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Join us for a Welcome Reception  
for Rev. Dr. Robert & Sue Smitley  
following the Congregational Meeting  
this Sunday, November 6, 2011



Turn Your Clocks Back  
Saturday Night, Nov. 5

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

Frank Lakins—Nov. 6  
Pasko Evanoff—Nov. 13

**GREETERS:**

Toni Bailey—Nov. 6  
Paula Geswein—Nov. 13

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**Admin. Chairperson:**  
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**Choir Director:**  
Rob Duerr

**Organists:**  
Jacque Fisher  
Mary Jane McBride  
Shelley Outlaw

**Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM**  
**Morning Worship: 10:45 AM**  
**Sunday School: 9:30 AM**  
**Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM**

**Ushers:**

**8:45 AM**                      **10:45 AM**  
Gary Etter                      Les George  
Arlene Uldrich                      Pasko Evanoff  
Charlene Brown                      Ron Dill

### A Job Well Done

As has been announced, Rev. Dr. Robert Smitley has been called to be our Interim Pastor. As Administrative Chairperson of the Official Board, I would like to extend a big GOPCC thank you to the Interim Pastor Selection Committee. Susan Beall, Joyce Kelly, Nova Kigar, Gary Etter, and Brad Medlin devoted many hours of meeting, study, and prayer to select and interview candidates for Interim Pastor. We are grateful for the dedicated service of this committee. Their commitment to the process has proven to be a vital step in this transitional moment in the life of our church. Thank you...**Susan, Joyce, Nova, Gary, and Brad!**

I'd also like to thank Rev. Ruth Brandon, our SONKA minister, for her help and guidance as our church begins to examine our past and move forward during this time of transition.  
Take care, Bob Beall

### Interim Pastor is Called

When Rev. Greg King was called to his new church this summer, the Official Board moved forward as this church has done before, and set about the task of bringing an interim pastor to our church. The Official Board selected an Interim Pastor Selection Committee who began the process of interviewing interim pastor candidates. After many hours of meetings and interviews, the Interim Pastor Selection Committee recommended that our church call Rev. Dr. Robert Smitley to serve our church as Interim Pastor while our church is looking for our settled Pastor. The Official Board voted unanimously to approve the Interim Pastor Committee's recommendation at the Official Board Meeting on October 19.

Rev. Smitley brings a broad and impressive pastoral experience to our church. This experience and wisdom that Bob has will figure prominently in this transitional moment in the life of our church. Let's keep Bob and his family in our prayers as our church moves forward.

We invite you to meet Rev. Smitley (Bob) and his wife Sue this Sunday, November 6, following our Congregational Meeting in the Hilty Room for a welcoming celebration of cookies, finger sandwiches, and many other assorted yummys.

We extend a warm welcome also to Bob and Sue's family: Kim and Josh Elliott, Katie and Carl Chapman, and Emily, and their four grandchildren: Christopher, Conner, Caleb, and Faith.



**The Official Board will host a tea to honor Reverend Smitley and his wife, Sue,** on November 6, immediately following the congregational meeting. Please join the board members for this special time of fellowship as we recognize the Smitley's new commitment to GOPCC.

### Attendance Oct. 30 2011

8:45 — 19  
10:45 — 80  
Sunday school — 23

### Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$15,850)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '10	- \$ 15,964	+ \$114
Jan. '11	- \$15,252	- \$598
Feb. '11	- \$ 13,545	- \$2,305
Mar. '11	- \$12,209	- \$3,641
Apr. '11	- \$14,261	- \$1,589
May '11	- \$13,157	- \$2,693
June '11	- \$10,387	- \$5,463
July '11	- \$14,577	- \$1,273
Aug. '11	- \$9,779	- \$6,071
Sept. '11	- \$12,890	- \$2,960

### Happy Birthday

Toni Bailey—Nov. 6  
Sash Taylor—Nov. 9  
Charles Warren—Nov. 9  
Jim Farra—Nov. 11  
Paula Geswein—Nov. 12  
Shelby Harshbarger—Nov. 16  
Caitlin Karl—Nov. 16  
Joy Von Holle—Nov. 16  
Dawn Gilmore—Nov. 18  
Sharon Gilmore—Nov. 18  
Riley Steinbrunner—Nov. 19  
Stacy Stiles—Nov. 19  
Bob Colvin—Nov. 22  
Sandy Conn—Nov. 22  
Caroline Smith—Nov. 22



### In Our Prayers

Glenda Boddie	Jim Coleman
DeAnn Decker	Jerry Edwards
Gary Etter	Jim Farra
Jamie Geswein	Beverly Guffey
Ken Hambrick	Judy Hirshman
Vern Hine	Bill Hine
Carol Hildebrecht	

Ruth Ingles	Dan Jones
Marilyn Jones	Vince Knowlton
Dustin Knowlton	Mary Lehman
Erik Landing	Bob McCray
Nancy Lyttle	Marcella Miller
Lauren McClure	Karolina O'Donnell
Cindy Ramono	Harriet Shawhan
Mary Reynolds	Calire Riccos
Laura Ruppert	Tom Scheit
Paul Stutz	Danny Tomaz
Gloria Van Camp	Flo Warner
Evelyn Wheeler	Mary Willett
Diane Yost	

### Those in Nursing Care

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.  
Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek  
Margaret Dill – Masonic Home  
Marion Farren—Trinity Home  
Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek  
Mildred Heath – Walnut Creek  
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett  
Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing  
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods  
Charles Warren – East Moline, IL  
Vera Westfall—Walnut Creek

### Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)  
Scott Certain – USA  
(Jo Anne Jay's son-in-law)  
Andrew Hayden – USA  
(Edna Holland's grandson)  
Tyler Mantia – Afganistan  
Michael Mantia – USA (Mantia family sons)  
Nathan Nicholas—USA  
Brian Nicholas—Korea (Nicholas family sons)  
Adam Reeves—USA (Edna's grandson)  
Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger's son)  
Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)  
Kevin Stites— USA (S Stites grandsons)  
Ryan Stites - USA

## WINGS—Ladies News

WINGS will host a meeting for all the ladies of the church on November 9, 2011. Please join us at 7:00 pm in the Donut Room. We will be having a very special guest speaker from our church and will share a very easy craft project. Please bring a pie pumpkin and an 8-10 inch taper candle for our craft.

Book Club for the month of November will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Donut Room. We will discuss our newest book, "Same Kind of Difference as Me." Please don't forget to bring a dish to share if it is your turn.

The WINGS Officers would also like to thank everyone who participated in our Mystery Trip. We had a wonderful fall day of shopping in Lebanon, Ohio, a slow, but fun ride on the Pumpkin Patch Express which took us to a working farm where we enjoyed the pumpkin patch and shared our fall devotional. The day was topped off with a lovely quiet time together as we shared dinner at The Golden Lamb. We certainly are grateful for all the support we have received this year and look forward to more fun activities and adventures next year. God's blessings to all of our wonderful ladies!

## Christmas Card Shower for the Shut-Ins

Bring your Christmas Cards to church for Rev. Smitley to deliver with his Dec. visits. We have a box for them in the sanctuary. Our Shut-Ins are: Verderna Mardis, Rosemary Aylstock, Harriet Shawhan, Nancy Lyttle, Sharon & Jack Gilmore, Mary Willet, Bob Hildebrecht, Evelyn Wheeler, Jim Farra, Marion Farren, Norma Haines, Howard Jordan, Karolina O'Donnell, Kenny & Ginny Hambrick, Dan Jones, Margaret Dill, Dan Miller, Lottie Jaeger, Mildred Heath, Margaret Cobb, Vera Westfall, Lena Patterson, Flow Warner, Mary Louise Chaney, Gloria Van Camp, Ginny Breckler

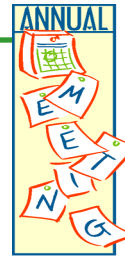
## Memorial Service Doug Sink

We thank the members of Greenmont Oak Park Community Church for the beautiful Memorial Service held on October 29, 2011 in memory of our dear husband and father Doug Sink. The visitation and service has helped us immensely as we expressed our grief openly to you and all those in our wider community. We could feel the true love and sympathies expressed by each of you. This process has deepened my personal faith, and I am grateful. The Memorial Service was perfect. Thank you Reverend Bob Smitley for your visits and leading Doug's service. We also thank Nova Kigar for organizing the Memorial Tea, and assisting through the service. Our gratitude goes to the all the preparers and the servers: Susan Beall, Sue Smitley, Anna Slaidins.

Thank you for all your cards and prayers you have sent to Doug and our family during his illness, and now your cards of sympathy are providing us with prayers of comfort and healing. Also, the meals provided nourished us at this difficult time. The love of our church has truly sustained our family. We truly appreciate all these blessings.

In closing, from a card we received from Cheryl and Ben Barnett: We are never prepared for the loss of a loved one, but God is always prepared to help us through that loss. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18.

Connie, Erik, Adam, Sherri, Julie, Craig, and Ryan Sink



**Congregational Meeting  
- Sunday, November 6  
Follows the morning  
Worship services.**

## LOOK FOR YOUR GREEN ENVELOPE!!

We're sending it to you in the mail. It contains this year's Time & Talent Survey and Tithing Pledge card. This year we appealed to you to increase your giving by \$150 a year (\$12.50 /month). We would like you to again consider that for next year.

Also, consider filling the T&T survey out as a family. As your kids get older there may be activities and service projects they are interested in helping with. Or maybe there are things spouses want to do as a couple. Take time with your family to talk about your commitment to Greenmont Oak Park Community Church. If anyone in your family is interested in a particular thing, just include everyone on the same survey and put your family name on the front.

If your T & T availability has not changed since last year, please put your name on it and write "NO CHANGE From last year." We would like you to complete a new pledge card, though. The pledge card information is kept confidential by the Financial Secretary.

Stewardship Sunday will be Nov 20 which is also Giving Thanks Sunday. Please bring your T & T survey and pledge card that day to be collected during the morning offering. Or you may mail it back in if you cannot make it to church that day: GOPCC; 1921 Woodman Dr. Kettering Oh 45420.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. May you be blessed as you continue to bless us at GOPCC! - The Stewardship/Finance Committee



**We will remember those dearly departed who have received Christian burial this past year through our church, on Sunday, November 6, 2011**



**Youth News**

“We are planting seeds for Christ, let us have faith that God will provide for their growth .”



**Youth Groups Fall Schedule**

- Footprints**— (K to 2nd grade)  
1st Sunday of month
- Crusaders** - 3 to 5th grade  
3rd Sunday of month
- Girls of Grace**—Jr High girls  
Last Sunday of month, 6to 8pm
- Christian Nighthawks**—Sr High boys - Saturday— Nov. 5
- Jr High youth**—6th to 8th  
1st & 3rd Saturday evenings  
8 to 11PM
- 5th Quarter**—Sr High youth  
2nd & 4th Saturday evenings  
8 to 11PM



**Prayer Walk—  
Sunday, Nov. 13**

Since we have a congregational Mtg. on Nov. 6, let’s plan to walk (Greenmont side) on Nov. 13. We will walk for 1/2 hour—bring comfortable shoes and warm clothes. Yours in Christ, Jacque—PS- Pray constantly.

**Chimes Article Dealines are:  
Nov. 14 & 28, and Dec. 12**

**Music (Choir) and Worship Committee Meeting Nov. 13, 11**

There will be a Music/Worship meeting, Sunday, Nov. 13, following the 2nd worship service in the Hilty Room. We have several topics to discuss. Please plan to attend. -Toni



**“Giving Thanks Dinner”**

Plan to join us for the Giving Thanks Dinner on Nov. 20. We have posted a sign-up sheet for help with food , serving, or cleanup. All are asked to bring a dessert to share. We hope to have special guests with us. We are inviting some pantry families to join us for our special meal.



**“Hanging of the Greens”**

Following our meal, we will then decorate our church for the coming of Advent. Rev. Smitley encourages us all to stay and help. If we all do a little no one has to do a lot—and it becomes more meaningful working together.

**Thanksgiving & Christmas Offering**

We will again combine our Special Thanksgiving & Christmas Offerings to equally divide our gifts between six organizations. Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors-In-Need, St. Vincent DePaul, Veterans of the Cross, and the YWCA’s Battered Women’s Program, up to an amount of \$2,100. Any amount in excess of this total will be added to the church operating costs. Special envelopes will be mailed to you with your Chimes. Prayerfully consider what gifts you may offer.

**Selecting a Search Committee**

*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion... Philippians 1:6*

The selection of a Pastoral Search Committee is one of the most spiritual ministries in the life of a church. It is a task that is approached with prayer, wisdom, sensitivity, and awareness that God may be calling certain members to consider serving in this capacity. So, at this time, on behalf of the Official Board's direction, I invite members of our church to volunteer to serve themselves or submit the name of another member(s) to be considered as part of the Search Committee.

Beginning this Sunday, nomination forms will be made available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Complete the form and place it in the Administrative Chairperson's mail box in the church office. When you submit your nomination form, include a brief description of the reasons why that person(s) would be an asset to the committee. Not all nominees will be selected.

If you are not able to access the nomination form at church, please call the church office, 252-6705, or Bob Beall, 298-1367 for assistance.

The Official Board has approved a subcommittee (Bob Beall, Brad Medlin, and Lisa Bleeke) to review the nominations and make recommendations to the Official Board. Nomination forms will be accepted through Sunday, November 27. It is the goal of the subcommittee to present the Pastoral Selection Committee for approval to the Official Board in January, 2012.

-Sincerely, Bob Beall

**“ In Sympathy”**

We extend our prayers to the family of Doug Sink, upon his passing onto Eternal life this past week, on Oct. 26.

Rev. Dr. R Smitley officiated at his Memorial service on Sat., Oct. 29th., here at the church.

May God comfort Connie, Eric, Adam & Sherri , Julie , Craig & Ryan at this time of loss. - Your GOPCC family

**Contemporary Sunday School**

The 9:30 Contemporary Sunday School class is viewing a series of videos from a workshop presented by Marcus Borg entitled "Living a Transformed Life: Being Christian Today." The focus is on mysticism in the context of the sacred. Session topics include "Experiencing God and the Sacred", Mysticism in the Bible, & Speaking Christian: Reclaiming Christian Language. We have viewed three sessions thus far, but it is not too late to join us.

Marcus Borg has been national chair of the Historical Jesus Section of the [Society of Biblical Literature](#) and co-chair of its International New Testament Program Committee, & is past president of the [Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars](#). We meet in the downstairs classrooms & welcome all interested persons.

**CROP Walk**

The Social Action Committee wishes to thank all who supported the 2011 CROP Walk. We had a beautiful day to walk in Fairborn and were pleased to contribute \$ 450 to Church World Service. Walkers included Anna Slaidins, Joe, Laura and Robbie Von Holle and Steve Simmons. Again, thank you to the church for your continued generosity.

