



Fairgreen Leaves



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From the Pastor's Desk....

Thoughts and Reflections

A colleague, Colin Harbach, writes in the current Upper Room devotional aid, about his fascination with the number one. He points out that standing alone, the number one seems weak and powerless. That is how individual church members sometimes feel. Since he is a mathematician, Harbach goes on to say that even when the number one is multiplied it retains the same value as the number with which it is multiplied.

On reflection, Harbach notes the number one can become very powerful... especially when added to another. This way of thinking can become our guide to a way of thinking about the Christian life and the building up of Christ's church here at Fairgreen. Colin notes that when Jesus called his band of followers, he did **not** call them in huge groups with big rallies. Jesus called His followers **individually**. One by one. One at a time. One here. One there. One where and when he met them; when he encountered them. When they encountered Him.

Jesus called his disciples **individually**. The Gospels never say Jesus' group of followers grew by multiplication. Jesus' ministry grew by **addition**...one at a time.

There are many wonderful reasons to think about the growth of the Fairgreen congregation. As we ponder that reality let us think in terms of **addition, one at a time**.

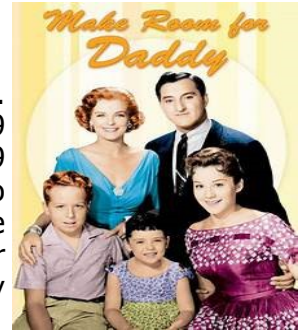
This way of thinking makes **each one of us** crucial in the effort of sharing the excitement and inspiration of all of the Fairgreen ministries. There is not one person in-charge of that effort. **All of us** are in-charge to individually invite women and men wherever and whenever we engage them or they engage us. To invite them to consider sharing in the ministries of Fairgreen to which God calls us.

By addition, we will grow in depth as well as in breadth. By addition, we will enhance our collective abilities to provide the ministries God has placed in front of us.

Each day, each of us can thank God for adding each one of us to the group of disciples that has been given the name "Fairgreen". Each day each one of us can pray to God for the wisdom and ability to help grow our congregation and our community one at a time...praying for the humility that does not focus on bringing praise to ourselves but rather focuses on doing all we can to add just one at a time to God's work.

Blessings,
Pastor Bill

MAKE ROOM FOR DADDY! by Dr. Mike Roadruck



Yes, I remember the Danny Thomas Show. That was long before the coronavirus. In fact, that was about the time the polio vaccine came into use. But it wasn't until 1979 that the US was "polio-free." Twenty-four years it took. Who knows how long the covid-19 strain will have hold of us? Hopefully we will return to a more familiar normal before too long. In the meantime, we adapt. Zoom as a platform for meetings has emerged as the leading alternative to face-to-face meetings and we at Fairgreen have adopted it for our use as well. There are advantages beyond the social distancing it affords and it may continue to be relied upon even after we can return to "normal" in-person meetings.

As Minister of Intentional Faith Development, I have moved all our Bible Studies to the zoom platform. I know they do not have the same feel as getting together in person but they are a better alternative than suspending our studies altogether. I know that this excludes a number of individuals and as soon as we can return, we shall renew our together times. Yet, I also know that some for various reasons will remain cautious and hesitate to gather, even with socially distant protocols. Therefore, as we move forward, expect to see a blend of in-person and virtual meetings.

Currently all our studies are available at the URL address:
<https://zoom.us/j/9829025209?pwd=cXl0aS95VGNmWG10UzUvRE4vMG9LZz09>

Additionally, our website fairgreenoutreach.com under the tab "zoom live" provides the opportunity to observe to these meetings without participating.

One Study is on Wednesdays at 3 pm where we focus on the lectionary selection for the coming Sunday.

Another Study is our Men's Breakfast Study on two Saturdays a month at 10 am. In this study we are focusing on the letters of Paul. (July 11 and 18; August 8 and 15; September 12 and 19)

Additionally, we gather virtually on Sundays at 10 am to discuss the message from that day's service. The Sunday service is currently pre-recorded and made available late Saturday evening on our website fairgreenoutreach.com from the "Sermon" tab. How this will transform as we return to live services is under development.

The process of joining these zoom meetings is usually easy but does involve a slight learning curve. Contact Mike (419-260-7429) for some help prior to any of these meetings. Others who have joined in may also be a source of help. We look forward to seeing you soon, in-person and online. And, remember – Make zoom for Daddy!

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.

Jackie Campbell
8883 Browning Dr. #33
Waterville, OH 43566

Betty Close
6805 W. Sylvania Ave. Apt. 112
Sylvania, OH 43560

Thank You!

To the Staff,

Bless your heart for being so nice! Thank you for the card you sent letting me know you prayed for me. I feel as good as can be expected. I miss my church and my family.

Blessings to you,
 Betty Close



CAROL'S CUPBOARD DRIVE-BY "LOAVES & FISHES" EXPERIENCE

Due to the COVID-19 virus our Food Pantry was closed, but we wanted somehow to reach out to our 240 food pantry clients. Linda Hoover along with others began to brainstorm on how we could do this. With the help of Heather Allen, Joyce Koback and several others they had decided to put together a postcard that would be sent out to all their clients informing them that there would be a Drive-by Food program on May 29th from 10 am to 2 pm. Directions were also included on this postcard and they were asked to bring the postcard with them on this date.

The next step was to go to Northwest Ohio Food Bank and Seagate Food Bank to stock our shelves, so we were ready for this drive. They thought that it would be nice if we could get several people to make cookies that we could put in everyone's bags. Several of our church folks as well as others did just that. Then individuals were called to get some volunteers together to pack baskets, which they packed 300 baskets and bags. We then had a group of volunteers who were willing to be a part of putting the food in the trunks of those cars that drove up. Before this event took place Pastor Bill put together a letter that would be given to every neighbor on Fairgreen Drive to inform them of this event. Linda Hoover and Heather Allen took those letters and walked them to every house. They interacted with several of the neighbors and even extended some assistance to some of them that were in need. This drive-by food program was called "Loaves and Fishes" and we served 94 families that day. Pastor Bill then wanted to send thank you cards to everyone that was involved and express how much we appreciated them. We felt so good to be able to not only see some of our clients, but we wanted them to know that we cared and we were here for them.

It was then decided that we would have several more drive-by food events, as there was still over 200 bags of packed groceries left. The next drive was held on June 12 and we served 55 families. We have scheduled 3 more drive-by events on June 26, from 10 am—2 pm; July 10, 10 am—12 pm; July 24, 10 am—12 pm; August 7 and 21 from 10 am—12 pm. At this time we are not sure what we will do in September, but this will be decided at a later date.

Overall we had a total of 54 volunteers and donators who have been involved in this food pantry project. One thing that we wanted to share is how much our hearts were deeply touched by the several individuals, organizations and companies that gave monetary gifts, totaling \$1,440 that helped in buying the food that was needed to make these events happen. Below are photos from these events.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!

THE COMMONS by Pat Gibson

I had not thought much about not being Able to be in the Fairgreen Commons in the last three months because of the safety restrictions due to COVID-19 until I read a devotional for June 5 in the bi-monthly Guidepost publication called "Strength and Grace".

The author, Maryanne Curran, had titled her message "Finding Common Ground"; without reading further, my mind began to reflect to our church area which we call The Commons!

When the new addition was bult onto the main church building, suggestions were sought as to what to call this wonderful new space. Yes, it looked like a gym and we had dreams of basketball and volleyball being played there. Yes, it was to be a gathering areas for church dinners and other activities. Yes, we had hopes that it would be the center for outreach and meetings and preschool activities. Different names were put up for a vote and The Commons became the name given this part of the church building for it was envisioned as a shared gathering place.

The devotional, I was reading, sited Hebrews 16:13 (NIV): "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for such sacrifices God is pleased". This, too, made me reflect on the many shared times in the Commons of Fairgreen: summer worship services, weekly community volleyball games, Great Banquet conference and dining area, LOGOS Wednesday night dinners, Carol's Cupboard food ministry, Family Promise, Christmas Bible School, funeral dinners (wedding receptions, baby showers), family movie nights, impromptu basketball games, Craft Shows, Youth overnight Lock-ins, Presbytery dinners, packing Thanksgiving/Christmas boxes for families in need, Red Cross blood donation plus primary/general election voting site and the list goes on!

Even as we remember the many ministries and events that have brought people together, and in many ways still do, let us go forward with listening hearts for God's Spirit to show us how we can, along with our "common ground", continue to be used "to do good and share with others" in response to the Spirit's call!



LOOKING AHEAD!

Women of Fairgreen: Do you want an event for which to look forward?! How about putting on your **2021** calendar Friday, **February 19**, 7pm through Saturday, **February 20**, 3pm for our annual overnight Women's Retreat! The Lial Renewal Center, on Davis Road in Whitehouse, Ohio is saving these dates for us!

While we don't know what the future holds as we go forward in this time of pandemic and protests and personal changes, consider the scripture found in Deuteronomy 31:8, *"It is the Lord that goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."* May these words bring confidence to our minds and hope to our hearts.



Pat Gibson,
Retreat Coordinator

July 2020

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| ELDERS OF THE MONTH ~ Isabel Bosley-Smith & Sheila Ortmann Currently all our studies are available by going to our Website: www.fairgreenoutreach.com and click under the tab "More" under Zoom live. | | | 1 3pm Bible Study on Zoom | 2 | 3 Church Office Closed | 4 Independence Day |
| 5 Communion 10am Worship TBA | 6 Church Office Closed | 7 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study TBA Session: 6:30pm Meeting on Zoom | 8 3pm Bible Study on Zoom | 9 | 10 10-12pm Food Pantry Drive-thru | 11 10am Men's Prayer & Study on Zoom |
| 12 10am Worship TBA | 13 Church Office Closed | 14 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study TBA | 15 3pm Bible Study on Zoom | 16 | 17 | 18 10am Men's Prayer & Study on Zoom |
| 19 Communion 10am Worship TBA | 20 Church Office Closed | 21 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study TBA | 22 3pm Bible Study on Zoom | 23 | 24 10-12pm Food Pantry Drive-thru | 25 |
| 26 10am Worship TBA Church Picnic right after the service in the church courtyard | 27 Church Office Closed | 28 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study & Communion TBA | 29 3pm Bible Study on Zoom | 30 | 31 | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Megan Allen | July 1 | Totinna Rogers | July 18 |
| Sue Fotoples | July 8 | Sharon Peoples | July 21 |
| Maud Pearson | July 9 | Eric Emens | July 21 |
| Joyce Koback | July 10 | Felicia Gonzales | July 24 |
| Isabella Wu | July 10 | Savannah Swartz | July 28 |
| Mary Beth Henning | July 15 | Gardner Bandfield | July 29 |
| Nan Bennett | July 17 | David Durrant | July 29 |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| Chuck & Pat Gibson | July 3 |
| Kyle & Kayla Seevers | July 4 |
| John & Nancy MacPherson | July 14 |
| Eric & Angela Emens | July 17 |
| David & Sharon Durrant | July 25 |
| Shannon Smith-Lee & Wade Lee-Smith | July 28 |

August 2020

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| ELDERS OF THE MONTH ~ Bonnie Buehrer & Julie Murray Currently all our studies are available by going to our Website: www.fairgreenoutreach.com and click under the tab "More" under Zoom live. | | | | | | 1 |
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| 23 10am Worship TBA | 24 Church Office Closed | 25 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study & Communion TBA | 26 3pm Bible Study on Zoom | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 10am Worship (Last service in the Commons) | 31 Church Office Closed | Preschool Meet the Teachers in the Commons on Thursday, September 3, 2020 | | | | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Denise Burtch | August 1 | Tyler Emens | August 23 |
| Fred Ahrens Jr. | August 2 | Kaleb Emens | August 25 |
| Emmanuel Seevers | August 2 | Jack Bandfield | August 26 |
| Jackie Campbell | August 4 | Jim Eaton | August 26 |
| Aniteo Leu | August 7 | Peg Winslow | August 27 |
| Aimee Leu | August 7 | Erik Burtch | August 29 |
| Piper Buehrer | August 8 | Catherine McCornack | August 30 |
| John MacPherson | August 14 | Sophie Calisch | August 31 |
| | | Shannon Smith-Lee | August 31 |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| Jeremy & Jodi Methena | August 2 |
| Len & Jan Anderson | August 8 |
| Scott & Aggie Burtch | August 26 |

The Kidz Page

4th of July

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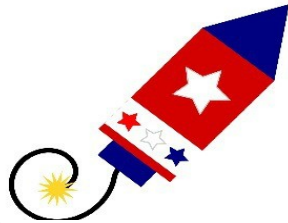
Help all four people find the Bible!



For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12

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- Celebration
- Fireworks
- Flag
- Freedom
- Independence
- Liberty
- Parade
- Red White and Blue
- Stars and Stripes
- Uncle Sam
- USA



Be kind to one another.. FROM EPHESIANS 4:32



EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Held in the church courtyard of Fairgreen Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 26, after service.

No side dishes and all food will be individually wrapped.

You will not need to bring anything, but we are asking for a \$5.00 per adult donation.

Children will eat for FREE!!

After we pay for the supplies we will donate the extra monies
to Carol's Cupboard Food Pantry.

Our menu will consist of grilled Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies, Soft Drinks and Water.

All Are Welcome!

**So Come On Out And Enjoy Fellowship,
While we Social Distance.**

COMMUNITY



GARAGE SALE

**Saturday September 12th
from 9am-4pm**

Held at Fairgreen Presbyterian Church
3220 W. Laskey Rd.



We will be offering Food and Beverages outside for a minimal amount during the hours of operation.

Congregational members along with the Neighbors from the Community will be invited to join us in this event by selling their wares and items outside on the Fairgreen grounds. If you are interested in signing up, please call the church office beginning Friday, July 31 at 419.475.4436.

SESSION SUMMARY by Peg Winslow

Regular Session Meeting Held on May 5, 2020 via Zoom

Motion: To permit person or groups of 10 or less to begin gathering in the building; maintaining all State of Ohio pandemic guidelines. M/S/P (9 yes)

Regular Session Meeting Held on June 2, 2020 via Zoom

Motion: To hire Jeff Wilczynski to paint the education hallway and pass-through. M/S/P (8 yes; 1 abstention)

Electronic Motion through Email on June 14, 2020

Motion: To approve a new outdoor electronic sign for the Laskey Road frontage, as outlined in the proposal from the Toledo Sign Company. There shouldn't be any cost to Fairgreen for this new sign. M/S/P

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, Marilyn McAfee

COVID-19 . . . such an uninvited "guest" to upset our everyday lives and cause such distress at home, at Fairgreen Presbyterian Church and around the world! It is with gratefulness that so far, our Fairgreen flock has remained basically healthy. God certainly has been watching over us. Also, it goes without saying how appreciative we are to all who have continued their financial support in spite of the fact that we cannot meet face-to-face in the sanctuary.

This virus, however, has not relieved building expenses; we still must pay gas, electric, water and salaries – just to name a few. If you made a commitment (pledge) to Fairgreen and have fallen behind, I hope you can bring it up to date. I prayerfully encourage everyone, (friends, guests, visitors) to remember us in your budget just as if we were all worshipping together sitting in a pew. You may send your contribution to the church at 3220 W. Laskey Road, Toledo, OH 43613. If you have any giving concerns, please feel free to contact me, Marilyn McAfee at 419-356-3127. Please leave a message if I fail to answer and I will get back with you.

For the time being, Fairgreen has left the building but NOT our hearts. Thanks for your continued support.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY by Peg Winslow

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| Offering Income | \$42,815 |
| Other Income | \$17,842 |
| Operating Fund Income as of 6/17/2020 | \$60,657 |
| Operating Fund Expenses as of 6/17/2020 | (\$60,957) |
| Operating Fund Loss as of 6/17/2020 | (\$300) |

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Worship Service
10:00am



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Young 5's
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Terri Turner, Director

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