



**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:**

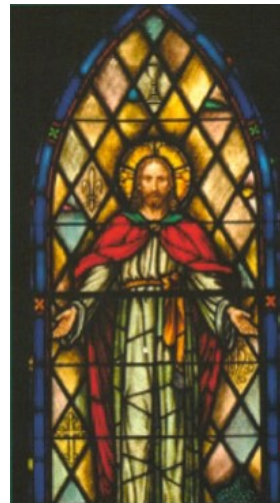
*"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ( Mark 12:30-31)*

**Scripture Readings for weeks:**

Mar. 26— I Sam 16:1-13, Ps 23, Eph 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

April 2 — Ezek 37:1-14, Ps 130, Rom 8:6-11, John 11: 1-45

April 9— Matt 21:1-11, Ps 118:1-2. 19-29, Isa 50:4-9, Ps 31:9-16, Phil 2:5-11, Matt 26:14-27



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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:

<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
Gary Etter	Jerry Archer
Arlene Uldrich	Bob Berk
Linda Oxley	

**WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Jacque Fisher—Mar. 26  
Ruth Fulmer—Apr. 2

**Greeters:**

Mar.—Paula Geswein  
Apr.—Arlene Uldrich



# Lent

Dear GOPC-Family and Friends,

On Thursday, April 13th, we will celebrate Maundy Thursday. **Maundy Thursday** (also known as **Holy Thursday, Covenant Thursday, Great and Holy Thursday, Sheer Thursday, and Thursday of Mysteries**) is the Christian holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter.

Most scholars agree that the English word *Maundy* in that name for the day is derived from the *mandatum* (also the origin of the English word "mandate"), the first Latin word of the phrase that means "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other." (John 13: 34-5)

One of the ways we can share our love for one another is by sharing a meal. I think it will be appropriate to call this meal a "love Meal." And then we spruce the name up by calling it by the Greek word for love - Agape. And, of course, the USA being the melting pot of cultures, we add the word "International" to the mix - and we have the International Agape Meal! Like Jesus and his disciples, we celebrate the Last Supper by sharing a meal.

You and your loved ones are invited to join in the third annual International Agape Meal on April 13th at 6pm. Like the previous two years, please bring a traditional dish from your country where your ancestors came from. After the meal, we will gather in the sanctuary for a service of diminishing lights. The festive tone of the meal changes into somber and darkness as Jesus enters into the day when he was crucified.

Okay - hmmm... - what shall I bring to share with you? And what will the Irish bring? What will the Lithuanians bring? What are you going to bring to the table? Yummm!

Until next time,  
My best wishes,  
Gabe.

Attendance -	Mar. 12,	19,	'17
8:45 service	15	22	
10:45 service	56	51	
Sunday School	22	20	

### Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,504)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '16	\$16,161	+1,647
Jan. '17	\$12,144	-2,360
Feb. '17	\$9,785	-4,719

Chris Heine	Edna Holland
Crystal Hudson	Sean Humphrey
Diana Knowlton	Loretta Liesch
Mary Marcum	Kelly McRonney
Phyllis McCray	Bob McCray
Charles Miller	Steve Mills
Susan Mills	Morgan family
Jim Murphy	Delbert Newhouse
John Parnell	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	Sue Wagner
Mark Webb	Pat White
Larry Wilson	



### Happy Birthday

Ed Alexander—Mar. 17  
 Bob Gastineau—Mar. 18  
 Gabby Rayney—Mar. 18  
 Jon Dull—Mar. 22  
 Randy Medlin—Mar. 25  
 Bonnie Urbanas—Mar. 28  
 Edna Holland—Mar. 28  
 Peggy Goldberg—Mar. 30  
 Jane Simmons—Mar. 30  
 Cleta Dicks—Apr. 1  
 Les George—Apr. 4

### In Our Prayers

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



### Those in Nursing Care

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



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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:**  
**Apr. 3 & Apr. 17, 2017**  
**Bulletin Announcement deadline**  
**is: Wednesday of each week.**



**Graduation will soon be here**

Please let the church office know of any third grader, high school or college graduates from the church family. We would like to honor them in their accomplishments.



**Easter Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday—April 9th**

8:45 & 10:45 AM services

**Maundy Thursday—April 13th**

6:00 PM—International Agape Meal  
 (potluck dinner)

7:00 PM—Tenebrae Service

**Saturday—April 15th**

10:00 AM—Children’s Egg Hunt

**Easter Sunday—April 16th**

8:45 & 10:45 AM Services

9:30 AM—coffee hour



**Kroger Rewards UPDATE**

**For those who participate in the Rewards program. As of April 1, 2017 you will no longer have to renew your enrollment annually. Kroger’s made some changes in their program, to make it easier for people to participate.**

**Easter Egg Hunt Planning**

We have begun plans for the Community Egg Hunt. Valerie Baker will be our coordinator.



**We will be collecting donation of wrapped candies. Bring your donations to the church office, by Sunday, April 2.** We will be filling over 3,000 eggs for the children. Last year we had around 300 children participate.

We need volunteers to help with the day of participation. Please let the church office know, if you would be willing to help with this event—outreach.

**Easter Lily Plants for sale**

**Orders must be in by this Sunday, March 26th. There is time to sign-up this week.**

We will have Lily plants in the sanctuary for our Easter services. You may purchase a plant by signing up on the bulletin board across from the church office. The plant cost is \$9.00 ( if we order a minimum of 15 plants). You may turn your payment into the collection plate on Sundays or the church office during the weekdays, mark what payment is for.

We need all plant orders to be turned in by Sunday, March 26. The order will be placed on Monday, March 27th.

2016 Annual Church Board Reports  
 Are available on the table at the  
 back of the sanctuary.

**From Keep Life Simple Therapy**

- \* *Look to nature for nurture. It is as reliable as the God who provides it.*
- \* *Know that your true home is in the holy Presence. It's that simple. Don't wait for your calendar to be empty, or your permanent address to change, before recognizing that reality.*

**Campbell’s Labels for Education Program ending in March.**

The Campbell’s Co. will end their labels for education program this coming Aug. 2017. ( The Box-tops for education program will continue)

So in response to this information we will only collect Campbell’s labels through the end of March and turn in our labels to the Crossroad Children’s home in April, so they can use them before the August deadline.

## Earth Day

As God calls us to care for his creation, earth, we celebrate the annual event on Saturday, April 22nd this year. The website: [metroparks.org/adopt](http://metroparks.org/adopt) has a complete listing of all the events being offered in the greater Dayton area this year, with maps and all the details. They all run 9 A.M. to 11:30. A free t-shirt is included, as is a free lunch at riverscape, at 229 East Monument street downtown from 11:30 till 1:00, if you choose to do that too. Activities include picking up litter along rivers and streams and removing invasive plants at various parks. You may go by yourself or get a group and sign up so you can all work together. Trash bags and gloves are provided, or you may take a favorite pair of your own gloves. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and dress for the weather. Make new friends and/or volunteer with current friends. This is another opportunity to keep the "community" in Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church.



Congratulations to the Sink family upon the birth of her first grandson for Connie Sink and nephew for Eric Sink. Baby- Landon Douglas was born on March 10th to Adam & Sherrie Sink and big sister Lauren. All the family are doing well. Connie and Eric are very excited and proud.

May God's blessings be with Landon and all the family.

## American Red Cross

Save your life—Smoke Detector Program

Did you know the Red Cross has a free smoke detector program, to help save lives and increase your chance of surviving a home fire by 50 percent.

The Red Cross will install free smoke alarms in homes and help you make an evacuation plan.

Call to make an appointment

937-221-7540



### Egg-stra facts

- \* Although Easter eggs were once part of pagan spring festivals, they've become Christian symbols of new life. A cracked-open shell also represents Jesus' empty tomb on Easter morning.
- \* The early Christians of Mesopotamia began staining eggs red in honor of Jesus' blood shed on the cross. Red eggs remain part of Greek Orthodox celebrations today.
- \* In some European countries, children go from house to house to collect Easter eggs.
- \* Each year, the PAAS Dye Co. sells more than 10 million egg-coloring kits, which consumers use to decorate 180 million eggs.



## Special Offering

This year the Official Board decided to equally divide the special offering between: One Great Hour of Sharing, Bread for the World, Good Neighbor House and Glenmary Home Missionaries. Easter Offering envelopes will be put in the Palm Sunday bulletins and on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Please give as God guides you. All four of these missions do work representing the love and care of Christ to those in need.

I want to share a little description of these missions, so we may more fully understand how they tangibly serve people for Christ. I will share some about One Great Hour of Sharing and Bread for the World in this issue and then Good Neighbor House and Glenmary Home Mission in the next issue.

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." - Matt 25:40

God is most tangibly present in this world where people hunger, thirst, lack adequate clothing and shelter, and are sick or imprisoned. Christ claims people who suffer as family members.

Christ is present in them and as you feed the hungry, care for the sick, and welcome the stranger, you do all these

things for Christ himself.

One Great Hour of Sharing works to relieve those who suffer from natural disasters, war, or systemic poverty. You are there with them in their hour of need. They do not feel alone.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Bread for the World has helped win bipartisan support for measures that address the causes of hunger. Each year, thousands of churches from many different faith traditions take part in the Offering of Letters, held in May.

Bread for the World encourages Christians to ask our law makers to make decisions that end hunger. God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to reach out to our neighbors—whether they live next door, in another state, or on another continent.



Anyone interested in joining the church please contact Pastor Gabe or the church office. We will receive new members on Easter Sunday, April 16th.

Church membership is based on 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  
We welcome all who wish to join us in God's ministry here at GOPCUCC.

