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FOR JESUS!

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From the Pastor's Desk...

*Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters...
Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.*

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43: 16-18)*

It almost two o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, May 24, 2008. I sit here writing this article as almost 30 church folks continue to scurry to and fro hoping to finish all the work that they started early this morning. Yes! This is a church clean-up day and I have been amazed at the number of people who have been here to help. Cupboards have been cleaned; trash has been removed; items have been recycled; folding chairs have been shampooed; music has been sorted and closets organized; weeds have been pulled and gardens have been tilled. Wow! Of course, the clean-up started days ago. Not only have church people been hard at work in the different nooks and crannies before today, Terri Turner and the teachers from our preschool spent the last few days cleaning, sorting and organizing as yet another successful school year came to a close. There is not an empty trash can to be found!

As tired and weary as we all are right now, we are experiencing a renewed energy here at Fairgreen. The clean-up needed to be done for several reasons. First, there are simply things that need to be done to prepare the church and its grounds each and every spring. Secondly, we are preparing for the new thing(s) that God is doing in our midst. As you know the Jeremiah Task Force has been hard at work preparing for the upgrading and repurposing of our building so that we are better able to care about the ministry that God is calling us to in this day and age. At a specially called meeting this very morning, the session approved the hiring of Coger/Shambarger Architect, Inc. to prepare preliminary drawings and cost estimates for the Jeremiah Task Force incorporating the changes and updates that we have been dreaming and visioning. We should see the first of these plans in 6-8 weeks and will share them with all of you as soon as possible.

Yet, while waiting for the architect to do his work, we knew that we needed to start doing our work. Hence, the big clean-up and clean-out day. While it was hard to let go of some of the items that we passed on, it was necessary to do so in order to move on to the new things. It is with a sense of excitement and anticipation that we actively wait for them to unfold. We are not sitting still while waiting for the preliminary drawings! Some members of the Task Force are looking at our options for music here at the church. For

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example, what will we do about our organ music? Will we once more fix our organ or think about replacing it with an electronic organ? Will we keep the Geneva Choir up in the loft or is it time to redesign our Chancel space so that they can be downstairs? Yet others are charged with looking at the outside of our building. What can we do to update our curb appeal while making it easier and more cost and environmentally efficient to maintain?

All of this is being looked into while our ever faithful and very busy Building and Grounds Committee continues their work. The session has approved the money to address the water situation in the basement and to replace the windows in the Sunday School wing. All of this work will be done over the next few weeks. Yes! It will be a mess as they dig around the foundation to do the needed work. And Yes! We will need to do a great deal of landscaping when the work is finished but both of these much needed projects will allow us to continue to move forward. Thank heavens for the faithful stewards we have and have had here at Fairgreen. Without our Endowment Fund it would be almost impossible for us to do the major repairs and upgrades that were doing. (Have you mentioned your beloved church in your will? Will you be one of those faithful stewards that we depend on in the future?)

Yes, God is about to do a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? Our thanks go out to all of you who are making all of this happen through the giving of your time, your talent and your gifts.

Blessings, Rev. Pat

SUMMER STUDY SERIES-“Do What You Have The Power to Do!”

I was not sure just what to do for a Summer Series this year so I asked all of you. Several people wanted a study on the New Testament stories about woman so that is what I am preparing. Hence, in case you are thinking: “Well, it is a Woman’s Bible Study and I am a man so I won’t go!” I will remind you that while it is about Biblical woman it is a study geared towards all followers of Jesus Christ. When we do a study on Paul or Peter or David or Joseph, we don’t assume that it is a study just for men since we’re studying stories that happen to be about men. This study will look at the transforming that took place within the lives of 6 different Biblical characters as they each, in their own way, encounter Jesus. The studies will take place after worship from 11:15-12:15pm in the church lounge. I hope that you can join us whenever your schedule allows.

The Schedule

Sunday, June 22 ~ Introduction: a look at the overarching theme of the study and some of the differences in the four gospels we will take the stories from:

Sunday, June 29 ~ The Power to Do: Mark 14: 3-9

Sunday, July 6 ~ The Power of Freedom: Luke 13: 10-17

Sunday, July 20 ~ The Power of Persistent Faith: Matthew 15: 21-28

Sunday, July 27 ~ The Power of Touch: Mark 5: 25-34

Sunday, August 17 ~ The Power of New Beginnings: John 7: 53—8:11

Sunday, August 24 ~ The Power of Witnessing: John 4: 1-30, 39-42

SAVE THE DATES

Fairgreen Church Day at the Mud Hens Game ~ Sunday, July 27

Watch for additional information including the SIGN UP SHEETS!

Fairgreen All Church Picnic ~ Sunday, August 3 at Wildwood Metro Park immediately after Worship
Wear your picnic clothes; pack a picnic lunch (I hear that there may even be a baseball game in the works!)

DEACON'S CORNER

While planning the mission and budget for this year, the Deacon's focused on caring for the congregation and others of the community. We monetarily support the Food Pantry, Caring Cupboard (monthly meal delivery), Family Promise/IHN, and the Benevolence Fund (Pastor's Discretionary Fund for those in need).

Flowers of cheer are sent to those who are ill and the Sunday "card table" offers the congregation the opportunity to sign and send messages of hope to shut-ins weekly.

Coffee Hour will continue through the summer months. This special fellowship time gives members a chance to enjoy morning goodies and to share with others in Christ's Fairgreen Community.

We are so grateful for all the congregational support and kindnesses. Be watchful for we have some fall ideas 'brewing'.

To help the Deacons continue to "perk" along successfully, you can help in any of the following ways:

1. Dropping off food pantry items. We helped 9 families, (totaling 35 children and adults) the very first Friday in May. We **are** needed in the community.
2. Contributing donations marked "Deacon Missions" placed in the collection plate on Sunday's.
3. Supporting the Coffee Hour with donations or signing up with Jan Anderson to host a week.
4. Purchasing of Scrip Cards.
5. Attending and supporting Deacon fundraisers and events.

Daily we **THANK God** for your prayers and blessings!

FAMILY PROMISE/IHN By Marilyn McAfee

On Thursday, May 8, members of Fairgreen hosted a dinner for Family Promise guests at Pilgrim Church. Kim Jensen was the overnight host, Jean Burtch, Julie Murray, Marilyn McAfee, Carol Schuch, Connie Winslow and Carol Yeager served a "summer picnic" dinner of BBQ chicken, corn on the cob with fresh veggies, strawberries, angel food cake and watermelon. It was a hit with our guests. The children especially loved the watermelon! Alina, IHN social worker, arrived with her mother visiting from North Carolina and her sister to share dinner and socialize with Family Promise guests. Alina is leaving the end of May for another opportunity which presents a concern for our families. A search for her replacement is underway.

The 2007 financial information is posted on the Deacons Board. Just \$100 provides 5 days of emergency shelter, home-cooked meals, transportation and intensive case management for an individual. Please take a few minutes to view all the statistics-it's amazing watching God work through us. The goal is to move families out of the shelter as quickly as possible and then help them stay housed with our **Homeward Bound** supportive services. **The ultimate gift is a place to call home!**

Wednesday, June 25th Max & Erma's presents Family Promise/IHN FUNdraiser at 1391 Arrowhead (Dussell Drive) in Maumee. Coupons are available on the Welcome Center to present to the server. 20% of your lunch, dinner and carryout sales will benefit Family Promise/IHN. What a great and easy way to help serve this program.

Mark your calendars for the next host week: July 27-August 3 at Pilgrim. Thanks to all volunteers who serve Family Promise/IHN. Without **you** *valuable* volunteers this mission of reaching out to others in poverty would not be possible.



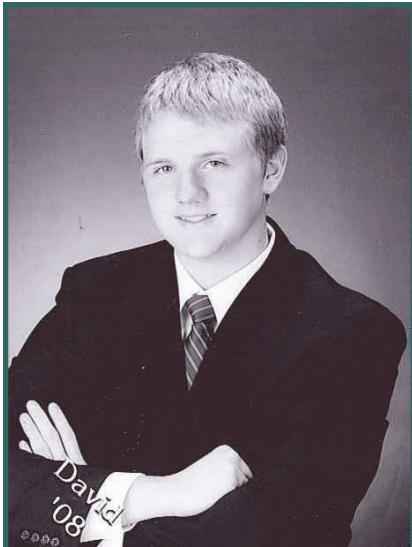
FAIRGREEN'S 2008 GRADUATING CLASS



Name ~ **Erik Burch**
High School ~ **Sylvania Southview**
Honors, Awards, Scholarships ~ **Outstanding Academic Achievement, Senior All Academic Team from Northwest Hockey Conference**
Future Plans ~ **Teach Elementary or Middle School**
University ~ **Bowling Green State University**
Major ~ **Education**
Most memorable high school event ~ **Playing varsity hockey all four years**
Person I admire most ~ **Steve Yzerman**
Person I'd like to meet ~ **Tiger Woods**



Name ~ **Emily Crissman**
High School ~ **Start**
Honors, Awards, Scholarships ~ **student of the month-Toledo Exchange Club, Wright State Scholarship \$2,500**
Future Plans ~ **business owner**
University ~ **Wright State University**
Major ~ **Management**
Most memorable high school event ~ **all of my junior year**
Person I admire most ~ **Donald Trump**
Person I'd like to meet ~ **Milo Ventimiglia**



Name ~ **David Eichenauer**
High School ~ **Start**
Honors, Awards, Scholarships ~ **National Honor Society, OSU Trustee Scholarship**
Future Plans ~ **become an Urban/City Planner**
University ~ **Ohio State University**
Major ~ **Geography**
Most Memorable high school event ~ **The trip to Germany with my German teacher, Frau Mocek, and seven of my classmates in March 2008**
Person I admire most ~ **my Dad, Tim**
Person I'd like to meet ~ **former Cleveland Brown running back, NFL Hall of Fame member Jim Brown**

FAIRGREEN'S 2008 GRADUATING CLASS



Name ~ **Rachel Nordhoff**
 High School ~ **Start**
 Scholarships ~ **Hall of Fame-\$1,000, DECA TPS Foundations-\$1,000, Kent State University-\$10,300**
 Future Plans ~ **editor in literature publishing**
 University ~ **Kent State University**
 Major ~ **English**
 Most memorable high school event ~ **moving into the new school building**
 Person I admire the most ~ **my mom, Patti**
 Person I'd like to meet ~ **Shia Labeouf**

Name ~ **Stacy Skinner**

High School ~ **Whitmer**

Honors, Awards, Scholarships ~ **Co-salutatorian, receiving an honors diploma, Rocket God scholarship from UT, National Honor Society and Math Honorary**

Future plans ~ **Teach kindergarten**

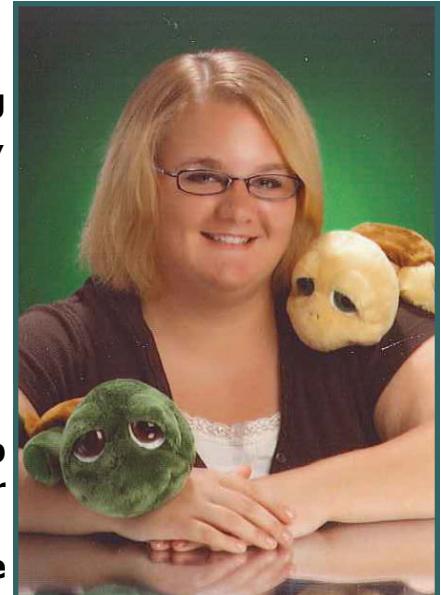
University ~ **University of Toledo**

Major ~ **Early Childhood Education**

Most memorable high school event ~ **Marching Band, especially the trip to Florida**

Person I admire most ~ **my parents without a doubt because I wouldn't be where I am without their help and encouragement. They even managed to keep their sanity through it all!**

Person I'd like to meet ~ **There are too many people to be able to pick one.**



Name ~ **Jodi Swartz**

High School ~ **Whitmer**

Future Plans ~ **teacher**

College ~ **Lourdes College**

Major ~ **Early Childhood Education**

Most memorable high school event ~ **marching band**

Person I admire most ~ **my second grade teacher, Miss Watt**

Person I'd like to meet ~ **Tim Curry**

PRE-COMMUNION CLASS IS HELD

The celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's supper is, indeed, one of the central acts of worship in the Presbyterian Church. It is a visible or an outward sign, plus a seal, of the promises God makes in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

On Saturday, May 10th, eight youth from our church along with sponsoring adults and a friend came together in an afternoon retreat setting. We talked about what a sacrament is, explored what Holy Communion means, made Communion bread for Pentecost Sunday, experienced a corner of the desert (in the Commons!), created a bulletin board, near the Library, and end their time with pizza, pop and cookies (plus some shooting of the hoops!)

The youth that attended were: Dylan Bell, Katie Cylak, Luke James, Mark James, Lucas Ott, Amber Smith, Abbie Spencer, Kayla Spencer plus Kaleb Stewart, a friend of the James' boys. These are our newest participants when we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion! The sponsoring adults that came with and supported the youth were Dick and Gayle Bell, Peggy Cylak, Gardy and Kelly Bandfield, Cindy Bandfield, Christy Ott, Kristen and Matt Spencer.

A MEMORIAL GIFT TO TREASURE!

Beauty is all around us. Perhaps you've been in the lounge recently and noticed a new piece of art on the wall between the windows. This picture has been purchased through the Memorial Committee by Linda Hoover in memory of her mother, Jeanne Hoover. Enjoy! Thanks Linda

SESSION ACTIONS FOR MAY By Patti Nordhoff

Motion #1 ~ Approved permission for Rev. Pat Shafer to preach at Findlay First Church on Sunday, May 25th at the request of COM and the church with General Presbyter Hilary Shuford preaching here at Fairgreen. M/S/P

Motion #2 ~ Approved that Rev. Pat Shafer officiate at the wedding of Janice Hall's son, Gregory and fiancée, Amy Leonard, on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 3pm. M/S/P

Motion #3 ~ Approved permission for Rev. Pat Shafer to take 2 days of vacation on May 27 and May 28, 2008, returning mid-afternoon on Thursday and working on her regular day (Friday) to be prepared for Sunday. M/S/P

Motion #4 ~ The minutes of the Stated Session meeting held on April 8, 2008 were approved by consensus.

Motion #5 ~ Approved the hiring of Seagate Foundation Service to do the waterproofing in the basement of the church, pending finalization of the contract, not to exceed \$34,000.00 which will come from the Capital Fund. M/S/P

Motion #6 ~ All of the Session Committee reports were approved by consensus.

Motion #7 ~ Approved, by consensus, the motion to adjourn at 8:20pm!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year To Date Income as of 4/30/08

\$60,173.74



Year To Date Expense as of 4/30/08

(\$70,421.54)

Operating Loss as of 4/30/08

(\$10,247.80)



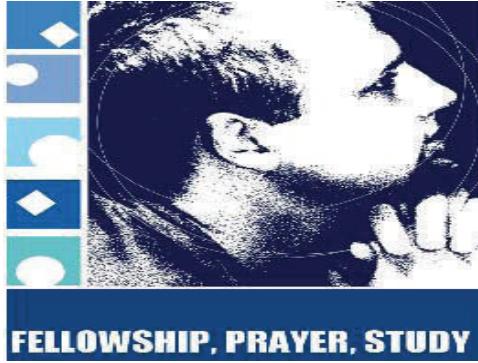
Great Banquet Weekends and 4th Day

**Men's #33 Great Banquet Weekend ~
Thursday thru Sunday, May 29-June 1**

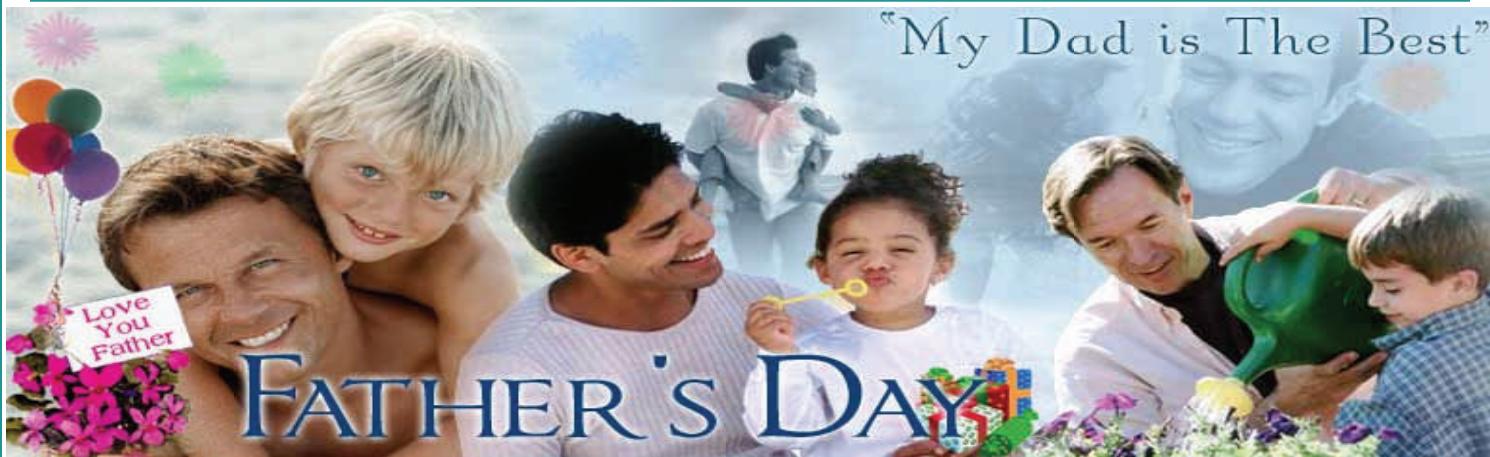
**Women's #34 Great Banquet Weekend ~
Thursday thru Sunday, June 5-8**

Let your light shine!
Matthew 5:14-16

4th Day 7pm in Commons ~ Thursday June 12th



Come join us in the lounge on Saturday, June 14th 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).



BREAKFAST SUNDAY JUNE 15, 2008

Serving from 8:30-10am and 11:15-12:30pm

Menu

**Eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee cake,
juice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate**

Free will offering supporting the Deacon's Fund

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