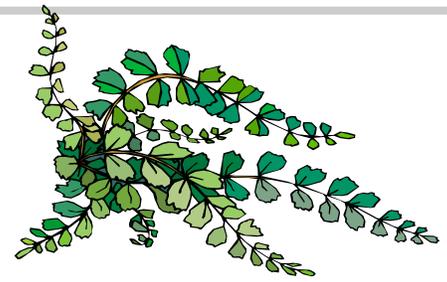




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### "Staying Connected"

For those of you who are sports fans, the months of June and July are some of the best with the overlapping of Basketball and Baseball seasons and the NFL Draft and preseason practices. Have you noticed that in each of these sports, the coaches get nearly as much "press" as the actual players do. As I read Colossians 1: 15-18, I realize that Jesus functions as a head coach for His church, and so much more.

"He is the image of the Invisible God, the First-born over all creation. For by Him all things were created...and He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Jesus is the head of the body (the church), and is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything, He might be supreme."

With these glorious words in mind, we realize that when the head coach fails, the whole team flounders. Break the fuel line and your car won't run. Unplug the power and your electric appliance will not work. Without the head, the human body dies; so the centrality of God, In Christ, is crucial for leadership, power, and our very lives in the church. If we become disconnected from our Lord, the Body is in danger of dying. Here are some of the Names of Jesus. Knowing them may very well keep us connected to the Living God. Our Lord and Savior, from the book, "Christ is

All!" by David Bryant, these titles remind us that Jesus is Lord. I find that reading them like a prayer to Jesus lifts the writing to devotional status. Try it!

—You are the "Superlative One," numero uno, and You defy all human categories meant to describe you. No analysis, no matter how complete, can fully capture Your mystery nor fully record the many roles, You must play to advance God's ever-growing boundaries and ever-expanding kingdom. (See 1 Peter 1)

—You are the "Incomparable One" in a class by Yourself, without duplicates or clones. Your importance will continue to eclipse all others, in heaven or on earth, and You will reign as our Sovereign "world without end". (See 11 Thessalonians 1)

—You are the "Exalted One", holding the focus of our praise for time and eternity. Yours is a position of unrivaled distinction, prestige and majesty in all of creation, in all the universe. You will be the Joy of all peoples, in all the earth. (See Revelations Chapter 5)

—You are the "Pre-eminent One", forever laying claim to the Universe in time, in space, in history and throughout eternity. You held this position of primary as the "firstborn of creation", and so You will hold this position to the very end of

time as "the firstborn among the dead". (See Colossians Chapter 1)

—You are the "All Sufficient One". Nothing can ever exhaust Your power and resources, forever proving totally adequate for all of our longings, fears, needs or heart cries. (See Philippians 3)

—You are the "Triumphant One", for none of Your enemies shall prevail. You defeat Your foes unconditionally—both human and spiritual—emerging unthreatened, unhindered and victorious over all opposition. You are the everlasting Overcomer. (See Revelation Chapter 17)

—And You are the "Unifying One", who brings all things to Your feet as Lord and God. You permanently redeem and reconcile innumerable sinners to the Godhead (the Father, Son and Holy Spirit). In the consummation of time and eternity, all creation (as well as Your Church) will be held together in perfect harmony by Your irrevocable decrees and Your indestructible might. (See Hebrews 1)

You are the "All Sufficient Christ" our Lord, our God, our Friend.

Serving Christ Jesus Together,

**Fairgreen Publication Deadlines:**

**Bulletin—Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. for current week's bulletin.**

**Newsletter—The 2nd Sunday of each month for next month's newsletter.**

## THE EPISODES OF EVY GREEN By Deanne Smale



By now, I think you are becoming familiar with Evy Green, the little angel who lives in the sprawling brick home on the corner of two important streets. (They are important streets because many people pass by.) Evy loves people,

and she wants people to come visit her house because there's a lot of love there. Evy knows that once people experience such

great love, they will be transformed. Their lives will be changed - richer and fuller; and who, after all, does not long for a better life?

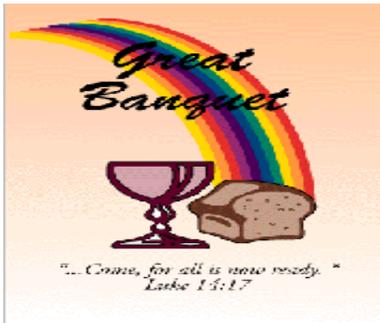
I told you, didn't I, that Evy (the angel) developed a plan to bring people to her home? She called it her "Evangelism" plan. It all begins with sharing the GOOD NEWS! For those of us who are in the church, we know that sharing the Good News is what we do and who we are. You might say it's our lifestyle.

In our Brief Statement of Faith (found in the Book of Confessions), we learn that in our

human condition we rebel against God, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and we deserve condemnation. But Jesus entered in bringing not condemnation, but hope and reconciliation. Read again Luke 4:18-19. Now that's Good News! Will you share that Hope with others? Will you invite another to church with you next Sunday? The Good News is too good not to be shared.



## GREAT BANQUET WEEKENDS By Mike Roadruck



In its continuing outreach mission Fairgreen once again played host to the Mountaintop Great Banquets June 2-5 and 9-12, 2005. As it has for over five years the Fairgreen congregation opened its arms, its heart and its facilities to men and women, strangers and friends alike, as together we examined our relationship with Christ.

For 72 hours each of the 15 men and the next week 6 women guests as well as each weekend over 30

team members from various churches ate delicious meals, were challenged by inspired and transparent speakers, struggled to creatively express summaries of the talks, worshipped, took communion and prayed with and for each other. (not to mention enjoyed the amenities of our sleeping facilities)

There was even a baptism on the women's weekend. With approval of Fairgreen's session and the concurring witness of an elder of the participant's home church, Lora Manon was baptized by Bob Salmon on Sunday at the closing ceremony.

Health related emergencies served only to strengthen the bonds forming among all the participants. Through it all the 72 hours spent in a Christian community helped to bring each

one into a deeper personal relationship with Jesus, the Holy Spirit and God the Father. But this miracle could not have happened if it were not for the deep involvement of the entire community, both locally and literally around the world.

As Community Lay Director I speak for the community when I say "Thank you, Fairgreen." This Congregation continues to be the strongest witness and most steadfast supporter of the Mountaintop Great Banquet of Toledo and its mission.



## MAY SESSION REPORT By Pat Gibson

### **ACTIONS:**

1. Approved the minutes of the Stated Session meeting on April 26, 2005
2. Approved the minutes from the Special Session meeting on May 8, 2005
3. Approved the minutes from the Special Session meeting on May 15, 2005
4. Approved using the church van on Thursday evening, June 2, 2005 and on Sunday evening, June 5, 2005 to transport guests to and from the Salvation Army for the Men's Great Banquet with Fred Nordhoff as the certified driver
5. Approved hosting an Interfaith Worship Service on the last Sunday in June, 2006 at 7:30pm with a reception in the Commons following the service
6. Approved inviting new members to come before Session at our June 21, 2005 meeting
7. Approved the Treasurer's Reports
8. Approved Nancy Ahrens, Kay Amendola, Woody Cole, Jackie Campbell and Janet Kadesch as volunteer childcare providers during our church services, for the nursery, during the summer of 2005
9. Approved not providing Kids for Christ during the summer, starting June 5 through September 4, 2005
10. Approved the purchase of a Mother's Day Basket from The Heifer Project for \$120.00 with the money coming from what was donated during the F.R.O.G craft sale
11. Approved giving Carol Yeager \$161.60, which is the combined Souper Bowl and 2-Cent-a Meal money, to buy needed food for our Fairgreen Pantry
12. Approved setting a small donated table, each Sunday by the Welcome Center, which will be called the "FROG'S Pad" to be "manned" by F.R.O.G. members and to provide a central place to collect postage stamps for the Heifer Project, 2-Cent-a-Meal cans, etc.
13. Approved a graduation celebration on Sunday, June 26, 2005, between services for Paul deJong
14. Approved publishing the Statements of Faith, of our recent confirmands, in the July, August and September issues of the Fairgreen Leaves
15. Approved motion to adjourn

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY By Peg Winslow

YTD Income as of 5/31/05	\$80,984.38
YTD Expense as of 5/31/05	(\$86,284.65)
Operating Loss as of 5/31/05	(\$ 5,300.27)




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## A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!



Thank you to all the children, parents and teachers who baked cookies and brought them for the Reception on Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday! The 1st

through 5th graders who helped prepare and set up for the reception did a great job— thank you! It truly was a day of celebration!

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN) NEWS By The Bennett's



### Update on 100 Hole Golf Marathon held on May 20th.

There were nineteen golfers who played in the event. The proceeds amounted to \$18,000. This will help with IHN operations and expenses. Pastor Bob Salmon had a great day! He ended up playing 104 holes! Way to go, Pastor Bob! At the April 15th kick-off, Pastor Salmon won a four-day, three-night trip of his choice, from a selection of destinations, by coming closest to the pin. At the Marathon, Pat, one of the current IHN guests, won \$200, by coming closest to the pin at the "noon shoot-out". Ken Bennett was unable to play due to a sore back. He wishes to thank everyone

who pledged money to sponsor him and then made good on their pledges, even though he could not play. A **big thank you** goes out to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

### Upcoming Fundraiser

6th Annual 18 Hole Golf Scramble, Saturday, August 27, 2005, Bedford Hills Golf Club, lunch will be at noon and Tee times start at 1:00pm. The entry fee is \$85 with cart, \$65 with cart for Seniors. For more information or to register, call Doug Wiemer at 419-531-6325 or email: [golf4ihn@aol.com](mailto:golf4ihn@aol.com).

Members of the IHN Board of Trustees will be meeting with New Hope Christian Community Foundation. New Hope's mission is

"To support Christian philanthropy by providing funds and resources to support local ministries, causes and events which will advance the Kingdom work of Jesus Christ in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan." They may be able to help with fundraising for the IHN ministry.

At the present time, we have three families in the network, consisting of four adults and two children. Another family is being interviewed and may be coming into the network.

### Upcoming Fairgreen Host Weeks:

June 19—June 26  
August 7 — August 14  
October 2 — October 9  
December 18 — December 25

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT UPDATES By Shannon Smith

The choir loft is empty for a couple of months this summer as the Geneva Choir takes a well-deserved break. You are invited to sign up for a Sunday morning offering of song this summer during the 9:00 service-- vocalists, instrumentalists, or any combination thereof-- all are welcome. I would be happy to provide accompaniment on organ or piano if needed-- just provide me with a copy of the music. Email [fairgreenmusic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairgreenmusic@sbcglobal.net) or call 567-661-7069. Also, a reminder that Praise Band Rehearsal has returned to 6:30 pm for the summer.

Many thanks to the folks involved in helping finance and arrange the purchase of new projection equipment and mounting for the sanctuary. To continue the growth of this ministry, individuals who have interest in computers are invited to volunteer to be trained for assisting with projecting lyrics during services. Our projection software is a free program called OpenSong ([www.opensong.org](http://www.opensong.org)), and I would be happy to help any individual install the program on a home computer for practice (Macintosh or Windows).

My thanks to the women and men of the choir who did such a valiant job of organizing and cleaning the Choir

Room during the last church cleanup day. In order to keep this process moving smoothly forward, I am asking for volunteers willing to serve a one-year term as Choir Librarian. Duties would include making sure music is returned to the proper files in the basement and coordinating labeling, boxing, and entering titles into the computer database of remaining music.

Access to the choir loft and basement choir room is difficult for members of our congregation with any kind of physical disability. We will be instituting one Accessible rehearsal per month in the 2005-2006 Geneva Choir season which will be held in the Sanctuary; the choral anthem the following Sunday will be sung from the front of the church. Music will be made available to interested participants several weeks in advance of the Accessible rehearsal. Every effort will be made to accommodate anyone who wants to sing-- it is part of our responsibility as a Christian community to include all voices in our songs of praise, and when God gifts a person with the love of singing, that longing is a true call which must be answered.

As Director of Music, it's useful to hear directly from congregation members about issues or concerns with music pro-

grams at fairgreen. There are two ways to do this easily: 1) drop a comment or idea in the new Music Suggestion Box next to the mailboxes in the Church Office hallway. 2) email your idea or comment to [fairgreenmusic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairgreenmusic@sbcglobal.net). I am particularly interested in comments about the volume or balance of voices and instruments during Sunday services.

Join FAIRGREEN MACHO-- a new program to the Geneva Choir. That's **FAIRGREEN MACHO-- FAIRGREEN Men Active in CHOIR!** Tenors, basses, sing it high, sing it low, whatever your age, it's OK, men, to express that long-suppressed desire to sing! Join us Monday nights at 6PM this fall. Free t-shirts provided, as well as baseball caps with "Real Men Sing Pretty!" emblazoned on the front and complimentary copies of John Eldridge's *Wild at Heart*. Is the Director of Music kidding? Is he crazy? Email or call and find out!

For any information on music programs at Fairgreen and how you can get involved, email [fairgreenmusic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairgreenmusic@sbcglobal.net) or leave your contact information in the Music Suggestion Box.

## STATEMENTS OF FAITH

### Megan Herren

I believe the Creator of man, women, heaven and earth is the Father Almighty. I believe His only son was Jesus Christ. I believe in the Trinity. I believe that God gave His son so that we can go to heaven and be forgiven of our sins.

I trust that God has a place for all

of us and knows the right way to lead us. I will let God lead me to what is right.

I intend to carry out His word wherever I go and by spreading it to the members of Fairgreen Church as I join Fairgreen today.



### Mike Anderson



I believe in God the Father, who alone, created the heavens

and the earth, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, who was crucified, giving His life for all people. He was then resurrected and ascended to heaven. He now sits at God's side, judging the living as well as the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, God Himself in the world today, the holy catholic church, in the forgiveness of sins, and I accept my salvation and resurrection through God Almighty, who promises everlasting life.

I know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior because I trust him. I

trust Him by the way He responds to my personal prayers to Him. For example, I feel confident in school when I have sought His calming presence for things like tests.

In joining Fairgreen Presbyterian Church, I promise to be the Lord's disciple and to spread His word. I will obey His commands and in doing so, I will witness to Jesus' love by the way I show my love to others.

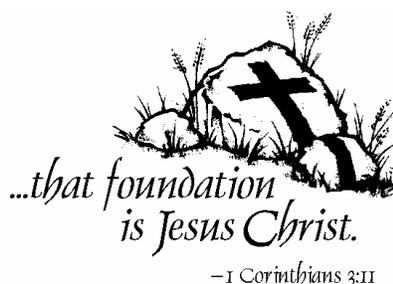
As my life continues, my fellowship to the church will be sustained wherever I go.

### David Eichenauer

I know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I have known and trusted Him for many years now. I was baptized in His name and plan to become a member of the congregation.

I plan to be His disciple, to obey Him and His word. I will give myself in any way to the church, show His love to others and seek the fellowship of the church.

He is my rock, my strength, and my foundation.



### Rachel Nordhoff



I believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. I believe in Jesus Christ and that He went to Hell for my sins. I believe in the Bible and the miracles written there.

I trust in God to guide me well in my decisions and actions and to be

confident in them.

I promise to follow Him and do my very best to act as Jesus would. I want to be a part of this congregation and bring others into the faith.

## UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL By Anna Jones

Name: **Sheryl deJong**

Born: **February 14, 1961 on my Grandmother's Valentine birthday**

Education: **Anthony Wayne High School, Bachelor of Education University of Toledo and currently working on my Master at UT**

Occupation: **Kindergarten Teacher**

Family: **Married to Paul for 12 years. Five children: Joshua (21), Nathan (16), Rachel (11), Sarah (10), and Lydia (5)**

First job: **Age 15 worked at Riverby Hills Country Club catering golf outings and weddings**

Three words that describe me best: **organized, dependable and faithful**

My proudest achievement: **raising a family that knows the Lord**

What motivates me to do what I do: **I truly enjoy being the hands and feet of Christ and want others to see Christ in me**

In the life of Fairgreen: **Deacon's treasurer, member of the Great Banquet Community**

The most important thing my parents taught me: **to value my education and stay motivated**

In my spare time: **I enjoy scrap booking and card making**

Pet peeve: **I'm bothered when people don't honor their commitments**

Secret vice: **If I told you it wouldn't be a secret anymore**

What I would like to get around to doing one of these days: **is finishing a cross stitch piece that I started before I married Paul.**

Best vacation place: **is when Paul and I went to Spain for our honeymoon and had a marvelous time near the Mediterranean Sea**

Favorite hymn: **"In Christ Alone"**

I am currently reading: **"Captivating" by John and Stasi Eldredge**

I'd like to have dinner with: **Paul (alone)**

Person I admire most: **Bettye (Mrs. Langston) Bannister**

What I see myself doing in ten years: **retired teacher and working earnestly to be Paul's helpmate in ministry**

What I know now that I wish I'd known at age 20: **I wish I'd know that I'd be headed into ministry. I would have taken better sermon notes and studied scripture rather than neglect it.**

Most difficult time I've been through: **a divorce in 1992 with two young boys to raise**

If I could do one thing over I'd: **finish college before beginning a job**

It may surprise people to know: **that I met Paul when he landscaped my first home**

Philosophy of life in 30 words or less: **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul, and all the rest will fall into place.**



**Sheryl deJong**



### **Momentum, The Vine Camp Ground and Lodge and The Francis Family YMCA**

**Present the first annual Momentum Families Fun Day**

**It will be held July 30th at the Vine Camp Grounds on Samaria Rd  
The cost is \$5.00 adults & \$2.50 kids (Free to YMCA Max Members)**

**There will be Worship, Fellowship and Fun for the entire family.**

**The event will start after the 8:00am pancake breakfast**

**Activities will include: Live Worship Music from various worship teams, Swimming, Hiking, Sand Volleyball, Hay Rides, Basketball, Skits, Food and did we mention WORSHIP!**

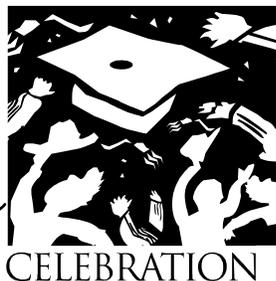
**Everyone from Fairgreen Church is invited to come!**

**So Pack up the families for a great day in the Lord!**

*You're Invited!*

GRADUATION

*An Invitation!*  
 Come, share the joy of Paul deJong's graduation from seminary on Sunday, June 26th, between services in the Commons!



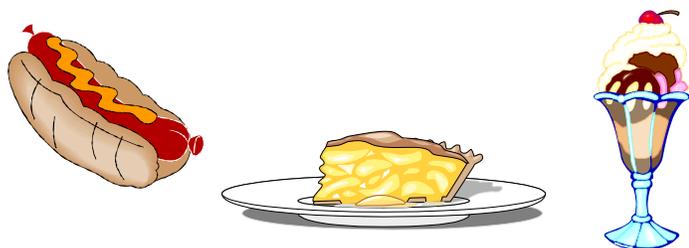
The Church Office  
 Will be CLOSED  
 Monday, July 4th

**HAVE**  
*a great*  
**4th**



Come join us for Fairgreen's 2005 VBS  
 We will "herd" together evenings 6:30pm—8:30pm  
 June 27th — July 1st

Children age 4—those entering 4th grade this fall, will learn how to bring Bible truths to their everyday lives through a Bible Expedition with new Bible buddies encouraging children to learn daily treasure verses. We will also be making critter crafts, playing wild games, and will be "herding" together at the watering hole for snacks each day! So, "pounce" on over to the church office to register for this year's rip "roaring" Serengeti Trek Adventure. There will also be an adult Bible Study VBS class offered.



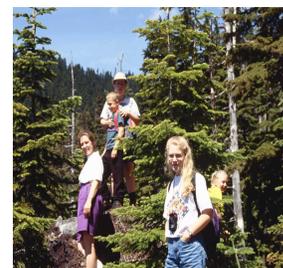
ICE CREAM  
 SOCIAL

Ice Cream Social  
 July 1st  
 From 4:30-6:30pm  
 In the Commons

Menu  
 Hotdogs , baked beans,  
 homemade potato salad,  
 Pies and Ice cream

Cost: Freewill offering  
 \*Proceeds to go to the Praise Band

**CAMP REJOICE!**



The deadline is fast approaching for registrations to attend Camp Rejoice. Any young person who has completed 3rd-12th grades is eligible for this week of fun at Kirkmont Center (July 17-23). Swimming, canoeing, games, hiking, Bible Study and more! Contact Dee Smale for details.

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