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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:

Diana Knowlton—Jan. 8
Ruth Fulmer—Jan. 15

Greeters:

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)

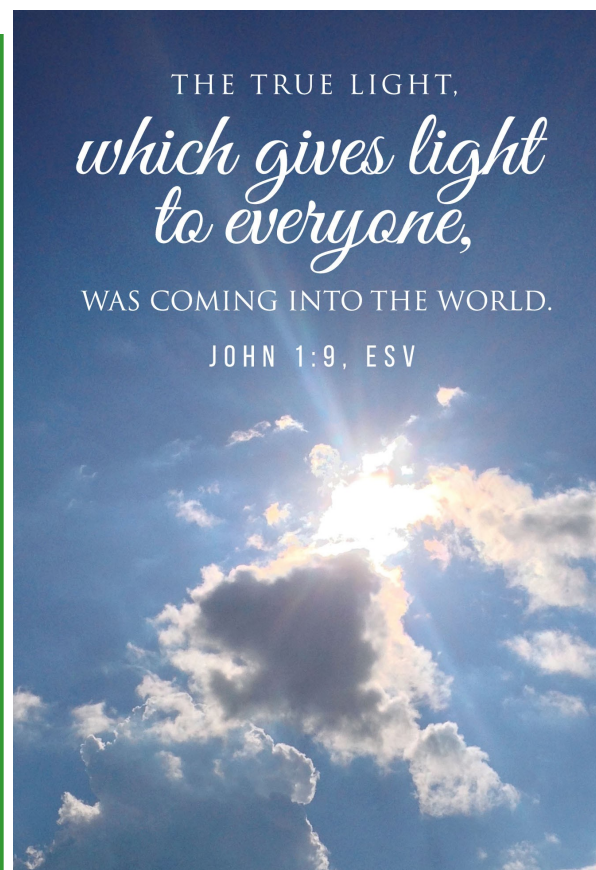
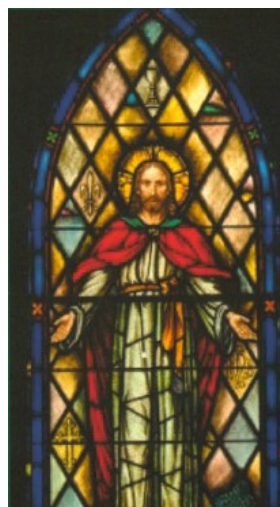
Scripture Readings for weeks:

Jan. 15— Isa 49:1-7, Ps 40:1-11, I Cor 1:1-9,
John 1:29-42

Jan. 22—Isa 9:1-4, Ps 27:1,4-9, I Cor 1:10-18,
Matt 4:12-23

Jan. 29— Micah 6:1-8, Ps 15, I Cor 1:18-31,
Matt 5:1-12

Feb. 5— Isa 58:1-9a, Ps 112:1-10, I Cor 2:1-12,
13-16, Matt 5:13-20



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Dear GOPC(UCC) Family and Friends,

On January 20th the 45th President of the USA will be inaugurated. Some will cheer and some will protest. Some will like the new President; others will not. My question is:

Should we pray for the President? I shortened a statement by The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church. He says:

"According to the Bible we must pray for all who lead in our civic order, nationally and internationally. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 encourages followers of Jesus to pray earnestly for those in leadership, that they may lead in ways that serve the common good. Even in the most extreme case, Jesus himself said, while dying on the cross, "Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing," was praying for Pontius Pilate, the Governor of Rome who ordered his execution, and for all who were complicit in it.

When we pray for leaders, we pray for their well-being, for they too are children of God, but we also pray for their leadership in our society and world. We pray that they will lead in the ways of justice and truth. We pray that their leadership will truly serve not partisan interest but the common good. When we pray for them, we are actually praying for our nation, for our world, indeed we are praying for ourselves.

Prayer is not a cheer or declaration of support. Prayers of lament cry out in pain and cry for justice. Prayer can celebrate. Prayer can also ask God to intervene and change the course of history, to change someone's mind, or his or her heart. When we pray for our enemies, we may find that we are simultaneously emboldened to stand for justice while we are also less able to demonize another human being.

Real prayer is both contemplative and active. It involves a contemplative conversation with and listening to God,

As we celebrate the birth of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we may find guidance in his words, spoken during one of the most painful and difficult struggles in the Civil Rights Movement. He asked that all participants live by a set of principles. The first principle read: "As you prepare to march, meditate on the life and teachings of Jesus."

Should we pray for the President?

Yes!"

Until next time – My best wishes! Gabe

Attendance - Jan. 8, 15 '17		
8:45 service	14	21
10:45 service	56	53
Sunday School	17	18

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,504)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Oct. '16	\$13,077	- 1,610
Nov. '16	\$12,487	- 2,200
Dec. '16	\$16,161	+1,647

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	Cindy Romano
Calire Riccos	Deb Richey
Laura Ruppert	Andrew Sayers
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

Mary Marcum—Jan. 22
Elizabeth Sumner—Jan. 22
Evelyn Johnston—Jan. 22
Garrett Rayney—Jan. 27
Linda George—Jan. 29
Eric Sink—Jan. 30
Carroll Miller—Jan. 30
Chloe Karl—Jan. 31
Mary Schwarz—Feb. 7
R C Walker—Feb. 8



Those in Nursing Care

Angie Brooks —St. Leonard Center
Ginny Hambrick —Walnut Creek
Betty Hine —St. Leonard Center

Military

Adam Reeves
Casey Ryan

In Our Prayers

Kevin Bader	Glenda Boddie
Ginny Breckler	Charlene Brown
Dorothy Butts	Kristi Carr
Nancy Carter	Robert Davis
Leigh Davis	Larry Earwood
Joe Farren	John George
Jamie Geswein	Matt Gard
Gary Gillett	Kim Hinely



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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:
Feb. 6 & 20, 2017
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.

2017

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.

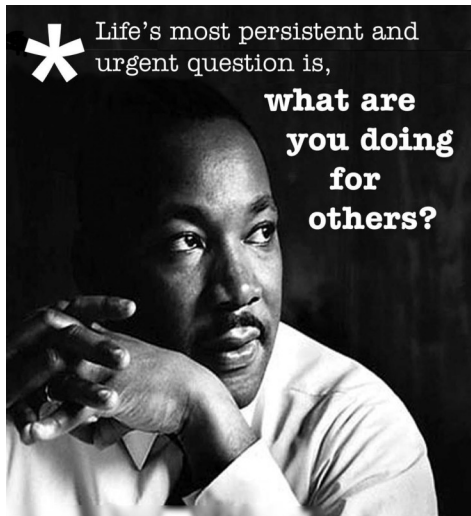


Did You Know Kettering has a monthly city magazine?

We had an article about our church's 70th anniversary in the December issue. The magazine is called 'Kettering Neighbors'.

I have posted a copy on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Youth Group will meet Sundays , at 6 PM. Josh asked for prayers to Be lifted in THANKS for growth of the Youth group. We are trusting in God's provisions. 



2017 Bulletin and Flower Calendars are ready for donors to sign-up to assist worship by purchasing bulletins or flowers.

Bulletin sponsorship is \$14.00 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.



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 of our special programs. These include Breakfast/ Lunch with Santa, field trips, the Philharmonic String Quartet and picnics in the park. The profits from sandwiches sold by church members will go to their special projects. The prof-

its from sandwiches sold by church members who are also Preschool parents will be equally divided between the church and preschool. Last year we sold 2400 sandwiches.

The sandwiches are really delicious! This year we are offering a sandwich consisting of ham, salami and pepperoni with pizza sauce, cheese and mild peppers. You may order them with or without the peppers on a Pepperidge Farm bun. They are wrapped individually in plastic bags. They cost \$4.00 each.

All orders must be turned in by Sunday, Jan. 22. You may put orders in the offering plate, the Church office or preschool office. You may call in or email your order to the church office.

Then on Friday, Feb. 3 at 3 PM all the fun begins! From 3 to 5 PM we need a few people to make sandwiches for special orders. Then from 5 to 7 we need as many helpers as can come to continue to make sandwiches. We also need a few people to help with baby-sitting from 5 to 7 PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the Church bulletin board.

You need to pick up your orders on Friday night, Feb. 3 between 7 and 8 PM, in the Dount Room. We also require that you pay for your order at the time of pickup. If you cannot pick up your orders on Friday, please notify Valerie Baker by Friday, Jan. 27.

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

Valerie Baker
 Director of Green-Oak Preschool

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, you can also tithe or give financially to the church through paypal! Just go to the church website and click on the paypal emblem. Follow the prompts. Please call Anna Slaidins with questions about using Paypal. 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.

Official Board,

Thank you for the surprise gift card to Mimis café. You know I like to eat and work on things that involve food. I will really miss Charing the Fellowship Ministry, but I hope I can help in a more background mode. Again, I thank the Official Board for their thoughtfulness.

Dear Official Board and Congregation.

I would like to thank you for your generous restaurant gift card on my retirement from the board. After more than 40 years of service in one capacity or another. It has been a labor of love. Gary Etter

GOPCUCC members,

Many thanks for the generous Christmas staff gifts, they are very appreciated. We love serving God and serving you our church members. It is our pleasure to serve you. - the staff Pastor Gabe, Nova, Shelley, Monique and Joshua

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous contribution to the work of Church World Service.

We appreciate it more than ever in these challenging times.

Your compassionate support is helping impoverished communities.

I have seen both the resilience and the resolve of the women, men and children we assist. And I have been deeply moved by the generosity of people like you, who give hope and opportunity to people in need, here in the U. S. and around the world.

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Change in the New Year

Can you order 5 sub sandwiches/ member?

With our fearless leader Gary departing trustees I stand all freaked out. I have a wonderful team who really will be the hands to get things done. I plan to publish our honey-do list on the bulletin board. We all share chores in this house. We appreciate input, but the trustees will prioritize. Want something done earlier, grab the shovel.

With all the awesome big projects completed in 2016, we need to stabilize our finances. I encourage each family member to sell 5 subs to help build up our savings. There will be project emergencies that will happen. There fore let's rally as a family to gain some momentum and sell those sub sandwiches. **Orders due by next Sunday, Jan. 22.** Ask family and friends to add to your order. Thanks!

The sandwiches are great and freeze will. Good snacks for March Madness game watching. See all the sandwich details in article on page 3.

Your new co-chair for trustees (Jacque Fisher). Connie Medlin is my trusty trustee co-chair.

New Art Display

There is a new artwork display in the Hilty Room. The watercolor paintings are by Ruth Fulmer, a church member who for 35 years taught and directed our Green-Oak Preschool. She is now retired and has more time to devote to painting and her 6 grandchildren. Please stop by the Hilty Room to take a peek at these paintings.

*Trust that God supplies
You with unlimited
good. There is grain
left in the field even
after the harvest.*

**-shared from Abbey Press
Keep life simple therapy**

Praise

We used the \$4,500 we got from a car sale (which the church had only \$10.00 in!) from last year—we then reinvested that self same \$4,500 and totaled a NET profit of \$13,200 including 5 cars from last fall to this fall!! And all repairs and clean ups were donated.

Thank You Finance—Tim Fox

