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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                      Jerry Archer  
Arlene Uldrich                Bob Berk  
Linda Oxley

**WORSHIP LEADERS:**  
John Slaidins—Nov. 20  
Ron Lyttle—Nov. 27  
Anna Slaidins—Dec. 4

**GREETERS:**  
Toni Bailey

**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:**

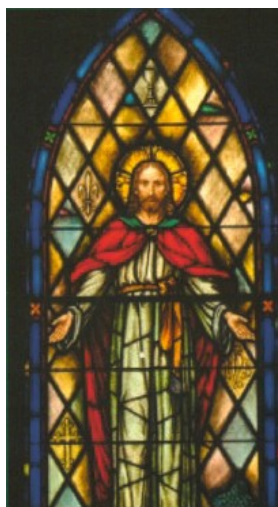
*"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ( Mark 12:30-31)*

**Scripture Readings for weeks:**

Nov. 20 - Jer 23:1-6, Luke 1:68-79, Ps 46,  
Col 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

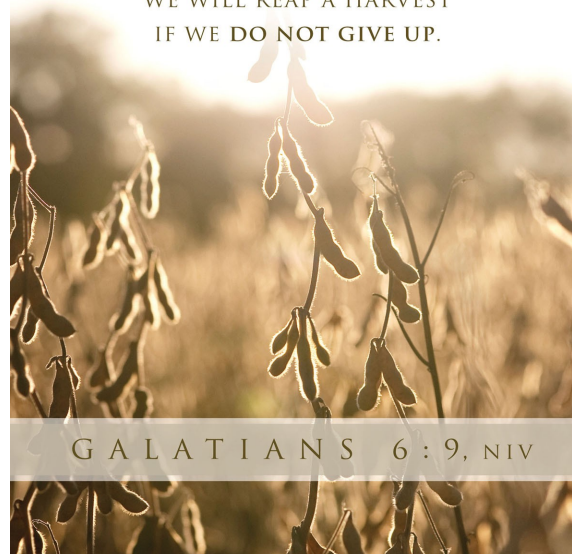
Nov. 27— Isa 2;1-5, Ps 122, Rom 13: 11-14,  
Matt 24:36-44

Dec. 4— Isa 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-7,18-19, Rom 15:4-13,  
Matt 1:18-25



*Let us not become  
weary in doing good.*

FOR AT THE PROPER TIME  
WE WILL REAP A HARVEST  
IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.



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Dear GOPC(UCC) Family and Friends,

Nova and I hope that you and your family are well as we enter the winter holiday season. Thanksgiving is fast approaching and we all have many blessings for which to give thanks this year.

Thanksgiving is a time of reflection, looking back at the year that we have had and thanking God for bringing us through it a little stronger and a little wiser. Some of you may have had a difficult year, while others have found much success in their endeavors. It is but through the grace of God that we are able to consider the lessons we have learned and the experiences given to us, and to allow them to deepen our relationship with the Divine.

We are thankful for all of you. We are thankful for your continued dedication to fellowship and spreading the Word to those who need it most. We are grateful for the love and support we receive from all of you. Your loving support makes life in the office so much easier!

Many of you and/or your family members will be travelling great distances to be together. Enjoy the comfort of family while giving to the less fortunate, spiritually and materially, so that they may know that the love of God is with us all.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Church Office  
Gabe Nova



### The Whole Pie

How easy it is to miss the point of living.... It is too easy to become an algebra pie with [one slice for each part—work, family, school, recreation—and] only one slice for God. **God is the Whole Pie!**

Perhaps God's presence among us is brighter and more extravagant than we have imagined. Perhaps the very idea of life is to experience and discover God in it. Maybe we are meant to journey not only *toward* God or even *for* God, but *with* God.  
- Sue Monk Kidd, *God's Joyful Surprise*

### Attendance - Nov. 6, 13 '16

8:45 service	20	17
10:45 service	57	65
Sunday School	21	22

### Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,687)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Nov. '15	\$23,591	+8,633
Dec. '15	\$14,476	- 482
Jan. '16	\$13,404	-1,283
Feb. '16	\$11,748	-2,939
Mar. '16	\$12,057	-2,630
April '16	\$10,988	-3,699
May '16	\$18,489	+3,802
June '16	\$9,888	-4,799
July '16	\$18,847	+4,160
Aug. '16	\$ 7,813	-6,874
Sept. '16	\$ 9,775	-4,912
Oct. '16	\$13,077	- 1,610

Gary Gillett	Kim Hinley
Chris Heine	Edna Holland
Crystal Hudson	Sean Humphrey
Dustin Knowlton	Kelly McRonney
Phyllis McCray	Bob McCray
Steve Meyer	Steve Mills
Susan Mills	Jim Murphy
Delbert Newhouse	John Parnell
Sheri Parrett	Joyce Pratt
Bill/ Judy Price	Jack Reger
Cindy Romano	Calire Riccos
Deb Richey	Laura Ruppert
Andrew Saylers	Sue Smitley
Beverly Smith	Diana Smith
Wayne Stolich	Joe Trevan
Lynn Uldrich	Gloria Van Camp
Gina Van Camp	Larry Van Camp
Chloe Wakefield	Sue Wagner
Mark Webb	Pat White
Larry Wilson	

### Happy Birthday

- Bob Colvin—Nov. 22
- Sandy Conn— Nov. 22
- Bob Beall—Nov. 26
- Judy Simmons—Nov. 28
- Connie Sink—Nov. 29
- Layton Vires— Nov. 29
- Yvonne Goodner—Dec. 1
- Ruth Fulmer—Dec. 4
- Katie Goodner—Dec. 8



### Those in Nursing Care

- Angie Brooks —St. Leonard Center
- Ginny Hambrick —Walnut Creek
- Betty Hine —St. Leonard Center
- Verdena Mardis —Brookdale

### Military

- Adam Reeves
- Casey Ryan

### In Our Prayers

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|----------------|------------------------|
| Kevin Bader    | Glenda Boddie          |
| Ginny Breckler | Charlene Brown         |
| Dorothy Butts  | Kristi Carr            |
| Nancy Carter   | Robert Davis           |
| Leigh Davis    | Larry Earwood          |
| Joe Farren     | Fred & Marilyn Foskuhl |
| John George    | Jamie Geswein          |
| Matt Gard      |                        |



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**Christian Education Schedule**

The schedule :  
 9:30 AM—High School/College  
 lead by Bob Colvin/Meg & Dave Roalef  
 9:30 AM—Adult Bible class  
 lead by Gary Etter/Mike Robinson/Joe Von Holle  
 9:30 AM—Adult Contemporary  
 - lead by Laura Von Holle  
 10:45 AM—Nursery (babies to 3yrs)  
 10:45 AM Bible Adventure—4 to 10 ages

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:**  
**Dec. 5 & 19, 2016**  
**Bulletin Announcement deadline is: Wednesday of each week.**

**Name Tags**

Remember to wear your Name Tag, we have had a few new people join us in worship, and this will help them to put names with faces.

**Ladies Coloring Afternoon**

There will be a coloring afternoon on November 19, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Doris Alexander's home. If coloring is new to you, please join us. We have supplies and plenty of pages to choose from.

Please sign up on Bulletin Board or call Doris at 298-4176 or Barb at 256-6490.



**Diaper Shower**

From November 1-15, Green-Oak Preschool will be paying it forward in the spirit of Thanksgiving! We will be having a "Diaper Shower" for the Life Resource Centre baby pantry. This is the pantry we help in November we would appreciate donations of size 3,4,5 diapers. Pull-Ups and baby wipes! They also are in need of gently used coats. Blankets and clothing in baby and toddler sizes. Please just leave them on the benches downstairs and we will have a volunteer pick them up! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Church Yard Signs Available**

We have 4 more yard signs available to invite others to our church. If you would like to display one, please stop by the church office to get one.



**Shut-In/ Home Bound Christmas Card Collection Begins**

We will collect Christmas cards for our shut-in church members throughout the month of November. Pastor Gabe will deliver them with his Dec. visit. All cards must be turned in by Dec. 4. A collection box will be at the back of the sanctuary.

Our Shut-in / Home Bound are:

Ginny Breckler, Ginny Hambrick, Margaret Goldberg, Verdina Mardis, Barb Varine, Gloria Van Camp, and Pat White



**"Simply Give"**

The next Holiday Meijer's "Simply Give" campaign will begin on Oct. 30 and run through December 31.

New "Simply Give" donation cards are available at the back of the sanctuary, and in the Gathering Place.



**Preparing for 180 Christmas Baskets**

The Food Pantry team has taken calls to reserve a place on the Basket list, and the list is full, 180 families.

We will be collecting food items, and new or gently used toys/games for children, and warm hats and gloves or socks for the youth as well.

We will bring these items to church on Sunday, Dec. 11th for "White Gift" Sunday.

If you would like to volunteer to help with basket preparation, talk to Brian Donovan. We will hand out the baskets on Saturday Dec. 17th in the morning.

Help is also welcome on Friday afternoon. Sorting hats and gloves, building boxes, sorting toys. All Help is appreciated. - Food Pantry



**Youth Group Schedule**

**They will meet on Saturdays, 6 to 8 PM**

Youth leader Josh Burkheiser is meeting with youth and they have begun a study of the movie, "God's Not Dead 2". They will watch parts and have discussion, along with some fellowship time. All youth, Jr & Sr High are welcome to join the group.

Josh is looking for some volunteers to help with the youth group meetings. Josh will lead the meetings, but needs some adult assistants. If interested please call Josh or let Pastor Gabe know.



We will begin Christmas decorating by unpacking and sorting the decorations on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 9 AM in the Donut room. The Sanctuary tree will also be set-up with lights on Saturday. We need 3-4 men to help with the tree set-up.

Then on Sunday, Nov 27 following worship we will finish the decorating around the church. Please stay and help prepare the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons.—Worship Ministry

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

### "In Sympathy"

We extend our thoughts and prayers to the Barb Varine family and Rayney family upon the passing of Barb's mother, and beloved great-grandmother Betty Lingg. Pastor Gabe officiated at the Funeral service.

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We also extend our thoughts and prayers to the Yost family upon the passing of Diane Yost. A celebration of Life Memorial fellowship was shared by family and friends.

May God comfort you at this time of loss. - Your GOPCUCC family



Boy Scout Troop 85  
Cordially invites you to attend the  
Eagle Court of Honor  
For Robert Joseph Von Holle  
And  
Carl Hunter Toler  
Sunday, December 11, 2016  
At 2:30 pm

St. Luke the Evangelist Church  
Parish Social Center  
1440 N. Fairfield Rd  
Beavercreek, Ohio

Reception following the ceremony

RSVP by December 6 to  
937-427-0369 or Lvoho@aol.com

### Reflections from Rev. Hilty

I hope and pray that I would...with all my heart, soul, strength and mind....

1. **Follow** the leader... Jesus Christ
2. **Welcome** each new day with high hopes
3. **Make** each day a Good day!
4. **Share** God's and my best with all I can... a kind word, my attention, a smile, a hand, a question, loving care
5. **Saturate** mind and heart with hymns, songs, poetry, scripture, and gems, to possess my mind and heart.
6. **Join** and participate.... Become a vital member... be alive in Christ
7. **Accept** each new experience with positive spirit.

Taken from Rev. Hilty's "Four Score and More" memoirs.

### Stewardship Thoughts

This is the time of year we pause to reflect on the blessings our Lord has showered over us. Let us return our time, talents and treasures in thanksgiving. ( This is not in reference to a paper survey and pledge card, just a reminder of how abundantly God blesses us.)

Let us give thanks to God, for God is good. Please remember your offerings for God's glory and service, to others in God's name, through our church.



### Thanksgiving Dinner & Birthday Celebration in One—November 20, 2016.

We will celebrate the Church's 70th birthday by giving Thanks in worship and then sharing in a special Thanksgiving Dinner.

Anna Slaidins has agreed to lead volunteers in the food preparation for the meal. We will have cake for dessert. Any guests that bring their postcard with them, will be eligible to win a prize.

### The Pumpkin Patch Sold Out.

Thank you all— we made \$5,289 in profit. The Youth voted to give 25% of the profit to the church's general budget in thanks for all the help from the congregation in selling pumpkins. This will add \$1,300 to the church budget funds.

We REALLY APPRECIATE all the support the church members give to make this happen. YOU ARE AWESOME!!



### Thanksgiving/Christmas Special Offering

The Official Board moved to combine our Thanksgiving and Christmas Special Offerings this year. We will equally divide the offerings between six organizations to 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 Offering envelopes will be given out with the worship bulletins on Sunday, Nov. 20th and then again in December At Christmas time. Respond as God guides you.