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Dear Friends and Family of Fairgreen

As many of you know, your session has been exploring each and every aspect of our mission and ministry here at Fairgreen as we continue our almost year long process of discernments in this time of "new beginnings." The four primary areas of concern that we have been addressing are: worship, the Personnel Committee and staffing, stewardship and budget concerns, and evangelism.

As to the work of the Personnel Committee:

New Position Descriptions and contract forms are being created for all paid staff including your pastor. The Personnel Committee and Employee Handbook are being updated and annual reviews of all employees will take place in the fall.

Upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the session changed both the Position Descriptions and the number of hours worked for our Director of Christian Nurture and Administrative Assistant last month. As I pointed out in last month's Leaves the number of hours worked by both Darlene and Dee will be reduced and you will begin to see those changes take place in July. Our new office hours are posted on the church doors, listed on the answering machine, and in this copy of the Leaves. For the July and August only there will be NO office hours on Monday. That does not mean that no one will be here to answer the phone; at various times other staff will be present. We realize that it will take some time for all of us to get used to this change and we realize that you may not have an instantaneous answer to your questions when you call but the reality of our current situation is that there is neither enough work or enough money for a full time administrative assistant. *Please allow a bit more time for a reply especially when you call after 2 PM and please remember that it will be more important than ever for all of us (including your pastor) to get our information to Darlene in a timely manor.*

The Position Description for the Director of Christian Nurture has also changed to reflect our current mission directions and priorities. While the number of hours has been reduced, the position will continue to have the same three fold focus: Child and Youth Faith Development; Adult Faith Development; and Evangelism and New Member Outreach. We have been blessed by both the expertise and the energy that Dee has brought to this ever changing position for 29 years, but again, we have had to deal with our realities and that is that there is neither the need or the money for a full time Director.

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Fairgreen Publication Deadlines:

Bulletin—Tuesday's by the end of the day.

Newsletter—The 3rd Sunday of each month for next month's newsletter.

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While we are talking about this position and the faithful service of Dee Smale, I also need to let you know that Dee has shared with me and the Personnel Committee that she would like to retire this fall. While I can't imagine Fairgreen without her in this position we do need to accept her request. Watch for future editions of the Leaves for the exact date of her retirement and for information about a celebration of her ministry here at Fairgreen.

In August the Personnel Committee will create a Task Force to begin the search for a new Director of Christian Nurture. They will use the newly re-created position description to create a qualifications profile and parameters for the search. Again watch for additional information in the next Leaves.

As to Budget and Stewardship discernment, the Stewardship Committee did hold a retreat last month and have chosen a new Stewardship Program for the fall called Consecration Sunday. Watch for additional information on this discipleship program come September. With increased giving and a reduced budget made possible through staff changes we will have a much better chance of balancing next year's budget.

As to worship, the most important aspect of our life together as the Body of Christ, we have had hours and hours of conversation. So many of you have expressed an interest in having just one worship service each Sunday; that is just one of the reasons for all the conversations. Last week the session came up with three possible scenarios for our Sunday morning worship. You will find all three possibilities, along with some of the advantages and disadvantages of each proposal at the end of this letter. We invite you to look them over; to pray about them; and to come have conversation with your elders about which one would best enable us to worship the Lord as the Body of Christ. As I said last week, when we gather as the Body of Christ for praise, thanksgiving and nurture, it is never about us—it is all about God. What we are looking for is the very best plan for all of us to come together for worship!

We invite your response after either worship service on July 16th or by phone or email to any member of the session including your pastor. What ever decision we make, please know that for the sake of our Sunday School program and our outreach to new members we will NOT be changing our worship times throughout the church school year! Also note that no matter what decision your session makes as to worship times and styles, we will continue to pursue the possibilities of a very contemporary worship service mid-week, possibly as part of our Wednesday night program. Let's talk! The session wants your input before they make their decision in August.

Blessings and prayers,
Rev. Pat

Option #1

First Service ~ 9:15 AM
Sunday School ~ 10:30—11:20 AM
Second Service ~ 11:30 AM

Advantages

No Change—Status Quo
Sunday School—opportunity for all to participate no matter which service one attends
Opportunity to worship twice
Two very distinct worship styles

Disadvantages

Length of time needed for Sunday morning—4 hours for many
Large time gap during the summer when Sunday School is not in session
Early start time is difficult for some members
Little opportunity for full community fellowship
Difficult to plan larger church celebrations—baptisms, installations, welcoming new members, etc.

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Option #2

Sunday School ~ 10:00—10:40 AM
 Coffee Hour & Fellowship Time ~ 10:15—10:50 AM
 Gathering Music with Praise Music ~ 10:40 — 11:00 AM
 Worship ~ 11:00 AM

(using current first service format with Holy Communion celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Advantages

Provides something for everyone
 Sunday School is at a consistent time
 Condenses the amount of time spent at church on Sunday morning
 Great opportunities for full community fellowship for coffee hours, Fund raisers and Pot-lucks
 No gap between the worship services during the summer
 More convenient start time for some
 The entire Body of Christ can be together for all worship celebrations, including the Sacraments, Ordinations/Installations, etc.

Disadvantages

Lose some of distinctiveness of the two services
 A significant change
 Still difficult to be in the choir/praise band and attend Sunday School
 Fewer opportunities to celebrate Holy Communion

Option #3

Sunday School ~ 9:30—10:15 AM
 Coffee Hour & Fellowship Time ~ 9:45 — 10:20 AM
 Worship ~ 10:30 AM

(primarily using current first service format with Holy Communion celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sundays with the praise band providing music the 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month)

Advantages

Sunday School is at a consistent time
 Condenses the amount of time spent at church on Sunday morning
 Great opportunities for full community fellowship for coffee hours, Fund raisers and Pot-lucks
 No gap between the worship services during the summer
 More convenient start time for some
 The entire Body of Christ can be together for all worship celebrations, including the Sacraments, Ordinations/Installations, etc.

Disadvantages

Does not offer a choice of each music style each week
 A significant change
 Still difficult to be in the choir/praise band and attend Sunday School
 Fewer opportunities to celebrate Holy Communion

THE EPISODES OF EVY GREEN By Deanne Smale



Long ago but not so far away, there stood another house. It was a stately building made to last with gray stone exterior. To show its life and its openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit, it had deep red wooden doors inviting all to come in and stay awhile. And similar to the house where Evy lives on the corner of two important streets, this other house was located at the corner of two important streets also, Bancroft and Rosewood. (Remember, they're important streets because many people pass by.) It was also a house of love, just as the current residence of Evy's is.

Now it may interest you to know that this house still stands at the corner of Bancroft and Rosewood, and it still has beautiful red doors. When we began making plans to celebrate 40 years of ministry at Fairgreen, we wanted to look back as well as look ahead. Looking backward took us all the way to this lovely stone building that still invites people to enter through its red doors, and still is known as a house of love on the corner of Bancroft and Rosewood. So here comes the fun part.

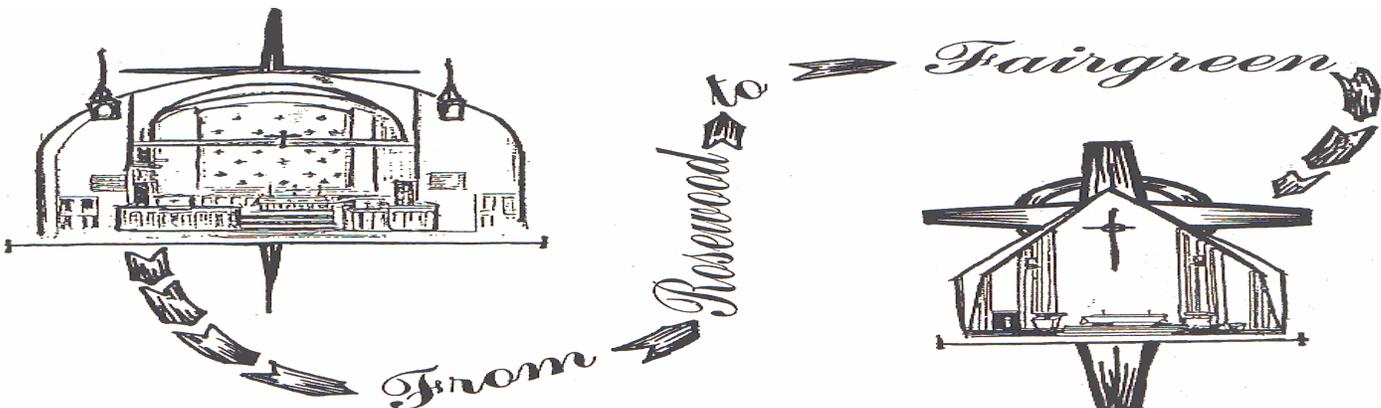
We have been invited to come visit this building of roots on Saturday afternoon, September 23. AND we have not only been invited to walk through those red doors and tour the building, but these lovely people are offering us refreshments as well. They are excited. We are excited. What a celebration it will be.

On Saturday, September 23, before our catered dinner in the Commons (now that will be another celebration when our past pastors and families and friends join us), all those who would like to tour the old Rosewood Presbyterian Church building can meet in our church parking lot, so we can carpool over to Family Baptist (aka Rosewood). Because of the gracious offer of refreshments, it would be indeed helpful to know an approximate number of attendees, so please let me know of your interest. The church van holds 15 and many others have vans as well that we can use.

As you circle Saturday, September 23 on your calendar for the tour, also include the wonderful catered dinner to be held at 5:30 to 6:30pm in the Commons and the special Academy Brass Quintet concert from 7 to 8pm in the sanctuary! WOW! What a festive time it will be. We have invited all our past pastors of Fairgreen and families and friends to join us.

You have a promise that the evening won't go too late because Sunday morning will be a celebration of worship unlike any other. ALL clergy present will be included in the celebration! AND of course, whenever Fairgreen meets, Fairgreen eats; so immediately following our morning worship service, will be a reception with special refreshments. What a blessed day it will be!

See you by the red doors, and at the dinner, and in the concert, and of course, in the celebration of Worship!



CONSISTENT LOVE FOR CHRIST By The Stewardship Committee

As we enjoy God's gift of summer, we sometimes must miss Worship at Fairgreen while on vacation, at reunions, or just enjoying the beautiful outdoors. I know that we love Christ with all our hearts, our strengths and our minds. That love is unchanging and consistent, whether it is marked by a Fairgreen worship experience or highlighted by the awesomeness of a waterfall, bubbling brook, or peaceful lake.

During the summer months, we should be mindful that an

important way to show our love for Christ is to regularly and consistently return Him a portion of the fruits that He's provided us. We should continue to honor our Faith Promise Giving commitments to Him even when we aren't physically in attendance at Fairgreen. That may mean paying ahead when we are in Worship or mailing our regular monthly or weekly gifts to the Church Office. This practice has two benefits—it allows for Fairgreen to meet its financial

obligations (which are unchanging throughout the year), and it allows each of us to express our uninterrupted consistent love for Christ. Just as a mother feeds her infant consistently and with unconditional love, so should we treat our Faith Promise Giving commitment to our Lord and Savior!



LAMB MINISTRY By Barb Roadruck



A flock of 40 lambs have just arrived at Fairgreen. Thanks to Sue Fotoples for founding, finding, funding and feeding the Lamb Ministry.

As a result, Fairgreen's lambs have comforted MANY people not only in the Fairgreen community; but, they have found their way to different states. There was a Fairgreen lamb sighting in Florida for example, John, Darlene Smith's husband, was moved into hospice care in

Northpoint Florida, his little cuddly lamb went right along with him.

So, these tagged lambs are ready to share their message with someone in need. Sign out the lamb at the display table in the narthex so that prayers may be offered for the recipient.

They do NOT have be returned. We encourage those who have them to either keep them or pass them on to another person who would benefit from this ministry.

You can be a part of this ministry by:

1. Taking a lamb to someone

who may be facing a difficult time in his/her life.

2. Making a donation to the Lamb Ministry (Just place a note on your donation envelope that the money is for the Lamb Ministry.)
3. Check the sign out notebook and pray for those who have been given lambs.

Lamb Ministry



The Lamb Ministry is a way for this congregation to show its love and caring to someone who may be facing a difficult time in their life.

The Lamb is a symbol of comfort, love and the forgiving grace of God given to us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

BLESSINGS OF THANKFULNESS By The Sattler's

Dear Fairgreen Friends,

We want to thank everyone who helped to make our 50th anniversary celebration so memorable. We feel blessed to have so many friends here at Fairgreen. We are especially grateful to our daughters, Joan and Betty Jean, for planning the party, and to all of you who contributed food for the party or your valuable time to help make it happen.

May God continue to bless you.

In Christ,

Art and Leone Sattler



UP CLOSE AND PERSONEL By Anna Jones



Shannon was born in Quantico, Virginia (yup, on the Marine Base)
Education: BA in English, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, MFA in English, University of Iowa
Occupation: Director of Music at Fairgreen, Professor of English at Owens Community College
Family: wife, Cindy (married 14 years), three daughters: Emma (13), Isabel (8), Molly (born April 11th, 2006)
First Job: flipping burgers at Beef 'n Burger at Greenbrier Mall in Chesapeake, Virginia
Three words that describe me best: late, friendly and musical
My proudest achievement: my marriage and family

Shannon Smith

What motivates me to do what I do: gratefulness to God for what He has done in my life (but in the crush of life, I often forget and need to be reminded).

In the life of Fairgreen (office, committee, etc.): Directing the Geneva Choir, playing the organ, accompanying the Praise Band, Worship Committee

The most important thing my (mother, father, parents taught me): Pass both the salt and pepper when someone asks for the salt.

In my spare time: What's that? No, seriously, I am a serious computer geek-I like to fiddle.

Pet peeve: artificial sweetener

Secret vice: Way too much sugar in my coffee.

What I would like to get around to doing one of these days: writing a novel.

Best vacation place: Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia

Favorite anthem/hymn: "You Are My All in All"

I am currently reading: Science Fiction novels with embarrassing covers.

I'd like to have dinner with: C.S. Lewis

The person (s) I'd most like to meet: President Bush, because I have some things I want to scold him about.

What I see myself doing in ten years: teaching, playing music, loving my wife and family.

If I could do one thing over I'd: have never left the Church during college, and taken my marriage much more seriously from the start.

If I could change one thing about myself, it would be: I would be about 10 minutes earlier for everything.

It may surprise people to know: I used to be a DJ (radio)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF KEVIN CAMPBELL

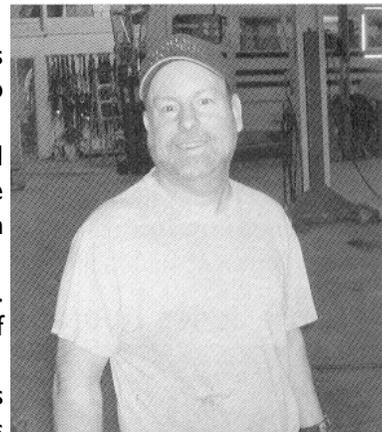
This article is taken from the Lucas County Board of MRDD Update May Publication.

"I love my job. I wouldn't trade it for the world!" That's how Kevin Campbell feels about his employment in the garage of the Transportation Department. It's Kevin's job to keep the garage tidy so the mechanics can focus on fixing vehicles.

At the end of the work day, Kevin is pretty dirty, but takes pride in his soiled appearance. "It's all in a day's work," he says. It's important to him to keep the garage clean and mechanics are very appreciative. They are all on a first name basis with Kevin and point out the facility has never been better!

Before he took on his present duties, Kevin spent 25 years in the bus wash bay. Along with a job he loves, Kevin is also participating as a self-advocate. He is one of the employee members of the Lott Industries Advisory Council.

Kevin's excellent work attitude, his dedication to his job, and his commitment to his fellow workers are all very evident. We are pleased to honor him with this month's Special Recognition Award.



Kevin Campbell



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

A S E T I K E L A M A A R L P
 M S L E E P I N G R D O E T E
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 A H I A N I S A O T R B O H I
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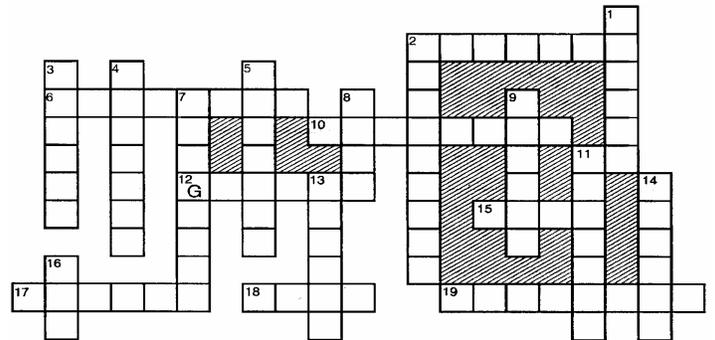
- Amalekites
- Ark
- Boy
- Consecrated
- Ebenezer
- Elkanah
- Faithful
- Honorable
- Leader
- Ministry
- Nazirite
- Rejection
- Saul
- Sinai
- Tabernacle
- Thunderstorm
- Anointing
- Author
- Called
- Dedicated
- Eli
- Ephraim
- Gilgal
- Israel
- Loyalty
- Mourned
- Penitence
- Robe
- Service
- Sleeping
- Vision
- Warnings

When King Herod heard that some people thought Jesus was John the Baptist raised from the dead, he was afraid! Why?

First fit the words from the list into the crossword boxes. Then transfer the words into the blanks to complete the story.



banquet	grudge	mother	platter
birthday	guests	not	prison
brother	head	oath	protected
danced	Herodias	ordered	whatever
daughter	listen	Philip	wife



King Herod married _____, the _____ of his _____ John the Baptist boldly told the king that this was _____ lawful. Because of this, Herodias held a _____ against John and wished him put to death. But King Herod realized John was a holy man and liked to _____ to him speak, so Herod had John thrown in _____ but _____ his life.

6 ACROSS
8 DOWN
4 DOWN
3 DOWN
16 DOWN
12 ACROSS
14 DOWN
1 DOWN
2 DOWN

On Herod's _____, he held a great _____ and invited many important _____. Herodias' _____ entertained them. She _____ so well that Herod foolishly promised to give her _____ she asked for. She consulted her _____, who said, "Ask for John's _____ a _____." Her request grieved Herod, but he had to keep his _____. He _____ an executioner to go to the _____ and kill John the Baptist.

10 ACROSS
13 DOWN
7 DOWN
9 DOWN
19 ACROSS
17 ACROSS
15 ACROSS
11 ACROSS
2 ACROSS
18 ACROSS
11 DOWN
DOWN

JUNE SESSION REPORT By Peg Winslow

ACTIONS:

1. approved that there will be no set rental fee to Fairgreen members for use of the Commons (including the kitchen). Donations to offset building expenses will be accepted. M/S/P
2. approved rental fees of \$85 to non-members for use of the Commons. If the kitchen will be used, the fee increases to \$145. M/S/P
3. approved rental fees of \$25 to non-members for use of meeting rooms or the use of the Commons for basketball practice. M/S/P
4. approved the \$117.79 overage (as of May 31st) in Worship Supplies and approve an additional \$300 for the remainder of the year. M/S/P
5. approved an additional \$600 (if needed) in the Pastor's mileage expense account. M/S/P
6. granted Rev. Shafer vacation from August 17 – September 4, 2006, using 18 vacation days and 3 Sundays. M/S/P
7. approved the written request to transfer Sheryl deJong's membership to First United Presbyterian Church in LeRoy, Illinois. M/S/P
8. approved the minutes of the Stated Session meeting held on May 9, 2006. M/S/P, with a correction to Luke James' last name.
9. approved charging up to \$10 per meal for dinner on September 23, 2006, in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary Celebration. M/S/P, with one abstention.
10. approved a free-will donation to be accepted for the Academy Brass Quintet at their September 23, 2006 concert at Fairgreen. M/P/C
11. approved participation with Covenant Presbyterian Church at their July 7, 2006 Korean barbeque fund raiser for African prison ministry. M/S/P
12. approved the summer worship times as outlined in Worship Committee minutes of June 6, 2006, adding September 3rd at 9:30 and 11:00. M/S/P
13. approved a special collection, starting on Sunday, June 18, 2006, for supplies and gasoline for the Mission Trip to Gulfport, Mississippi. M/S/P
14. approved all Session Committee reports received. M/P/C
15. confirmed the results of the telephone poll taken on May 17, 2006, granting approval to the Memorial Committee to spend \$500 for landscaping the garden area and the walk area leading up to the Narthex doors. M/P/C
16. motions to adjourn.

“STATE OF THE CHECKBOOK By The Stewardship Committee



For the five months ended May 31, 2006, Fairgreen's operations have run at a loss of under \$7,000. This is actually considerably better than we'd anticipated when preparing the 2006 deficit budget. In January 2006, we made a transfer of \$10,000 from our capital funds to buoy up the checking account. Considering recently approved changes in work schedules, our second half expenses should be lower than those paid in the first six months.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY By Peg Winslow

YTD Income as of 5/31/06	\$83,490.57
YTD Expense as of 5/31/06	(\$89,773.00)
Operating Loss as of 5/31/06	(\$ 6,282.43)
Transfer from Capital Fund in January	\$10,000.00
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$ 3,717.57



Interfaith Hospitality Network
of Metro Toledo

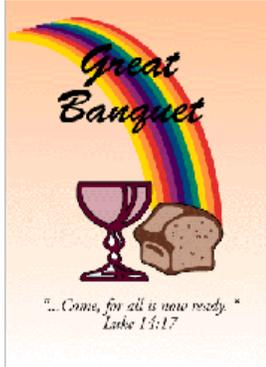


Fairgreen's IHN Host Week
Sunday, July 2- Sunday, July 9

The green sign-up board will be located in the Narthex on Sunday, June 18th. Please stop by and sign up to help in the various areas.

Come join us for our
Men's Prayer
Breakfast, on
Saturday July 8th from
8-9am in the Lounge
where a
Continental Breakfast
will be served. If you
have any questions
please feel free to call
Mike Roadruck
(419-536-1231)

Men's
Prayer
Breakfast



Great Banquet
Meetings
Sunday, July 16

4:30pm Board
Meeting
6pm Gathering



For July & August 2006

Closed on Monday's

Tuesday's-Thursday's
8:30-2:00pm

Friday's
8:30-2:30pm

Church Office Closed on
Monday & Tuesday July 3 & 4

Academy Brass Quintet



Saturday, September 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Fairgreen Presbyterian Church

Top Brass! ~ A Fall Recital

You'll really enjoy this wonderful variety of pieces. We'll be playing selections commissioned for brass quintet; as well as other hearty selections arranged for brass quintet. And as always, we'll play familiar toe-tapping favorites.

Come and Join Us!

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**Summer Worship
Services**

9:30am Sanctuary
11:00am Commons
No Sunday School, Kids for
Christ or F.R.O.G.S

**July & August
Office Hours**

Closed Monday's
Tues.-Thurs.~ 8:30-2:00PM
Friday ~ 8:30-2:30PM

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