

FAIRGREEN LEAVES 2023

From The Pastors Desk...

A writer from Appalachia wrote a sobering note: When one's thinking begins with the congregation and its members rather than with the **Gospel** itself it is likely that ministry and planning and effort will not get beyond the membership of the congregation.

It is so easy for us in our thinking to begin our thinking and to end our thinking about ministry in limited ways. Jesus reminds us clearly that this is an approach that does not please God nor does it follow His teachings.

This pastoral letter will appear in the **August, 2023 NEWSLETTER**. That date reminds us all that we are at the edge of the end of Summer and the resumption of a number of activities and endeavors that have been somewhat on hiatus. This is typical for many churches.

It is easy to become captured by the "activity trap" as we prepare for the resumption of Fall programs and perhaps mounting of some new ministries. The "activity trap" can be so consuming that we become blinded to that thing which Scripture and the Holy Spirit call us to center on and make our top priority: **The Gospel of Jesus Christ**.

Sometimes we can fool ourselves into thinking that doing our activities are as important as authentic efforts to make the **Gospel Message live through how we live our lives**.

Placing the **Gospel at the center of our faith life** isn't usually done casually or just periodically when we have the time. Doing this in authentic ways includes intentionality on our part and a commitment to seek the **leading of the Spirit** as a central part of our daily lives. The **Gospels** become a guide and a resource and most of all, the very center of our individual lives of faith lived with and for our Lord and Savior,,,even **Christ Himself**.

All of the activities we sometimes think are so important absolutely pale by comparison to the centrality and absolute importance of the **Gospels**. This requires Bible study in various forms, of course, but it also requires more. It requires explorations of our faith. **What** do we truly believe? **Why** do we believe it? **Why** do we not believe other things?

As we move through August and prepare more and more for the Fall Season, **I pray we can all avoid being captured by the activity trap instead of the Gospel**.

And in honest, genuine, authentic, real ways recommit ourselves to the teachings and actions of Christ's Gospel.



Bible Study at Fairgreen IS for Everyone

We are continuing with the hybrid model of in-person and zoom access for our 3:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study. In-person study is in the church's lounge.

Zoom

participation can be accessed in three ways:

by clicking on/entering this link which will be resent by email prior To each study(if you are not receiving this link in an email on Tuesday and Wednesday, contact Mike):

<https://zoom.us/j/4194754436?pwd=Z3RBSVVCUkxTMjdpODlibUZTTjFJQT09>

or go to <https://us04web.zoom.us> and enter

Meeting ID: 419 475 4436

Passcode: 4754436

or on your smart phone Dial (312) 626-6799 and enter

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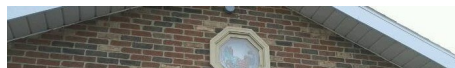
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Great News!! Saturday Bible Study sessions continue @ 10:00am. There will be breakfast at 9:30am as well. This month the dates will be 8/12 & 8/19.

All are welcome!

News from Mike Roadruck:

The men of Fairgreen and friends are meeting the 4th Thursday of the month at 5pm for dinner. The next one will be Thursday, August 24 @ 5pm at Zacharya's on Alexis.



BREAKING BREAD with FAIRGREEN FRIENDS

On Tuesday August 15th, Breaking Bread with Fairgreen Friends will be meeting at:

The Seafood Restaurant located at 5504 Alexis Road, Sylvania, Ohio @ 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome.



Garage Sale

Garage Sale is coming September 9th. Spaces are free. If you would like a spot please call the office @ 419-475-4436. Members can set up inside or donate items to the Congregational Life Committee.



**Saturday, September 9, 2023
9am-3pm**

Monthly Meeting

Next meeting of Congregational Life will be on Thursday August 31st, 2023 @ 10am. All are welcome.

Other News

-There will be no coffee hours in August but they will return in September!

The history of Fairgreen Presbyterian Church and its relocation from Rosewood is told in part with our Legacy board and our Memorial boards. The Legacy board is located in the Narthex between the center Sanctuary door and the righthand side door. To a certain extent this provides a historical record of people and families who have in the past and continue to gift to Fairgreen Presbyterian church much of the furnishing that enhances our Sanctuary and church such as stained-glass windows, paraments and sound equipment.

If you check out the family names you will discover that some of the same family relatives still attend and are still working for Fairgreen Presbyterian church.

The Memorial boards of which there are five, are located on the wall outside Pastor Dunifon's office. There is a varied assortment of names on these boards, some church members and some not, for whom donations have been made in their memory.

Reading the names on the Memorial boards often will bring back memories of the people memorialized and it can bring a smile or even a tear at some remembered interaction.

The Memorial committee manages the donations as they come in and attempts to keep the boards updated. Next time you pass them, perhaps you can look and remember too.

Memorial Committee,

Chris Roebuck

Jan Anderson

Agnes McKinstry



volunteer time to Fairgreen's Senior's Support Ministry.

Kay served alongside Carol Yeager in the separate and specific Pantry Seniors Program. Kay was the Key Person of this part of the pantry ministry for many years. She served the "Seniors" population that were identified for help and needed to be served in a separate capacity according to government rules. Kay quietly prepared the bags, watched for and greeted her specific clients and served them with the graciousness of a true friend in Christ.

When this program dissolved, Kay stepped into a BIGGER packing job. She and Connie Winslow became Carol Yeager's "packers of food bags". For years, and EVERY Friday of every month, this volunteer dynamic duo, residing on Friday mornings in the Food Pantry Closet, received relayed information of the number of bags needed for registered clients and would immediately pack for families of all sizes. Kay and Connie were determined to correctly pack the number of meals and the assortment of types of food each family was allotted according to family members and government regulations. We could hear them through the walls of the closet as they diligently worked nonstop, packing thousands of bags through the years, with an evident JOY of serving.

When we became a Choice pantry, as required by the Feed Your Neighbor program, Kay switched jobs to become a volunteer assistant to the pantry clients. She became one of the escorts and helpful baggers for each client as food was chosen from all the carts of food groups, as well as the tables of produce, bread and extras.

During this time in the pantry history, there was a lengthy period of months that frozen meat choices at the Foodbanks were almost impossible to order. Realizing that our clients still need a focus on protein for meals, the *Fairgreen funded*, "Meat and Egg Ministry" was begun. To this day, years later, individuals give to both the "Meat and Egg Ministries" as a designated food pantry donation. To start this ministry, it was Kay who contacted Milos Meat Market and arranged the service of ordering individually wrapped, one-pound packages from their Toledo family store monthly. Kay picks up the required, monthly meat order, delivers to church, and often unloads into the freezer so quietly that no one knows she has been there!

In March of 2020, the Pandemic drastically changed the type of pantry delivery we could offer. After closing for two months and reevaluating, we reopened as an afternoon Drive - Thru Pantry in May of 2020. Needing to pack food ahead of time, Kay now joined the scheduled "Thursday Morning Packing Teams" who prepare between 65-100 bags monthly, according to the monthly client need and the calendar Season.

Lastly, Kay has dedicated herself to an often-unseen blessing of recycling the cardboard boxes which monthly overwhelm the pantry. Please see the pictures below to see "Kay at work" breaking down boxes and placing them on carts to load into her car for final delivery to the city recycling sites.

Thank you, Kay, for your continued hours of sacrificial service and servanthood. You are appreciated and loved.





FOOD PANTRY

**Next Food Pantry
Friday August 11
2023**

**Did you know that the FAIRGREEN FOOD PANTRY
FACEBOOK PAGE has 781 members?**



We are still in need of the really nice Kroger bags that you receive when you do the click list grocery pickup. They are white, very heavy duty and have handles. We also need regular size paper



Thank You!



I just want to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts, food and coming to the showing of my son.

The love and support I felt from everyone was just so overwhelming.

Everyone I come in contact with at Fairgreen Church is like my second family. The love and support I have felt is very much appreciated.

The words in my heart I just can't express them to my one, it's so many.

Thank so much

Love to all
Rose Mary Lawson
& family

It's hard to put into words
how grateful I am.

I only hope you know
just how much I mean when I say
thank you for everything.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Session @ 6:30pm	2 Bible Study @ 3pm	3 Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	4	5
6 10am Worship Service	7 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm PS Teacher Retreat	8	9 Bible Study @ 3pm	10 Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	11 Food Pantry 4-6pm & Give Away	12 Bible Study 10am (9:30 Breakfast)
13 10am Worship Service	14 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	15 BBWF Lunch 1pm@ Seafood Restaurant	16 Bible Study @ 3pm	17 Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	18	19 Bible Study 10am (9:30 Breakfast)
20 10am Worship Service	21 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm 7:15-9pm Xmas/WW Mtg	22	23 Bible Study @ 3pm	24 Wellness Day 4:15-7pm Men's Dinner @ 5pm at Zacharya,s Worship Comm. Mtg @6:30pm	25	26
27 10am Worship Service	28 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	29 Preschool Meet the Teachers	30 Preschool Meet the Teachers Bible Study @ 3pm	31 Cong. Life Mtg. @ 10am Wellness Day 4:15-7pm		



AUGUST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Denise Burtch	August 1	Peg Winslow	August 27
Fred Ahrens Jr.	August 2	Jack Bandfield	August 26
Jackie Campbell	August 4	Jim Eaton	August 26
Piper Buehrer	August 8	Peg Winslow	August 27
John MacPherson	August 14	Sophie Calisch	August 31
Jack Bandfield	August 26	Shannon Smith-Lee	August 31
Jim Eaton	August 26		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Len & Jan Anderson	August 8
Scott & Aggie Burtch	August 26

SEPTEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Abbey Manner	September 3	Elizabeth Allen	September 28
Jan Anderson	September 14	Julie Murray	September 29
Scott Strayer	September 15	Chris Roebuck	September 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ken & Nan Bennett	September 6
Fred & Patti Nordhoff	September 6
Gardy & Kelly Bandfield	September 10
Cindy & Gardner Bandfield	September 12
Dan & Peg Winslow	September 24

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Fairgreen Preschool
3220 W. Laskey Rd.
Children ages 3, 4 &
Young 5's

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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