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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	Bob Karl
Arlene Uldrich	Jerry Archer
Linda Oxley	Tom Wheeler



Scripture Readings for weeks:

Feb. 22— Gen 9:8-17, Ps 25:1-10, I Peter 2:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Mar. 1— Gen 17:1-7,15-16, Ps 22:23-31,
Rom 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

WORSHIP LEADER:
Gary Etter—Feb. 22
- Mar. 1

GREETER:
Paula Geswein—Feb.
Toni Bailey—Mar.

From the Pastor

Very often people will walk into the office, looking for Ascension Catholic Church. Because we and our good neighbors are so close to each other, we are often confused in identity to be our neighbor. Locally we are not identified as GOPCC, but as the church "Next to Ascension." That's why I suggested that we erect a huge symbol to identify ourselves as a congregation and a denomination separate from our neighbors.

However, when I first started speaking about the Red Comma as a religious symbol of the UCC, I was met with blank stares. Many members of GOPCC did not know what the comma represents. Therefore, let me take a step back and explain a little more about the Comma.

Grace Ethel Cecile Rosalie Allen, an American comedian, actress, singer and dancer was the one who said: "Never place a period where God has placed a comma." That quote became the slogan of the "God is Still Speaking Campaign" of the United Church of Christ (UCC.) The Comma is now becoming the branding symbol of the UCC. The branding symbol is not to be confused with the official logo of the UCC.

Our denomination has a problem with our very long name. We do not have a brand name like the Presbyterians, Baptists or Methodist's do. We are called UCC'ers. That's an odd name! So, when the Comma was introduced, people immediately caught on and started calling the UCC the "Comma Church." That's the reason why I suggested that we place a huge red Comma on the pumpkin patch.

I hope that someone will hear my cry in the dessert!

Until next time - My best wishes!

Gabe

Visits With Pastor Gabe

We again are scheduling a few evening visits with Pastor Gabe/ month. The church office will call members to see if a visit is possible with families. Typically the visits will be scheduled on some Tuesdays, Wed. or Thursdays when the Pastor has open windows of time available.

Sunday Lenten Study Series Offered

Join us for a 4 week Lenten Series called "From Jesus to Christ" the first Christian. This will be a DVD presentation with a discussion period.

We will meet on Sundays at 6 PM on March 1, 8, 15 and 22. Everyone is welcome. Nikki Taylor and Pastor Gabe will be leading the study over the four weeks.

Attendance - Feb. 8 & 15

8:45 service	24,	21
10:45 service	86,	59
Sunday School	28,	24

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '14	\$15,838	+880
Jan. '15	\$11,114	-3,844



Happy Birthday

Brian Donovan—Feb. 19
Roger Fulmer—Feb. 19
Ellen Farra—Feb. 19
Josh Elliott—Feb. 21
Elizabeth Ancil—Feb. 23
Lori Keltner—Feb. 23
Marilyn Foskuhl—Feb. 26
Ellen Earwood—Feb. 28
Janet Coleman—Feb. 28
Gary Etter—Mar. 1
Katie Chapman—Mar. 4

In Our Prayers

Liz Ancil	Kevin Bader
Russell Berk	Glenda Boddie
Ginny Breckler	Michelle Conn
Robert Davis	Kara DePew
John George	Linda George
Jamie Geswein	Jack Gilmore
Ken Hambrick	Bill Hine
Edna Holland	Sean Humphrey

Kristen King	Dustin Knowlton
Rosaline Lam	Kelly McRonney
Bob McCray	Phyllis McCray
Naysa Morgan	Delbert Newhouse
John Parnell	Joyce Pratt
Cindy Romano	Calire Riccos
Deb Richey	Beverly Smith
Diana Smith	Wayne Stolich
Michelle Strom	Paul Stutz
Joe Trevan	Gloria Van Camp
Gina Van Camp	
Sue Wagner	Mark Webb
Pat White	Mary Willett
Diane Yost	



Those in Nursing Care

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

Military

Kirby Brooks
Adam Reeves
Casey Ryan

Piano Lessons Offered

Our Organist/Pianist, Shelley Outlaw is offering to teach piano to students (adult or children) here at the church on Thursday afternoons. The lesson fee is \$20/lesson, with 25% (\$5) going to the church as her talents contribution. If interested in taking lessons from Shelley, call #430-0588.

Dear Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church,

We want to take a moment and thank you for your support of Big Creek Missions.

One of the biggest blessings of this ministry is seeing how He uses people like you to support this ministry. Your help enable us to provide numerous home repairs, ramps, roofs, windows, floors, feeding services and children's ministries. Thank you for the lives you continue to change.

In Christ, Kevin Rogers

Youth Bowling Outing
18 youth and 4 adults
All had a fun time!



THANK YOU for your Meijer Simply Give donations.

For those of you in particular that participated in the November-December Meijer Simply Give Holiday Campaign: You along with the Meijer family matching, donated \$19,520 in Meijer gift cards for the Food Pantry. That brought our 2014 total to \$43,575 of donated Meijer gift cards. This is just incredible!

We are grateful to the congregations of several churches for purchasing Simply Give donation cards, including Greenmont Oak-Park, Ascension, Prince of Peace, Good Shepherd, and Christ UMC. Plus the shoppers that were generous enough to donate \$10 at checkout; and for Meijer for matching all these donations, and on a few weekends doubling that match.

These gift cards give us a great opportunity to better fill our Food Pantry shelves and provide healthy food to our neighbors in need. We are using these gift cards wisely.

- Brian Donovan, Food Pantry

CHANGES FOR THE CHIMES

Due to Postal Service changes, the Church Office and Official Board have decided to send the Chimes out by email, beginning June, 2015. The postal changes include not only more expensive costs, but the distribution center will be moved to Columbus, Ohio. Our Dayton mail center will no longer be an official postal center.

We will still make paper copies that can be picked up on Sundays at church, and the Shut-In members will be sent a copy by regular mail.

So in preparation **WE NEED AS MANY EMAIL ADDRESSES AS POSSIBLE FOR CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS** that want to stay in touch through the Chimes newsletter. (If there are other address or phone number changes, please let us know that as well)

Just send an email note to:

office@greenmontoakpark.com
and say I want to continue receiving the Chimes, via email.

I know we can build a larger email list to stay in touch with you. As we transition to this new delivery system, I think you will find that this may become a new tool to share our Church with others. You will be able to easily forward the Chimes to your friends and invite them to join us at Greenmont-Oak Park Community United Church of Christ.

- Nova Kigar, Church Office

"Chalk Talk Artist" Program

Sunday, Feb. 22 at 6 PM.

Come see Erica Russell share her artistic talents and personal testimony. This is a don't miss event!

See her blog for more details:

www.wavesofgloryandgrace.blog.com

We have had two previous artists programs that were well attended, full house seating. Seeing the picture created, and story told, enfolds everyone, even the children, into a special event.

We are asking that church members bring donations of finger foods to share in a fellowship reception time following Erica's program.

Our creator is the same and never changes despite the names given Him by people here and in all parts of the world. Even if we gave Him no name at all, He would still be there, within us, waiting to give us good on this earth.

- George Washington Carver

Pay It Forward Donation Gift Received

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry was chosen as the first 2015 "Pay It Forward" community service organization recipient.

Church member Linda Oxley nominated our Food Pantry for this recognition program sponsored by ABC 22. The Food Pantry received a gift of \$500, and a news story about our Pantry was aired on Channel ABC 22 & Fox 45

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:
 Mar. 2 & 16**

**Greeting Card Workshop—
 March 7, 2015**

The Greeting Card Workshop will be held Saturday, Mar. 7, from 2 to 4 pm. At Doris Alexander's home, 3951 Maricarr Dr., Kettering. You will create your own card, not from a pattern, they will be simple to do with all materials provided. (It would help if you could bring your own small scissors.)

We will finish the afternoon with sundaes served by Ed. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board and some sample cards. There will also be a sale of some of Doris' printed cards and unframed artwork that afternoon. All proceeds will go to the church talent fund. The cost for the workshop is \$5. Doris Alexander Phone 298-4176

**Here's What's Happening
 in Adult Bible Christian Education class**

The Adult Bible class is currently studying the book of Matthew. Frank Taylor leads the discussion. Frank uses the King James Bible and the class members primarily use the Revised Standard Version Bible. Some in the class use their Bible App on their electronic device. They average 9 in attendance per week. All church members and friends are invited to join in the discussion.

**Bible Adventure & Nursery Care
 Volunteers Needed**

During the worship hour we offer Bible Adventure (ages 4to 10)and Nursery Care (babies—3 yrs.) for the younger children. We are in need of volunteers with a heart for sharing the joy of the Lord with our children. Volunteers can help out one Sunday or multiply Sundays. See Nikki Taylor or Sheri Parrett , they will help you feel at ease and provide resources to you if needed. A sign up list is posted on the bulletin board across from the church offices.



February Book Club - Meets the 23rd.

Anyone interested in joining this reading club is welcome. We are reading "The All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion", by Fannie Flagg. Bring some food to share and join in the discussion. We will meet on Monday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 pm .



Prayerful Pilates Class

If your Lenten intentions include taking better care of your body, praying more, and giving alms, then make a commitment to join us on five Thursdays during Lent for Prayerful Pilates. Freewill donations will be accepted for the Food Pantry. We will begin and end with prayer, and listen to soft instrumentals and Christian music while we exercise.

Pilates is a no-impact exercise form in which you use your body weight against gravity as you move through a series of controlled movements that focus on building core strength and increasing flexibility. All fitness levels are welcome because Pilates exercises can be customized. It's always a good idea to check with your physician before beginning an exercise program. Taught by Pilates-certified instructor and Ascension parishioner Alexis McLaughlin.

Questions: irishlex63@gmail.com

BRING YOUR OWN MAT!

Thursdays— starts, Feb 19 @ 6:30 PM

Greenmont-Oak Park Ch basement

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

2015 Constitution Revision Feedback

The Official Board would like the congregation to offer feedback on the revision draft presented this month on the Constitution for our church. This is an ongoing revision process. Draft copies are available from the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Please review and talk with any Board members or Pastor Gabe about questions you have. We want your feedback.

The Compassion of our Lord

Psalm 145:8— The Lord is gracious ,and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.



Chili—Cookoff

**Greenmont-Oak Park Church
 & Ascension Church**

**Sat., Feb. 21, 2015
 6:00 pm**

At the Ascension Church Witzman Center (under the church)

You and your family are invited to participate in this ecumenical event.

Church members are encouraged to bring a pot of Chili or foods to share. Others in attendance are asked to pay \$2.00 /person or \$5.00/family.

Call to RSVP—253-5171, so we can plan to have enough food for everyone.

Spring Renewal

By reading the Scriptures I am so renewed
that all nature seems renewed around me
and with me .

The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue,
the trees a deeper green. The whole world
is charged with the glory of God and I feel
fire and music under my feet. - T Merton