



The Fairgreen Leaves



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May & June 2014 Newsletter

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From the Pastors Desk...

Joyous blessings on this celebration of Easter and the season of resurrection stretching out before us.

Those are not my words but the words that greeted me as I opened one of my favorite websites "Abbey of the Arts" one day last week. The greeting itself and the reflection that flows were written by the website Abbess, Christine Valters Paintner (www.AbbeyoftheArts.com) I have found her words, photography, and poetry very helpful during these last few very dark months as I have struggled with my health and my decision to retire. In her article she reminds us that we are called to move through the various season of transformation that life presents us with and then **practice resurrection – PRACTICE RESURRECTION!** She reminds us that God grants us an entire season, not just Easter day to practice resurrection.

I spent a great deal of time during my week off doing just that as I walked along the streams and paths of my childhood; as I sat and told stories with my Mom; and as started to dream what my life might be like once I retire. In other words, I was practicing resurrection. Listen with your heart as you read Christine's words and see if you can hear just how God might be calling you to do the same during this Season of Easter. Then take some time to answer the questions she poses at the end. If you and I are truly open we will be ready to breathe in the gift of the Spirit on Pentecost morning, all to the glory of God!

"Lent is a powerful season of transformation. Forty days in the desert, stripped of our comforts, and buoyed by our commitment to daily practice so that we might arrive at the celebration of Easter deepened and renewed. But often, we arrive at the glorious season of resurrection and celebrate for that one day, forgetting it is a span of 50 days, even longer than the Lenten season through which we just traveled. Easter is not just the day when the tomb was discovered empty, but a span of time when days grow longer in the northern hemisphere, blossoms burst forth, and we are called to consider how we might practice this resurrection in our daily lives.

The soul's journey through Lent is like a pilgrimage exploring inner desert places, landscapes, thresholds, and the experience of exile. Ultimately, pilgrimage always leads us back home again with renewed vision. Resurrection is about discovering the home within each one of us,

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remembering that we are called to be at home in the world, even as we experience ourselves exiled again and again.

And perhaps there is no place of greater exile than what many of us experience in relationship to our bodies in this fast-paced consumer culture. We spend money on products to make ourselves more beautiful. We diet and fast and often go to extremes to try to mold ourselves to an external model of bodily "perfection." We seek out quick fixes through a variety of medications. Over and over again, we are told a thousand ways to be unhappy with our physical beings.

The Gospel readings during the Easter season are about the resurrection appearances of Jesus, and many of them have to do with the life of the body: Thomas doubts and needs to touch Jesus' wounds; the nets are pulled ashore overflowing with fish; the disciples on the road to Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread; Jesus breathes on them the gift of the Spirit; and of course there is the celebration of breath and fire at Pentecost. In all of these stories, there is a sense of generosity and abundance, of caring for physical needs, and of finding solace and assurance in the wounds.

*Beyond bunnies, baskets, chocolate, and jelly beans, Easter calls us to the profound **practice of resurrection of the body**. Lent calls us to the simplicity of ascetic practices like fasting with holy purpose. Easter calls us to the generous celebration of these bodies, which are such faithful companions.*

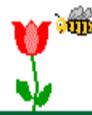
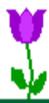
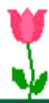
Resurrection is about entering the fire of our passion and letting it burn brightly. It is about what enlivens us and makes us feel vital—releasing fear and anxiety over what is to come, and embracing this moment here and now. Resurrection calls us to experience the full weight and lightness of our physical being, to claim the beauty of our embodied selves, and to let gratitude for these vessels of aliveness overflow.

Imagine if, during the Easter season, we each took on practices like these:

Make a commitment to move slowly through the world, resisting the demand for speed and productivity that is tearing our bodies apart and wearing them down to exhaustion.

- 1. Reject compulsive "busyness" as a badge of pride and see it for what it is—a way of staying asleep to your own deep longings and those of the world around you.*
- 2. Pause regularly. Breathe deeply. Reject multitasking. Savor one thing in this moment right now. Discover a portal into joy and delight in your body through fragrance, texture, shimmering light, song, or sweetness.*
- 3. Let yourself experience grief for the vulnerabilities of your body. Be exquisitely tender with yourself and all of the aches and pains and limitations of embodied life. Make a space within to welcome in the sorrow of difficult memories.*

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4. *Any time you begin to hear the old voices of judgment rise up about your body—whether self-consciousness or criticism or denial—pause and breathe. Then stand firm against those voices, as the desert elders counseled us to do, and tell them you will not offer them sanctuary anymore.*
5. *Play some music you love, and dance. Be present to the body's desires in response. Perhaps just a finger tapping at first. Then slowly let the impulse travel up your arm and across your chest, taking root in your heart, so that your dance might emerge from this place. Even just imagining yourself dancing can bring you alive.*
6. *Roll around on the grass, the way dogs do with abandon. Release worries about getting muddy or cold or looking foolish. The body isn't concerned with keeping things neat and tidy. Don't hold yourself back.*
7. *Every day, at least once, say thank you for the gift of being alive. Every day, at least once, remember the One who crafted you and exclaimed, "That is so very good."*
8. *Allow a day to follow the rhythms of your body. Notice when you are tired, and sleep. When you are hungry, eat. When your energy feels stagnant, go for a long walk. In truth, it often takes several days to sink into this kind of attunement, but begin to consider how you might invite this awareness into your daily life.*
9. *Be present to the earth-body, which is the matrix of our own being. The earth offers herself so generously for nourishment. Remember that earth-cherishing is intimately connected to cherishing your own embodied being.*

What does it mean for us to not just say we believe in a resurrected life, but to truly practice resurrection?

Do you experience the Holy Week to Easter movement from death into life in an embodied way?

Do you breathe in the gift of the Spirit? What will your practices of resurrected life be?"

Easter Blessings,
Rev. Pat





YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH

This should wake us up.

One day, a man went to visit a church, He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."



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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Ruth Skinner

Foundation Park
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May 2014



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Elders of the Month ~ Kay Amendola & Dick Schroeder Worship Service ~ 10:00 AM Coffee Hour ~ 11:15 AM Adult Bible Study ~ 11:30am in the Lounge Denotes "Monday's with Michael" Bible Study at Hickory Ridge Healthcare from 3-4pm *Rev. Pat away May 27—June 2 * Dr. Mike Roadruck in Holy Land May 12—22				1 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study in lounge	2 10-12pm Food Pantry Barb Roadruck	3 Men's Bible Study 8:30am #2 GB Team Mtg. 9am-12:30pm Fred Nordhoff
4 Communion Served Neutral Pulpit	5 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Deacons Mtg.	6 2pm Bible Study in Lounge 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Session Mtg. Kathie Campbell Jacob Close	7 1pm First Wednesday Worship in lounge 11:30am Staff Mtg	8 11:00am Worship Planning Mtg. 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study in lounge 2:30pm Mission Mtg. in the lounge Connie Winslow	9 10-12pm Food Pantry & Distribution	10 Men's Bible Study 8:30am #3 GB Team Mtg. 9am-12:30pm
11 Mother's Day	12 No Bible Study at Hickory Ridge Lucas Ott	13 No 2pm Bible Study Ron Wu	14 Jack Bandfield	15 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study in lounge Pat Gibson	16 10-12pm Food Pantry Jeff Wilczynski	17 Men's Bible Study 8:30am #4 GB Team Mtg. 9am-12:30pm Jeff & Rachel Buehrer
PRESCHOOL SAFE CITY WEEK MAY 12—16						
18 Rev. David Montgomery preaching 4pm GB Brd Mtg. 6pm Gathering	19 No Bible Study at Hickory Ridge 3:00pm Alpha Omega Circle in lounge	20 No 2pm Bible Study 3pm Presbytery Mtg. at the Waterville Church	21 11:30am Staff Mtg	22 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study in lounge Jack Storey	23 10-12pm Food Pantry	24 All Church Clean Up Day 9am-12pm Rental of Commons from 2pm—10pm Brooklyn Swartz
25 Communion Praise Band Louise Hughes	26 Church Office Closed Memorial Day	27 2pm Bible Study in Lounge	28	29 No Lectionary Bible Study	30 10-12pm Food Pantry	31 Men's Bible Study 8:30am #5 GB Team Mtg. 9am-12:30pm

Ushers & Greeters & Coffee Hour Hosts

May 4 Ushers: Kendy Edinger & Kay Amendola, Pat Gibson, Sharon Durrant
 Greeter: Louise Hughes
 Coffee Hour Hosts: Karen Herren & Charlene Ravenscraft

May 18 Ushers: Tammy O'Dwyer & Tim Eichenauer, Desiree Seevers, Scott Strayer
 Greeter: Betty Wolff
 Coffee Hour Hosts: Kay Amendola & Louise Hughes

May 11 Ushers: Patty Reiter & Betty Geniac, Chris Roebuck, Agnes McKinstry
 Greeter: Maud Pearson
 Coffee Hour Hosts: Ken & Nan Bennett

May 25 Ushers: Bill Henning & Michael Henning, William Henning, Anna Jones
 Greeter: Dolores Tippin
 Coffee Hour Hosts: Judy Stuart & Isabella Wu

JUNE 2014



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Dr. Mike Roadruck preaching Ken Bennett	2 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Deacons Mtg.	3 Rev. Pat back in ofc. 11:00am Worship Planning Mtg. 2pm Bible Study in Lounge 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Session Mtg	4 1pm First Wednesday Worship in lounge	5 No Lectionary Bible Study 7pm #57 Men's GB arrival	6 #57 Men's GB 10-12pm Food Pantry Karen Herren Mary Maeder	7 #57 Men's GB 8:30pm Candlelight Kay Amendola
8 Pentecost Pentecost offering Communion by Intinction 5pm #57 Men's Closing & Gathering	9 Joe Murray II	10 2pm Bible Study in Lounge	11 11:00am Staff Mtg	12 No Lectionary Bible Study 7pm #58 Women's GB arrival	13 #58 Women's GB 10-12pm Food Pantry & Distribution	14 #58 Women's GB 8:30pm Candlelight
15 Father's Day 5pm #58 Women's Closing & Gathering	16	17 11:00am Worship Planning Mtg. 2pm Bible Study in Lounge Patti Nordhoff	18 Gardy Bandfield Scott Burtch	19 No Lectionary Bible Study 6pm GB 4th Day Gathering	20 10-12pm Food Pantry	21
22 Communion served Dr. Mike Roadruck preaching Michael & William Henning	23	24 2pm Bible Study in Lounge	25 Rev. Pat back in ofc. 11:00am Staff Mtg	26 No Lectionary Bible Study Jack & Ginny Storey Mark James	27 10-12pm Food Pantry Isabel Bosley-Smith	28
29	30	Elders of the Month ~ Kay Amendola & Anna Jones Worship Service ~ 10:00 AM Coffee Hour ~ 11:15 AM Denotes "Monday's with Michael" Bible Study at Hickory Ridge Healthcare from 3-4pm *Rev. Pat away June 18-24				

Ushers & Greeters & Coffee Hour Hosts

June 1 Ushers: Marilyn McAfee & Dick Schroeder, Kay Amendola, Connie Winslow
 Greeter: Patty Reiter
 Coffee Hour Hosts: Dick Schroeder & Bonnie Buehrer

June 8 Ushers: Dan Yeager & John MacPherson, Jim Eaton, Jesse Murray
 Greeter: Alberta Bailey
 Coffee Hour Hosts: #57 Men's Great Banquet (In the Narthex)

June 15 Ushers: Barb Roadruck & Gina Beauregard, Aggie & Denise Burtch
 Greeters: Jodi, Savannah & Brooklyn Swartz
 Coffee Hours Hosts: #58 Women's Great Banquet (In the Narthex)

June 22 Ushers: Ken & Nan Bennett, William & Michael Henning
 Greeter: Isabel & Molly Bosley-Smith
 Coffee Hours Hosts: Tammy O'Dwyer & Joyce Koback

June 29 Ushers: Jeff Buehrer & Bonnie Buehrer, Scott Strayer
 Greeter: Nancy Ahrens
 Coffee Hours Hosts: Connie Winslow & Dolores Tippin



ANGELS IN FAIRGREEN By Carol Yeager

Donald Wolff loved bowling, volleyball and basketball. He loved working at the “Buddy Boy” program and having company at home, as he and his Dad would go get doughnuts to share.

He taught his dad (Ed) how to love and how to give a genuine love—filled hug. He loved his bedroom, as all four walls were covered with pictures and awards from prominent people in Toledo. He had so many trophies and he was proud of them all.

I remember his mom (Betty) taking him for swimming lessons when he was a little tot. Betty was involved in all the activities that Don was in and she made sure he got to them all on time.

Don made friends wherever he went and most of all, Don loved his church home. He loved to sing the hymns at church and he would leave his parents in their seats in the sanctuary in back and go up by himself to find someone to sing with. I had the privilege to sing with him a few times—a wonderful gift! Don couldn’t carry a tune and neither could I. So Dan and I could sing our hearts off—both of us were off key.

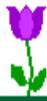
Then Don was asked to be a Deacon and he couldn’t of been more prouder or happier. He even told his dad he had to get a suit to wear. In the hallway there is a “Deacons Board” and you will see a picture of Don and the message “Always a Deacon”.

Don taught more people how to love in his “too short” life. Now we have chimes that ring out from Fairgreen every hour—in Don’s name. We have a bench in the yard to welcome people when they come to Fairgreen as this was a memorial gift to Don.

Memorials are wonderful but if you close your eyes when we sing the closing hymn on Sundays and raise our hands in praise to the Lord, I think you’ll see Don singing and praising him.

Thank you Ed and Betty for this blessing.





Great Banquet Meetings & Gatherings

Saturday, May 3, ~ #2 Team Mtg. 9-12:30pm
 Saturday, May 10 ~ #3 Team Mtg. 9-12:30pm
 Saturday, May 17 ~ #4 Team Mtg. 9-12:30pm
 Sunday, May 18 ~ Board Mtg. 4pm & Gathering 6pm
 Saturday, May 31 ~ #5 Team Mtg. 9-12:30pm

Great Banquet Weekends

#57 Men's Weekend ~

Thursday, June 5 ~ arrival at 7pm
 Saturday, June 7 ~ Candlelight at 8:30pm
 Sunday, June 8 ~ Closing/Gathering 5pm

#58 Women's Weekend ~

Thursday, June 12 ~ arrival at 7pm
 Saturday, June 14 ~ Candlelight at 8:30pm
 Sunday, June 15 ~ Closing/Gathering 5pm

Fourth Day Gathering ~

Thursday, June 19 ~ at 6pm



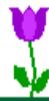
Join us at Fairgreen Presbyterian Church at
 8:30am for the Men's Bible Study.
 They will meet on the following dates:
 May 3, 10, 17 and 31, 2014



All Church Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 24th
 From 9am—noon

Come prepared with your cleaning supplies and outside tools. Even if you can only give us an hour of your time, come, as many hands make light work.



SESSION ACTIONS FOR MARCH / APRIL 2014 By Pat Gibson

MARCH 2014

- MOTION #1 ~** Approved, as corrected, the Session Meeting minutes of February 11, 2014.
- MOTION #2 ~** Approved the contract with Guide One Insurance in obtaining property and liability coverage to protect facilities, program, staff and elected and appointed officers.
- MOTION #3 ~** Approved the rental of the Commons on Sunday, June 29th for a Bridal Shower from 1-6:30pm at a charge of \$110.00; the kitchen will not be used.
- MOTION #4 ~** Approved the purchase of a digital sign for the south side of the building from LEDS and Signs Unlimited not to exceed \$12,000; financing has been secured.
- MOTION #5 ~** Approved the authorized expenditure of \$3,000 from the Memorial Fund to help cover the cost of the new electronic sign.
- MOTION #6 ~** Approved all session committee reports as received.
- MOTION #7 ~** Approved motion to adjourn.

APRIL 2014

- MOTION #1 ~** Approved the "Statement of Understandings and Expectations" as Presented as the session prepares for Rev. Pat's retirement and the transition which follows.
- MOTION #2 ~** Approved to continue our role as a Supporting church for Family Promise, hosting if needed, when our Preschool is not in session and providing design support, use of our copier and copier supplies as needed for 2014 with monies coming from the Local Mission Project line of the budget.
- MOTION #3 ~** Approved hosting a PNC for a Neutral Pulpit on Sunday, May 4, 2014.
- MOTION #4 ~** Approved the Session Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2014
- MOTION #5 ~** Approved all Session committee reports as received.
- MOTION #6 ~** Approved Pat Gibson as the Commissioner to the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2014.
- MOTION #7 ~** Approved the use of the Commons, attached kitchen, lounge and sanctuary for the Eastern District Convention of CGMA (Country Gospel Music Association) on August 18-23, 2014 at a cost to be determined.
- MOTION #8 ~** Approved motion to adjourn.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY By Peg Winslow

Year To Date Income as of 3/31/14	\$45,480.62
Year To Date Expense as of 3/31/14	<u>(\$50,275.18)</u>
Operating Loss as of 3/31/14	(\$4,794.56)



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways
submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

