways we are connecting and impacting our community friends.

We are grateful for your commitment to the Lord and the church. THANK YOU.
See you at the patch or church in Oct.
 - Nova, Lisa and Carroll

All Saints Remembrance—Nov. 1, 2015

We will remember those church members who have gone onto our Eternal Home over the past year. This remembrance will be a part of the 10:45 AM worship service. Let us give God & Jesus Christ thanks for the gift of Eternal Life.



Hat's off to our church and walkers for raising \$1,056 for Church World Service. Our walkers were Connie and Eric Sink, Laura -Joe and Robbie Von Holle, Steve Simmons, Landon Dull and Anna Slaidins. Our money was deposited and is off and running to help people all over the world. Thank you for all the support our church gives. - Social Action

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.



Adult Bible Sunday 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.



WINGS
Soup & Salad Lunch

The WINGS will host a soup and salad luncheon for all the ladies of the church on Sunday, Oct. 25th immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the WINGS bulletin board. We will also be working on a craft item that we would like to sell at the Fall bazaar as a fund raiser for our group. - Diana Knowlton



Bazaar Time

The Community Fall Bazaar will be held here at the church on Saturday, November 14, 2015, 9 AM to 2 PM. If you would like to be a vendor (crafts or home business), rent a booth. The church will be having a "Baked Goods and Candy" booth. Proceeds will go to the general fund, we need many hands to make this a success! The Preschool will be having a Raffle of items from the vendors. Vendors booths are approximately 8' X 6' with a table and chair for \$40/booth, plus one item for the raffle. There will be set-up on Friday night and Saturday morning. We plan to have lunch available to purchase. Closing date for booths is November 1, '15.



Congratulations to Dan & Angie Keltner and Grandma Lori Keltner on the birth of granddaughter, Avery Jane Keltner, born Oct. 7th. She weighed 7 lbs. and 2 oz. and was 20.5 " long. All the family are doing well. May God Bless Avery all her days.

Free to Take

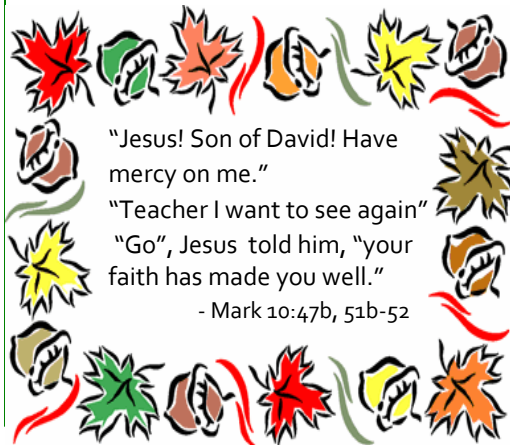
The Food Pantry have some plastic Bread Trays and a few other assorted trays that are not wanted or need to be returned to the Food Bank ... so they are free for any use.

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.

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

As a Community Service Project, Green-Oak Preschool is helping out the Life Resource Center's **BABY PANTRY**. We will be collecting listed items the second week of November, Nov. 9 –13. Please leave donations on the benches as you come into the church. They especially need warm clothing and blankets! Thank you in advance for your donations! **NO TOYS!** Items can be new or clean, gently used. Items of need:

- *Pull-ups 2t/3t. 4t/5t
- *T-shirts
- *Sippee Cups
- * Socks
- *Shampoo or Body wash
- * Diaper Cream
- *Diapers sizes—3,4,5
- *blankets
- *Baby Spoons
- * wash cloths
- * Boys/Girls Pajamas



"Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me."

"Teacher I want to see again"

"Go", Jesus told him, "your faith has made you well."

- Mark 10:47b, 51b-52

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.



Five —5- men needed for Confirmation Mentors

This year's confirmation class has five boys so we need at least five men to volunteer a bit of their time to serve as mentors. If you might be interested please contact Dave Roalef at 937-609-1392 for details.

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

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. Copies available on table at back of sanctuary.