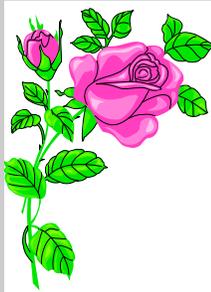
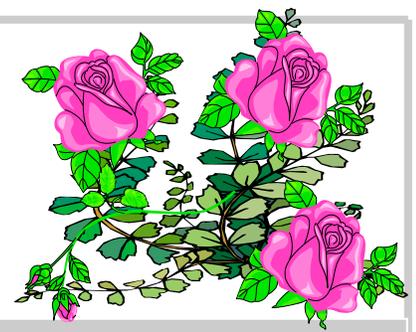


REACHING
THE COMMUNITY
FOR JESUS!



Fairgreen Leaves



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"I Saw Jesus Last Week"

He was wearing jeans and an old shirt
He was up at the church building
He was alone and working hard

For just a minute he looked a little like one of our members...
But it was Jesus, I could tell by his smile

I saw Jesus last Sunday

He was teaching a Bible Class

He didn't talk real loud or use long words
But you could tell he believed what he said

For just a minute, he looked like my Sunday School teacher...
But it was Jesus, I could tell by his loving voice

I saw Jesus yesterday

He was at the hospital visiting a friend who was sick
They prayed together quietly

For just a minute he looked like my Pastor
But I could tell it was Jesus by the tears in his eyes

I saw Jesus this morning

He was in my kitchen making breakfast
And fixing me a special lunch

For just a minute he looked like my mom
But it was Jesus, I could feel the love from his heart

I saw Jesus everywhere

Taking food to the sick
Welcoming others to his home

Being friendly to a newcomer and for just a minute
I think he is someone I know...

But it's always Jesus, I can tell by the way he serves

May someone see Jesus in you today!

From "Messiah Now: Volume 2, Issue 1 (February 2006)

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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.

A WORD ABOUT HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY...By Rev. Pat

There has been a growing tradition in the church to call the Second Sunday of Easter "Holy Humor Sunday." In the past this Sunday has been called "Low Sunday" for several reasons. The first reason is that after all of the build-up then celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday, both attendance and the energy in the congregation is indeed low. It is hard to re-create the Alleluia Parade and sing the Hallelujah chorus week after week. That is why Easter Sunday is such a major celebration. The second reason is that most of us pastors, wonderfully exhausted after the schedule of Lent and Easter, are away often on vacation or study leave just trying to recoup.

So there is this growing tradition that those pastors who are not away try to bring a bit of holy humor to the worship service for those faithful who do indeed attend worship on that Sunday. The discussion within my internet community as to what different pastors are going to do has been wonderful. Since I was not going to be here (I will be attending my Great Banquet in Bryan) I would like to share with all of you a piece that I would have used (along with the story of Thomas from John's gospel) had I been leading worship on April 23rd. I hope that you like the story about the pastor's cat as much as I did. Enjoy!

THE PASTOR'S CAT

There was a pastor who loved cats. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, but nothing worked. The kitten was stuck in the tree.

Now, the tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and drove away so that the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke.

The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air-out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it."

She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her"

Never underestimate the Power of God or God's unique sense of humor!

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN RICH KINNEY

We have received this letter from Rich Kinney, one of our seminarians and I wanted to share this with you. Blessings Rev. Pat.



April 5, 2006

As you well know, this has been a very difficult and disappointing season of losses for me and my family. Yet, in the midst of the process of grieving over my Father's death, my brother, Andrew, and I decided to go on an adventurous trip this summer to Cambodia and Myanmar. This opportunity is offered through World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

This trip promises to be an incredible opportunity for us to experience Christianity in an impoverished, war-torn, and persecuted part of the world. The main objective of our mission team will be to learn from our Cambodian and Burmese brothers and sisters-to live, eat, serve, and worship alongside them, to see life and faith through their eyes-and hopefully to become changed and renewed ourselves because of this experience. We will be going out into the communities doing ministries of service, teaching English, and witnessing to our faith. We will tutor English for Bible College students (a very important issue in this part of the world). We will attend various Christian worship services (Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian), and observe and assist in the various missional activities of these denominations, including but not limited to orphanages, women's

shelters, the publication of biblical literature, and leadership training. Some members of our group will have preaching and lecturing opportunities. We will also take a cultural tour of these countries, observing the killing fields, Buddhist temples, and the like. Our team of twelve will depart from Pittsburgh on June 13th and return from Singapore on July 2nd. I believe this has potential to be the opportunity of a lifetime, a life-changing experience, and I am extremely excited for this opportunity.

I am writing to give you an opportunity to participate in this mission and support me financially. The original cost of the trip is \$2,700.00 per person, and I have received scholarship money from two different sources bringing the cost down to \$1,110.00. Asking for money is such a sensitive subject, and this is a very hard thing for me to do; especially since I realize that I am sending this letter to some people who do not have a lot of money. If you do not feel financially capable of supporting me on this trip, then please do not. Money is very tight for me right now as well, and I more than understand your situation. I trust and believe that God will move in enough people's hearts and lead them to donate toward this mission trip. I am sending this letter to a lot of people, and I have faith that if everyone can contribute just what they can afford and nothing more, that I will raise enough money to go on this mission trip. If you feel able to support me in this way, please:

1. Make a check payable to World Mission Initiative: please do not write my name on your check.
2. Write "Cambodia and Myanmar Mission" on the memo line
3. Send your check to: 6020 Stanton Avenue #34 Pittsburgh, Pa 15206

I will deliver your check to World

Mission Initiative, and because your gift is tax deductible, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will send you an acknowledgement.

Lastly, when some people send letters requesting prayers and money for a mission trip, the request for prayers is often a trite add-on. That is not the case here. I really need you to pray for me on this trip.

1. Southeast Asia is a rather unstable part of the world, and Christian discrimination and persecution is a known reality in both countries. So please pray for safety.
2. Buddhism is strongly entrenched in both Cambodia and Myanmar. Pray for conversions to Jesus Christ to take place in these countries, and pray that our mission team would do our part to contribute toward these breakthroughs and be faithful to the Great Commission.
3. I also ask that you pray specifically for my spiritual growth on this trip. Pray that I may experience Jesus Christ in amazing and new ways on this trip, and that I will be forever changed and transformed because of it.

Your Christian brother and colleague in the gospel,

Richard Kinney



Cambodia Flag

THE EPISODES OF EVY GREEN By Deanne Smale



Do you have a calendar, and do you have a big red pen? That's all you need-for now-to circle the dates of Friday, September 22, Saturday, September 23, and Sunday, September 24. These are important dates! These are the dates we have set apart for special recognition of Fairgreen's 40th year, and we're rolling out the red carpet! To begin with, we're inviting all of our former Fairgreen pastors and

their families to be with us for the weekend. We are also inviting all of those who have heard the call to ministry of Word and Sacrament while attending this church. What a "Sending Out" church this has been!

To celebrate our time together, we will have a sit-down dinner on Saturday night, followed by a special musical program; and on Sunday morning we will have a power-filled, Spirit-filled time of worship as we gather in Christ's name. The 40th Anniversary ad hoc committee is still working on a colossal send-off to happen on Friday evening. You'll want

to watch this newsletter next month for further detailed information.

So...in the merry month of May, all you need do is highlight your calendar and set aside the dates in September. In June, I'll suggest the next step for you. See you then.



NEW MEMBER CLASS



If you have been attending Fairgreen but have not yet officially joined the congregation, here is an opportunity for you. On three Sunday mornings, April 30, May 2, 14, those wishing to unite with Fairgreen

will meet from 10:30am to 11:25am in the pastor's office for an orientation class. Please contact Dee Smale or Pastor Pat to let us know of your interest.

THE GREAT BANQUET

Another set of Great Banquet weekends is coming up in June (Men: June 1-4, Women: June 8-11). The Great Banquet is a 72 hour structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christians. It focuses on the renewal of the church through committed Christians. If you

would like more information, or if you would like to be a guest at one of the upcoming weekends, please contact Mike Roadruck, our community lay director (536-1231) or Dee Smale, spiritual director (734-847-8872) or call the church office, (475-4436). THERE IS STILL

ROOM AT THE TABLE.



REJOICE! AND AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!



It's not too early to be thinking about summer camp for the kids. Camp Rejoice is the place to go if you have completed grades 3-12, and if you like to swim, canoe, play games, study the Bible, do arts and crafts, explore trails, and sing around the campfire.

For the adults who do the driving and

planning, you need to know that Kirkmont Center (where Camp Rejoice is held) is located near Zanesfield, Ohio in beautiful, hilly countryside. The dates are Sunday, July 16 through Saturday morning, July 22. Oh, and for those who manage the family budget, you'll want to know the cost is \$280 per person AND we do have some scholarship

money available through the church.

To all who are interested in knowing more about this well established Presbyterian camp, you can contact Dee Smale at the church office. For adults who like working with young people, please note that Camp counselors are volunteers from our Presbytery and often include some Fairgreen folk.

ONE CHILD, ONE NIGHT

Looking for that perfect way to honor or to remember your Mother on Mother's Day?

Have we got just the perfect gift for you to give as you say "Thank you to God for the gift of your Mom or Grandmother this year! Your Session invites you to participate in IHN's One Child/One Night program as a way of acknowledging the gifts of love, nurture and support that you were given by the women who cared for you. There are many ways to participate in this worthwhile mission. Choose one and make a one time gift or a series of year long contributions in honor of or in memory of your loved one. As you do so you will give the gift of love, nurture and support

to families that are in need. This special offering will be received on May 14th, Mother's Day during our worship services.

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Metro Toledo (IHN) presents One Child, One Night! For \$15 per month, you can sponsor one child for one night in IHN's Network. You can help meet the annual need through a program of regular giving. One Child, One Night will ease the burden on our host congregations and allow individuals to be involved in mission giving here in our community. It's so easy!

◆ You can make a check payable to Interfaith Hospitality Network

and mail it to 434 Western Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43609..OR

- ◆ Complete the giving information on the forms that will be handed out on Sunday, May 14th and mail it to IHN along with your voided check. IHN will then debit \$15 from your account each month in support of one child for one night. No check writing, no envelopes, no stamps required!

Too many Toledo families and children are living in their cars. By supporting IHN you can make a difference to one child for one night. Won't you help?



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK OF METRO TOLEDO By Marilyn McAfee



I am thrilled to announce that Fairgreen has a new support congregation helping us host families during our scheduled weeks. Jodie Schmidt of Christ Presbyterian Church contacted me and their mission group will take two evenings hosting dinners. During our host week beginning April 30-May 7, they will host on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, May 2 and 4. This is wonderful news for us!

Recent family news: Elaine and baby James have moved into an apartment. Elaine is working at the Golden Corral and James is in Day Care, he looks so good! Rod and Sherry and their four boys have moved into housing in Rossford. Things are looking better for them. We have new families: Little Julia and mom Kimberly, who delivered 8 lb. 9-1/2 oz. Christian on April 12th; Gramma Carol, Great Aunt Sandy, and Jules (boy, age 7); and Dauleita and her 6 children—Khalil (boy) and Rahanna (girl)- age 11, Anthony- 8, Jabril (boy) and Jannah (girl) -age 7

and Nadhira (girl)- age 4...we are at capacity!

Please don't forget Friday, May 19, 2006-IHN Golf Marathon at Whiteford Valley Golf Club. It's a great event and a necessary fundraiser for IHN. As we all know, homelessness is on the rise with job cutbacks and rising energy and fuel costs; so try it, you'll like it...it's a fun day and a great way to serve in mission giving! Spread the word to your golfing friends, neighbors and business clients. Please see or contact Marilyn McAfee at 734-847-3100.

COME ONE, COME ALL! By Denice Skinner

All children, youth, parents, grandparents, teachers, helpers, and those interested in having their voice be heard. We will be having a short meeting on **May 3rd from 7-8pm**. At this time we will be focusing on Sunday School, Kid's for Christ, and our F.R.O.G program and the future of Christian Education here at Fairgreen.

What would you like to see in our

programs? When would you want these programs offered? What age groups should be involved? What if there was no Sunday School on the Sundays we have combined worship services? But, instead have inter-active intergenerational worship in which the focus is "family" and worshipping together as one. What will keep our youth interested and drawing closer in their

relationship with Christ? What do the children and youth want in their programs?

This is your chance to be involved! So, bring your ideas and the family and let's do some brainstorming and planning for the future!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Prayer Shawl Ministry

After struggling to find a time for their initial meeting we gathered to begin to knit and to crochet into our PRAYER SHALW MINISTRY. While we have yet to decide upon a name for this new ministry group (for some strange reason Rev. Pat did not like the suggestion of “Knit-Pickers”) we have decided that we will gather at least once a month to knit and crochet and to pray together. The

prayer shawls that we create will then be presented to various people with special needs or concerns both in our congregation and in our community. The idea behind the ministry is that as we knit and crochet together we pray for the person we are creating the shawl for. We then, after blessing the shawls present them to the person, as a symbolic way of surrounding them with God’s love and our prayer.

Our next gathering will be **Monday, May 1st from 5:30 to 7 PM in the lounge.** If you do not know how to knit but would like to learn please join us for we can help. This truly intergenerational group includes people who have been knitting for years as well as those who have just begun.

Please bring a pair of size 11 or 13 knitting needles or a size H crochet hook and come join this prayerful creative ministry. Can’t be there on Monday night! Contact Rev. Pat and she will get you started so you can be part of the ministry.

Attention members of the congregation ~ If you know someone who would benefit from a shawl or lap blanket also contact Rev. Pat and we will get one made. If you are one of those people who bought yarn with the intention of creating it into something wonderful but never have, we will take your yarn to use in our ministry. Just bring it to the church and we will knit it into shawls.

QUILTERS GROUP

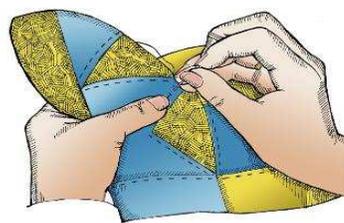
Our church quilters will meet again on **Monday, May 8th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM** in the Commons to begin their first quilt project—a Rail Fence Quilt. Please be sure to bring your book, Alex Anderson’s Start Quilting book as well as your sewing machine, fabric and sewing supplies that we talked about last month. If you have not yet bought your fabric because of the hectic schedule so many of you have right now or because you couldn’t decide just what to buy, **come anyway and bring your sewing machine!** I have put together some quilt kits which will give us a good mission project to start with.

If you are interested in being a part of this group but were not able to be at the first gathering, pack up your

sewing machine and the Start Quilting book and join us. We will bring you up to speed in no time at all.

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION ~ you too can help with this mission project even if you are no longer able to sew or have any interest in learning to quilt at this time in your life. We are looking for some working sewing machines, either for us to borrow or to have for this worthwhile mission project. Some of you have unused machines and if you would like to share them or donate them that would be wonderful. Some of the people participating in this group do not have a

machine or there are several members of the same family participating. It would go much faster if we were not sharing machines. We will also take donations of that cotton fabric you have folded up in your closets that you know you will never use. We will be able to make many more quilts if we don’t have to go out and purchase all the fabric we need.



QUILTING GROUP



The Vine and the Branches

Jesus gave an example to explain His connection to His followers.

Match one end of the vine to the other to put the letters together and form a word. Write the words below.

① a ————— e
 ② th ————— ou
 ③ vi ————— he
 ④ y ————— ches
 ⑤ ar ————— e
 ⑥ t ————— m
 ⑦ bran ————— ne

"I _____ ; _____"



Jesus explained His Father's glory to His followers.

Use this code to find out what He said.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH
NEW TESTAMENT

ACTS	JESUS
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REVELATION	JOSEPH
COLOSSIANS	ROMANS
CORINTHIANS	JUDAS
SAUL	CROSS
JUDE	SILAS
EPHESIANS	LAW
SIMON	GABRIEL
LOVE	SINS
GALATIANS	LUKE
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APRIL SESSION REPORT By Peg Winslow

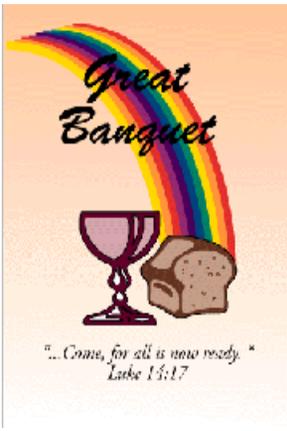
ACTIONS:

1. approved offering Fairgreen music CD's for a free-will donation (suggesting 40 dimes each -\$4) with proceeds to be used for the upcoming 40th Anniversary celebration. M/S/C
2. elected Bill Henning as the Commissioner from Fairgreen to the May 16, 2006 Presbytery meeting. M/P/C
3. approved the minutes of the Stated Session meeting held on March 14, 2006. M/P/C
4. approved hosting IHN April 30 - May 7, 2006 and asked Marilyn McAfee, or another IHN Board Member, to attend the May 9th Session meeting to address our concerns about a coordinator. M/S/P
5. approved the April 16, 2006 (Easter Sunday) baptism of Isabella Wu and accepted her as a new member of Fairgreen Presbyterian Church. M/S/P
6. approved renting the Commons for the 50th Wedding Anniversary Party for Art and Leone Sattler, Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 12:00pm – 5:00pm. M/P/C
7. approved renting the Commons for a baby shower for Jodi Swartz, Saturday, June 17, 2006 from 1:00pm – 6:00pm. M/S/P
8. authorized the Memorial Committee to place the requested vinyl signs on three glass door panels in the Narthex. M/S/P with 1 abstention
9. authorized a retiring offering for the Gideons on April 30, 2006. M/P/C with 1 abstention
10. approved that there will not be Sunday School on May 21, 2006 due to the scheduled intergenerational service. M/P/C
11. approved rescheduling Vacation Bible School for the week of July 31, 2006. M/P/C
12. approved all Session Committee reports received. M/S/P
13. approved the purchase of an outdoor storage shed (pending approval of a building permit, if necessary) to be placed in the rear parking area. This will primarily be used to store clothing sale racks and signs. M/S/P
14. approved storing the clothing sale racks in the building (possibly the choir room) from April 29 until such time that an outdoor shed is available. M/P/C
15. approved giving New Seasons Church a set of keys to the building. M/S/C
16. motion to adjourn.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY By Peg Winslow

YTD Income as of 3/31/06	\$52,488.12
YTD Expense as of 3/31/06	(\$58,295.59)
Operating Loss as of 3/31/06	(\$ 5,807.47)
Transfer from Capital Fund in January	\$10,000.00
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$ 4,192.53





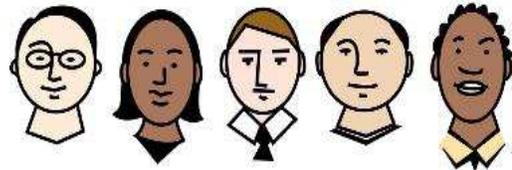
GREAT BANQUET MEETINGS

Saturday, May 6th
#4 Team Mtg. 9-12:30pm

Saturday, May 20th
#5 Team Mtg. 9-12:30pm

Sunday, May 21st
Board Mtg. 4:30pm
Gathering 6pm

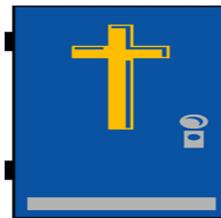
Deacons Training Class



Wednesday, May 10th
From 6-9pm

Due to the Training Class, there will be No Deacon's Meeting on Monday, May 8, 2006.

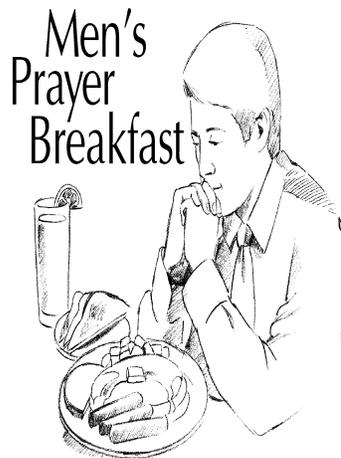
The Church Office



Will Be Closed:

On Monday
May 29th
Memorial Day

Come join us for our Men's Prayer Breakfast, on Saturday May 13th 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)



19th ANNUAL INTERFAITH



Saturday June 24 & Sunday, June 25

Give the "gift of life", by giving through the donation of blood. The 19th Annual Interfaith Blood Drive is soon approaching. Mark your calendars for June 24th and 25th. It will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 4441 Monroe St, Toledo, Ohio, from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Our goal is to work together and create a positive atmosphere. One of helping each other, especially in time of need. And this is definitely a great need. Please help by giving a part of yourself to help others.

Stewardship Retreat And Work Night **Wednesday**
May 31st
From 6-9pm



Sunday
June 25th
7:30pm
in Sanctuary
With Reception
Following
in the Commons



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11:30am Contemporary
10:30am Sunday School

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