

REACHING
THE
COMMUNITY
FOR JESUS!



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From the Pastor's Desk...

The sun has just begun to rise but already the birds are beginning to sing. They sing of the newness of this day, this week, these great 50 days of Easter that are unfolding. Yes, I am on vacation and truly relaxing. Well, relaxing as much as one can when I am still awaiting the arrival on my newest grandchild. While there is still no sign of this new child of God, there are signs of spring everywhere. As I journeyed east I saw bits of spring color everywhere despite the snow banks. There was the hint of green in the fields of winter wheat, the touch of tan at the ends of the grape vines and apple trees freshly trimmed, and the blossoming of orange along newly begun construction projects. There were skunks and woodchucks and birds galore – I counted over 100 hawks!

Yes! Spring is unfolding just as Lent unfolded into Easter despite the fact that Easter seemed too early. That is the wonderful promise of our Easter faith; hope always unfolds even in the winter times of our lives and spring – new life – always arrives.

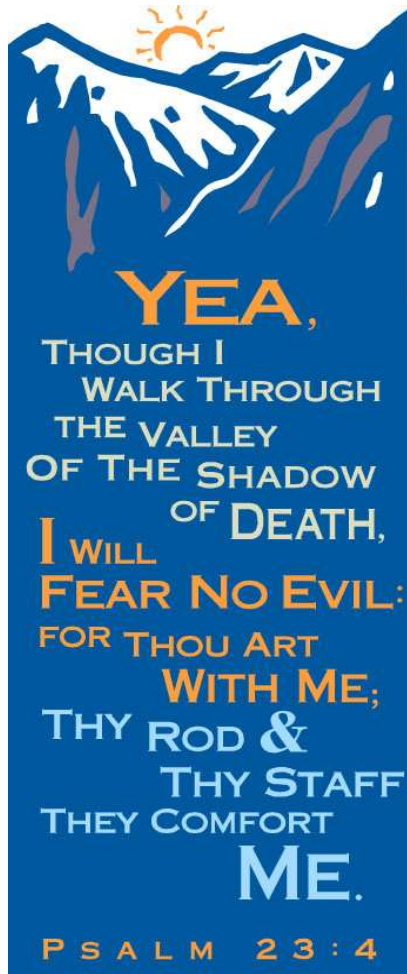
Hope has and is unfolding for us as a church community. I saw it again as we journeyed through Lent into one more glorious Easter morning. Special thanks go to Woody and Jean for coordinating the Lenten Suppers and to all who made soup and desserts; to the Geneva Choir and the Praise Band for all the spirit-filled music and to Shannon for going above and beyond setting the mood musically especially at all the extra services; and to all of you for the wonderful Easter flowers. How beautiful the church looked as we gathered to sing the "Alleluia Chorus" one more Easter morning. Christ has risen! Christ has risen indeed!

May we all carry this sense of hope into the future as God's plans for us as a church continue to unfold. Your session is in the process of creating a "Fairgreen Futuring Task Force." Yes! There needs to be a better name for this group. Hopefully we will find it as we gather for our initial meeting on Monday, April 7th at 7 pm. Who will serve on this Task Force? At least one member of each of our church committees as well as members of session and the board of deacons. Are you interested? Join us as we begin to plan for the upgrading and re-purposing of our church building so that we will be better able to faithfully do all that God is calling us to do in the future.

Easter blessings,
Rev. Pat

NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ~ April 20, 2008

INTO MYSELF I GO By Pat Reiter



Into myself I go.
 Hiding so the world won't know
 The me that frightens them so.
 The me they don't want to know.
 Into myself I go.
 My fears, anxieties and pain.
 The hurt is mounting fast
 I'll burst at the flick of an ash.
 Into myself I go
 So you'll never need to know
 That I'm strong, bright, cheery
 I can't cope with life is what I fear.
 Into myself I go
 So lonely in here all alone
 Not trusting, understanding or caring
 I hurt-world just leave me alone.
 Into myself I go
 It's my actions the world fears.
 But its those actions I need to relieve
 The aching and pain I conceive.
 Into myself I go
 My flirting with death I fear
 Because of all the pain I'll leave
 And my life that I've lived in vain.
 Into myself I go.
 There's no where else you know.

PRE-COMMUNION DATE IS SET! By Pat Gibson

One of the central acts of worship within the Presbyterian Church is the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Youth and children who have not yet been confirmed are invited to share the bread and the cup of Holy Communion, when their family feels they are ready to do so.

In preparation for this important worship experience, a Pre-Communion retreat is being offered on Saturday, May 10 from 2-5pm. The invitation is open to your child(ren) and a least one adult family member, which could be a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or a confirmed older sibling. If a child has no one available, a Fairgreen Church member can be his/her special friend with whom to share this time.

We will be exploring what Holy Communion means, what a sacrament is and how the sacrament of the Lord's Supper helps us walk through our days with Christ Jesus. We will end our time with a pizza and pop meal! You will be invited to return the next day, Sunday, May 11th, which is Pentecost, to celebrate Holy Communion with your own family and with the church family.

It is important, also, that you have been baptized or wish to become baptized before celebrating in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Our planning will go smoother if you can let the church office know by Monday, May 5th, if your young person and adult(s) will be attending.



FAIRGREEN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Grants from the Edward and Emily Foster Scholarship Fund are available to those entering post high school education and may be applied to, but not limited to:

- A. Four-year undergraduate degree programs
- B. Two-year Associate degree programs
- C. Nurse's training leading to an RN or LPN certification
- D. Technical/Vocational training leading to certification or licensing
- E. Two-year advanced or graduate degree programs.

These grants are in the amounts of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) per unit of study (semester, quarter, etc.) with the total per calendar year not to exceed \$1,000 per person.

To be eligible to apply, you need to be on the active member roll of Fairgreen Presbyterian Church, attend worship on a regular basis and have participated in the life of the church for at least one year prior to the date of your application.

Starting Monday, March 24th, 2008, application forms will be in the wall-box outside the Bookkeeper's office. After the form is filled out, please place it in an envelope (for confidentiality) and put the envelope in the Scholarship Committee mailbox, across from the Pastor's office.

The Scholarship Commission, composed of Dick Schroeder, Pat Gibson, Bill Smith, Barb Roadruck and Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer, will review the application. Approval for each subsequent term is NOT automatic after the initial grant is approved. Each applicant must fill out a reapplication form, for each new semester (quarter, etc.) More information will be given about this after your initial grant approval!

The deadline to have your application in for the Fall Semester, 2008 is July 2, 2008.

Ed and Emily Foster were long-time members of Rosewood and Fairgreen Church. They have both died but their love of the Lord and of education and of serving others has been, is and will be continually felt in their generosity of making this scholarship fund available. As they were blessed, they are now extending this blessing to others.

LOOK "E" HERE! By the Memorial Committee

Memorial Fund



Good things are happening thanks to your generous contributions to the Memorial Fund. A new computer with all the bells and whistles is being purchased for our church from the Campbell Memorial money.

Next, a special Madonna Microphone has been purchased for Pastor Pat to use to help us hear everything she says. (Even the children's sermons.)

There was still some money left in the Jean Malcom Memorial Fund and computer software and CD's are being purchased for the Sunday school computer class.

STOP AND LOOK! Outside the office are plaques listing the many memorials at Fairgreen. These plaques have been updated and a new one was added to the wall.

YOUR MONIES HARD AT WORK

CAMP REJOICE By Pat Gibson

It is Time to Think Summer CAMP!

Camp Rejoice!

July 13-19, 2008

**For children and youth who have completed
3rd grade through 12th grade**

Registration forms are available, in the church office, for this week at Kirkmont Center in the hills of Ohio near Bellefontaine.

The theme for camp is **Handle With Care**. During the week, the worship leader and counselors will help the campers deepen their understanding of what it means to live in loving relationship with God, each other and creation, with the emphasis on how each can "Handle with Care" the relationship with creation. We'll examine what the Bible says our role is in God creation and how this relates to each and all of us.

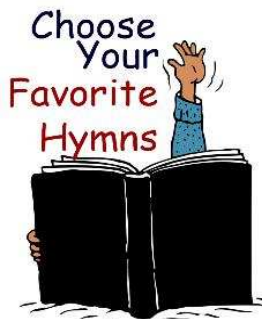
There'll be hikes and swimming, canoeing and archery, nature study and crafts along with daily Bible study, evening vespers, singing, eating and enjoying God's beautiful gift of this camp setting.

The cost to attend is \$290.00. There is a price break for the child, if a parent is helping at camp. There will also be some scholarship monies available for assistance.



AN OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING! By Pat Gibson

It's coming!! The University of Toledo Campus Ministry is sponsoring an old fashioned hymn sing and they are inviting local churches, the university family and the community to remember our Christian Protestant heritage through hymns of Scottish Presbyterian songs, camp meeting revivals, box socials, gospel music, spirituals plus hymns of Charles Wesley and Martin Luther.



Date: Friday, April 18

Time: 7-9pm (or when you get tired of singing)

**Place: Monroe Street United Methodist Church
3613 Monroe Street, Toledo**

Choose your favorite hymn and bring it with you to share so all can sing as a community of Christ.

A COUPLE OF THANK YOU'S!

Dear Fairgreen,

I'd like to thank everyone for the support I received for my recent surgery. Thank you for the flowers, the cards, the prayers and the notes of encouragement. I really appreciate All of You!

With Thanks,

Dan Winslow



Dear Fairgreen Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, get well cards and birthday cards and phone calls. Your prayers are working and I am finally starting to breath easier and regain some strength.

May God bless all of you.

Kay Monroe

THANK YOU FOR YOU LOVE AND SUPPORT!

Dear Fairgreen Family,

I am unable to verbalize how wondrous your support for me and my family has been through our recent hard time. My father, Charles M. Nordhoff, Jr., has long been suffering the effects of Alzheimer's disease. Because of his deteriorating health, he was recently forced to enter the hospital, and despite the excellent care from the UT Medical Center Staff, he became weaker, ultimately to breathe his last breath in the loving care of Hospice on South Detroit Avenue. Your questions of concern, your dear patience, and your gracious prayers filled me with the knowledge that God is with my father and my family. This is one of the many benefits I have received from living as a part of the Body of Christ.

This time of loss is a time of gain, a positive experience for me, Patti, Rachel, and Derek as we learn to appreciate more of the relevance of each of us to each other and all of God's people. Charles M. Nordhoff was the cornerstone of the extended Nordhoff family from Toledo, as Jesus is the cornerstone for the Greater Christian family. I pray the Lord help to take the lessons learned from my father's life, combining them with the lessons Jesus teaches us everyday, so that I may glorify God to the world.

Thank you all for playing an important part in the life of the Nordhoff's family, and may God shower you with His abundant and precious love.

Peace and love,

Fred Nordhoff



FAMILY PROMISE/IHN By Marilyn McAfee

HELPING



HANDS

Volunteers from Fairgreen -- Jean Burtch, Kim Jensen, Pastor Pat, Carol Yeager and Marilyn McAfee served dinner to three families (3 adults and 7 children) at Pilgrim Church on Monday, March 3. Gayle Bell and Connie Winslow provided yummy desserts and the rest of us provided the evening meal. It was a fun evening for the kids. Kim was busy showing some of them how to shoot pool! Then he offered his expertise by tightening the eye glasses of one little guy; they kept falling down on his nose. I was surprised to learn that Kim was an optometrist!

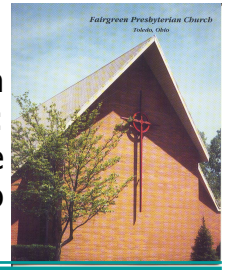
There will be several coordinator meetings in March, May 20, 21; July 22, 23; September 23, 24; and November 18, 19. All volunteers are encouraged to attend. Alina, Family Promise Social Worker, will conduct Volunteer Training, stressing interaction with the homeless community.

We are actively recruiting new host congregations. I believe we will have one ready to come on board in April. They will be serving dinners at St. Andrew's U.M. Church the week of March 16. This is Good News!

The current church rotation schedule calls for Pilgrim to host families again the week of May 4-11, 2008. The hungry and homeless population, unfortunately, is growing. For fourteen years Fairgreen was a host congregation whose members shared their evenings for one week at a time with IHN guests. This need has not lessened. Whether you do it for yourself or for others, come and be a part of serving this mission; it's so easy and so important to 'pay it forward'. Thank you for all your support and love.

DEACON'S CORNER By Sharon Durrant

NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL: We are planning to organize a new Fairgreen Presbyterian Church Pictorial. Please mark your calendars for Monday April 28th: 11:45am -6:05pm and Tuesday April 29th: 2:45pm to 9:05pm. Those will be the times available to schedule to have your picture taken. Look for more information to follow from the Deacons and Barb Roadruck, Coordinator!



SPRING TEA "A TOUCH OF THE PAST": Saturday, May 3rd at 1:30pm.
More details are coming!



FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, June 15th



FOOD DONATIONS: Thank you to everyone who has been filling the food pantry with food and other items! There is a better supply of goods now and it is much needed. For the month of April the following staples, meat and protein would be greatly appreciated: peanut butter, cheese slices, macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, lunch meats, canned Franco-American meals and stews, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper plates, toothpaste, laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo and deodorant.

SESSION ACTIONS FOR MARCH 2008 By Patti Nordhoff

MOTION #1: To approve the minutes of the stated session meeting held on February 19, 2008.
M/S/P

MOTION #2: To receive all Session Committee reports as submitted. M/S/P

MOTION #3: To adjourn. M/S/P

FINANCIAL SUMMARY By Peg Winslow

Year To Date Income as of 2/29/08	\$28,707.45
Year To Date Expense as of 2/29/08	<u>(\$36,629.78)</u>
Operating Loss as of 2/29/08	(\$7,922.33)





Let your light shine!
Matthew 5:14-16

Great Banquet Meetings for April

Saturday, April 5 ~ #1 Team Meeting 9-12:30pm

Saturday, April 12 ~ #2 Team Meeting 9-12:30pm

Sunday, April 20 ~ #3 Team Meeting 2:30-6:00pm
Board Meeting 4:30pm
Gathering 6pm



FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER, STUDY

Come join us in the lounge on Saturday, April 12th from 8-9am for a Continental Breakfast as we fellowship together and grow in Christ as we study the book of Acts. We encourage you to bring your bibles and to invite a friend. If you have any questions call Mike Roadruck at (419-536-1231).



You Are Invited!

To Join Kay's Angels from 8am-10am on Sunday, April 6, 2008
At University of Toledo Health Education Building
For a pleasant 1, 5, or 10 mile walk around the beautiful UT neighborhood



Fairgreen Golf League
Bedford Hills Golf Club
6400 Jackman Rd.
Tee Time 10:07am

Come and sign up for the Fairgreen Golf League, which will be starting on Thursday, April 24th and running through to Thursday, August 21st. The cost per 9 holes is \$10.50 without cart and \$18.00 with cart. To play 18 holes the cost is \$13.50 without cart and \$24.00 with cart. There is a sign up sheet located on the Welcome Center and one outside the church office door. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, April 17th.



A Touch Of The Past"
Ladies Spring Tea
Saturday, May 3, 2008
1:30pm
Fairgreen Presbyterian Church



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Worship Service
10:00 AM
Coffee Hour
11:00 AM

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30am —2:00pm

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you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows
and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches
that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.

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