



November 2014 Newsletter

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Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m.



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From the Pastor's Desk...

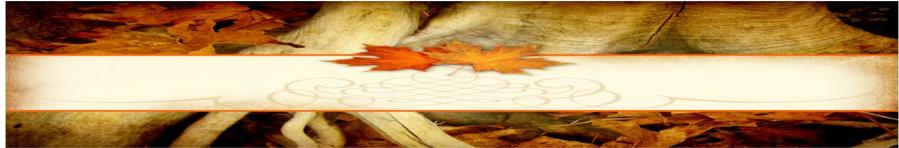
Actually you all know that it is not from the pastor's desk at all. I don't have a desk anymore but I did want to take this one last opportunity to say thank you for all your radical hospitality and your extravagant generosity. The celebration was absolutely over the top as I knew it would be. All of the graciousness you have shown me over the last nine plus years has been radical! As difficult as it has been for me to say good bye to all of you I know that you will be more than okay. You are a gracious, resilient group of God loving people and I know that you will bless your next shepherd in all the ways you have blessed me.

I hope that you really heard the words my son Bill said to all of you on the 19th. He thanked you for taking such good care of me and once more I add my own thanks to his. My time with you has been such a blessing. You have loved me unconditionally, accepted me just as I was and yet encouraged me to be more than I could have imagined as a pastor but as a beloved child of God. I also hope that you heard that "he was glad to have me back" and that sentiment will bring you some peace as you let me go. I do look forward to having more time to be Mom and Grandma.

I continue to read through the many cards and notes; I have wrapped myself my in my new lap quilt; I am spending time reading through the books and the photo album and the DVDs you have gifted me with. Wow! What a wonderful job the "Celebration Committee" did. I loved all the surprises. Words just seem to be inadequate as I struggle to express my thankfulness for all the ways you have blessed me not during my celebration but in the nine years we have walked together.

The transition continues for me. My condo has been listed for sale. My office is almost completely packed and I am thankful the session will let me store my boxes of books until the moving van is loaded. I will leave for Perkinsville, NY and the family farm around the 14th of November. My phone number will remain the same but my address will be 2018 Michigan Road, Wayland, NY 14572. I do remind you that while I look forward to hearing from you from time to time, I am not your pastor any more. My call has ended. You will transition into the future just as I will. God has a plan for both of us and we need to let it unfold.

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If you are in need of pastoral care before the arrival of your new Transitional Pastor please call the church office or Pat Gibson, Clerk of Session or Joyce Koback, Chair of the Board of Deacons. These people will see that your pastoral needs are met. We have a church full of people qualified to be the hands and feet of Christ. I also ask that you remember that Mike Roadruck is not the Transitional Pastor. While he is very pastoral, his position at the church is Intentional Faith Development and he only works 50 hours a month. While he may be asked by the session to provide some of the pastoral care, it will be the elders and deacons who will be coordinating that care until the Transitional Pastor is contracted with by your session.

As I say my final thank you and good-bye, I will repeat what I said on my last Sunday: I will love you forever; I will like you for always; As long as I am living my special brothers and sisters in Christ you will be.

Blessings, Rev. Pat



IN FAIRGREEN'S PULPIT FOR NOVEMBER

The Worship Planning Team (WPT) is pleased to tell you the pastors who will be bringing God's Word to us during the month of November while the search for our Transitional Pastor is in progress.

- November 2 — Dr. Mike Roadruck*
- November 9 — Rev. Dee Baker, Executive Director Emeritus of the Toledo Campus Ministry (TCM)*
- November 16 — Rev. Dee Baker*
- November 23 — Rev. David Montgomery, the current Executive Director of the Toledo Campus Ministry*
- November 30 — Rev. Bill Barnard, Chaplain at Swan Creek Retirement Center*
- December 7 — Dr. Mike Roadruck*

Pastors have made a commitment to us for December should they be needed. If a Transitional Pastor is not in place for December, you will be given the names of who will be leading worship for us during the Advent season.

We will continue to have Lectionary on Thursday, at 1pm in the lounge.



INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday After Church

As we transition into the uncertain waters of our future without a called pastor we must not abandon our attention to our individual growth in the faith. Rather, now is the time to redouble our commitment as we experience, perhaps, a sense of loss of direction. We begin on November 2 in the church lounge after morning worship. Mike Roadruck will lead a study of Communion or the Lord's Supper. Feel free to take some time to gather a snack and briefly greet friends in the Commons as you make your way to the lounge. What does the Lord's Supper mean? Why is it a sacrament? Is it important?

On November 9, again after morning worship and after gathering and greeting, we will study Baptism. What does it mean? Why is it a sacrament? Is it important?

Next, Pat Gibson will lead a series on the minor prophets Zephaniah, Haggai, and if time and interest permits Zechariah and Malachi. These four books conclude the Old Testament and represent the last testimony of Scripture until the coming of our Lord. What does God say to the children of Israel and to the members of Fairgreen through these often over-looked short books of our bible? You will be surprised how relevant God's word remains for us today, especially as we enter a period of waiting, anticipating the arrival of our new pastor, our new earthly shepherd.



HAGGAI IS COMING IN NOVEMBER!

On November 16th and November 30th (with a break on November 23rd for Thanksgiving dinner!) and as part of our Intentional Faith Development after worship studies each Sunday, we will be discussing the Biblical book of the Minor Prophet, Haggai.

I first was introduced to Haggai when my husband and I went on a trip, by car, out west, making the circle tour of the National Parks. I had asked God to give me a scripture with which I could ponder as we traveled. Instead of a one or two liner as I had envisioned, God led me to the book of Haggai!

Thus, each day for two weeks I read what this minor prophet wrote. By the time we returned to Toledo, a friendship had formed!

This is a short book just two chapters long! In it you'll hear God telling His people "I am with you!" "Be strong!" and "Do not fear!" You'll meet the Lord's messenger-Haggai along with Zerubbabel (son of the governor of Judah) and Joshua (son of Jehozadak, the high priest).

Together, let's see where God's message, through this prophet, takes us in mind and heart and spirit.

Pat Gibson, Convener



2015 WOMEN'S RETREAT By Pat Gibson

CALLING ALL WOMEN!



Whether you have attended our Women's Retreat in the past or whether this may be a new adventure for you, you are welcome!

After a full and busy week for so many of us, it is good to be able to pull away from home and work and worldly responsibilities for a while and join other Christian women in song and prayer, in quiet and reflection, in study and fellowship. The intent of this overnight retreat is to refresh and renew our spirits in the set-apart, sacred space of the Lial Renewal Center.

The dates of the retreat are 7pm on Friday, February 27 to 3pm on Saturday, February 28, 2015. It is held at the Lial Renewal Center on Davis Road in Whitehouse, Ohio. This is near the Butterfly House and Oak Openings Metro Park.

The cost for the retreat is \$40.00 per person per night for bedroom with private bath and \$30 per person per night for bedroom with hall bathroom. Bed linens and towels are furnished. Each woman attending will be asked to bring a food item which will be part of our breakfast, or our lunch or our snacks!

Registration will be in February but, if you are like me, I am already beginning to put items on my 2015 calendar in order to plan! Save these dates! You'll be reading and hearing more as the time gets closer. Scholarships are available.



PASTORAL CARE

Until we have a Transitional Pastor in place, if pastoral care is needed, please call the church office. Barb Roadruck answers the phone on Monday's and Darlene Hughes is in the office on Tuesday's-Friday's from 8:30am-2pm.

They will then either contact Pat Gibson, Clerk of Session or Joyce Koback, Moderator of Deacons who will respond back to you or contact someone to do so.

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LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

There is a Lectionary Bible Study each Thursday at 1:00pm in the lounge, with varied leadership.

All are welcome to join in reading together and in talking through the scriptures that will be used in the next Sunday's worship.



A HOLIDAY RECEIPE

Chocolate Cream Dessert

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup cold butter or margarine

1 package (18—1/4 ounces) chocolate cake mix

1 egg lightly beaten

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

1 cup confectioners' sugar

4 cups whipped topping, divided

3 cups cold milk

2 packages (3.9 ounces each) instant chocolate pudding mix

2 tablespoons chocolate curls

In a bowl, cut butter into cake mix until crumbly. Add egg and mix well. Press into a greased 13 X 9" baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-18 minutes or until set. Cool completely on a wire rack.

In a small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Fold in 1 cup of whipped topping. Carefully spread over the crust. Refrigerate. In a bowl, whisk the milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes; let stand until slightly thickened. Spread over the cream cheese layer. Top with the remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate for 2 hours before cutting. Garnish with chocolate curls. Yield 12 servings.



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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2320 Tremainsville Rd.
Toledo, Ohio 43613

Kay Monroe
70 Moss Creek
Toledo, Ohio 43612



November 2014



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Elders of the Month ~ Charlene Ravenscraft & Karen Herren Worship Service ~ 10:00AM  Denotes "Mondays" (every other Monday) with Michael Bible Study at Hickory Ridge Heath care from 3-4pm ***Dr. Mike Roadruck on vacation November 13–30th	Coffee Hour ~ 11:15AM					1 Church Clean Up Day 9-12pm
2 Communion served—Necrology read Dr. Mike Roadruck preaching 11:30am Bible Class	3 No Volleyball Election set-up	4 Election Day 10:30am Worship Planning Mtg. 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Session Mtg.	5 First Wednesday Worship 1pm 3pm Old Testament Bible Study	6 Preschool pictures in Narthex 1pm Lectionary Bible Study	7 Preschool pictures in Narthex 10-12pm Food Pantry 6-9pm Craft Sale set-up	8 Holiday Arts & Craft Sale from 9am-4pm
9 Rev. Dee Baker preaching 11:30am Bible Class	10  6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Deacons Mtg 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball	11 Preschool using Commons 1-6pm	12 11-12pm Bible Study at Sunset House 3pm Old Testament Bible Study	13 1pm Lectionary Bible Study 7pm Mission Wellness Event in the Commons	14 10-12pm Food Pantry  Ginny Storey	15 Presbytery Mtg. 10am at Collingwood Presbyterian Church
16 Rev. Dee Baker preaching Praise Band 11:30am Bible Class GB Board Mtg. 4pm Gathering 6pm  Gary & Karen Herren	17 3pm Alpha Omega Circle in lounge 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball	18	19	20 1pm Lectionary Bible Study	21 10-12pm Food Pantry  Ed Cytlak	22 Elder Training at Tontogany Presbyterian Church 8:30-3:30pm
23 Communion (walking) Stewardship Dr. David Montgomery preaching Thanksgiving Dinner	24 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball (set-up for PS Feast)	25 Preschool Thanksgiving Feast in Commons  Bonnie Buehrer	26 Preschool Thanksgiving Feast in Commons	27 Church Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	28 Church Office Closed No Food Pantry	29  Marilyn Kolbow
30 Rev. Bill Barnard preaching 11:30am Bible Class	A Prayer of 			Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18		

Ushers & Greeters & Coffee Hour Hosts

Nov. 2 Ushers: Barb Roadruck & Linda Hoover, Kay Amendola, Pat Gibson
Greeter: Maud Pearson
Coffee Hour Hosts: Desiree Seavers & Steve Stambaugh

Nov. 9 Ushers: Bonnie Buehrer & Dick Schroeder, Judy Stuart,
Tammy O'Dwyer
Greeter: Louis Hughes
Coffee Hour Hosts: Chris Roebuck & Agnes McKinstry

Nov. 16 Ushers: Linda Hoover & Connie Winslow
Greeter: Dolores Tippin
Coffee Hours Hosts: Kay Amendola & Louise Hughes

Nov. 23 Ushers: Joyce Koback & Bill Henning, William & Michael Henning
Greeter:
Coffee Hours Hosts: Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 30 Ushers: John MacPherson & Dan Yeager, Tammy O'Dwyer,
Scott Strayer
Greeter: Erika Dunn
Coffee Hours Hosts: Judy Stuart & Isabella Wu



THANK YOU

A thank you is sent to each and every person who helped make Rev. Pat's celebration on Sunday, October 19 such a glorious event. Each of you made this a special time for Rev. Pat with your prayers, gifts, cards and presence. In addition, the table decorations, the food for the coffee hour and brunch, the cake and the speakers all added to the event.

Appreciation also goes to all those who helped set the tables and took them down and to those who cleaned up after the event.

Sincerely,
Pat Gibson and Dick Schroeder
Co-Chairs Celebration Committee



THANKSGIVING DINNER

We will gather together for our Thanksgiving Feast in the Commons on Sunday, November 23rd, 2014, right after the worship service. Look in your church bulletin starting November 9th for more information.



MOUNTAINTOP GREAT BANQUET COMMUNITY



Great Banquet Meetings & Gatherings

Sunday, November 16th ~
Board Meeting at 4pm
Gathering 6pm



Christmas Poinsettia Plants

Once again you will have the opportunity to purchase poinsettia plants that will decorate the church sanctuary during the Christmas Eve service and the following Sunday. There will be an insert sheet put in the bulletins for the following Sundays: November 2, 9, 16, and 23rd. Turn the insert sheet, along with your money (checks please make out to Fairgreen Presbyterian Church), into the church office or place in Darlene Hughes mailbox by Sunday, November 23rd. We will be offering a 6 1/2" plant with 5 blooms for \$6 and a 7 1/2" plant with 8 blooms for \$10. The choice of colors are red, white and pink. A 8 1/2" plant in red only with 12 blooms for \$12.



ANGEL TREE



The Angel Tree will be ready on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23, 2014, so that you can take advantage of all those early Christmas sales the day after Thanksgiving. How can you help fill a Christmas wish? Choose an angel with an item listed, purchase it, wrap it and return it to the church with the angel attached. Let's see all those gifts piled under the Angel Tree by December 7th.



**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

Join us on Sunday, December 7th after the worship service for our congregational meeting held for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons.



SESSION ACTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2014 By Pat Gibson

MOTION #1 ~

Approved the minutes from September 9, 2014 as corrected. M/S/P

MOTION #2 ~

Approved the use of Fairgreen for a Presbytery-wide Confirmation Retreat on Friday, February 6-7, 2015, using the kitchen and Commons plus two rooms downstairs to sleep. M/S/P

MOTION #3 ~

Approved authorizing Building and Grounds to contract Rob Shaw Outdoor Lighting to repair and/or replace parking lot lights and install a new timer up to \$2,200.00 with monies coming from the Memorial Fund and/or the Capital Fund. M/S/P

MOTION #4 ~

Approved all session committee reports as received. M/S/P

MOTION #5 ~

Approved motion to adjourn. M/S/P



A COUPLE OF SPECIAL THANK YOU'S!

Dear Fairgreen Family and Friends,

My family would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love you have expressed to us during the loss of my dad. We appreciate all the cards, phone calls and words of love that was shared with us. Thank you to all those who sent money into Fairgreen Presbyterian Church for the Food Pantry in behalf of my dad, Roland LaFountaine. Through your generosity we have collected \$350 towards buying food for the pantry. He would have been very pleased.

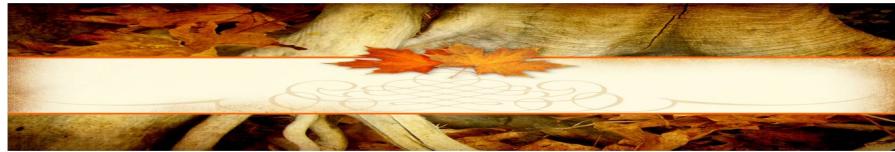
Blessings,
Darlene & Tom Hughes and Family



Dear Fairgreen Family and Friends,

What an outpouring of love my family and I experienced from each and everyone of you during the time of loss of my wife, Carol . Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, visits and the love that was shared with our family. You have been such a blessing to us all and it was truly a blessing to have you there with us sharing your love and support during this time.

Thank you so very much.
Dan Yeager and Family



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Happy Thanksgiving!