



The Fairgreen Leaves

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From the Pastors Desk...

It is not hard to tell that autumn is my favorite time of year. I wear autumn colors all year round. I decorate my house and the church in autumn colors. I walk in the woods more in the fall than I do any time of year. My family thinks I smile more the last quarter of the calendar year than I do any other time. Maybe they are right.

When asked, "Why? Why do I love this season more than others?" I am not sure I can answer. There are no words adequate to explain this feeling, my feeling. I think that it does have something to do with the transformation that takes place around us. I also think it has something to do with harvest and feelings of gratitude. Recently I read a piece written by one of my favorite authors, Macrina Wiederkehr. The book is *The Circle of Life* by Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr.

This is what she says...**Autumn, a Season for Transformation**

Autumn, my favorite season, is a mystical time with a beautiful language all its own, a language my soul understand, no translation needed. A kind of eternal longing wells up in me that seems stronger in autumn than it does in other seasons. Perhaps it is my own forgotten memories of a source of life behind the life I now know, my own unrealized yearnings to return *home*.

I love to walk in the autumn woods. I feel as though I am walking in a womb of mystery. All around me life is changing, moving on into new forms and shapes, dying that it may live again. All that is falling away motivates me to see more deeply the unique mystery that I am. The many changes in the world of nature are symbolic of changes happening in human hearts. Autumn, with its unforgettable face of both acceptance and surrender, ushers in the *sacrament of absence*. This absence can be a blessing. My life becomes cluttered with many things. This is the season that invites me to let go. Sometimes what is not visible enables me to see new horizons.

I often hear people talk about spring cleaning, which involves anything from going through closets and downsizing to cleaning the house from top to bottom. I personally like to use the season of autumn to do this. (Continued on the next page)

Fairgreen Publication Deadlines:

Newsletter—The 3rd Sunday of each month for next month's newsletter.





It fits well with the house cleaning that nature is doing. For the past few years, it has become my custom in autumn to evaluate what needs to be relinquished in my life. Sometimes possessions weigh me down. At other times it is my character flaws that burden not only me but everyone who lives with me as well. I look into my closet and my heart each autumn and ask, "Is there anything I could surrender that would help me become a freer person?" (*Taken from the Circle of Life Book*)

No matter just how you feel about autumn, will you wonder with me, "Is there anything I could surrender that would help me become a better person?" After you and I have spent some time with that reflection would you take yet another step in this season of transformation and wonder with me, "Is there anything that we could surrender that would help us become a better church?"

Autumn Blessings,
Rev. Pat

A WORD ABOUT WORSHIP...

"Who decides what music we will sing?" Is it Rev. Pat who says how and when we celebrate Holy Communion?" Why don't we have more _____ (insert your preference) music or more _____ (insert traditional, blended or contemporary) worship services?"

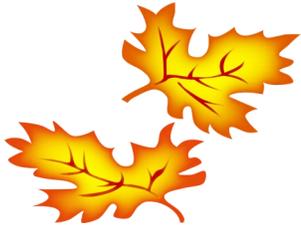
Because you asked, I/we wanted you to know. All of the above decisions are made by our Worship Planning Team which gathers every 3 or 4 weeks, looks at the Scriptures and the theme for the day and then prayerfully discerns. The WPT is currently made up of Anna Jones, Patti Nordhoff, Pat Gibson, Barb Roadruck and Cindy Bandfield. It is staffed by Shannon Smith, Director of Music, Mike Roadruck, CRE and myself as your pastor. While as staff we do advise and actively participate, the only decision that the preacher of the day actually decides is what the scriptures will be.

So now that you know who, let me say a little about how we decide. We try very hard to let the Word of God and the theme that flows from that Word inform us as to what we will sing. Some themes lend themselves more to organ music, some to praise music. We continue to honor session's request that we sing a variety of music and that we present the Word in a variety of ways in song, prayers, and preaching. As to communion we again honor session's decision to celebrate the sacrament at least twice a month again using several ways of celebrating. The way we celebrate is determined by what is happening in the kitchen (dinners/coffee hours/Great Banquets) or the theme of worship. We have sometimes found that the best laid plans sometimes need to change. Last Sunday was a good example. When I decided to use a prayer bowl because it went so well with the Word it made better sense to do "walking" communion rather than "served" communion.

Because of the uniqueness of this particular congregation we are blessed to celebrate worship in a wide variety of ways. Not everyone is always happy about this but we need to remember that reformed worship is never about us – ***it is always and forever about God!*** Please know that we are always open to your input.



WHEN THE AUTUMN OF LIFE HAS ENDED By Susan Nikdtenko



**Autumn is a fanciful season;
The leaves a colorful glow.
The squirrels gather for winter;
Before the cold winter's snow.
Pumpkins brighten grandmas front porch;
Scarecrows cheer each passerby.
Harvest cooking fills the autumn air;
Apple tarts and pumpkin pie.
The wooly bear forecasts the weather;
The flowers of summer fade.
Bringing forth lie in a tiny seed;
A miracle that is heaven made.
Memories and laughter fill my heart;
When I think about it all.
The yearly hayride until dark;**

**And all the fun in the Fall.
I am reminded this time of year;
We must gather and prepare.
Because harvest time is ending soon;
Soon our Jesus will appear.
And though fall is beautifully designed;
And holds a place in my heart.
There's nothing like my home awaiting;
Filled with God's celestial art.
If we fill our lives with goodness;
And plant God's seeds long the way.
When the autumn of life has ended;
They will bloom a sweet bouquet.**



This is shared as a memorial to Don Malcom and Marjorie Heaton, as they too have planted seeds along the way. We will always have the precious memories of the special ways that God had used them to touch each of our lives. We will all miss them.





FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER TOLEDO By Marilyn McAfee



Family Promise®

It is prayers of thanksgiving for a new Day Center location for Family Promise. After months and miles of searching and looking at different buildings all over the city of Toledo, contacts both by phone and in person – who would have believed that God planted a person from our own congregation in our midst and led us to a vacant house on Flanders Road, the new Family Promise Day Center. While lease agreements are still to be worked out and signed, the Board of Trinity Church of the Nazarene approved our presentation for Family Promise to again provide emergency shelter services to families with children who are experiencing homelessness. It has been an emotional time for me, always hoping and praying that God will help see us through the reopening of this mission. We know that children experiencing homelessness suffer in so many ways, especially education-wise where most repeat grades and some fall so far behind that high school graduation is lost. The house on Flanders Road is more than a gift; it has brought a new mission of awareness to Trinity's congregation about the needs of homeless families in our area. Our goal is to reopen by the end of the year and no later than January, 2014.



We still have work to do and that is the 2nd Annual Bed Race on October 19th on Huron Street. Fairgreen Presbyterian Church has committed to sponsor 2 beds in the race. Our racers need to raise money so that they

qualify for "feet to cheat". For every \$25 donation our racers will receive an advantage in the race; AND each \$25 sponsor will receive a tax-free deduction receipt – it's a win-win!!! So please get your check-books out and help Fairgreen young adults win the glass trophy!



Thank You Fairgreen Presbyterian Church for your prayers, support and commitment to Family Promise of Greater Toledo.



******Women of Fairgreen!
Mark your calendars, now, for our Women's Retreat:
February 28-March 1, 2014!**





THE PRESENCE OF ANGELS By Carol Yeager

Did you ever feel a brush of angel's wings when you walk through the sanctuary, the hallways, and the various rooms of Fairgreen?

Indeed we believe that those who have journeyed to their Heavenly Home have not been forgotten; their Spirits can seem palpable; their deeds and commitments are emblazoned in our memories. We celebrate their life, their talents, and the treasure of their "life presents" to our congregation.



Recently, I was telling others at the Food Pantry about Wava Ruby, whose name is on a small framed plaque which hangs above the kitchen sink. Wava, Dan Yeager's mother, was very active during Caring Cupboard meals at Fairgreen. She loved to help people and to laugh with them. Wava had a beautiful smile. She seemed to dance with glee as she cooked and served. Additionally she was a wonderful mother and grandmother, enjoying numerous opportunities with all her grandchildren.

Rev. Pat often reminds all of us to pay attention to God's world and happenings, to be astounded and to tell someone. I would like to suggest that we continue to notice our past ANGELS and to tell the precious stories.



Men you are invited to join us on **Saturday, October 19th & November 30th** for a time of prayer, fellowship and studying God's Word. We will serve a Continental Breakfast and this will run from **8:00 AM—11:00 AM** in the lounge or the Commons of Fairgreen Presbyterian Church. Let's gather together and grow in the Word of the Lord.



SESSION ACTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2013 By Pat Gibson

MOTION #1 ~ Approved selling the metal chairs for \$2.00, the padded metal chairs for \$5.00 and the green chairs for \$2.00 at the garage sale on 9/7/2013 with no cost to Fairgreen church members.

MOTION #2 ~ Approved the Parent Cooperative Preschool Policy and Procedure Handbook.

MOTION #3 ~ Approved Rev. Pat's time away in October to be October 14-22 which is one week and two days.

MOTION #4 ~ Approved the corrected session minutes of August 13, 2013.

MOTION #5 ~ Approved the collection of the Peacemaking Offering for 2013.

MOTION #6 ~ Approved all session committee reports as received.

MOTION #7 ~ Approved motion to adjourn.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY By Peg Winslow

Year To Date Income as of 8/31/12	\$107,620.74
Year To Date Expense as of 8/31/12	<u>(\$115,965.99)</u>
Operating Loss as of 8/31/12	(\$8,345.25)

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our Food Pantry is almost bare and if you would like to donate some of the following items to help us replenish it, that would be a blessing.

Items needed: peanut butter, canned soups, canned fruits, cereal, spaghetti noodles, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti's, canned vegetables, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, Kleenex, bar soap, dish soap and anything else you may want to donate. We also accept monetary gifts. Just bring your items to the church office during the week or on Sunday's.





A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Dear Fairgreen Family & Friends,

Thanks for your prayers when I had my heart catherization. For my age the cardiologist said "I was in good shape." I am to take two medications and return in four months. I am glad to be able to resume my golfing and jogging that I enjoy.

It's a blessing to be a part of this body of Christ and I am thankful for your prayers. Thanks be to God.

Sincerely,
Fred King



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.

Lillian Cook

Kingston of Perrysburg
333 East Boundary St. Apt. 210
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551
419-873-6028

Val Daniels

2032 Farragut
Toledo, Ohio 43613
419-474-3780

Lamb Ministry



We have lambs available for you to take to minister to people who are in the hospital, lonely, sick, and depressed etc. These lambs have been prayed over by Fairgreen Presbyterian Church. So stop by the Welcome Center and pick one up to touch someone's heart.

ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Rise up Weed Warriors and Mop Maids! Our time has come at last! Rejoice and unite at Fairgreen on October 19th from 9:00am to noon. Remember to bring your own choice of weapons.





Great Banquet Weekends & Fourth Day



#55 Men's Great Banquet Weekend ~

Thursday, October 3—Sunday, October 6th

#56 Women's Great Banquet Weekend ~

Thursday, October 10—Sunday, October 13th

Thursday, October 17th ~

Fourth Day at 6pm in the Commons

**MOUNTAINTOP GREAT
BANQUET COMMUNITY
INVITES YOU TO THE**

Holiday

Arts & Crafts Show

November 9th ~ 9:00am-4:00pm



Local vendors showcasing
jewelry, art, sewn creations and
other types of handmade goodness.

Please call the church office
419-475-4436 to register and
sign a contract.

The cost for an 8ft table
and two chairs for one
day is only \$15.

Space is limited and so it
must be on a first come, first
serve basis. Deadline to sign
up is Friday, October 25th.

VENDORS WELCOME!





October 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Elders of the Month ~ Charlene Ravenscraft & Karen Herren Worship Service ~ 10:00 AM Coffee Hour ~ 11:15 AM Adult Series Class ~ 11:30 AM "How we got the creeds" Anna Jones		1 6pm Prayer of Discernment 6:30pm Session Mtg. Tim & Christy Ott	2 1:30pm 1st Wed. Worship 3:30pm Bible Study in Lounge #55 Men's GB set-up	3 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 7:00pm #55 Men's GB arrival	4 #55 Men's GB 10-12pm Food Pantry Michael Bandfield	5 #55 Men's GB 8:30pm Candlelight
6 World Communion Sunday Peacemaking Offering taken 11:30am Series of Lessons in lounge #55 Men's Closing 5pm Byron Harris Jody Peterman	7 6pm Prayer of Discernment 6:30pm Deacons Mtg. 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Commons	8	9 3:30pm Bible Study in Lounge #56 Women's GB set-up	10 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study 7:00pm #55 Women's GB arrival Alice Howell Carole Schuch Christy Ott	11 #56 Women's GB 10-12pm Food Pantry & Distribution	12 #56 Women's GB 8:30pm Candlelight
13 9:09am Odd Sunday Class 11:30am Series of Lessons in lounge #56 Women's Closing 5pm	14 Columbus Day 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Commons Rev. Pat Ruth Skinner	15	16 3:30pm Bible Study in Lounge	17 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study Rick & Kay Amendola Kelly Bandfield	18 10-12pm Food Pantry Lucas Hart	19 9:00am All Church Clean Up Day 8:00am-11:00am Men's Bible Study
20 Communion Dr. Mike Roadruck preaching Praise Band 11:30am Series of Lessons in lounge Jeff & Terri Skinner	21 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Commons	22 6:30pm Preschool Pumpkin Night in Commons Roger & Chun Hui Nichols Chuck Gibson Bill Smith	23 Rev. Pat back in office 3:30pm Bible Study in Lounge 6:30pm Preschool Pumpkin Night in Commons	24 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study	25 10-12pm Food Pantry	26
27 9:09am Odd Sunday Class 11:30am Series of Lessons in lounge	28 7-9pm Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Commons Nancy MacPherson	29	30 3:30pm Bible Study in Lounge	31 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study	Denotes "Tuesday's with Michael" Bible Study at Hickory Ridge Healthcare 4-5pm * Rev. Pat off from October 14-22nd	

Ushers & Greeters & Coffee Hour Hosts

Oct. 6 Ushers: Judy Stuart & Barb Roadruck, Charlene Ravenscraft, Betty Geniac
 Greeter: Dolores Tippin
 Coffee Hour Hosts: Men's Great Banquet (In the Narthex)

Oct. 13 Ushers: Tammy O'Dwyer & Kay Amendola, Chris Roebuck, Agnes McKinstry
 Greeter: Maud Pearson
 Coffee Hour Hosts: Women's Great Banquet (In the Narthex)

Oct. 20 Ushers: Dan Yeager & John MacPherson, Jesse & Joe Murray
 Greeter: Jodi Swartz and daughters
 Coffee Hour Hosts: Dan & Peg Winslow

Oct. 27 Ushers: Linda Hoover & Pat Gibson, Dick Schroeder, Erika Dunn
 Greeters: Aggie & Denise Burtch
 Coffee Hours Hosts: Sharon Durrant & Gina Beauregard



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



***This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

Psalm 118:24