



Fairgreen Leaves

From The Pastors Desk...

February 2022

A writer by the name of Joshua Bowron writes a lot about FORGIVENESS.

He writes about **the two-way track on which forgiveness occurs**. That's an important point since we often think only in terms of forgiveness being something we either give to others or expect... sometimes even demand of others. That is the **ONE-WAY STREET idea of forgiveness**.

Forgiveness involves at least two people: One who is ready to offer forgiveness and the other who receives it or wants it or demands it.

This is the **TWO-WAY STREET** of the **process** of forgiveness. Forgiveness can only genuinely occur when we (two or more people) become involved in the TWO-WAY STREET ways of giving, receiving, reciprocating...forgiveness.

It is the **TWO-WAY STREET model** of forgiveness to which Jesus Christ calls us. He doesn't give us **any** choice. Demanding forgiveness is not adequate or acceptable to Jesus according to the Scriptures. Simply offering forgiveness is not adequate or acceptable to Jesus according to the Scriptures.

Genuine forgiveness is NOT demanded or **"expected"** of another. Neither is genuine forgiveness (in the Biblical sense) **simply offered** to another without a genuine ENGAGEMENT between the giver and the recipient of the act of forgiveness.

These all sound pretty easy to most of us most of the time. But there always seem to be roadblocks of various sorts. One of the biggest roadblocks has to do with our **perceptions of ourselves**.

It is nearly impossible to receive or give forgiveness, as Jesus tells us we are to do, when **one of the persons involved "knows" that she or he is "good" and the other is "bad"**. In other words, as either recipients of forgiveness or those giving it to others, **if we say we are without sin and the other is sinful** we deceive ourselves and destroy the act of forgiveness.

There is no harder thing than seeking or receiving forgiveness **when you are convinced you are "good" while the other is "bad"**. And the **Holy Scriptures are crystal clear about this**.

It is those who are **convinced of their own righteousness** who should scare us say the Scriptures; not those who genuinely offer or are open to receiving forgiveness.

May our Good and Loving God give each of us the strength to shed our assumptions about **our own superiority** in order to liberate our capacities to give and receive forgiveness....as Christ commanded.

-Pastor Dunifon

News from the Chancel Guild....

The Chancel Guild is part of the Worship committee. I, Agnes McKinstry, am the chairman and Sharon Durrant is the other member of the team. Sharon always makes sure that the candles are filled with oil and the wick is long enough so that the candles burn for the length of the service.

On January 11th of this year, Sharon and I, with the help of my volunteer sister Chris, removed the Christmas decorations from the Christmas tree, dismantled the tree and stored it in the Christmas closet. We removed the angels and runners from the Narthex and replaced them with the green runners (Ordinary Time) and added small flower arrangements.

We removed the red bows and wreaths from the walls and the other decorations from the large Communion table also disposing of the remaining poinsettias.

Sharon and I changed the Paraments to green, again for Ordinary Time, on the Communion table.

I follow the Liturgical calendar to make sure that the Sanctuary and the Narthex are appropriately dressed for each special occasion.

Respectfully,

Agnes McKinstry.

CHANCEL GUILD
A MINISTRY OF SERVICE

What is Per Capita?

“All Presbyterians are individually called to take part in the ecclesiastical and administrative work shared by the whole church through per capita giving.”

Per Capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Per Capita goes back to 1734. Simply put, annually, congregations pay to their respective presbyteries a per-member set amount of money. Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the apportionment; it is part of the glue that holds us - we Presbyterians together as a Body of Christ, by supporting the various ministries. To this end, it is a form of stewardship. It is Fairgreen's stewardship to Presbytery.

I am concerned that many members of our congregation, for some reason, fail to pay their per capita. Currently we have 76 members in our congregation:

$76 \times \$37.25 = \2831.00 . When we don't pay our per capita, Fairgreen Church funds pay the balance even though we are in a deficit budget.

I am hopeful that you will pay your per capita of \$37.25 in 2022. In the front of each Giving Packet is an envelope marked **Per Capita - in Red**. If you are unable to pay that amount all at once, please talk with Marilyn McAfee and develop a payment plan that is comfortable for you.

-Marilyn McAfee

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

Bible Studies at Fairgreen Are for Everyone

We hope to continue with a hybrid model of in-person and zoom of all our Bible Studies – Monday Beginners Bible Study; Wednesday Bible Studies; and Saturday Bible, however, with the rise of covid cases things can change daily so for in person sessions please watch your email or call Mike at 419-260-7429. In-person studies are held in the church's lounge. Zoom participation can be accessed in three ways:

by clicking on the link which will be sent by email *(if you are not receiving this link, 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

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Beginners Bible Study: Mondays at 2 pm, continuing the study of Mark

Wednesday Bible Study: Wednesdays at 3 pm is studying the book of Acts – the work of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles including Paul.

Saturday Bible studies are twice a month on the second and third Saturdays (2/12 & 2/19) currently studying 1,2,3 John. We begin at 9:30 am with a light breakfast and fellowship (when in person). Opening prayers and study begin at 10.



FROM LINDA HOOVER:

Food Pantry Feature
February 2022

A QUICK MEMORY TEST:

"How many fruits and vegetables are you able to recite in two minutes?

Did your list include all of the following: **bananas, sweet potatoes, corn, tomatoes, bagged onions and Vidalia onions, potatoes of all kinds, EVERY type of squash, zucchini, several different kinds of apples, celery, pears? Did you remember to add the unusual mangoes, and eggplant?**

The above long list of various fruit and vegetables enumerates the healthy produce Monnette's Market (on Secor Road) has donated to the food pantry in 2021 and ongoing into 2022. We are grateful to Tammy Rober who made this connection with Jackie Monnette. Jackie contacts Tammy as produce is available, and Tammy Rober, Sharon Durrant, or Linda Hoover meet Jackie at the church, as she blesses us with delivery.

A special "shout out" of extra gratitude goes to those who have happened to be at the church when Jackie Monnette calls, and I am so pleased they say YES to meeting Jackie when one of the above three mentioned are busy. Staff members have helped us out and most recently, a thank you to Gardy Bandfield who received the donations from Jackie during the Open Gym time on Monday, February 7th.

Our clients are so very grateful for the opportunity to have fresh produce. When produce arrives, and a food pantry distribution is not immediately forthcoming, ingenious other ways are employed to advertise "pick up" of produce. Tammy advertises the items on Fairgreen Food Pantry Facebook page as a "POP UP" and we man a window of time for anyone to come to the church for selections. We also ask Tricia to put out emails to the congregation for produce availability in the kitchen. Tammy also has connections with other churches and pantries, and we share with them, creating a reciprocal relationship with other organizations working to service the hungry of the city.

**Did you know that the FAIRGREEN FOOD PANTRY
FACEBOOK PAGE has 373 members?**



Coffee Hour - From Marilyn McAfee

What a wonderful response to my request for help in hosting a coffee hour. All of January and February Sundays are filled. **THANK YOU!** The request goes on however. I'm now looking for hosts for March and April. Please feel free to sign up. There is a sheet by the kitchen window to write your name. How nice to have a few minutes of fellowship after our morning service.

All are welcome!**March**

6 - The Henning Family
 13 - Marilyn McAfee
 20 -
 27 -

April

3 -
 10 - Mission & Outreach (Palm Sunday)
 17 - (Easter Sunday)
 24 -

IN OTHER NEWS:**-From Mission & Outreach**

Come and join us for a simple bowl of soup after service on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th**. Break bread with us after we have been fed by the Word.



In Other News (cont.)....

Yoga Class at Fairgreen Presbyterian Church

With Yoga Instructor Anne Boyle, ryt

When: Saturday, February 26th

Time: 9am to 10 am

Bring your own mat or use a chair for the class!

Plenty of room for social distancing, masks required entering and leaving the building but may be removed during practice.

**In lieu of donations, please bring hygiene items for the Fairgreen Food Pantry:
Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap and Deodorant!**





This is a very lovely card we received from Jackie Campbell after a recent outreach visit by Marilyn McAfee. It shows what a difference these visits can make to someone!!

Dear Fairgreen Family,
I loved hearing about my Fairgreen friends and happenings there when Marilyn visited me last week. The Christmas gift bag she brought held a smaller bag of delicious candies & several Madelines. I have enjoyed all of them immensely. The tapestry has the inscription, "For Today a Savior is Born in the City of David" with excerpts all over it from the birth of our beloved Christ child complete with pictures. What have I done

with it? It is pinned on the back of a high, upholstered chair that is directly across & close to my favorite chair so that I can see it & reflect on the meanings. Oh, so nice. Thank you very much for lovely Christmas gifts.

Many blessings & best wishes for a Happy, Healthier New Year

Love,

Jackie
Campbell

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Session mtg @ 6:30pm *Start Flag 3:30-6pm	2 3pm Bible Study	3 4pm Worship Service-Lounge ACA Meeting @ 6:30pm	4	5
6 10am Worship Service	7 Office Closed 2pm Bible Study Open Gym 6-7:30pm	8 Mission & Outreach @10am *Start Flag 3:30-6pm	9 3pm Bible Study	10 4pm Worship Service-Lounge ACA Meeting @ 6:30pm	11	12 10am Prayer & Bible Study Women's Retreat 9am-3pm
13 10am Worship Service Superbowl Sunday soup	14 Office Closed 2pm Bible Study	15 *Start Flag 3:30-6pm	16 3pm Bible Study Food Pantry Meeting @ 3 pm in Com.	17 4pm Worship Service-Lounge ACA Meeting @ 6:30pm	18	19 10am Prayer & Bible Study
20 10am Worship Service	21 Office Closed 2pm Bible Study Open Gym 6-7:30pm	22 *Start Flag 3:30-6pm	23 3pm Bible Study Worship Com Meeting @ 6:30pm-zoom	24 4pm Worship Service-Lounge ACA Meeting @ 6:30pm Packing Food @ 9:30am	25 Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:30	26 Yoga @ 9-10am
27 10am Worship Service	28 Office Closed 2pm Bible Study					

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dick Schroeder	February 2	Judy Stuart
Bill Henning	February 3	Kaitlyn Scarb.-Jewell
Zandra Williams	February 8	Jodi Methena
Tyler Crammond	February 12	Sheila Ortmann
Marilyn McAfee	February 12	Ilona Leu
Ken Close	February 15	Kendy Vamos
Charlene Ravenscraft	February 15	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 15	Ron & Isabella Wu	February 15
February 16	Steve & Kendy Vamos	February 28
February 20		
February 23		
February 26		
February 28		

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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27 10am Worship Service	28 Church Office Closed 2pm Bible Study	29 *Start Flag 3:30-6pm	30 3pm Prayer & Bible Study	31 4pm Worship Service-Lounge ACA Meeting @ 6:30pm		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lexi Peterman
Nathan Leu, III
Dan Winslow
Aaron Winslow

March 2
March 4
March 5
March 8

Kay Monroe
Tom Winslow
Gabrielle Buehrer
Melanie Rogers

March 10
March 12
March 16
March 18

Alyssa Pope
Gary Peterman Jr.
Sally Kille
Rev. Bill Dunifon

March 26
March 27
March 30
March 31

*Calendar subject
to change. may
have additional
events added.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

