



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:

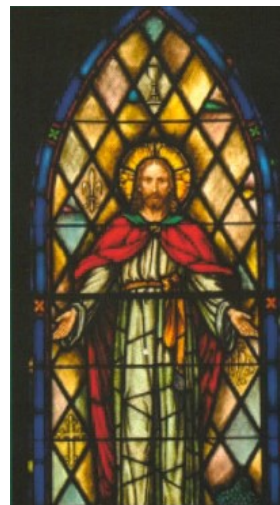
"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:30-31)

Scripture Readings for weeks:

Mar. 5— Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Ps 32, Rom 5:12-19
Matt 4:1-11

Mar. 12— Gen 12:1-4a, Ps 121, Rom 4:1-5,13-17
John 3:1-17

Mar. 19— Ex 17:1-7, Ps 95, Rom 5:1-11,
John 4:5-42



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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:

Feb. 26—Ron Lyttle
Mar 5— John Slaidins

Greeters:

Feb.— Arlene Uldrich
Mar.— Paula Geswein

Lent



Stop, look and listen

Lent, the season of the church year that's associated with repentance, begins on Ash Wednesday. While some people deny themselves by giving up something for Lent, others prepare for Easter through special Bible studies or devotions.

Christians observe Lent for these reasons:

- * It causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile," as well as "Stop doing wrong."
- * It tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ offering healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.
- * It tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop look and listen. These three words aren't only important for our safety in travel. They're also helpful for our journey through the 40 days of Lent.

Attendance - Feb. 26, Mar. 5 '17

8:45 service	21	18
10:45 service	—	47
Sunday School	23	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

Edna Holland	Crystal Hudson
Sean Humphrey	Diana Knowlton
Loretta Liesch	Kelly McRonney
Phyllis McCray	Bob McCray
Steve Mills	Susan Mills
Jim Murphy	Delbert Newhouse
John Parnell	Joyce Pratt
Bill/ Judy Price	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

Marilyn Foskuhl—Feb. 26
 Ellen Earwood—Feb. 27
 Janet Coleman—Feb. 28
 Gary Etter—Mar. 1
 Ramona Donovan—Mar. 10
 Jamie Fisher—Mar. 11

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	Gary Gillett
Kim Hinely	Chris Heine



Those in Nursing Care

Angie Brooks—St. Leonard Center
 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
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 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:
Mar. 20 & Apr. 3, 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.

UCC Disaster Relief Funds

Just a reminder that donations to the UCC disaster relief fund can be made to the church, and even designated for any specific disaster relief. Put disaster relief in the memo. The United Church of Christ is always ready to assist with immediate relief and are organized to offer ongoing long-term relief where needed. The most recent disasters the UCC is offering relief assistance to:

- Tornado relief
- Flooding
- Fires
- Earthquakes

We collect the donations and then send them in collectively, in a timely fashion multiple times throughout the year.

This is my Son, the Beloved;
With him I am well pleased;
Listen to him!

Kroger Rewards Earned

We thank all church members in the Kroger reward’s Program. This last quarter we have earned another \$143.89 for the church, just by doing your regular grocery shopping. Thanks again. If you would like to join the Kroger Reward’s program, go to: Krogercommunityrewards.com to register. Our church NPO is 80028. If you have questions about registering, you need to talk to a Kroger’s service representative.

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

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. 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.

- Worship Committee

Backpack Ministry

Are you aware over 600 children in Kettering receive food each Friday night to ensure they are feed to start learning Monday morning? It costs \$4 a week (\$132 a year) to ensure nutrition happens over the weekend between free/reduced lunches. Our church does a wonderful job supporting this program as a local mission. While you are shopping for the pantry, you could pick up items for the backpack program as well. Small cups of mac/cheese, 100% fruit juice boxes, small cups of ravioli, and fruit cups in their own juice (not syrup) are just a few items that can quickly be used. Check out the website for additional information: www.ketteringbackpack.org. THANKS!!! Jacque

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.

For Lent in 1988, Ray and Ellen Hilty decided that instead of giving up something for Lent, they would ADD something to their life. They would write a letter each day to someone thanking them for something special they had done. Ed and I were fortunate to receive one of those letters. Here is a copy of the letter each person received along with an individual message to that person. This was something very special to us and I have kept the letter these thirty-one years. It has inspired me to add something to my life during Lent. - Doris Alexander

Lent 1988

Dear One,

Just a line by mail to let you know we think of you often, gratefully.

During these special days of Lent leading to Easter we join the many around the world in added thanksgiving for Jesus who more than anyone else assures us that "Come what may we are always in Eternal Good Hands"

We are thankful to be with you in that fortunate Blessed Family.

Gratefully, Ray & Ellen Hilty

3 T's March Luncheon

3T's will be meeting March 21, third Tuesday of the month, at MCL Cafeteria at noon for food, fellowship, and fun. Toni Bailey will be our hostess. We will be playing BINGO after we eat. Although we don't normally have prizes, Toni has something up her sleeve! Come, find out what fun it is. Anyone 50 and over is welcome to come. You may bring a friend (church membership is not required). See you there. I want to see what Toni has up her sleeve besides her arm!!

Thank you to Jack and Kathy Gibson, Barb Richards, Mike Robinson, and Gary Etter and anyone else who helps us use the elevator by getting the heavy doors and gates open and closed. I really appreciate your help. I am lucky to have such a wonderful, loving church family! Just a simple act of help is gratefully appreciated. Thank you. Cheryl Barnett

Thank you also to Kathy Gibson who has been helping get the TV in place and put away for the Adult Contemporary Sunday School class.



Why Evil Exists

The Contemporary Sunday school is beginning a new video series entitled Why evil exists. The course examines the history of cultural definitions of the problem of evil and explores a wide range of proposals that have been devised for living in its shadow. Ancient tests, historical Hebrew and Christian thinkers, as well as secular philosophers will be reviewed in the lecture series. We will approach the subject of evil through numerous lenses to refine the view of this central question of human life, giving a broad and deep resource for individual thought and action.

The video lectures are presented by Professor Charles Mathews, Assoc. Professor of Religious studies at University of Virginia. He teaches religious ethics, theology and philosophy of religion. He received his B. A. in Theology from Georgetown University and his M. A. and Ph. D. in religion from the University of Chicago. The class meets during the Sunday School hour (9:30—10:30 am) in the library. All are welcome to join us in this thoughtful and stimulating series.

Adult Bible Sunday School

Join the 9:30 Sunday morning class as they learn more about Paul's travels to Corinth as they study the book of I Corinthians. They just finished the book of Romans. They found that Paul was a prolific writer who would write to anyone who would believe in God. The fact that he was at one time always looking for people who did not believe in God was then his only way of thinking. Then he felt the wrath of God and through a miracle of God, his whole life turned around. Paul would write to various countries and people telling them how to live and believe like Jesus.

We have plenty of room for more attendance. Come join us in our reading scripture and discussions. - Gary, Mike, Joe and Barbara



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

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We welcome all who wish to join us in God's ministry here at GOPCUCC.

