

July



"Blessed is the nation, whose God is the Lord" Psalm 33:12

Katharine Lee Bates, was an American poet and an English professor at Wellesley College. In the summer of 1893, Katharine made a trip to teach a course at Colorado College in Colorado Springs! At the close of the session, her colleagues and she celebrated at the top of Pike's Peak. (They made the ascent by prairie wagon!) At the top, Bates later wrote she was inspired by "the sea-like expanse of fertile country...under the ample skies," and "the opening lines of the hymn floated into my mind." It was first published on July 4, 1895.

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea..

Each of the four original stanzas of this hymn combines appreciation of America's beauty with prayers to God for God's blessings on and for our nation. The different prayers include:

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea. (verses 1& 4)
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw.
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law! (verse 2)
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine! (verse 3)

It is viewed by some scholars that, in verse 2, by asking God to "Mend thine every flow", we acknowledge our imperfection as a country; in verses 1 and 4, by praying for brotherhood from sea to sea, we acknowledge that the existence of disunity is undesirable.

Now if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you will be My treasured possession out of all the nations—for the whole earth is Mine. Exodus 19:5

Pulpit Supply

In a transition when there is no called pastor leading the congregation, the Worship Committee forms a Pulpit Supply team. It is this team who contacts pastors to lead worship. Fairgreen's team is composed of Charlene Ravenscraft, Patti Nordhoff, Pat Gibson. They use Maumee Valley Presbytery, plus others who have given messages here before. The person filling the Pulpit Supply is paid, by the church, along with reimbursement for their mileage, these rates are set by the Maumee Valley Presbytery.

For the months of July and August, 2026 we have;

July 5: Elder Debra Davies

July 12: Elder Diane Adams

July 19: Elder Debra Davies

July 26: Elder Diane Adams

August 2: Rev. David Bartley

August 9: Elder Diane Adams

August 16: Elder Diane Adams

August 23: Rev. Gavin Pitt

August 30: Josh Humberger

This time in transition can provide a real gift as we hear how each pastor/speaker delivers the written Word, each voice we hear will have his or her own style. This is an advantageous opportunity to discover how God's Truth resonates to and through you! Glory to God!

Minister-On-Call Team!

During the next months of transition when Fairgreen is seeking the next pastor to shepherd us, there will be in place a Minister-On-Call Team!



We have retired Presbyterian ministers in our area who have agreed to be “on call”.

What this means is that if a situation arises when you, as a member of our congregation (or your family member) has a spiritual or comfort need for an ordained pastor to be with you, call the **church office at (419)475-4436** to leave a message or call **Kay Amendola at (419)-481-3140**. One of the pastors on the team will be notified of your need and will contact you.

A need might arise for many different reasons including hospitalization, illness, accident, death. It could be to officiate at a marriage or a funeral.

Having several pastors agree to be called upon allows scheduling flexibility for those who have graciously committed to helping. We also hope there is comfort in knowing, for all involved, that more than one minister is available! The church will reimburse the pastor’s mileage.

You will be reminded of this Minister-on-Call program in the future newsletter; your personal Fairgreen shepherd will also be a helpful information source!

-Pulpit Supply Committee

Pastor Search Committee

The Pastor Search Committee is still at work, even though the amount of interest in finding out about our Pastor Part Time position opportunity is very slow. The most recent outreach we have made is to have a delegate to the National General Assembly from our Presbytery, the Rev, Nan Clancy, take the following announcement to post on the Communications Board. The General Assembly has been meeting from June 22nd—July 2nd, 2026. What you see, below, is also what is on the Maumee Valley Presbytery website for Fairgreen.

Pastor Part Time Job Overview



Fairgreen Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Toledo, OH 43613

Do you feel called:

To be a Shepard of an aging congregation of 65 people with diverse backgrounds and traditions who have hearts full of hospitality, a passion for mission outreach with our wider community and a hunger to continue growing with God?

If so, read on!

Fairgreen Church is praying for a part time pastor to feed our flock with the Word of the Lord, to nurture our small congregation with care and prayer and to be supportive of those serving in our vibrant outreach ministries.

as a part of our Matthew 25 ministries, one of our preschool classrooms has become home for the Swaddlers nonprofit organization, another classroom is filled with the Clothing Boutique. While the Children's Church is not only a Sunday worship space, but a welcoming resource area for all ages during the week. Carol'd Cupboard is the name of our food pantry which has over 50 dedicated and eager Fairgreen and community helpers.

This is only part of who and whose we are so....

If God's Spirit is nudging you to find out more, please look on the CLC of the Great Lakes Call Finder or email us at Fairgreen.pastor.search@gmail.com

Blessings!

It IS a Small World after All!

Exciting News!

At the 227th General Assembly (GA 227) of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which took

place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 22-July 2, 2026, the Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero

and the Rev. Kristopher Schondelmeyer were elected and installed as Co-Moderators.

In a personal note for all of us in the Toledo area, Kris began his pastoral ministry at Christ Presbyterian Church here in Toledo in October 2010! He was also on the Board of Toledo Campus Ministry. Kris is currently the Pastor/Head of Staff at the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport.

He met his wife, Abby, who was a student at the University of Toledo. She was discerning whether she wanted to go into some type of ministerial work, so entered a program at the Toledo Campus Ministry which supported her working a certain number

of hours a week at a sponsoring church. Fairgreen was where Abby worked with our children and youth and was mentored by Rev. Pat Shafer! Abby and Kris were married in 2012; they now have four children! In 2017, Abby graduated with her Master of Divinity and has served in children's and youth ministry in several churches!

Fairgreen has been so blessed to be part of the ministry preparation of Rev. Mark Tippin West Kirk: Presbyterian Church, (PCA) Urbandale, IA., Rev. Paul DeJong: First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers, FL, and the Rev. Rich Kinney: Highland Presbyterian Church, New Castle, PA. Fairgreen has also been part of the preparation for Ken Hulsey, Jan Solarek, Bev Harkey and Mike Roadruck in their call to be Certified Ruling Elders!

Let us continue to water the seeds, whatever they may be, that God plants in our midst!

The Paul Mitchell Mani Day & Food Pantry (May)



A special thank you to Papa John's, Chilis, Black Diamond, Home Depot, and Panara Bread for all of the donations!

Please join us next time for
a fresh mani, or just for fellowship!

All are welcome!!



July

Happy Birthday

Megan Allen July 1
Sue Fotoples July 8
Joyce Koback July 10
Mary Beth Henning July 15
Nan Bennett July 17
David Durrant July 29
Gardner Bandfield July 29

August

Happy Birthday

Denise Burtch	August 1
Fred Aherns Jr.	August 2
Piper Buehrer	August 8
John Macpherson	August 14
Jack Banfield	August 26
Jim Eaton	August 26
Peg Winslow	August 27
Maki Coley	August 28
Shannon Smith-Lee	August 31



Hennings 50th Birthday Party!



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5 10am Worship	6 Office Closed	7	8 Blessing Boutique 8:30-11am Bible Study 3pm	9 Congregational Life Meeting 10:00am	10 1pm Music Rehearsal	11 Commons Rental
12 10am Worship Holy Communion Church Picnic	13 Office Closed	14	15 Blessing Boutique 8:30-11am Bible Study 3pm	16	17 1pm Music Rehearsal	18 Joshua Sorrell Memorial Blood Drive 8am-3pm
19 10am Worship	20 Office Closed	21 Breaking Bread with Fairgreen Friends—1pm Red Robin	22 Blessing Boutique 8:30-11am Mani Day 12-1pm Bible Study 3pm	23 Packing for Food Pantry 9am	24 1pm Music Rehearsal Food Pantry 4-6pm	25
26 10am Worship	27 Office Closed	28	29 Blessing Boutique 8:30-11am Bible Study 3pm	30	31 1pm Music Rehearsal	

August

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2 10am Worship Holy Communion Session Meeting after worship	3 Office Closed	4	5 Blessing Boutique 8:30-11am Bible Study 3pm	6	7 1pm Music Rehearsal	8
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