



## FAIRGREEN LEAVES - APRIL 2023

### From The Pastors Desk...

Three nine-year-old students, two adult staff members in their sixties, and another adult started their days in Nashville in the same ways they had for years. Students rode in busses or family cars; the staff members started their responsibilities at the elementary school where they worked, and another adult happened to be subbing at the Covenant school.

The doors of the school were locked to prevent intruders who might have their minds set on any kind of violence. All of the precautions had been taken to make this school a safe place for students, staff, and visitors.

Then the sounds of breaking glass...and gunfire.

A former student who was now in her twenties had a couple of assault weapons and a hand gun. She was determined. The locked glass doors didn't stop her. She was determined to bring chaos and injury and death to the quiet beginning of a routine week of school.

Soon this Easter season at Covenant would become a killing field taking the lives of nine-year-old children, sixty-year-old staff and one substitute teacher. The parents and families of the nine-year-old kids couldn't believe it; they would never see their children alive again. All of the surviving students were led from the school single file by a phalanx of police officers. The children quivered in fear. Some wept as they slowly realized some of their friends were dead.

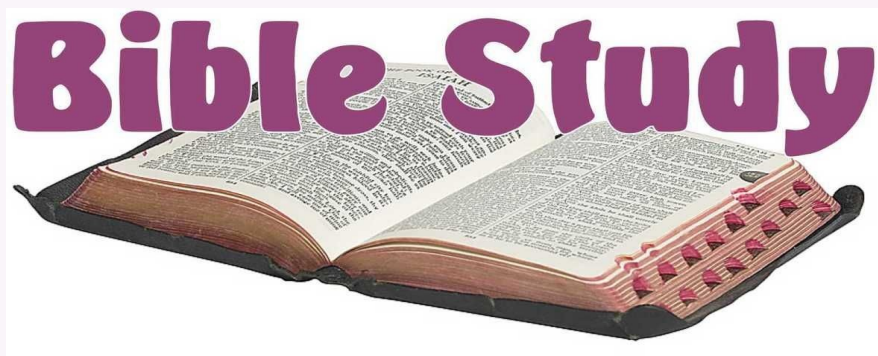
Staff who had worked together to provide an environment that would be so conducive to growth and healthy development lay in pools of their own blood. They would never see their families again...lives snuffed out.

Soon, police encountered the female shooter. Soon she too would die.

What thoughts and values and concepts of "freedom" come together to cause and allow these kinds of events? Where does our responsibility reside? Are we simply defeated and unable to have any influence whatsoever on situations like this? A Presbyterian elementary school in Tennessee becomes the most recent site that cries out for a response that includes but requires more than simply sending thoughts and prayers.

May we and all people be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we search for substantive answers that are different than our past inadequate responses. May God give us strength and determination in this Easter season!

-Pastor Bill



## **Bible Study at Fairgreen IS for Everyone**

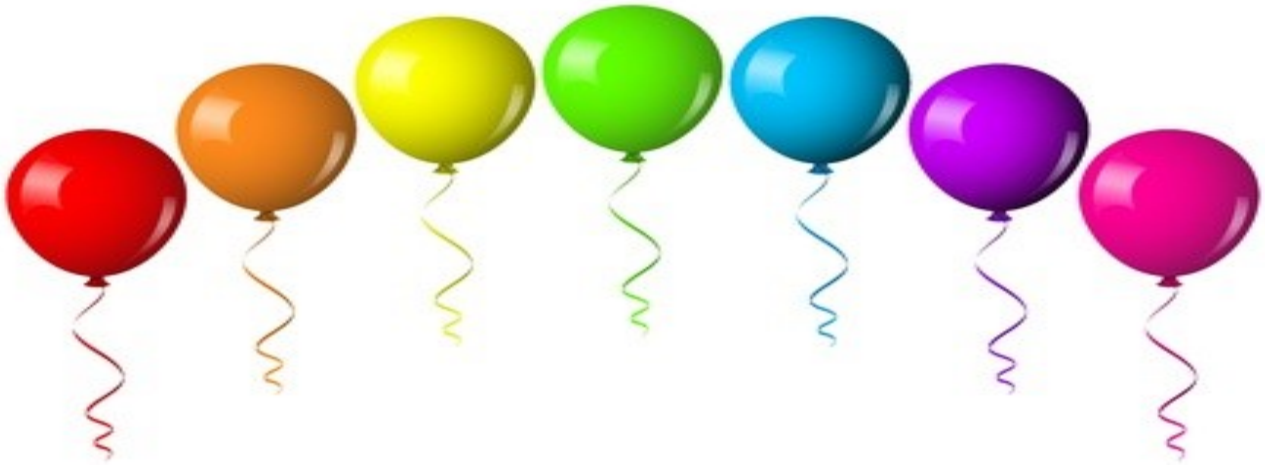
We are continuing with the hybrid model of in-person and zoom access for our 3:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study. In-person study is in the church's lounge. Zoom participation can be accessed in three ways:

**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



### **A May Celebration!**

On Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the 10am worship service at Fairgreen Presbyterian Church in Toledo, Ohio, Pat Shafer is going to be honored as Pastor Emerita. A reception will follow in the Fairgreen Church Commons (Fellowship Hall).

In the Presbyterian Church, "when any pastor or associate retires and the congregation is moved with affection and gratitude to continue an association in an honorary relationship, it may, at a regularly called congregational meeting, elect him or her as pastor emeritus or emerita, with or without honorarium but with no pastoral authority or duty."

The Fairgreen Presbyterian congregation is grateful for the ten years of pastoral leadership and guidance Pr. Pat has given to us. This year, 2023, Pat will also celebrate her 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of being ordained as Pastor of Word and Sacrament. We recognize the other churches who have joined God in calling her as their pastor before she came to Fairgreen: Wrights Corners Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Oakfield Church, and Stamford Presbyterian Church.

Please, no gifts! Cards and notes may be sent to her home address:

Pat Shafer  
6281 Murphy Drive  
Victor, New York  
14564

or place them in the basket at the reception.  
Prayers are always welcomed!

**Circle May 21st  
on your calendar now!  
Plan to join the celebration!**

## **Did you know? April 2023**

The latest scam is an email sent from scammers claiming you need to renew your Medicare card. Not so, the government does not send out these emails, it is simply scammers trying to steal your information.

Another scam currently in operation, is the invoice email claiming you owe a bill. That is not how business works so ignore this.

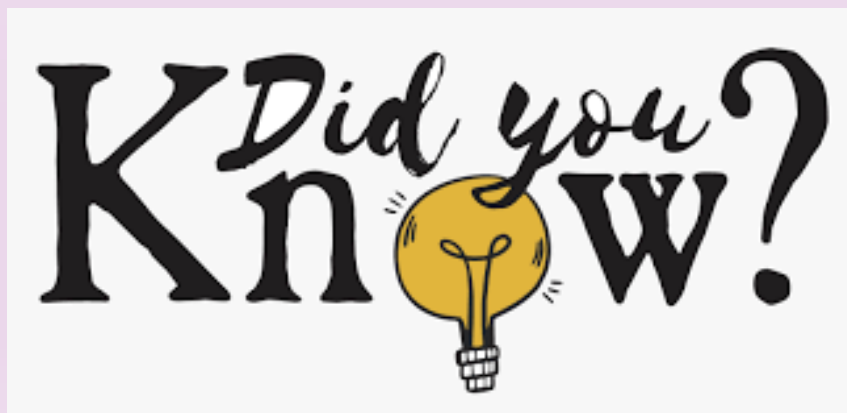
Did you know that seniors are one of the biggest voting blocks in all elections?

Did you know that only 12% of seniors are living in assisted living or nursing homes?

Did you know that current research points to sugar in the diet as a contributing cause for dementia?

Did you know that heredity only accounts for 4% of longevity, the rest is controlled by your lifestyle?

Did you know that Toledo Police are looking for a new group of volunteers for their RSVP program (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)? This program assists Toledo seniors in their homes with various tasks like picking up medicine from a pharmacy or providing grocery pickup.



## WHERE GOD LIVES

**As I grow older, I realize that God is not just omnipotent but also omnipresent. God lives in the houses of God.**

**God lives here at Fairgreen Presbyterian church, I feel his presence in the Sanctuary. While working on Chancel Guild for many years, preparing the Sanctuary for worship according to the Liturgical calendar, often in the silence of the Sanctuary I would feel God's presence.**

**I attend church here at Fairgreen almost every Sunday with my sister Agnes. I do not do it out of social convention or habit; many times there is a temptation to stay home. I do it to worship the Lord according to the unique Presbyterian ritual and in communion with my fellow church members. This uplifts me for the rest of the week.**

**It is the glory of the triune God that, all over the world on the Sabbath day people worship using their own unique rituals and God is there.**

**As they say in Scotland "let the Lord be thankit"**

**-Chris Roebuck**





## From The Congregational Life Committee:

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

Thanks very much from the bottom of my heart to those who donated food, cut vegetables, made tea, set tables, and cleaned up.

Thanks to all the lovely children who came with big smiles and breathtaking dancing. Thanks to Moms and Dads for making this all possible.

Thanks to Gwenivere Antionette Durand for her dedication to dance and a wonderful performance.

Joyce Koback



**From The Worship Committee (cont.) :**



**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**



Our menu will be: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits, along with fruit salad and juice and of course, coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

Won't you join us after the service?

\*Freewill Offering will go to Johey & Mica's Village.



**From The Worship Committee (cont.) :**

Recipe for Seven Layer Salad

1. Lettuce (I use romaine because it lasts longer)
2. Pepper (Green, Yellow, Red or combination)
3. Onion (Can use red or sweet onion)
4. Bacon Crumbles
5. Frozen Peas
6. A dab of Mayonnaise
7. A sprinkle of Parmesan Cheese
8. 1/4 tsp of sugar (I like to use colored sugar, sometimes)

I put in cups usually clear ones or a container that is air tight. You also use cauliflower broken in bits and carrots. Do not use tomatoes or cucumbers as their shelf life is not long. You can make a batch of these and use for a week.

Submitted by: Joyce Koback





**From The Worship Committee (cont.) :**



*We have new members joining our church and we would like to introduce each of them in our newsletters! Starting this month we will feature them one at a time so you can get to know them!*

**RITA SPENCER**



Rita has a finance, Tom Scofield and a grandson, A J Armstrong. AJ has worshiped with us several times.

Rita's hobbies are singing, drawing, making crafts, some painting and music. She also has two rescue dogs, and she lives in Toledo. Rita really loves music.

Rita has a passion for helping others as well as those in her church family. Her Mom always helped people with food and clothing. Her Dad made things mostly mechanical and gave them away to others in need. They came from down south living in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Her father was a share cropper and when Rita was a small child, her father moved to Ohio for work. Rita's grandmother offered food and coffee to everyone who graced her doorstep.

They attended church as often as they could. Her parents loved God! They impressed on Rita to always be a good person.

We are blessed to have Rita join with us in our missions of the church!!

***WELCOME RITA!***

## Coffee Hour



Thanks to all the hosts for providing delicious treats while we continue our fellowship in the Commons. April 2nd, is our wonderful Palm Sunday Breakfast, a feast we all look forward to enjoying. Below are the calendars for April, May and June. These are also posted on the board next to the kitchen window. Blessings to all for your wonderful gifts.

-Marilyn McAfee

### April

2 - Palm Sunday Breakfast  
9 - Easter - New Member Celebration  
16 - Charlotte & Michael Callinan  
23 -  
30 - Deal Family

### May

7 -  
14 - Mother's Day  
Jim & John  
21 - Celebration  
For Pastor Pat  
28 - Deal Family

### June

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



**From the Food Pantry:**

**Next Food Pantry will be  
Friday April 28, 2023  
4-6pm**



**Did you know that the FAIRGREEN  
FOOD PANTRY FACE-  
BOOK PAGE has 640  
members?**



**From The Office:**

**Thank you to all who ordered Easter Flowers! They will help  
decorate the Chancel. Please take them with you after Easter  
Sunday service to decorate your homes!!**



# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10am Worship Service Breakfast after Service	3 Office Closed <b>Wellness Day</b> 5-7pm	4 <i>Session Mtg @ 6:30pm</i> <b>Preschool Program</b>	5 <b>Bible Study @ 3pm</b> <b>Preschool Program</b>	6* <b>Wellness Day</b> 4:15-7 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm	7* <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Sanctuary open</i> 12-3pm	8
9 <i>Easter Sunrise Serv. at Stranahan @ 7:00am</i> At Fairgreen @ 10:00am	10* Office Closed <b>Wellness Day</b> 5-7pm	11*	12* <b>Bible Study @ 3pm</b>	13* <b>Wellness Day</b> 4:15-7	14*	15
16 10am Worship Service Emerita meeting @ 11:30am (lounge)	17 Office Closed <b>Wellness Day</b> 5-7pm	18	19 <b>Bible Study @ 3pm</b>	20 <i>Cong. Life Meeting@10am</i> <i>Worship Comm. Meeting @ 6:30p</i> <b>Wellnes Day</b> 4:15-7	21 <b>Taize Service</b>	22
23 10am Worship Service	24 Office Closed <b>Wellness Day</b> 5-7pm	25	26 <b>Bible Study @ 3pm</b>	27 <b>Pantry Packing @ 9:30am</b> <b>Wellness Day</b> 4:15-7	28 <b>Food Pantry</b> 4-6pm	29
30 10am Worship Service				* <i>Easter Sunday is also new Member Service and a reception is to follow</i>	* <b>Preshool is on spring break these days</b>	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dr. Mike Roadruck	April 1	Zach Bosley-Smith	April 7
Agnes McKinstry	April 2	Molly Bosley-Smith	April 11
Kathryn Allen	April 2	Jasmine Scarborough-Jewell	April 12
Sandra Freels	April 3	Cheyenne Methena	April 22
Cindy Bandfield	April 5	Gracie Manner	April 25
		Derek Nordhoff	April 30

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tricia & Jason Manner	April 17
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**\*Calendar subject to change.**



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