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THE  
COMMUNITY  
FOR JESUS**

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# Fairgreen Leaves

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## *From the Pastor's Desk...*

### A Jeremiah Task Force Update.....

The Jeremiah Task Force continues to be at work but every thing seems to take just a bit longer than we hoped that it would what with summer schedules, full work loads, etc. We have hired an architect to draw up plans for us. Those plans will not be ready until the first of September so the Task Force will not gather again until Wednesday, September 3 at 7 pm. That does not mean that we are not continuing to work. We have received plans from one landscape firm and are awaiting yet another set so that we can begin to contemplate what we need to update the outside of our building while making it easier to maintain. Another group of Task Force members have been charged with getting estimates to repair organ as well as to begin the search for what we might replace it with if it is not feasible to fix our pipe organ. As much as we all like the pipe organ music we may need to be making a hard choice as to what we use in the future.

As the Task Force continues its work so does the work overseen by our Building and Grounds Committee. The new windows are in place and they really look wonderful and work well. The foundation work will begin this week and we are praying for some dry weather so that the work can be completed in a timely manor. We may need to use the Fairgreen Road entrance to enter for worship while the foundation walls are being repaired and some of the concrete walks and steps are replaced. In early August Dan Yeager and crew will begin the construction of a new shed to replace the one currently being used by the preschool.

So all in all, things are really looking up and taking shape. Not as quickly as some of us had hoped but if all goes as well we will have all of our Task Force reports in by September 3 and then the conversations can continue concerning future repairs and the repurposing of our church.

Blessings,  
Rev. Pat

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ~ AUGUST 17, 2008**

## TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND...



It is not too late to ask for information or to sign up for the trip to the Holy Land next April. So far we know that 8 people for our area have registered for the trip. How about you? Please see Rev. Pat for the informational brochure.

I have included an article that appeared in the bulletin at Anne Elizabeth Gibson's church (it is the pastor of that church who will be traveling with the group to do the teaching piece). Of course, the dates have changed a little since he wrote the insert – there are only 254 days until we depart from Detroit. I hope to be in conversation with Rev. David Kalas to talk with him about the Israel preview that he is making in hopes to be able to do something similar here. I pray that more of you will be able to join us and that all of you will journey with us in prayer and in spirit.

## ISRAEL 2009

### The Itinerary: Jerusalem

Until about 1,000 B.C., the city of Jerusalem was not even a part of the nation of Israel. It was a lone Jebusite enclave in the midst of Israel's tribes and territories. From the time that King David captured the city, however, and made it home for both the palace and the Ark of the Covenant, Jerusalem has been center stage in Scripture and in Israel.

It was early in David's reign that Jerusalem was made the capital city. David had been king over Judah for seven years, but when the remainder of the nation heralded him as king, he wisely moved the throne to a new and more central location. Then, some time later, David moved the Ark of the Covenant there, as well.

The Ark represented God's presence, and so, a generation later, Jerusalem became the site of Solomon's Temple. The Second Temple and Herod's Temple were later built there, too, and so for a thousand years Jerusalem was the spiritual epicenter of Israel.

During the monarchic period, Jerusalem was the primary issue: the city of God, which remarkably did not fall to the Assyrians; and the symbolic head and heart of Judah, which did tragically fall to the Babylonians. It was for Jerusalem that the exiles yearned, and it was the rebuilding of Jerusalem and her Temple that were the highest priorities of the post-exilic period.

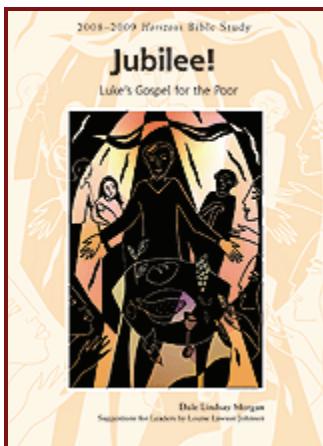
87 days.....Israel Preview  
*(On September 17th, we'll offer a slide-show and video Preview of the land we'll visit together.)*

303 days.....Departure  
*(We'll depart from Milwaukee on Tuesday, April 21st, 2009.)*

**JERUSALEM**



## JUBILEE! By Pat Gibson



The 2008-2009 Women's Horizon Bible Study will center around some of the unique aspects of Jesus' life and teachings as found in the Gospel of Luke.

We will find that a major difference between Luke's Gospel and the other three (Matthew, Mark, and John) is the description of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem which begins in Luke 9:51. We will see, throughout the study, how we, in the present day, are invited to "Join the Journey"!

This Alpha Omega Bible Study group will meet once a month on the 4th Monday, at church, at 4:00pm. The cost of the study book is \$6.00 plus shipping and handling...which is determined on the number of books that are purchased. Thus, if you are interested in "joining the journey" of the study of Luke, please let our Administrative Assistant, Darlene, know (419-475-4436) by Friday, August 29. She will let you know the total cost.

If anyone is interested in subscribing to Horizons, a publication devoted solely to the mission and purpose of Presbyterian Women, the cost is \$18.00 which includes six issues of the magazine plus one Bible Study. If interested in this, again, please let Darlene, know.

## FAMILY PROMISE/IHN By Marilyn McAfee

Fairgreen Presbyterian Church will be hosting dinner to IHN Families at Pilgrim Church during the week of July 20th. A definite day has not bee established. In my absence, Carol Yeager and Jean Burch are in charge of arrangements. Please do not hesitate to volunteer to host, provide a salad, dessert, main entrée or to stay overnight. Moms in our program are asking volunteers to keep desserts simple-cookies, pudding, Jell-O, ice cream bars, fruit with whipped cream-okay. Death by Chocolate every night-too much!!! Of the four families we hosted the first week in May, two have moved into housing and the other two have been approved for housing and will be moving the last week of June. We are collecting some furniture for them. I'm sure by July 20th we will have a full house.

Nancy Jackson, our new case manager came on board June 15. She replaces Alina Fuller who left for another position. Nancy comes to Family Promise with many years of non-profit and advocacy experience.

We are actively seeking additional host and support congregations. Perhaps in some of the Great Banquet share groups, a few words about how homelessness affects our community and how the Family Promise/IHN program is a blessing to families AND our community because it is cost effective. Fever families are sleeping in cars due to the cost of fuel. Elizabeth Tore, Director would love to come and tell our story.

The 100 Hole Golf Marathon is Friday, September 12, 2008 at Whiteford Valley Golf Club. The goal is to raise over \$50,000 and to have 40 golfers! The rules have been altered slightly for the better, but are basically unchanged. The Golf Marathon committee is: Glenn Maxwell, Jeff Gable, Sam Mowaod and Doug Wiemer. Please visit our website [www.toledogolfmarathon.com](http://www.toledogolfmarathon.com) for some details. More information is forthcoming.



## MEET FAIRGREEN'S NEWEST MEMBER By Anna Jones



**Name** ~ Ruth Stifel  
**Address** ~ 4560 W. Alexis Rd. #337, Toledo, Ohio 43623  
**Born** ~ October 17, 1923  
**Education** ~ High School  
**Occupation** ~ Retired office worker  
**Family** ~ 1 son, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren  
**One word that describes me best** ~ shy  
**My proudest achievement** ~ my family  
**The most important thing my parents taught me** ~ Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.  
**In my spare time I** ~ interact with other adults  
**Favorite hymn or anthem** ~ Be Thou My Vision  
**If I could do one thing in my life over I'd** ~ get a better education

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATE!

Chrisy Anderson graduated cu laude from Ashland University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, finance major, accounting minor, and business management minor. She is spending the summer in Ashland finishing some projects remaining from her Internship with Ashland Area Economic Development Office. She is looking for a permanent job in the Akron/Cleveland area.



## MISSION PROJECT, 2008

From Tuesday evening, June 17 through Friday evening, June 20, a number of Jr. High and Sr. High youth and adults lived, worked, ate and worshiped together right here at Fairgreen!

Our spiritual time focused on Proverbs 3: 5-6: "**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.**" (NIV)

Our work time, inside, focused on cleaning out various closets, sorting, pitching, recycling and moving items from one level of the church to another to assist in our repurposing effort. Our work time, outside, focused on weeding, mulching, pruning and relocating plants to be ready for the workers coming to correct the water problems in our downstairs area.

Those youth which gave of themselves were: Emma Bosley-Smith and her two friends, Kayla Gotha and Tori Fulton, Derek Nordhoff, Stacy Skinner and her friend Nate Miranda, Ben Nickloy (Kendy Edinger's grandson) and his friend Cleveland Brow, Tommy Winslow and Aaron Winslow. Isabel Bosley-Smith worked with her dad, Shannon, in sorting and relocating music.

There were adults who sent in food for us to eat along with Carol Yeager who cooked our Thursday evening meal. Pastor Pat cooked the rest of the meals and gave our mission project its direction with assistance from Gina Beauregard, Kendy Edinger and Pat Gibson. Tim Eichenauer drove the church van to Cedar Point; Pastor Pat drove her van, also.

We had a Wednesday picnic-in-the-park and evening devotions along with three deer who bedded down near where we were! On Thursday, we had a swim and shower at JCC before delivering food with our Caring Cupboard adults. Evening campfires were perfect for making s'mores and Thursday evening devotions.

It was pretty amazing as to how the words of Proverbs 3:5, especially, kept weaving themselves into our conversations, taking on personal meaning:

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."**

God is, indeed, good all the time. All the time, God is, indeed, good!

## THE DEACON'S CORNER



Do you spend any of your "Summer time" working on a creative hobby, sewing project, or a family craft interest? Do you enjoy making special treats and baked goods for summer parties and events? As you clean house or plan garage sales, do you have books and novels you would like to "recycle"? If you have answered "yes" to any of the above questions, the Deacons need you!!



**And Bake Sale** We were pleasantly surprised last November when many people stated they had come to vote early in the day so they could see what we had for sale! What a Surprise of grace...Fairgreen is getting a neighborhood reputation for our Election Day luncheon and the items we sell.

The Deacons are hoping to make this year's Election Day Sale a Big Event and a "crowd pleaser". This is why we are looking for Congregational support.

So...

If you are knitting, quilting, crocheting, sewing, or designing this summer, would you consider storing a few items away to contribute to the November sale? If you are baking chocolate chip, peanut butter cookies, (or any other kind of cookies, cookies, cookies) or if you make other treats that freeze well, would you consider making some ahead to donate in the fall? If you have read those boxes of books, would you store them for us to sell at a used book table?

**We would love to give our neighbors another good reason to visit us!! It is our HOPE to make this year's sale a major fundraiser!**

## FOOD PANTRY FEATURE

Did you ever wonder why the Fairgreen Food pantry looks "full" of so many boxes at times? We are able to get some government surplus; hence the big boxes of items. However, these boxes contain a **very small variety** of food choices.



Wouldn't it be difficult to live monthly on the following: **grapefruit juice, noodles, dry macaroni, dry spaghetti, Rice Krispies cereal, green beans, diced tomatoes, sauerkraut, and canned potatoes?** These are the **only** items presently stored in our pantry that came from the food bank. (Notice there is no protein in the above diet choices.)

If we did not have the donations and monetary support of the Fairgreen Congregation, we would be able to distribute only the above items to families on Fridays! Your donations are so important to help provide to those in need. Because of the dropped off food donations and the weekly grocery buying of the Deacons, we are able to provide protein choices, nutritious food choices to make meals for families and sometimes we are able to aid families by giving taxable staples needed for hygiene.

Every donation is appreciated in any form, at any time. Your donation can be in the form of canned goods, money placed in the collection plate, etc. Great deals can be purchased at the Dollar Tree on Laskey Rd. (such as sliced cheese etc.)

In May, 2008 we served 41 families, with a total of 137 people (24 seniors and 41 children). Friday distributions included many meals for families, plus taxables and loads of prayers and love! Thank you Deacons and to the Fairgreen Family. (A special thank you is also sent to Salem for the two cases of canned hams.)

A quote from an elderly lady as she recently led her brain injured husband with one hand and pushed a wire cart loaded with Fairgreen donations with the other hand, "God bless you; I don't know what I would do if you weren't here." And then she smiled and began her walk home.

Indeed, Fairgreen's food mission offers HOPE!

## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY By Jan Anderson



### Special Tributes

Do you have someone to thank for helping you on your walk with the Lord? Or would you like to thank your parents for what they did for you? Maybe you have been looking for a way to thank your child's Sunday School Teacher? You have the opportunity to offer that written message, long or short, to be displayed in the Commons during coffee hour on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23rd.

Place your hand-written or typed tribute in a sealed envelope labeled "Thanksgiving Sunday" in the Deacons' mailbox. You may also e-mail it in Word format to [fairgreen.church@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairgreen.church@sbcglobal.net). Your tribute may consist of just one line or multiple pages. You may include drawings or photos. Please include the name(s) of the person you are honoring as well as the person writing the tribute. We will also honor anonymous tributes.

Please contact Jan Anderson, Cindy Smith, Barb Roadruck, or Connie Winslow with any questions.

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## CONSTANT STEADFAST LOVE FOR CHRIST By Tim Eichenauer

As we enjoy God's gift of summer, many of us will occasionally miss Worship Services at Fairgreen while on vacation, at reunions, or just enjoying the beautiful outdoors. I know that we have a constant steadfast love for Christ—with all our hearts, our strengths and our minds. That love is unceasing, whether marked by a Fairgreen worship experience or highlighted by a glorious waterfall, bubbling brook, or peaceful lake.

During these 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 must 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 regularly 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!

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**Year To Date Income as of 6/30/08**

**\$88,087.76**



**Year To Date Expense as of 6/30/08**

**(\$100,001.24)**

**Operating Loss as of 6/30/08**

**(\$11,913.48)**

**As you may recall from the 2007 Annual Report, we budgeted a loss in 2008 of close to \$22,000, which would be about \$11,000 at this half way point. Pledged receipts are down about \$4,100 from budget and the harsh winter put our snow removal costs over budget by \$2,400. Most other areas are on budget so far this year.**

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



Let your light shine!  
Matthew 5:14-16

### Great Banquet Events and Meetings

**Sunday, July 20 ~ Gathering 6pm (Ice Cream Social everyone is invited and all is free)**

**Sunday, August 10 ~ Speakers Meeting 5-6pm**

**Sunday, August 17 ~ #1 Team Meeting 2:30-6pm  
Board Meeting 4:30pm  
Gathering 6pm**



**Join us right after service on  
Sunday, July 27th  
For  
Lemonade on the Lawn**



### **THANK YOU TO FAIRGREEN !**



Dear Fairgreen Family,

We want to thank you so very much for all the card you sent to the Mother (Lois Quick) for her 98th birthday. Some times she has a little trouble understanding what's happening. But the day I read her the cards she was alert and really loved them. She said, "People still remember me." Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. She got over twenty five cards.

Love, Lois, Bev & Fred King

To Fairgreen Church,

I'd like to thank you for the beautiful fresh flowers I received after my surgery. It was very kind of you. Also thank you for the calls and cards I received from my Fairgreen Family and special thanks to Rev. Pat, Connie Winslow, Linda Hoover and Pat Gibson for coming at such an early hour before my surgery to lift me up in prayer. It meant so much to me. I'm recovering well. Again, a big Thank You!

Love in Christ, Chuck & Donna Hixson

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