



From The Pastors Desk...

Gosh!

Columbus Day will be here by the time this newsletter is delivered.

That means all of us, each in our own ways, will begin prepping for Thanksgiving, and then Advent and the season of Christmas.

Interwoven with all of these as well as other things there will be events and activities at Fairgreen. The Stewardship Campaign through which we re-state and renew our commitments to the ministries God has placed before us is one of them. Soon, this will include a fun filled "Trunk or Treat" acknowledgment of Halloween...a new initiative this year aimed at kids and those who are kids at heart.

The ongoing ministries of Matthew 25, including our outreach into the community through ministries, is aimed at making this special season of the year unique. For families and children there will be the second annual Winter Wonderland that includes a special visit from Santa Claus as well as yummy treats, games and surprises. Several efforts to try to insure all people, including people we don't know, experience the generosity, love, caring, and joyfulness which is central to our understanding of the faith.

Our holiday time of the year is a time we as Christians are called to become more mindful than usual of the needs of people across the World...including those places where wars and fighting persist and are becoming more harsh...places where despots are willing to attack schools and hospitals, pre-schools, day care facilities, and places of worship in efforts to break the morale of freedom loving people... without regard for the sanctity of human life.

All of these and other moments await us as we move into Fall, Advent, and the coming of 2024...the New Year.

May God through the Holy Spirit guide us and direct us and lead us in these times so that God will be pleased with our discipleship and our faithfulness.

Grace and Peace and Joy to each one of you... and may we together bring grace and peace and joy to all of those whose lives we touch in any way.

-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/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
Meeting ID: 419 475 4436
Passcode: 4754436

All are welcome!

News from Mike Roadruck:

Saturday Bible Study sessions continue @ 10:00am. There will be breakfast at 9:30am as well. This month the dates will be 10/14 & 10/21.

The men of Fairgreen and friends are meeting the 4th Thursday of the month at 5pm for dinner. The next one will be Thursday, 10/26 @ 5pm and the location is TBA at this point.



TBA

The Lord Restores My Soul

The words, "The Lord restores my soul" may sound familiar. They are taken from the first part of verse three of Psalm 23. At our annual Fairgreen Women's Retreat we will be exploring the meaning of this Biblical passage and where it is placed in the 23rd Psalm, through the eyes of a shepherd, through prayer, song, research by Bible scholars, related scriptures and our personal experience.

The retreat will be held at the Lial Renewal Center on Davis Road near Whitehouse, Ohio on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The doors will open at 8:30am for gathering, fellowship, and a light breakfast.

Sign up to attend the retreat and to bring a food item for either breakfast or lunch, will be in February...but plan, now, to gift yourself with a time of renewal in this quiet corner of God's creation.

Pat Gibson
Retreat Coordinator



Oh Look! Sunflowers!

Whether you are attending a church service in person or on Zoom, you will see sunflowers as part of the Fairgreen sanctuary decor! This is an intentional part of the October Stewardship emphasis as we look at how we recognize God's presence among us.

Why sunflowers? Well, they are bright and cheerful-looking. They are in bloom right now and for many people, this flower is a symbol of adoration. A sunflower belongs to the group of plants that follow the movement of the sun. This is called solar-tracking or heliotropism. These plants face the light of the rising sun in the eastern sky at dawn and follow it until the sun sinks below the western horizon at dusk.

Seeing a sunflower is a good reminder that we, too, are to keep our thoughts and hearts on the Son and to daily follow Jesus, our Light of the world.

As Jesus guides us through each day, let us be Doxology people, expressing thanksgiving, praise, adoration, and glory to God for the love of His Son as our Savior and for the presence of His Spirit as our strength.

-Pat Gibson



Giving God the Glory

Praise God from whom all blessings.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

What is written above may be familiar to you. It is called a Doxology. It is an expression of praise to God.

A doxology is a hymn or verse in Christian liturgy glorifying God, often sung or chanted.. The tradition comes from a similar practice in the Jewish synagogue. As you remember from the September Leaves, the word doxology comes from the Greek **doxologia** meaning praise or glory. It is the combination of **doxa**: "glory" and **logos**: "a speaking" or word.

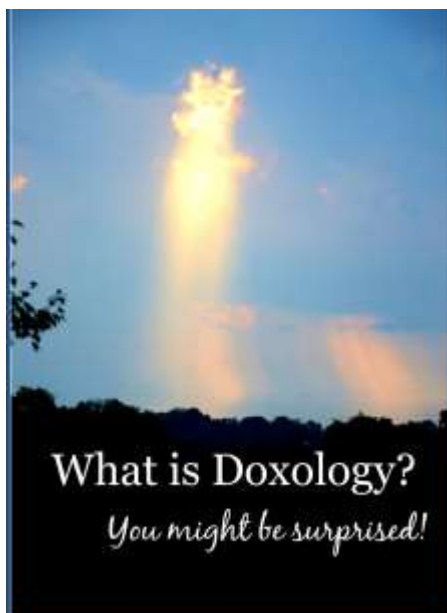
Doxology is the chosen theme for our Stewardship Time during the month of October.

Here at Fairgreen, we have much for which to give praise to God and yet, if you are like me, I sometimes forget from Whom all our blessings flow! This will be a time to sing and say, hear and pray and become freshly aware of the goodness of God's blessings not only upon us as individuals, but as the Fairgreen Body of Christ and upon those in our outreach ministries.

Watch for doxologies found in both the Old and New Testaments! You will find different ones printed on the back of the bulletin each Sunday.

Whether we are worshipping in the sanctuary or at home, let us pause, think of how blessed we are, and then give the thanks and glory to God.

-Pat Gibson
-Julie Murray



From The Congregational Life Committee:

Monthly Meeting:

Next meeting of Congregational Life will be on Thursday October 26th, 2023 @ 10:30am. All are welcome!

BREAKING BREAD with FAIRGREEN FRIENDS

Breaking Bread with Fairgreen Friends will be meeting at:

@ 1pm at Olive Garden on October 27, 2023



Congregational Life Event:

American Cremation Event

Speaker: Jeff Buehrer

Would you like to know more about cremation?

Please join us October 12th @ 4pm in the Lounge at Fairgreen Presbyterian Church. Jeff will be here to answer any of your questions or concerns.

All are welcome!



Coffee Hour



Coffee Hour is reinstated! After our usual brief summer hiatus, we had coffee on September 3rd and each of the following Sundays. After the Sunday worship service, Coffee Hour is a perfect time to stop for a moment to visit with others, extend a "hello" and wish others a wonderful day and week ahead.

It is not difficult to host a coffee hour. Congregational Life supplies the coffee, tea, sugar and cream and all the paper products. Coffee Hour is meant to be just a simple treat; not brunch, not an extension of breakfast or lunch, just a simple treat that we can enjoy while fellowshiping with our friends. Cookies, donuts or fruit are always welcome. Keep it easy!

Sign-up sheets for October and November are posted on the wall next to the kitchen window. Congregational Life will host October 29 and November 19. Please volunteer by signing your name on one of the vacant dates. You can partner with another person, that's always fun. It is truly a blessing when we step from our comfort zone and say "yes, I'll help". Thanks for volunteering.

P.S. If you have any questions, just talk with someone behind the kitchen window.



Celebrating Sophie Calisch's Birthday

On August 31, 2023, Sophie Calisch celebrated her 99th birthday! Sophie lives at Arbors of Sylvania where Mike Roadruck and I visited her. Mike arrived a few minutes ahead of me and was visiting Sophie in her room when all of the sudden there was a fire drill. I was locked outside holding a fresh floral arrangement when Mike wondered if I could pick up a chocolate milk shake for Sophie. By then it was too late as the doors opened. I talked with her caregiver and soon a milk shake arrived for Sophie. Oh, my goodness she absolutely glowed! YUM!!! She liked the flowers, especially a lovely white sunflower and touched it as her eyesight is somewhat diminished. In fun, Mike took her hands and did a little chair dancing with her. She enjoyed that touch and said to Mike as he was leaving, "come back when ever you have time". After Mike left, she asked, "who is that nice young man?" Sophie likes flowers and color and we talked about the drape of flowers along the wall that she and her roommate enjoy.



The following afternoon, Mike and Pastor Bill visited Sophie. Mike gave Sophie one of our lambs that Fairgreen had prayed over. Pastor Bill's smile tells us she loved her new friend. The blessing of that visit, the blessing of that day – Sophie received communion.





Community Garage Sale
September 9, 2023

Perfect weather and twenty-four separate groups of sellers circling every area of grass completely around the church, made for a very successful 13th Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, September 9.

Please see the pictures taken by Isabel Bosley-Smith as she helped with the hospitality of the day. (following page)

Gratitude to Rosemary Lawson and her husband John who helped measure and stake off the selling areas on Friday night. Rosemary also walked Garage Sale flyers to the doors of all Fairgreen neighbors. Isabel and Zach Bosley-Smith arrived early morning on the day of the sale to put up 10 foot signs and to greet and guide the morning "sellers". A multitude of thanks to Tricia Manner for her efficiency in answering calls of reservation, designing of flyers and menus, as well as, working on advertising.

The hard work of the Congregational Life Committee was also appreciated. The food they offered, especially the Fairgreen Featured, "Walking Taco" was again a hit and many were grateful to get some lunch, coffee or soft drinks. This committee also worked diligently sorting and selling more items (indoors) that were donated to them from the congregation and friends.

There were many highlights and God Moments as part of the never-ending joy of the day. However, one man's comment to me, indeed summarizes the biggest HOPE we had for the entire day and all involved. As I sat for a while at the selling table of Linda and Steve Kwapich, this unknown man approached saying, "If you can't find it here today, you can't find it anywhere." I agreed and thanked him for coming. And then he said, "I will tell you what else... this is THE FRIENDLIEST PLACE! I really mean it; people are so nice."

What more could we hope for? Praise be to God!

Linda Hoover
Matthew 25, Coordinator





TRUNK OR TREAT FREE, FAMILY EVENT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023



2:00-4:00 pm



JOIN THE FUN

Park in the church lot, walk the loop of cars with
family and friends.

Collect wrapped Halloween candy.

JOIN THE FESTIVITIES

Safe costumes are welcomed!

(But not required)

If you would like to participate by donating wrapped candy or by
sponsoring a Prize for the Best Decorated TRUNK, please call

Mary Jo Feldkamp: 734-216-7524

OR

Linda Hoover: 419-343-8113



ALL GHOULS, SUPER HERO's, and ANGELS are WELCOME!



**SATURDAY,
OCT 21, 2023
2:00-4:00pm**

**Fairgreen
Presbyterian Church
3220 W. Laskey
(Inside if rain)**

Prize for best TRUNK!

**Decorate a trunk or
pass out candy from a table.
Donation of candy is required.**

**Call Mary Jo Feldkamp at 734-216-7524 to
reserve a spot or donate candy.**

In Other News:



Baskets in October!



During the month of October there will be baskets on the chancel area in the front of the sanctuary. Let's fill them with dinner or dessert size paper napkins in Autumn colors or Fall designs! These will then be placed in the food distribution bags, with a prayer from our congregation, for each recipient!



Fairgreen will be packing boxes again this year and blessing them on November 5th. We will also take monetary donations just mark an envelope "Christmas Shoebox"

If you have any questions contact Joyce Koback.

Donations for shipping has been raised to \$10.00 per box for shipping.

Congregations Grow
God is using shoebox gifts to start and grow churches among ethnic groups that have never heard of Jesus before. Working among the unreached Saramaccans of Suriname, Pastor John said, "The shoeboxes are an open door for us to spread the Gospel." As children are disciplined through The Greatest Journey, families come to faith, too, eventually forming new groups of believers.



From the Food Pantry:





Next Food Pantry
Friday October 27, 2023
From 4-6 pm

Did you know that the FAIRGREEN FOOD PANTRY FACEBOOK PAGE has a whopping 870 members now?



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





October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Worship Service	2 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	3 Session Mtg @ 6:30pm	4 Bible Study @ 3pm	5 Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	6	7
8 10am Worship Service	9 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	10	11 Bible Study @ 3pm	12 Preschool Gust Farm Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	13 Preschool Gust Farm	14 Bible Study 10am (9:30 breakfast)
15 10am Worship Service	16 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	17 BBFF Olive Garden @ 1pm	18 Bible Study @ 3pm	19 Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	20	21 Bible Study 10am (9:30 breakfast)
22 10am Worship Service	23 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	24	25 Bible Study @ 3pm	26 Cong. Life mtg @ 10:30pm Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	27 Food Pantry 4-6pm	28
29 10am Worship Service	30 Office Closed Preschool Halloween Parades Wellness Day 5-7pm	31 Preschool Halloween Parades 				*Calendar is Subject to Change



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



OCTOBER

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Heather Allen	October 1	Carole Schuch	October 10
Jason Rogers	October 3	Kelly Bandfield	October 17
Michael Bandfield	October 4	Jeremy Mathena	October 17
Benjamin Martinez	October 4	Chuck Gibson	October 22
Jody Peterman	October 6	Jeff Buehrer	October 24
Beverly Crammond	October 8		

Rick & Kay Amendola October 17

***Calendar subject to change**

NOVEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rachel Buehrer	November 20	Bonnie Buehrer	November 25
Tricia Manner	November 23	Marilyn Kolbow	November 29

Gary & Karen Herren November 16

November's Newsletter Deadline will be Friday October 13th. I appreciate everyone who contributes each month!

-Tricia Manner
Administrative Assistant

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