



Chimes

Greenmont-Oak Park Community
United Church of Christ



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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:

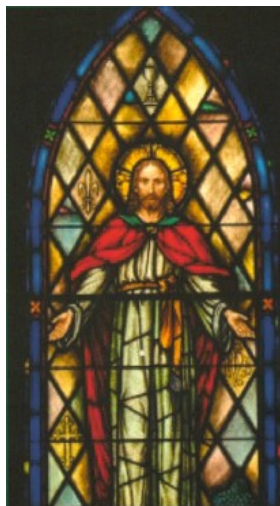
"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:30-31)

Scripture Readings for weeks:

Jan. 3 - Jer 31:7-14, Sir 24:1-12, Ps 147:12-20,
Eph 1:3-14, John 1:1-18

Jan. 10 - Isa 43:1-7, Ps 29, Acts 8:14-17,
Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Jan. 17 -Isa 62:1-5, Ps 36:5-10, I Cor 12:1-11,
John 2:1-11



And the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And the voice came from heaven:



*"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."
Luke 3:22*

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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:

GREETERS:
Cheryl Barnett

Always Doing a new thing

In 2015, scientists discovered more than 18,000 new species—some ancient and extinct, others contemporary. They include a cartwheeling spider; fossils of a “feathered dinosaur”; a beautiful sea slug that photographs in brilliant blues, reds and golds; a Christmas-colored plant that grows in near isolation in Mexico; and a pufferfish whose males make intricate seafloor “crop circles” as spawning nests.

Such discoveries—regardless of how old or new the species are—demonstrate the ongoing creativity of God, who both does new things and gives people new abilities to discover them.

Recently, we began a new church year with Advent. At Christmas, God did a new thing by becoming human. Now we launch into a new calendar year, in which scientists will surely discover more new creatures. The newness all around us reminds us that God is always doing a new thing in our lives, too!

(shared from the Newsletter, Newsletter)

“This is the Day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it”

- Psalm 118:24

Let us appreciate receiving Love from God, returning love to God and sharing love with all. Let us continue to seek the light & love of the world, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Automatic Tithing

Did you know that if you do online banking with your bank or credit union you can have your weekly/monthly tithe done automatically by your financial institution? You can set up an auto-pay and the bank can send your check directly to the church. You won’t have to remember to bring your checkbook to church! Initially you will want to call the office or drop a note in the offering plate telling the financial secretary (Anna Slaidins) which bank will be sending the payment and how much to expect. That way she can correctly match up the payments with the giver. As always, your tithing donations will be kept confidential by the financial secretary.

And, yet to come in 2016, you will be able to tithe through paypal! More information to follow in a few weeks. If you have any questions, please call the office 252-6705 or Anna Slaidins. - Thanks! From the Finance Committee

Offering Envelopes Also Available

The church also has Offering envelopes available for submitting your weekly/monthly offerings or tithes. You can pick up a box of envelopes from the church office, weekdays or on Sunday mornings . Please sign out the box with your name and the box number on the sign-out sheet.

Attendance - Dec. 6, & 13

8:45 service	22	20
10:45 service	77	70
Sunday School	24	70

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
Nov. '15	\$23,591	+8,633

John George	Jamie Geswein
Jack Gilmore	Bob Karl
Lori Keltner	
Ken Hambrick	Edna Holland
Crystal Hudson	Sean Humphrey
Kristen King	Dustin Knowlton
Rosaline Lam	Kelly McRonney
Bob McCray	Phyllis McCray
Steve Mills	Susan Mills
Jim Murphy	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
Stutz family	Joe Trevan
Lynn Uldrich	Gloria Van Camp
Gina Van Camp	Larry Van Camp
Chloe Wakefield	Sue Wagner
Mark Webb	
Pat White	
Diane Yost	

Happy Birthday

- Ashley Steinbrunner—Jan. 2
- Kelley Hager—Jan. 6
- Pasko Evanoff—Jan. 8
- Jacque Fisher—Jan. 11
- Taylor Steinbrunner—Jan. 11
- Frank Lakins—Jan. 13
- Janine Rayney—Jan. 13
- Betty Lingg—Jan. 13
- Ryan Brodowski—Jan. 14
- Dave Fisher—Jan. 14
- Emily Gastineau—Jan. 18



In Our Prayers

- Judy Admundson
- Kevin Bader
- Glenda Boddie
- Nancy Carter
- Robert Davis
- Henrietta Dicks
- Gary Etter
- Pasko Evanoff
- Liz Ancil
- Cheryl Barnett
- Ginny Breckler
- Kara DePew
- Leigh Davis
- Ahmad Doucet
- Laura Etter
- Marilyn Foskuhl



Those in Nursing Care

- Angie Brooks—St. Leonard Center
- 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)

Unhanging the Greens—Jan. 10th

Please stay and carefully help pack away all the Christmas decorations, following the morning worship services.

Chimes Article Deadlines are:

Jan. 18 & Feb. 1 2016



2016

Please consider greeting as an added bonus to the worship hour. Sharing a hello and hug with those joining us in worship, starts the service with a very good feeling, releasing or empowering the Holy Spirit within.

If you would like to be a greeter for just a Sunday or an entire month, please sign up on the sheet posted across from the church office.

Contemporary Sunday School change

In response to recent current events, the contemporary Sunday School class has opted to suspend their current video series and engage in a 3 week study of gun violence. We will begin this review on Sunday, Jan 3. The study, "Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities" is published by the United Methodist Church and is based on the old testament scriptures of Micah: 4:1-4. Each session begins with a discussion of the prophet Micah's text including the context in which it was written. It is followed by parallel observations in our current context and a narrative about individuals affected by gun violence.

We feel this study will help include theological knowledge in our thinking and conversations about a significant social problem. Please consider joining us for meaningful, respectful dialogue about this very important issue.

Think, Act, Be Like Jesus—New Study

The Christian Education ministry is gearing up to begin a Bible based study on Tuesday evenings in January, 2016 using the book "Think, Act, Believe Like Jesus" by Randy Frazee.

The book asks three big questions: What do I believe? What should I do? Who am I becoming?

In *Think, Act, Be Like Jesus*, bestselling author and pastor Randy Frazee helps readers grasp the vision of the Christian life and get started on the journey of discipleship.

You may purchase your book individually. Please read up through the first chapter before attending the first study group on Jan 12, 2016.

Contacts - Nikki Taylor or Loretta Leisch



Sub Sale 2016

At this time every year we have a submarine sandwich sale in order to provide a few extras for the Preschool. The church is going to work with us on the sale. This year the profits from sandwiches sold by Preschool parents will go for many special programs. These include Breakfast/Lunch with Santa, field trips, the Philharmonic String Quartet and picnics. The church member profits will go to Trustees projects for the church. Last year we sold 2483 sandwiches.

The sandwiches are really delicious! They are prepared with Pepperidge Farm buns. This year we are offering an option of ham, salami and pepperoni with pizza sauce, cheese and mild peppers. You may order them with or without the peppers. They are wrapped individually & cost \$3.50 ea.

All orders must be turned in by Sunday, Jan. 24th. You may put orders in the offering plate, Church office or Preschool office. Friday, Feb. 5 at 3 PM the fun begins, building the sandwiches. Many helpers are needed, a volunteer sign up is posted on the church bulletin board. It is fun and a good way to have church members meet some of our preschool parents. Sandwich orders must be picked up and paid for on Friday evening, 7 to 8 PM on Feb. 5th in the Donut room. If you cannot pick up your orders on the pick up date, please notify Valerie Baker at 252-7840 by Friday, Jan. 29th.

Thank you so much for all your help! If you have any questions please call me at 252-7840. - Valerie Baker,

Green-Oak Preschool Director



Fellowship Ministry Plans—2016

We have an exciting agenda planned for 2016. There is at least one thing planned for each month. Below is the schedule. I can use additional help on the Easter Egg Hunt, the Carnival games, the Hawaiian Luau (need people to share their pictures of Hawaii), and any other program on the schedule.

We are focusing on FUN, Fellowship, and Food! These programs can only be a success if you come. They are open to the community. There will be various activities for all age groups. Most of these events will be in the Donut Room.

Jan. 9—the Great Train Race—7 pm
Feb. 13—Valentine Party—7 pm
Mar. 24-International Love Feast—6 pm
Mar. 26—Easter Egg Hunt—10 am
Mar. 27— Easter Breakfast—9:30 am
Apr. 9— Carnival games—1 pm
May 21—Birthday Party—1 pm
June 11—Hawaiian Luau—7 pm
July 23—Christmas in July - 1 pm
Aug. 14—Ice Cream Social—2 pm
Sept. 11—Rally Day & Picnic
Oct. 29—Halloween Party—7 pm
Nov. 13—City BBQ lunch
Nov. 20— Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec. 11- Church 70th Anniversary
Dec. 24—Wassail & Treats
If you want to be a part of this ministry contact Cheryl Barnett.

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

Save Unwanted Christmas Cards

We will need cards for the "Christmas in July" fellowship program—July 23, 1-3 PM. Mark your calendars.

—Cheryl Barnett

2016 Bulletin and Flower Calendars

are ready for donors to sign-up to assist worship by purchasing bulletins or flowers. Sponsoring either bulletins or flowers is a nice way to remember a loved one or special event. Thanks to all who sign up!

Bulletin sponsorship will be \$15.00 this year, 2016 and can be placed in the offering plate, indicate what payment is for.

Flower donations are \$20.00 and must be paid for in advance by at least two weeks. Again, place in the offering plate and indicate what payment is for.

Those of you who have been fortunate to go to Hawaii I would appreciate talking with you. Your input will be helpful in planning our Hawaiian Luau. Thank you. Cheryl Barnett

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Wassail and Goodie Tea. A special thanks to Anna and D Slaidins and Steve Simmons for all the clean-up help. -Cheryl Barnett

Friends & Members of Greenmont,

Thanking all who remember me & my loved ones in prayer—plus your kindnesses and kind deeds for my Christmas cards also. Loving in Christian Love,

Gloria Van Camp

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. We thank God for the work that has been done through Samaritan's Purse worldwide in 2015. from serving flood victims in South Carolina to ministering to earthquake survivors in Nepal, our ministry has been fervently answering Jesus' call to "go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37).

We are grateful for your generosity which allows us to carry out this important work in Jesus' Name. Thank you for letting your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven, (Matthew 5:16).

Sincerely, Franklin Graham

(this thank you is in response to the Operation Christmas boxes we sent to children)

Pine Mountain Settlement School, Ky

23 Historic Buildings
45 Families fed -Grow Appalachia program
25 workshops on gardening, conservation & arts
1,200 people coming to our events & programs
Over 800 ACRES of Land managed
3,000 + children engaging in environmental education programs
Your gift helps us grow
Thank YOU

3 T's Fellowship

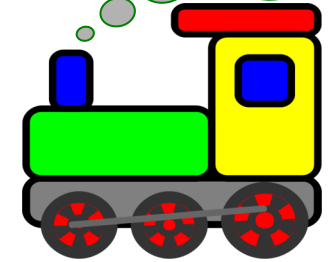
3T's will be January 19. We meet at MCL Cafeteria at noon. Cheryl Barnett will be the hostess. We will be playing BINGO with prizes.

This is a fellowship group of 50+ years old that meets the third Tuesday of each month. Those who want to be member pay a \$6 per person dues once a year and a \$1 donation for the "can" at each meeting you attend, except December. We would love to have more people join us. Since we don't have a money making project our funds collected pay for the dinner of special speakers, our musical group in December and we donate a cash gift to the Food Pantry for the needy. Those who are willing take a turn being host/hostess (or two people frequently go together), share some candy, lead a game, and have prizes for the winners. We have a lot of fun and learn some new games. Please join us. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Barnett.

2016 Pledge Cards

Please remember to turn in your 2016 pledge cards, so we can begin to understand our financial picture for the coming year. If you have misplaced your pledge card, there are extra cards on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

We thank you for supporting our church.



The Great Train Race

On Saturday, January 9, 7:00 to 9:00 pm the Fellowship Ministry will be having a fun time racing and learning about trains. All ages are welcomed. If you are a train buff, please tell us your stories. Please join us in this fun, fellowship, and food. -Cheryl Barnett

Overcoming—Stepping Forward

Many have stepped forward this year to help our church overcome our deficits. Thanks to all.

This congregation has a great heart. We are gaining on it. Next year we face similar challenges, but we have the advantage of a reduced budget, increased giving and plans at work to expand the ministry.

Your service and time donated to the church, your church, along with our increased tithes will find the path to growth and blessings .

We can measure our own blessings by the way we bless others!

THANKS TO YOU

Greenmont-Oak Park church is growing! -Stewardship