

Fairgreen Leaves



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From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear Fairgreen Family and Friends..

Every once in a while I find an article in another newsletter that needs to be shared. Such is this reflection written by Dwight Lee Wolter on the "The Third Sacrament?" This was taken out of The Rose Window.

Matthew 10:42 says "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

In the congregational tradition there are two sacraments: baptism and communion. But it seems there is a third: Coffee Hour. I am not belittling the sacraments. It simply seems that Coffee Hour is another indicator of communion and belonging. Coffee Hour can be ho-hum or a vibrant, boisterous and truly inter-generational extension of the service where people are standing, sitting, eating, talking, reading, signing up for opportunities. Often I yell "Last Call!" just to get them out so we can finally go home. You can't fake a spiritual presence.

Members gently invite visitors for coffee and cake before they can slip out the door. Many decline at first, feeling good to be invited, though not quite ready or able to participate, but they usually return for church and fellowship.

In baptism God comes to us. In communion we come to God. In Coffee Hour we come to each other. We break a different bread and share a different cup than we do in communion. We use different water than we do in baptism. We touch the same souls in a different way. Do you want to feel "a part of" rather than "apart from" the congregation? Then come to Coffee Hour and watch the multiplication of the loaves and dishes.

Prayer

Be with and guide us in all we say and do, and in all the ways in which we gather to know, celebrate and honor you. Amen.

AN ODE TO DAN YEAGER AND JOHN MACPHERSON

It Couldn't Be Done

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
but, they with a chuckle replied
that "maybe it couldn't," but they would be ones
who wouldn't say so till they'd tried.

So they buckled right in with the trace of a grin
on their faces. If they worried they hid it.

They started to sing as they tackled the thing
that couldn't be done, and they did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, they'll never do that;
at least no one has done it";
but they took off their coat, and they took off their hats
and the first thing we knew they'd begun it.

With a lift of their chin and a bit of a grin,
without any doubting or quiddit,
they started to sing as they tackled the thing
that couldn't be done, and they did it.

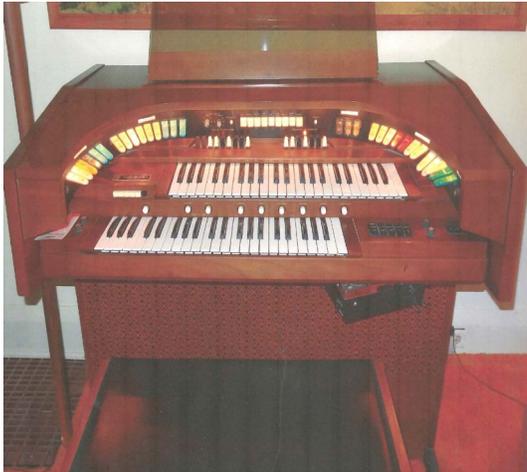
There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
there are thousands to prophesy failure;
there are thousands to point out to you one by one,
the dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle it in with a bit of a grin,
just take off your coat and go to it;
just start to sing as you tackle the thing
that "couldn't be done," and you'll do it.

Adapted by Rev. Pat (although I'm not sure about the 'singing' part.)

From Collected Verse of Edgar Guest
NY: Buccaneer Books, 1976, pg.285

FREE ORGAN

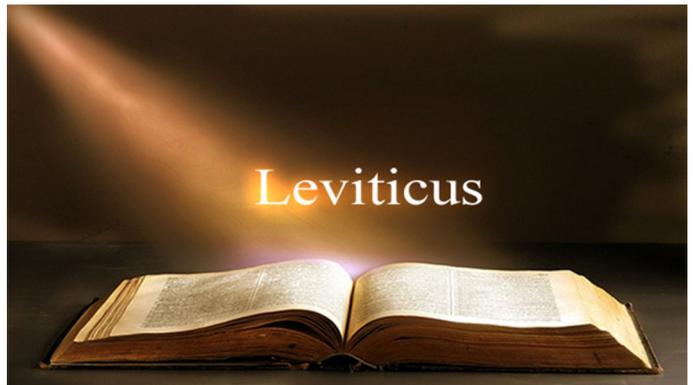


Free to a good home, a Culbransen Theatrum. The family of Jean Malcom would love to have her organ find an appreciative home! Call Dan Malcom at 567-395-0372 if you are interested.

Don is currently living with his son Dan and his family. His new address is 4519 Indian Ridge Rd., Sylvania, Ohio 43560. Stop by to see him or give him a call at 419-475-3896.

"IT'S IN LEVITICUS!" By Dr. Mike Roadruck

Want to really know what's in Leviticus? We have often heard this said (usually humorously) as we seek justification for our actions or decisions, but is it really in Leviticus? Come Wednesday afternoons and dig into God's instructions to the Levitical priests and the people of Israel. Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Lounge we will see how the regulations detailed in Leviticus point to the perfection and fulfillment of Christ in the New Testament age. Leviticus records God's message through Moses to the people as they prepared to go to the Promised Land. While these regulations and sacrifices safe-guarded Old Testament worshippers, do they have any relevance to Christians in our age? We will look at the significance of Israel's sacrificial system and the symbols they used. We will discover parallels to Jesus as their perfect fulfillment as Leviticus foreshadows the saving work of Jesus and the many ways God has made accommodation for human sin through Christ. For example, the Israelites were encamped on Mt. Sinai for going into the desert on their way to the Promised Land. They worshiped at the mount but only Moses could go to the peak where he met with God and received instructions. God dwelt on the mountain. God instructed the Israelites to construct a portable tabernacle which also had the same divisions: an area where the people gathered, and area for worship and a sacred area where only the high priest could enter. The temple built in Jerusalem mirrors this. The tabernacle moved with the people and so did the presence of God who dwelt in the holy of holies. The people were never without the presence of God on their journey. So too God now dwells in a more personal way with us as we go on our journey to the Promised Land. John says that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:1-4) The term "dwelt" translates the Greek term (*skenoō*) which is related to the word "tent" (*skene*) or "pitched tent". The sessions are not dependent on each other so feel free to come when you are able. Be prepared to say with confidence and understanding: "It's in Leviticus!"





WISHING YOU SUNNY DAYS AHEAD By Anna Jones

Ken and Mary Ellen Campbell are longtime members of Fairgreen and prior to that Rosewood Presbyterian Church. They will soon be moving to Florida to spend their leisure time lazing in the sun and whatever else it is that Florida people do. But, on the evening of April 16, forty plus family and friends gathered at Black Pearl restaurant to wish them well as they begin this new venture. They were presented with the flamingos and palm trees that graced the head table with the promise that they would be displayed prominently at their new residence in Palm Harbor.

Both Ken and Mary Ellen have been an important part of the life of Fairgreen serving on the boards of session and deacons. Ken also served as building chairman for what was then call the "\$35,000 multi-purpose room" and what we now know as the "commons". Oh, how well it has been used.

***A side not to the session: It is my understanding that Pastor Pat is planning to ask your approval to make a pastoral call to visit them next February.

Their new address is:

Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell
 4969 Devonshire Blvd.
 Palm Harbor, FL 34685



FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR MAY 2013 By Peg Winslow

Year To Date Income as of 5/31/13
Year To Date Expense as of 5/31/13



\$ 72,702.59
(\$79,490.96)

Operating Income as of 5/31/13

(\$6,788.37)



SESSION ACTIONS FOR APRIL/MAY 2013

APRIL

MOTION #1— Approved spending up to \$582.00 for internet throughout the building for one or two access point configurations, one router plus technical support with monies coming from the Capital Fund.

MOTION #2— Approved putting Erika Dunn on the inactive list per her written request.

MOTION #3— Approved, with a heavy heart, the transfer of membership of Bob Shake to Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Flanders Rd, Toledo, Ohio.

MOTION #4— Approved pursuing the conversation with Greater Faith Church who has requested the use of Fairgreen's sanctuary, nursery and restrooms on Sunday afternoons for \$100.00 per Sunday which would be included in a formal contract if the way be made clear.

MOTION #5— Approved the Session minutes of March 5, 2013, as written.

MOTION #6— Approved hosting Family Promise during the week of July 14 and the week of August 4th.

MOTION #7— Approved all session committee reports as received.

MOTION #8— Approved \$100.00 for the purchase of 5 of the new Presbyterian Hymnals to be given to the Tecumseh Presbyterian (USA) Church as a gift from Fairgreen.

MOTION #9— Approved the sponsorship of a golf hole for the Family Promise God Marathon, in Fairgreen's name for \$100.00 with the money coming from the Local Mission Line item in the Operating Budget.

MOTION #10— Approved motion to adjourn.

MAY

MOTION #1— Approved taking \$5,618.00 from the Capital Fund for the need computer updates including a new network PC, new PC for bookkeeper, router, modem, extenders, 2010 office software and labor.

MOTION #2— Approved hosting the 10am Presbytery meeting at Fairgreen on Saturday, November 16, 2013.

MOTION #3— Approved the baptism of Lexi Nicole Peterman on Sunday, June 30, 2013 daughter of Gary and Jody Peterman.

MOTION #4— Approved moving summer worship to the Commons from Sunday, July 7 through Sunday, September 8, 2013.

MOTION #5— Approved taking \$300.00 of Pastor Pat's Continuing Education money for this years as a deposit down payment for her Holy Land trip in May, 2014.

MOTION #6— Approved the Session minutes of April 2, 2013.

MOTION #7— Approved putting a hold on the \$100.00 donation to IHN made at the April Session meeting until an IHN need presents itself.

MOTION #8— Approved Pastor Pat, as coordinator, to start drawing up plans for and begin the purchase of items for the New Beginnings Garden from donated monies from the Mission Project line item—5020.

MOTION #9— Approved all session committee reports as received.

MOTION #10— Approved Anna Jones as the commissioner for the May 21st Presbytery meeting in Tecumseh starting at 3:00pm.

MOTION #11— Approved motion to adjourn.

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**Worship Service
10:00am
Coffee Hour
11:15am**

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