



FAIRGREEN LEAVES - JUNE 2023

From The Pastors Desk...

Some people attribute the quote to the Buddha: "The most valuable precious gift we have is **TIME**. Not our money...not our positions...not what we wear....but **TIME**. **Time** is a gift we either choose to give to others and to ourselves or it is a gift that evaporates as we watch and wait.

How do we each see **time**? Do we see it as a gift to be given to others? Do we see it as a gift to be given to ourselves?

These are questions worthy of our reflections as we ponder the calendar movement into the Summer months. No matter how hot the weather may be or how little rain we have or how much rain, most of us love the refreshing freedom and energizing environment of Summer. We also almost always feel the season sped by so fast that we can't believe it is over when it ends.

These are the moments when reflection leads some of us to ask "How did I spend my **time** during this season that always seems far too short? What did I do? With whom did I spend this precious gift of **time**? What choices did we make or did we feel compelled and obligated to spend our **time** with certain people not of our choosing but of someone else's? Did we devote some of our **Time** to nurture ourselves as well as others?

The truth for most of us is that we take **time** given us for granted. We don't often see it as a precious gift or a gift about which we need to give more than a second thought. But, when we see **time** running out in the hourglass of the universe, we begin to ponder some of our past decisions and actions and thoughts. And of course, we realize that this retrospective consideration of the wonderful gift of **time** and how you and I have chosen to use it makes clear our stewardship of **time** has fallen short.

Summer is a good season for us to reflect on our use and enrichment of the **time** God has given us...and to consider how we might choose to give our **time** to ourselves and others...yes to our God as well... less selfishly and more intentionally.

Enjoy these Summer months and all that it can offer us. Beyond enjoyment, remember what a gift **time** is and pray we will all use our gift as the most precious thing we can give or receive.

Blessings and Joy and Grace, Pastor Bill



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 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
Meeting ID: 419 475 4436
Passcode: 4754436

Great News!! Starting June 10, 2023 the Saturday Bible Study sessions will resume @ 10:00am. There will be breakfast at 9:30am as well. This month the dates will be 6/10 & 6/17. All are welcome.

Thoughts from - Chris Roebuck:



UPLIFTING BIBLE VERSES FOR JUNE, 2023 -Chris Roebuck

If May was not your month this year, try reading these Bible verses for a better June.

So then, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. *Romans 10:17*

In everything, let your requests be know unto God. *Philippians 4:6*

If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you. *John 15:7*

His compassions fail not. They are new every morning. *Lamentations 3:22,23*

And they shall call His name, Emmanuel, God with us. *Matthew 1:23*

And in that same hour, he cured many infirmities and plagues. *Luke 7:21*

Cast down, but not destroyed. *2 Corinthians 4:9*

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these, ye might be partakers of the divine nature. *2 Peter 1:4*

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT JUNE DATES

June 1 is Say something nice day.

June 5 is World environment day.

June 6 is National yo-yo day.

June 8 is Upsy Daisy Day.

June 14 is Flag day.

June 18 is Father's day.

June 19 is Juneteenth day or Emancipation day.

June 21 is the Summer Solstice, start of Summer in the northern hemisphere.

June 21 is Go Skateboarding day.

June 24 is Midsummer day, the midpoint of the growing season.

June 28 is the anniversary of the Stonewall riots in 1969

June 30 is Asteroid day.



Celebrate as you wish!

From The Congregational Life Committee:

****There will be no coffee hours in July and August but they will return in September!**

-Next meeting is June 15, 2023 @ 10:00am

**- We will host a special Coffee Hour on Father's Day 6/18/23
(details TBA)**



On Tuesday, June 20th, Congregational Life will be breaking bread at La Fiesta (on Douglas & Sylvania) at 1:00pm. This is not funded by the committee it is a pay your own way event. This luncheon is open to all. Sunday 6/11 & 6/18 there will be sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up if you are planning to attend so we know how many to expect.

Church Picnic - Sunday 7/16/23*

Garage Sale - Saturday 9/9/23*

(More information will be announced at a later date)**

From The Worship Committee :

Dancing...

In the Springtime, High Schools often have much anticipated proms. We too, as I see it, have been dancing here at Fairgreen!

It all began in March with the first of three Emerita planning meetings. Joining them on the dance floor were the committee members of Congregational Life and the Worship Planning Team.

The music of voices and ideas was lively, respectful, and energizing! Yes, as in any dance, toes got stepped upon every so often. Yet, perhaps because we were all dancing to the same tune, there were no loud cymbal clashes.

When it was decided to have the Celebration of Life service for Barb Roadruck the day before Pr. Pat Shafer's Emerita presentation, the symphony of planning expanded, and the orchestration stayed amazingly in tune. The dance floor became a place of great cooperation and synchronization.

The back-to-back days of May 20 and May 21 sang songs of sacredness, of sensitivity, of remembrance and of giving thanks.

The Holman Bible Dictionary speaks of the *mood* behind the word "dancing" as one of celebration and praise, giving references to many scriptures such as Psalm 30:11-12. What I observed, however, was that being physically active was certainly not the only one way to dance! God's Spirit was moving through our words both spoken and written, our attitude, our prayers as well as our preparations. These parts of the interactive dance oftentimes happened at home rather than at church.

As Fairgreen moves into the Season of Pentecost, let's keep our dance alive!

"Come, Spirit, joy of our souls.
Dance amid life's hills and valleys,
Encircle us with the delights of your dance."

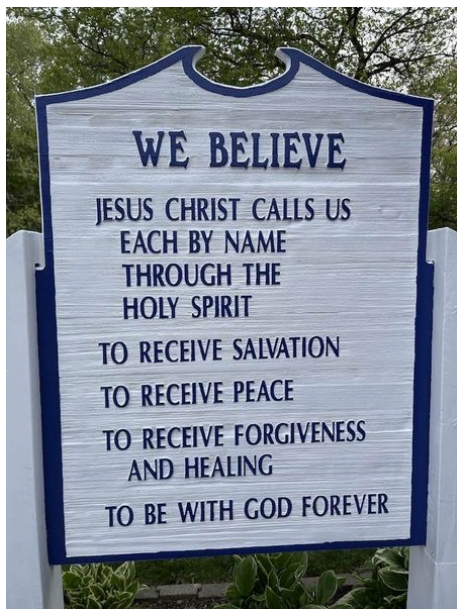
May I have This Dance? by Joyce Rupp

-Pat Gibson



From The Worship & Congregational Life Committee :

There were many people from both committees and other volunteers as well who put in time and energy to not only prepare for the Emerita celebration for Pastor Pat Shafer and the Celebration of Life for Barb Roadruck but to better our church grounds as a whole. Below are some pictures so show just that:



Coffee Hour



Thanks to all the hosts for providing delicious treats while we continue our fellowship in the Commons. Below is the calendar for June. This is also posted on the board next to the kitchen window. Blessings to all for your wonderful gifts.

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-Marilyn McAfee


June

4 - Marilyn McAfee
11 -
18 - Father's Day
Congregational Life
25 - Deal Family



From the Food Pantry:

Next Food Pantry
Friday June 9, 2023
4-6pm



Did you know that the FAIRGREEN FOOD PANTRY FACE-BOOK PAGE has 723 members?



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



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	* <i>Tricia on vacation from 6/2-6/11/23</i>	* <i>Peg is on vacation from 6/22-6/25/23</i>	* <i>Bill's on Vacation from 6/27-7/10/23</i>	1	2 *	3 *
4 * 10am Worship Service	5 * Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	6 * Session Mtg @ 6:30pm	7 * Bible Study @ 3pm	8 * Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	9 * Food Pantry 4-6pm	10 * Bible Study 10am (9:30) breakfast
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18 Happy Father's Day!!! 10am Worship Service	19 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	20 Lunch at LaFiesta by Cong. Life @ 1:00pm	21 Bible Study @ 3pm	22 * Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	23 *	24 *
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ken Bennett	June 1	Kingsley Methena	June 13	Michael Henning	June 22
Preston Parsons	June 5	Patti Nordhoff	June 17	William Henning	June 22
Karen Herren	June 6	Crystal Acain	June 17	Brody Buehrer	June 22
Kay Amendola	June 7	Scott Burtch	June 18	Mark James	June 26
Joe Murray II	June 9	Gardy Bandfield	June 18	Isabel Bosley-Smith	June 27

*Calendar subject to change.

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