



The Fairgreen Leaves



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From the Pastors Desk

To the Fairgreen Family,

I write this letter to you in the "in-between" time.

My final Sunday, January 10, at United Presbyterian was bitter sweet as we said goodbye to many friends. We have been at this call for nearly eleven years. I have cleaned out my office and deposited my books and the file cabinet at Fairgreen Church. Now we pack out belongings for the move later on this month. As this is the February Newsletter, we will have made our transition by the time you are reading this.

However, back to the present...

I am just now getting emails from church and Presbytery as I begin to turn my attention to new matters and "get up to speed." I am also planning my opening season of preaching, as we begin the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday on February 10.

My first Sunday on deck is February 7.

I am so looking forward to this. I hope you are too. Sheila and I really enjoyed our Sunday with you at the end of November. We feel that we are off to a great start already! My theme for starters: "Becoming All We Can Be In Jesus Christ."

For Lent, I want to develop the theme: "To Believe Again."

It seems to me that our faith is being stretched during this time. What I mean is, we are in the midst of turbulent times these days and it can wear on us: the rise of ISIS and random acts of terror in the world; social unrest in our country along with news stories of tragedy at the end of a gun; the sudden shifts of extreme weather and its toll on communities and regions throughout the U.S. There is a lot to challenge us. What does it mean to believe?

Our families, neighbors, and co-workers want to know. We want to know.

In the community of faith, we need each other, and together look more deeply into God's Word, so that we can look higher than the headlines and circumstances to a new level of hope. Indeed, that is the movement of Lent: to move through the weightier matters, present our real lives to God, and experience resurrection to a new life, a new wholeness, and new energy, purpose, and future.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be your pastor in the years ahead. "Let's do this!"

Ross Slaughter



Fairgreen Publication Deadlines: **February 21st for March/April Newsletter.**

Welcome!



For many years in the past, at the Session’s January meeting, a word has been selected around which the Session members focus their attention, especially in relation to the life of the Fairgreen congregation. In 2015, the word was *Listen!* As we were going through the interim time between called pastors and as the PNC was doing their appointed work the Session members were very aware of the importance of listening to those in our congregation and of the importance of listening for God’s direction.

Now, for this year, 2016, the Session has chosen the word *Welcome!* Watch how this word becomes an actor in our congregation. As we welcome our new pastor, Ross Slaughter and his wife Sheila, will we also welcome new ideas and visions? We often think of ourselves as a welcoming church. What does that mean to you?

If *welcome* touches you in any way during the coming days and months, tell a Session member so it can be shared in our meeting! Let’s see the ways in which this word has been, is and will be part of us!



“A LIFE INTERRUPTED” BIBLE STUDY By Gary & Karen Herren



CALLING MEN, WOMEN, YOUNG, OLD, SINGLE, MARRIED.....all God’s people

**Beginning Sunday, January 24, 2016
2:00-3:30PM**

Gary & Karen Herren are *SO EXCITED* to begin a 7 week Bible study at their home on Jonah. You might remember that Jonah was one of the minor prophets of the Old Testament. God wanted him to take a message to the people of Ninevah. However, Jonah did not want to do what God wanted him to do; he had other plans for his life and they did not include taking a messaging to the low-life’s of Ninevah.

Have you ever had your life all planned out and something else came along and interrupted your plans?

Did you have your retirement all planned out?

What about plans to move?

You were sure you were going to get that promotion.....

Your health took a turn you didn’t expect

Children or grandchildren came along that were unexpected

Come and join us in a small group setting in our home at:

3049 Westbrook Dr., Toledo 419-472-5487 (h); 419-704-6599 (c)

(DIRECTIONS: take Secor Rd to the traffic light at Toledo Clinic, turn AWAY from TC onto Corydon; take Corydon all the way to the end which is Stannard and turn left on Stannard; go two blocks to Westbrook Dr, turn right we are the first house on the right that faces Westbrook 3049.)

2016 WOMEN'S RETREAT "The House of the Lord" By Pat Gibson

In the book, Psalms Now, Leslie F. Brandt starts Psalm 122 with "How good it is to enter the sanctuary of the Lord! I know that God is not confined within our four-walled creations, nor is He attached to altars and brass symbols. And yet, in the beauty and quietness of God's house, I find His presence very real and fulfilling."

REJOICE
*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Palm 122:1*

Psalm 122 is the third Psalm of Ascent which was sung, said and prayed by the Hebrew people as they would make a pilgrimage, as often as three times a year, to the temple in Jerusalem. It was a difficult climb to this highest point in Palestine but spiritually important to them to worship God in this place.

Our Fairgreen Women's Retreat for 2016 "The House of the Lord" will be centered around Psalm 122. The overnight retreat will be on Friday, February 19—Saturday, February 20. On Friday you may come as early as 5pm although we won't begin until 7pm. On Saturday we try to end by 3pm. The retreat is held at the Lial Renewal Center on Davis Road near Whitehouse, Ohio.

You will be asked to provide a food item for our Saturday breakfast and lunch, plus any snacks for Friday evening which you'd like to share!

The cost of a bedroom with a private bath is \$60.00. For anyone who is a Fairgreen member, \$10.00 of this will be paid from our Christian Nurture line in the budget. This will make the total \$50.00. For anyone wanting a private room with the restroom at the end of the hall, the cost is \$40.00. Towels and bed linens are provided. There will be a total of 20 rooms held for our retreat.

Registration and Food Sign-up will begin at the Welcome Center on Sunday, January 31, 2016 and will go through Sunday, February 14, 2016. It would be helpful if you can wait to pay for your room until February 14th and/or on Friday when you come to the retreat.

If you find that funding the retreat is a difficulty, please talk with Pat Gibson. (Pat G. will be out of town January 24—February 8, so if you have registration questions, please see Patti Nordhoff.)



We Love Our Shut-Ins

We do not want to ignore our shut-ins or have them think we have forgotten them...so we are listing two of our shut-ins and we are asking everyone to send a card (or two), or even a phone call to them. We will list two names every newsletter with their addresses for your convenience so they will know that we are thinking and praying for them.

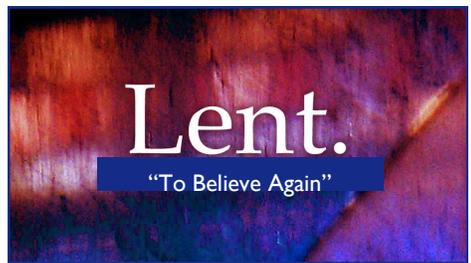
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February 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Commons	2  Dick Schroeder	3 1:00pm First Wed. Service in the lounge 3pm OT Bible Study in Lounge  Bill Henning	4 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study	5 10-12pm Food Pantry	6
7 Communion Served Souper Bowl of Caring (Soup/Salad served after service in the Commons)	8 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Deacons Mtg. 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Commons	9 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Session Mtg.	10 Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm 11am Sunset House Bible Study 3pm OT Bible Study in Lounge	11 Preschool Valentines Parties 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study	12 Preschool Valentines Parties 10-12pm Food Pantry  Marilyn McAfee	13
14 First Sunday of Lent	15 Preschool Conferences No PS 3:00pm Alpha Omega Circle in lounge 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Commons  Ron & Isabella Wu  Fred Minkowski Judy Stuart Charlene Ravenscraft	16 Preschool Conferences No PS 10:00am Presbytery Mtg. at First PC in Findlay  Don & Barb Gorrell Ed & Betty Wolff	17 3pm OT Bible Study in Lounge  Alberta Bailey	18 9:30am Staff Mtg. in Library 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study  Art Sattler Kay Seidowsky Betty Wolff	19 10-12pm Food Pantry	20  Jodi Methena
21 Second Sunday of Lent Communion By Intinction 4pm Great Banquet Board Mtg. 6pm Gathering	22 6:30pm Calendar Planning Mtg. in lounge 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Commons  Flora McKenzie	23	24 11am Sunset House Bible Study 3pm OT Bible Study in Lounge	25 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study	26 10-12pm Food Pantry	27
28 Third Sunday of Lent  Fred & Nancy Ahrens Steve & Kendy Vamos  Patty Reiter Kendy (Edinger) Vamos	29 Preschool Zoo Field Trip 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Commons	Elder of the Month ~ Marilyn McAfee Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 11:15AM				

Ushers & Greeters

Feb. 7 Ushers: Karen Herren & Kay Amendola,
Greeters: Jeremy, Jodi, Cheyenne Methena, & Savannah, Brooklyn Swartz

Feb. 21 Ushers: Sharon Durrant & Pat Gibson, William & Michael Henning
Greeters: Jeff, Brandi & Johna Brown

Feb. 14 Ushers: Judy Stuart & Bonnie Buehrer, Connie Winslow, Dan Winslow
Greeter: Alberta Bailey

Feb. 28 Ushers: Linda Hoover & Gina Beauregard, Scott Strayer,
Dick Schroeder
Greeter: Patty Reiter



SUPER BOWL OF CARING



A prayer was given by Brad Smith, a seminary intern serving the Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC back in 1990 which simply said: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." This gave birth to an idea.

Why not use Super Bowl week-end, already a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for collecting dollars and canned food for the needy? This idea fell on the hearts of the senior high youth of the church. They decided to ask other area churches to join them. That first year, 22 Columbia churches participated and gave all \$5,700 they had collected to area non-profits.

Last year more than 260,000 youth participated in Souper Bowl of Caring, collecting more than \$9.8 million in dollars and food for local hunger-relief charities. (That's a total of more than \$90 million collected since the movement began in 1990!!)

Our Fairgreen youth have participated in this in prior years and this year they will again have containers, after Worship on February 7th, in which to put your donation, if you so choose. All the money collected will go to our own Carol's Cupboard.

What we will do, also, is report our results to a central electronic site, so that a tabulation can be made of the monies collected across our country and the number of youth who participated!

This is just another example of how God's Spirit so often works from a grass-root idea and ends up reaching people of all ages as they give, serve and receive!



Great Banquet Meetings & Gatherings

Sunday, February 21 ~ Board Meeting at 4pm followed by a Gather at 6pm

I AM CONCERNED AND I AM HOPEFUL By Dick Schroeder



I am concerned that many members of our congregation, for some reason, fail to pay their per capita. In 2015 only 21 members of Fairgreen paid their per capita of \$28.60 for a total of \$600.60. However, Fairgreen's per capita assessed and paid in 2015 was \$3,374.80. That is 118 members x \$28.60 = \$3,374.80.

I am concerned that \$2,774.20 was taken out of Fairgreen's funds to pay the balance even though the finances of the church are in the red.

I am hopeful that you will take this information seriously. I am hopeful that you will pay your per capita of \$28.65 in 2016. If you are unable to pay that amount all at once, why not talk to Marilyn McAfee and develop a payment plan that is comfortable for you.

I am hopeful that if you have questions about per capita giving you will talk with Marilyn McAfee, Tim Eichenauer or me.

Simply put, Per Capita goes back to 1734. Annually, congregations pay to their respective presbyteries a per-member set amount of money. Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the apportionment; it is part of the glue that holds us -we Presbyterians together by supporting various ministries. To this end, it is a form of stewardship. It is Fairgreen's stewardship to Presbytery.



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Please remember we have scrip cards as they make great gifts and make your shopping easy.



CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING



Please mark this date on your calendar. We will be having a calendar planning meeting on Monday, February 22nd at 6:30pm in the church lounge. We are asking just the department chairs/co-chairs to send only one person per committee and bring all your information to the table for the months of February 2016—July 2016. Please call the church office to let them know you are attending. If you are not able to attend we ask that you send someone from your committee in your place.



SESSION ACTIONS FOR JANUARY 2016 By Pat Gibson

- MOTION #1 ~** Approved of David Montgomery to be the celebrant for Holy Communion for TCM with a PC(USA) Elder present.
- MOTION #2 ~** Approved Charlene Ravenscraft, Pat Gibson, Barb Roadruck, Linda Hoover and Gina Beauregard, with COM 's approval, are authorized to serve Holy Communion only at Fairgreen and at Fairgreen Church-sponsored functions.
- MOTION #3 ~** Approved of our Child Abuse Prevention Policy updated in 2015 for church staff and volunteers. (Teachers, workers and volunteers in our Fairgreen Parent Co-operative Preschool are governed by policies in the Preschool's Employee Manual.)
- MOTION #4 ~** Approved the request of the Great Banquet to celebrate Holy Communion as needed by an authorized celebrant. (If a person is authorized to celebrate Holy Communion in their denomination, then they are authorized to celebrate Holy Communion in the Great Banquet community.)
- MOTION #5 ~** Approved the authorization of the Worship Planning Team to determine dates to celebrate Holy Communion which is usually two times a month.
- MOTION #6 ~** Approved the Treasurer's authority to withdraw funds from the churches investments for deposit into the church's checking account when said Treasurer and the Bookkeeper have determined fi the cash balance is too low.
- MOTION #7 ~** Approved the Guide One Insurance renewal.
- MOTION #8 ~** Approved the pastor to authorize the use of the church van with the understanding that it will be driven by an insured driver and for the purpose of our mission and ministry of the church.
- MOTION #9 ~** Approved of special offerings from the PC(USA) including Christmas Joy Offering and One Great Hour of Sharing.
- MOTION #10 ~** Approved Tim Eichenauer and Karen Herren as authorized signers to transact investment account activity.
- MOTION #11 ~** Approved (Tim Eichenauer) as Treasurer, (Marilyn McAfee/Sharon Durrant) as Financial Secretary (s), Karen Herren as Clerk of Session and Jan Anderson as Memorial Fund Treasurer.
- MOTION #12 ~** Approved Session's authorization of home communion by the pastor or a trained individual, accompanied by an Elder or Deacon.
- MOTION #13 ~** Approved review of our membership rolls.
- MOTION #14 ~** Approved the January Session docket.
- MOTION #15 ~** Approved the minutes from the December 1, 2015 Session meeting.
- MOTION #16 ~** Approved the electronic vote, given unanimous approval, sent out on December 7, 2015, approving Fairgreen's request to COM to continue the recommission of Mike Roadruck as CRE to Fairgreen for 2016.
- MOTION #17 ~** Approved the pledge of \$4,000.00 from Fairgreen, for the mission of Christ through the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly as recommended by presbytery and that the total General Mission dollars contributed by the churches of the presbytery be distributed: 31% to the General Assembly, 4% to the Synod and 65% to the Presbytery.
- MOTION #18 ~** Approved changing the practice/policy of using open flame candles in the sanctuary aisles and in the pews to the use of battery operated candles.
- MOTION #19 ~** Approved all Session Committee reports as received.
- MOTION #20 ~** Approved Fairgreen's Per Capita apportionment of \$3,377.16.
- MOTION #21 ~** Approved a 25 raise across-the-board for the church staff.
- MOTION #22 ~** Approved adjournment.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

