



The Fairgreen Leaves



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July 2014 Newsletter

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Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m.



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From the Pastors Desk...

Pastoral ponderings...

"Pondering" is our church word for 2014. We, your church leaders, have been doing a great deal of that these past few months. We have been pondering the future as we celebrate both the past and the present. Let me bring you up-to-date on our ponderings.

First, pondering the future...

As my retirement date of October 31, creeps closer your session has been working with Maumee Valley Presbytery to put future plans in place. Rev. Susan Meier, Presbyter for Common Life, Rev. Karen Zurakowski, our church liaison from Committee on Ministry (COM), and Lynn Bova, associate for New Beginnings Churches, have met with your session twice so far.

With their guidance we now have a tentative time line. The session will meet again in July at which time they will choose a 5-7 member Mission Task Force (MTF) to update our church's mission statement. Because we recently went through the New Beginning Process we will not need to start from scratch. This MTF, with the help of Lynn Bova, will look at where we have been and where we are while they begin to imagine what kind of pastoral leadership the church will need as you walk into the future. The MTF will be made up of elders, a deacon and several at-large members from the congregation. Hopefully they will complete their work early in September. Once that Mission Statement is shared with the congregation, it will be sent to the Session and COM for their approval. ***If you are interested in serving or if you know someone who would be a valuable member of the MTF, please contact Pat Gibson with the name. That person would need to be readily available for meetings in July and August.***

The Mission Statement will also enable the Session to create a position description for a ***Transitional Pastor*** (we used to call these people Interim Pastors)! In August, the Session will appoint a small group of people to begin the search process for a Transitional Pastor with the help of COM. Hopefully that person will be ready to begin his/her work shortly after my retirement is official.

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Fairgreen Publication Deadlines:

Newsletter—Articles due by July 20th for the August Newsletter.





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Secondly, pondering and affirming the present...

Dr. Mike Roadruck, our CRE for Intentional Faith Development, will continue in his position through 2014 and into the future if he, the session and COM decide to do that. ***In other words, he will do what he does now*** – work 50 hours a month teaching, preaching once a month, and providing pastoral care as needed when I, your pastor, am away my one week a month. ***None of that will change as I retire.*** Your session, Dr. Mike and COM have agreed that he will ***NOT*** be the Transitional Pastor; the next called pastor; or work more than he is now contracted to work. His call ***is*** to Intentional Faith Development! Once I am gone, your Worship Planning Team (WPT) will arrange for pulpit supply until such time as a ***Transitional Pastor*** is chosen. Your Session and your Board of Deacons will provide the pastoral care that is needed.

Thirdly, a move from pondering to celebrating the past and the present...

We can celebrate our involvement in Family Promise. As in the past, this church has stepped up once again offering Radical Hospitality. Our church van has provided over 1200 miles of transportation for the families; our church basement is housing the Family Promise families for the summer; and our church members are helping at the Day Center, hosting some of the nights here at the church, and supporting the ministry in whatever way we can. What a blessing!

We can celebrate our church building – the gardens are blooming thanks to the many hands who are planting and weeding and digging and pruning. Special thanks go to Terri Turner for all her time planting and to Fred and Derek Nordhoff for their pruning and the removal of the shrubs that were killed by the winter cold.

We can celebrate our air-conditioned worship space in the Commons and give thanks to all who worked to make that possible moving furniture and creating a “child friendly space” and everything else that went into that transition. **(The back table is the “Children’s Table”.)**

And we can celebrate the past, present and future as we ponder just what we will sing each week out of our new church hymnal, “Glory To God.” (See additional article). We will actually retire the blue hymnals and dedicate the purple hymnals during worship on Sunday, September 7th but until then will we sing our way through them, getting to know them like a new friend as we celebrate that, we the members of Fairgreen, are now the church choir.

May the summer continue to bless all of us as we continue to ponder:

1. Who we are as a church?
2. Who are our neighbors?
3. What is God calling Fairgreen to do and to be?

Blessings, Rev. Pat



MOUNTAINTOP GREAT BANQUET: ONE OF FAIRGREEN'S MISSIONS By Dr. Mike Roadruck



We are about to come up on the 59th and 60th Mountaintop Great Banquet weekends. That represents 15 years of this ministry at Fairgreen. With over 700 people walking these weekends over those years, Mountaintop Great Banquet is one of the most successful ministries this church family has mounted. Along with our Pre-school and food bank, Fairgreen is known throughout the area for this outreach ministry. As with these other ministries, Mountaintop Great Banquet does seek to

fill our pews but to provide for the needs of the wider community. Without the help of the members of Fairgreen, without the acceptance and permission of each one of us none of these ministries could operate. While each seeks to carry its fair share of the costs and to give back to the church when and where they can it is ultimately the goodwill of the members of Fairgreen Presbyterian Church that allows each ministry to impact our community reaching out beyond our walls into the needs of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Each program has indeed been instrumental in changing lives for Christ. But, while goodwill is vital, James tells us that "faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead." You, as an individual member of Fairgreen, can take action and directly participate in these programs. As an individual you can invite guests to the Banquets or come yourself if you have not experienced this life altering event and feel called to attend. You can help with the Banquets in many ways besides inviting guests. Donations of food, Agape gifts, service and prayers are always urgently needed for the Banquets to be successful. As the host church we should take a large role in the Banquet.

Likewise, the food pantry is always in need of helpers to assist in the distribution of food to the needy, in providing food and taxable items such as toilet paper, soap, shaving cream and razors, toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant. We are currently being asked to provide protein for the pantry to help stretch the Deacon's budget for this program. Prayers and a sympathetic ear can make an immeasurable impact on lives so close to the edge. Preschool supplies, craft materials, and even your story reading time can improve the quality of our outreach to children of working families. Fairgreen may be a building that houses many ministries but its lifeblood is the individual member who dares to become the hands and feet of Christ beyond the walls of the building. You are needed. You have been blessed to become a blessing.



"Reach out and touch a soul that is hungry.

Reach out and touch a spirit in despair.

Reach out and touch that neighbor who hates you.

Reach out and touch that stranger who needs you.

Reach out, and let the smile of God touch through you."



"GLORY TO GOD" PRESBYTERIAN HYMNALS

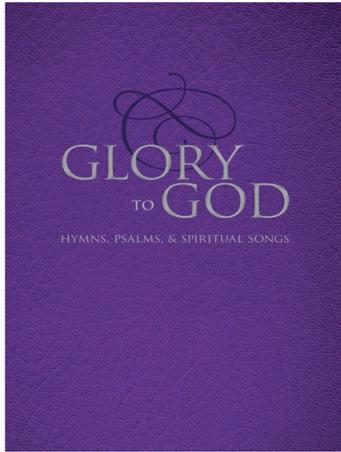
What is this new purple book that we will now be seeing in the pew racks at Fairgreen? It's the new "Glory to God" Presbyterian Hymnal that is chock full of notes, not just musical notes but also verbal notes and words both old and new. The Worship Planning Team is very excited about this new hymnal and has purchased 75 books. We would like to offer you the opportunity to remember or honor a loved one by purchasing one. The cost per hymnal is \$20. A bookplate with the name of the person being memorialized or honored will be placed inside the front cover of the hymnal.

Please complete the following information form and place it along with your payment in an envelope designated "New Hymnal". It can be placed in the offering plate or returned to Darlene in the office. If you need additional forms please see a member of the Worship Planning Team or Darlene.

Glory to God,
Anna Jones for the Worship Planning Team-Rev Pat Shafer, Mike and Barb Roadruck, Shannon Smith, Pat Gibson, Patti Nordhoff

I would like to purchase a *Glory to God* hymnal at the cost of \$20.
Your name _____
To be given in memory of _____
To be given in honor of _____

I would like to purchase a *Glory to God* hymnal at the cost of \$20.
Your name _____
To be given in memory of _____
To be given in honor of _____



Thank You! By Linda Hoover



Thank you to the congregation for the prayers, cards, and good wishes for healing after my May 9th hysterectomy. Truly, God worked through all of you in bringing me daily peace and comfort! I would ask all of you for continued prayer as I face the surgery I first had scheduled to repair a hiatal hernia and gall bladder removal. This surgery will be July 24th at Toledo Hospital.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 GRADUATES

Name – David Eichenauer

School – University of Toledo

Parents – Tim and Toby Eichenauer

Future plans – looking for a job. David graduated with a major in geography and concentrating in urban planning.

Name- Elliot Cole

School – Sylvania Northview

Aunt – Cindy Bandfield

Currently working at Highland Meadows Country Club for the summer

Name - Tyler Gill

School – Whitmer

Parents – Susan and Anthony Qualiana

Grandmother – Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

Future plans – counting the days to his 18th birthday so that he can get a job working on cars which is his passion

Name – Tom Winslow

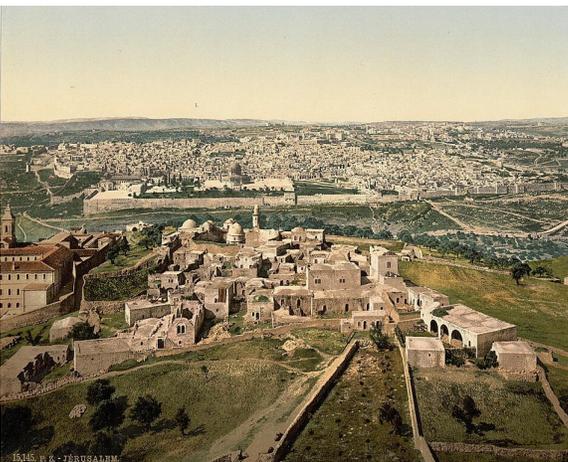
School – Tom graduated cum laude from Whitmer and received an Honors Scholarship to University of Toledo-College of Engineering

Parents – Peg and Dan Winslow

Grandmother – Connie Winslow



HOLY LAND REVISITED



If you have taken a trip to the Holy Land or are thinking about taking one or are just interested in this region which is so much a part of the Biblical story then you will want to come and enjoy an evening of remembering and sharing the experiences which have no doubt changed the lives of so many. Tuesday, July 15th at 6:30pm we will gather in the Commons worship area to share images and stories of the Holy Land. See Mike Roadruck ride a camel in Samaria. Listen to Rev. Pat's experience with the Holy Spirit. Laugh and cry with those locked in the garden. Appetizers from the region will be provided. Water will be available for a dollar (just kidding about the \$1).



July 2014



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Elders of the Month ~ Pat Gibson & Patti Nordhoff Worship in Commons ~ 10 AM Coffee Hour ~ 11:15 AM		1 5:30pm Prayers of Discernment 6pm Session Mtg Dorothy Wilder	2 2pm Bible Study in Lounge Lillian Cook	3 Chuck & Pat Gibson	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed No Food Pantry	5
	6 Communion walking	7 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Deacons Mtg.	8 Fred & Bev King Sue Fotoples	9 11:00am Staff Mtg 2pm Bible Study in Lounge Marge Pearson	10 10am Worship Planning Mtg. Joyce Koback Isabella Wu	11 10-12pm Food Pantry & Distribution Dick Peoples
13 Church picnic right after the worship service	14 John & Nancy MacPherson	15 6:30pm Holy Land Revisited Mary Beth Henning	16 2pm Bible Study in Lounge Tim & Toby Eichenauer	17 Nan Bennett	18 10-12pm Food Pantry	19
20 Communion walking Dr. Mike Roadruck will be preaching 4pm GB Brd. Mtg. 6pm Gathering	21 Sharon Peoples	22	23 Rev. Pat back in office 11:00am Staff Mtg 2pm Bible Study in Lounge	24	25 10-12pm Food Pantry David & Sharon Durrant	26 Deacons Steak Dinner 4:30pm carryout & 5-6:30pm Dinner served *See bulletin for details.
27	28 Savannah Swartz	29 Dan & Carol Yeager David Durrant Gardy Bandfield Barbara Gorrell	30 2pm Bible Study in Lounge	31 10am Worship Planning Mtg Toby Eichenauer	Denotes "Monday's with Michael" Bible Study at Hickory Ridge Heath Care from 3-4pm *Rev. Pat away July 16-22 Darlene & Peg on vacation June 30-July 4th	

Ushers & Greeters & Coffee Hour Hosts

July 6 Ushers: Sharon Durrant & Kay Amendola, Dick Schroeder
Greeter: Louise Hughes
Coffee Hour Hosts: Michael & William Henning

July 20 Ushers: Bill Henning & Michael Henning, William Henning
Greeter: Dolores Tippin
Coffee Hours Hosts: Judy Stuart & Marilyn McAfee

July 13 Ushers: Linda Hoover & Betty Geniac, Chris Roebuck, Agnes McKinstry
Greeter: Betty Wolff
Coffee Hour Hosts: John MacPherson, Dan Yeager & Jim Eaton

July 27 Ushers: Gina Beauregard &, Scott Strayer, Betty Geniac
Greeter: Maud Pearson
Coffee Hours Hosts: Chris Roebuck & Agnes McKinstry



TRANSPORTATION TROUBLES By Dr. Mike Roadruck



At the beginning I need to be honest and confess that I have no grand solution in mind and am not proposing any program. What I hope to do with this article is to open discussion around a topic which I have witnessed time and again as a stumbling block to success in life and, in particular, to active participation in the life of our church. That stumbling block is the lack of transportation. People from our church cannot attend worship and studies, cannot participate in the work of the church, cannot donate their time in service because

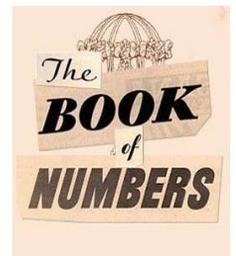
they cannot get to the church. Calling for a ride from friends begins to put a burden on the friendship. Costs for commercial transportation such as taxi and TARPS are unbearable burdens for many. Beyond the needs of members of our church there are needs which come to our attention from the greater community. We do have a van that is used on some occasions but the lack of drivers severely limits the usefulness of this option. Further, the van is not particularly accessible to many with its high profile. As I said, I don't have a solution, but I do wonder how we could make better use of our van. Are there other options that need to be explored? Is the van still needed? Is a new van something which we should consider? Would a newer vehicle which is more accessible to the elderly and those with limited mobility be an option? How is funding to be achieved for any possible solution? One of the sites we visited in the Holy Land was the house in Capernaum where, tradition has, Jesus was healing and teaching when a Paralytic was let down through the roof. How did the man get to the roof? He was carried by his friends. Are we being called to carry others to Christ for healing? Let us hear your thoughts. Let us discern the will of God in this matter and trust that He will provide the means or He will open our eyes to the solution which just might, in fact, be right before us.



OLD TESTAMENT STUDY FOR NEW TESTAMENT PEOPLE

By Dr. Mike Roadruck

Old Testament Study is moving! Yes, the Old Testament Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays in the Lounge at 2:00pm. We are nearing the end of the Book of Numbers but new members are always welcome to this remarkably interesting study of what many would call a dull book. We have found it anything but dull! There is so much in Numbers that applies to today but we discover it only through our discussions as we read the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit has been revealing how God's workings with the children of Israel and with Moses discloses God's desire for us. The surface we read in the text has much greater depth and implication for those who are willing to look for it. If you are looking for guidance and direction for your life, come Wednesday at 2:00pm and see God's plan for you.





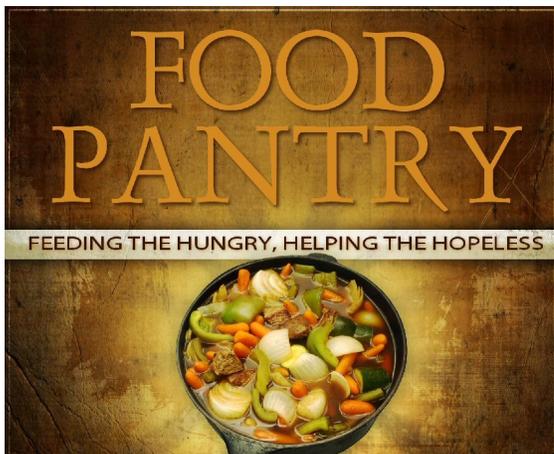
Come out for a Day of Fun, Food and Fellowship!

Fairgreen will be having their church picnic on Sunday, July 13th right after worship. There will be a "Magic Show" at noon. The magician will keep you intrigued and make you laugh. The church will supply the hotdogs and beverages. We are asking that the congregation sign up to bring a dessert or salad. There is a sign-up sheet on the table before entering the Commons.

Don't Forget to Re-Enroll at Kroger's!

Until you reenroll, your purchases DO NOT create any rewards for the Food Pantry at Fairgreen Presbyterian Church. To reenroll your Kroger Plus Card designation of Fairgreen Presbyterian Church Deacons please follow the following steps:

1. Go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com website
2. Click on Sing In/Register
3. Log in with your email address and password.
4. Click Sign in
5. On the sign in page, on the bottom, click on Edit Community Rewards Program information.
6. On the Community Rewards page go to 1 and type in Fairgreen Food Pantry.
7. Once you click on enter, under #2, Select your organization Fairgreen Presbyterian Church Deacons #90191 should appear.
8. You need to click the small button on the left to select Fairgreen Presbyterian Church Deacons.
9. Go down to #3 and save your changes.
10. Your Kroger Account Summary page should appear. Scroll down to Community Rewards Information and it should now reflect Fairgreen Presbyterian Church Deacons with the date that you enrolled.



Presbyterians Providing Protein

Now through August 31st we are asking each of you to help our Food Pantry by buying protein. Our food pantry needs some help. Could you purchase a few items for our food pantry? We are asking for American cheese slices, tuna fish, eggs, and other protein type food items. The Deacons will be in the parking lot every Sunday during this time, to help you get your items into the pantry. We are doing this in order to help stretch our dollars\$\$\$.



SESSION ACTIONS FOR MAY & JUNE 2014 By Pat Gibson

MAY

- MOTION #1 ~** Approved the Session Meeting minutes of April 1, 2014.
- MOTION #2 ~** Approved that Session gives the Memorial and Worship Planning Committees the permission to pursue the purchase of new Presbyterian Hymnals, taking up to \$1,000 from undesignated Memorial Funds and give the congregation the opportunity to purchase additional hymnals for \$20 each, in someone's honor or memory, if desired.
- MOTION #3 ~** Approved all session committee reports as received.
- MOTION #4 ~** Approved the motion to adjourn.

JUNE

- MOTION #1 ~** Approved the decision of Building and Grounds to have Campbell, Inc. pull permits to remove and dispose of the existing split air conditioning system and install a new 2 ton split system for \$5,609 of which \$1,000 of the cost they will donate, bringing our payment down to \$4,609 with monies coming from the Capital Fund.
- MOTION #2 ~** Approved Fairgreen as host for the families in the Family Promise Network from June 22—August 2 with the understanding that Fairgreen, as a church commitment, will not be providing the meals or the person staying overnight.
- MOTION #3 ~** Approved the Session Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2014.
- MOTION #4 ~** Approved all session committee reports as received.
- MOTION #5 ~** Approved motion to adjourn.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY By Peg Winslow

Year To Date Income	
as of 5/31/14	\$66,612.27
Year To Date Expense	
as of 5/31/14	<u>(\$82,491.38)</u>
Operating Loss	
as of 5/31/14	(\$15,879.11)

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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Ed Wolff
West Park Place
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

