

Fairgreen Leaves

FEBRUARY 2013

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From The Pastor's Desk....

Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included

- *the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith on Easter Sunday;
- *the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church;
- *and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior.

As such, the primary focus of the season is to explore and deepen our "baptismal spirituality" that centers on our union with Christ rather than to function only as an extended meditation on Christ's suffering and death. Therefore we will offer two very different worship experiences during this season inviting us into just such an exploration.

On Sunday mornings, Mike and I will draw from the Lectionary texts for the season as well as a resource written by Adam Hamilton called "*The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus.*" The texts presented by Hamilton invite us to focus on the life and teachings of Jesus hearing them with "fresh ears by drawing insights from history, archaeology, and the geography of the Holy Land." We will travel from the Jordon River to the Judean Wilderness to the ruins of Capernaum. We'll climb the mountain where Jesus gave his famous sermon and may even take a boat out on the Sea of Galilee all in an effort explore our "baptismal spirituality."

We will also gather at **7 pm on Wednesday evenings** (with the exception of Ash Wednesday, February 13 when we will meet at 7:15 pm after a simple soup supper). These informal, reflective worship services will invite us to explore a somewhat different theme: "*what wondrous love.*" Using the art work of John August Swanson we will explore texts from the last days of Jesus' earthly ministry. Each service will end with the celebration of Holy Communion. Please remember we will NOT offer a weekly Lenten Meal this year. We will gather only on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday for our soup suppers. Each of you is invited to bring your own dishes so that the Elders and Deacons who are preparing the meals will have less clean-up.

Please remember that we also gather each first Wednesday of the month for worship and communion. These services are open to everyone!

One of the wonderful questions that has already emerged from my Lenten preparation is the understanding **that Jesus choose to walk in my shoes – my shoes!** I was very aware when I had the blessing of going to the Holy Land both times that it was my desire to walk in the footsteps of Jesus but some how the idea that Jesus would choose to walk in mine is casting a different light on my pondering of yet another Lenten Journey. I wonder if it will for you as well. We pray that each of you will intentionally walk into this holiest of season so that each of us will be ready to give thanks and praise to God once more for the magic and the mystery we call our Easter Faith.

Blessings, Rev. Pat

BITS AND PIECES...

The ***Shower Task Force*** has been formed with the approval of the Shower Proposal by the congregation. The details are still being worked out as Dan and John talk with the contractor and decide which work they will do themselves. We will keep you informed as to when the work will be done.

The ***Session*** has now formed all of its ***Committees for 2013*** and is in the process of looking for congregational members to serve with the elders and deacons already in place. Remember – serving on a committee means that you will help with the work of the group but very seldom need to attend a lot of meetings! One of the changes we made as we came out of New Beginnings is to streamline our committees as we organized them around the 5 Practices of a Fruitful Congregation so there are less meetings and more fun activities. Do you have an idea for one of our groups – let them know. You will find the structure posted on the side of the church mailboxes outside the Pastor's office. Where might God be calling you to serve this year?

Office Hours ~ Just a reminder that Rev. Pat tries to be in the office Monday through Thursday from 10:30am to 2:30 pm. Meetings and visitation some times takes her away but that is the best time to stop by to see her although she is often in more than that. Call the church office or Rev. Pat at 419-215-2939 if you would like to make an appointment.

Mike's office hours generally are Monday, from 12-1 pm; Wednesday from 2-4 pm; and Friday from 1-3 pm. Again, if you would like to set up an appointment with Mike call the church office and they will do so. But also remember that Mike only works for 50 hours a month so you just might like to stop by at his Monday or Saturday Bible study and talk with him after the class!

FROM THE FAMILY OF WEB & WOODY COLE

Dear Fairgreen Friends and Family,

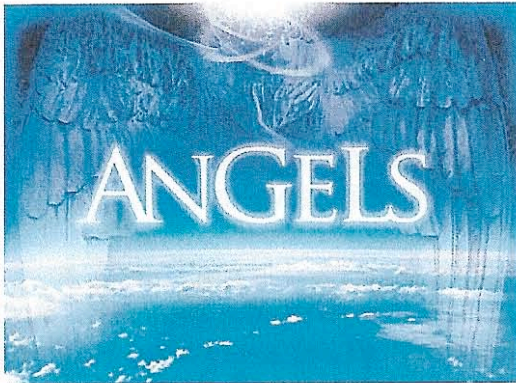
Words cannot express all the gratitude for the many ways you have cared for our entire family during these recent weeks as we faced our Mom's/Grandma's sudden illness and rapid death. Thank you for the care and love, visits, phone calls and cards. We read each card to her and conveyed all your messages. Many thanks to all of you who worked so hard to prepare an amazing meal following our Mom's/Grandma's memorial service. Your gracious hospitality was much appreciated.

This congregation meant so much to our parents. They truly loved you. You all have been the hands of God for our family for generations. The people of Rosewood/Fairgreen have always been our extended family and we with our parents/grandparents continue to rejoice and give thanks for all the saints.

Love,
The Family of Web and Woody Cole



FAIRGREEN WOMEN'S RETREAT By Pat Gibson



Angels: The Messengers of God, will be the theme around which this year's retreat will focus. Did you know that the angels are mentioned in the Old Testament over 170 times and in the New Testament over 190 times? Were these messengers only in biblical times or are they among us, now? Let's find out, together!

When? **Friday, March 1 to Saturday, March 2**
 What Time? **7pm (Friday) to 3pm (Saturday)**
 Where? **Lial Renewal Center on Davis Road,
 Whitehouse, Ohio**

Cost? **\$40.00 plus a breakfast, lunch or snack food item to share**

Retreat registration will be at the Welcome Center, on Sunday February 10, 17 and 24. If you have questions or in need of a scholarship, please contact Pat Gibson at 419-535-3199 or at patmgibson@hotmail.com.

HEARTFELT THANKS By Joanne Crammond

Dear Fairgreen Family & Friends,

I would like to share with you just how blessed I am to be a part of this church family. While I was in the hospital you showed your love through, cards, prayers and visits. I have felt so loved and cared for by each and everyone of you. Please know that right now I am not able to come to church, but that you are all always on my heart and in my prayers.

Love, Joanne Crammond



DEACONS CORNER



In the next week we will have a valentines tree in the narthex. You can pick a valentine and choose a person from our hearts and hands members and either take them out to lunch, bring lunch to them, visit with them, bring them some cookies or send them a valentine's day card. We want to show them that they are loved and cared for as Jesus takes care of us. We will also have several food pantry recipients who you can send a card and some food items for the food pantry. **Let's all show our love for God in taking care of His people.**

SCRIP CARDS



When you are remembering your sweetie and taking her to dinner remember to pick up a gift card for your dinner out. Remember that the deacons receive about a thousand dollars each year by you purchasing gift cards from the church. Thank you for your continued support to the Deacons.

KROGER PLUS CARDS



Kroger Shoppers: Whether you spend \$10 per week or \$100 per week the Deacons can use your Community Rewards to support the food pantry and discretionary fund. The Deacons receive donations from Kroger when you register your Plus Card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Fairgreen's organization number is 90101. Once your card is registered, a percent of your grocery purchases will be sent by Kroger to the Deacons. It does not cost you any additional fund and it does not take away from your gasoline points. Kroger is making the donation on your behalf. We received \$500 last year and we hope to increase this number with your help in 2013.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY By Peg Winslow

Year To Date Income as of 12/31/12
Year To Date Expense as of 12/31/12

\$174,213.00
(\$174,600.09)

Operating Loss as of 12/31/12

(\$387.09)



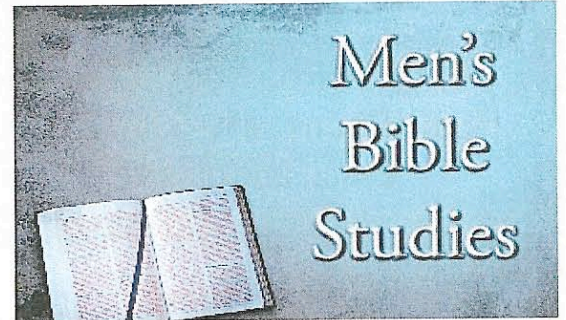
NEWLY STARTED

Bible Study



Come join Mike Roadruck on Monday's at 1:30pm in his office (which is behind the sanctuary) for a Bible Study. The study will be on 1 John.

There will be a Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study here at Fairgreen Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 9th from 8:30am-11:15am in the church lounge. Come on out for a time of fellowship, food, prayer and studying God's Word.



If you find yourself needing a little exercise and want some fellowship too, then why don't you join us on Monday's from 7-9pm in the Fairgreen Commons for our Adult Co-Ed Volleyball. You'll have a great time!

GREAT BANQUET MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

Sunday, February 17 ~ Board Meeting at 4:00pm
Gathering at 6pm

Mountaintop Great Banquet Retreat at the Weber Retreat Conference Center on February 22 & 23, 2013.



Let your light shine!
Matthew 5:14-16

LENTEN



Mid-Week Worship

Ash Wednesday, February 13 ~
Soup Supper at 6:30pm & Worship Service at 7:15pm

Worship Services Only at 7pm ~ February 20 & 27
March 6, 13, & 20

Maundy Thursday, February 28 ~
Soup Supper at 6:30pm & Worship Service at 7:15pm

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

**We're on the Web!
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

