



Fairgreen Leaves

January/February 2020

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"Behold, I will do a new thing; now shall it spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." -Isaiah 43:19

2019 has been a kind of wilderness and desert for Fairgreen. 2019 has brought many changes and challenges, but "behold" the Lord is doing a new thing and bringing forth rivers in the desert. Through the challenges of 2019 our Fairgreen family has remained strong. Every one of you is a real "well spring" of faith and promise to this church and each of you is appreciated.

In order to reduce the cross current of the many rivers flowing through Fairgreen, however, one of the changes that we have put in place is that if you find yourself needing tables/chairs set up or want to reserve the Commons or other space for a function, please speak first with Darlene Hughes, our Administrative Assistant. She will help you get the event on the church's calendar avoiding potential conflicts with time and accommodations as well as making sure that any set-up needs are clearly communicated with Dale Herren, our custodian. Working together as a team we can let this new thing spring forth.

Speaking of which, several of our ministries are looking for some new and fresh ideas allowing us to better serve the people in our community. If you have an idea or want to volunteer to serve in a ministry, just talk with Darlene and she will be more than glad to direct you to the right committee and person in charge. While we want to thank all of you who are active in ministry serving the Lord, we know that He is raising up a new thing and you may just be that new thing. Because of you, we may be able to touch even more hearts and lives of people in our church and wider community. You are Christ's hands and feet and always ready to reach out in His name.

In the past year we have been blessed by and grateful for the many pastors and individuals that have filled our pulpit in the absence of an installed pastor. Each of them has brought a message that touched our lives in many unique and meaningful ways. Going forward we anticipate a need for continued reliance on individuals to fill our pulpit for the time being. If you know of a pastor or other individual (or, if indeed you are that individual) who could bring a message let the Worship Planning Team know by contacting Charlene Ravenscraft or other WPT members.

Our PNC has been very busy in their search for a new pastor. We have our MIF (Mission Information Form) online, and we are trusting in God that He will send the pastor uniquely prepared to fill the needs here at Fairgreen. We as a staff and congregation are excited for what 2020 holds for this church and are claiming the promises of Isaiah 43:19.

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We are a people that are called by God, not only to love one another, but to serve the Lord with gladness and in unity. Let us embrace what God has for our church for 2020 and know that He has our best interest at heart. With charity and high idealism let us work together as the family we are meant to be. Are you ready for what God can do in 2020? Let's go forward claiming **Jeremiah 29:11** *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*



We Love Our Shut-Ins

We do not want to ignore our shut-ins or have them think we have forgotten them...so we are listing two of our shut-ins and we are asking everyone to send a card (or two), or even a phone call to them. We will list two names every newsletter with their addresses for your convenience so they will know that we are thinking and praying for them.

Fred King

Lakes of Sylvania
5352 Mitchaw Rd. Room 203
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Marilyn Kolbow

Perrysburg Commons Retirement Center
10542 Fremont Pike Rm. 184
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SUNDAY by Joyce Koback

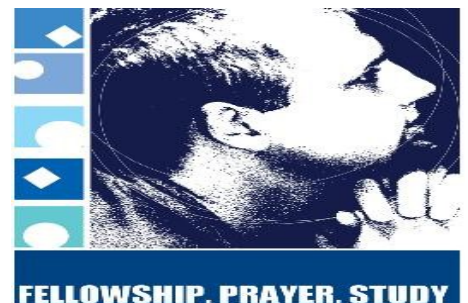


Sunday, January 5, is our second annual Christmas Cookie Sunday. Please bring in your extra Christmas cookies to share with others during coffee hour. You can also bring in any other Christmas treats, too. We will have a hot chocolate bar along with milk, tea and coffee. Won't you join us in celebrating Jesus' Birthday!

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

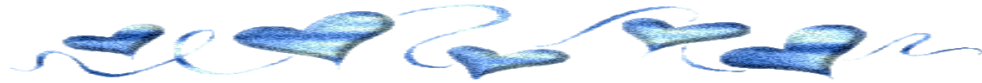
The men of Fairgreen are invited to a monthly **Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study.**

We meet on Saturday from 9am-11:30am in the Church Lounge and we start out with prayer, breakfast, fellowship, and share in God's word. Here is a list of dates in 2020 which we will be meeting: January 11 & 18; February 8 & 15. The facilitator for this event is Dr. Mike Roadruck.



PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

The year **2020 Per Capita** apportionment is **\$35.75** per person. There will be a Per Capita giving envelope in the 2020 Offering Envelope Packet that you will receive. We ask that you **wait until after the first of the year to pay your Per Capita**. Thank you.

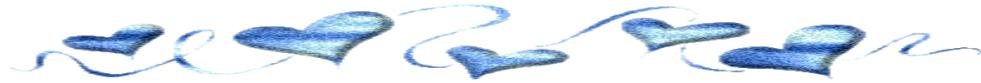


HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



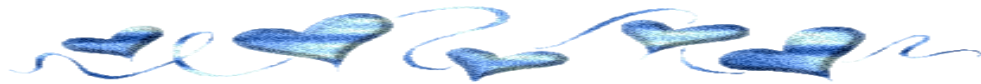
The Church Office will be **closed from Monday December 23 - Thursday, January 2, 2020**.

The Fairgreen Staff would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



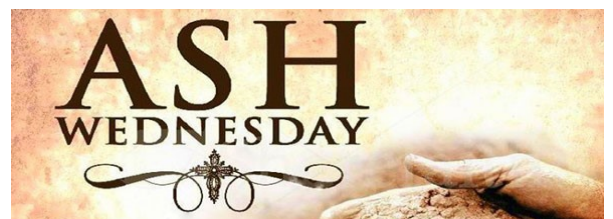
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

As we get ready for the Super Bowl (Sunday, February 2, 2020) in the afternoon at Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Florida, we ask that you stop by during coffee hour for a bowl of soup. We will have soup, soup, and more soup. The varieties of soups include: Chicken Noodle, Broccoli Ham, Chili, Vegetable and Bean soup. Stop by and catch up with friends and warm your insides before going out in the cold.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Come and join us as we gather together for our Ash Wednesday Service on February 26th, 2020 at 1pm in the Lounge. Dr. Mike Roadruck conduct the service.

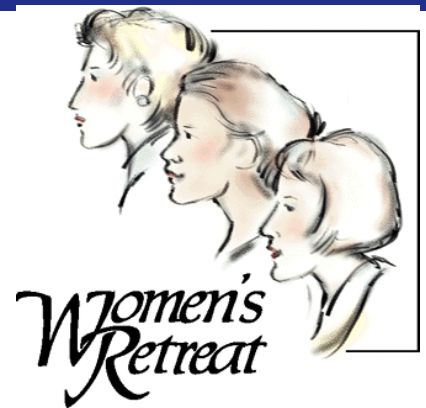


2020 FAIRGREEN WOMEN'S RETREAT by Pat Gibson

On the Wings of God's Grace: Lessons Learned from the Birds of the Air

Some of the most expressive illustrations of divine love and care are taken from the ways of birds in the Bible. Psalm 36:7 speaks of God's love:

***"How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow."***



While Psalm 91:4 tells of God as our refuge:

"...he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge."

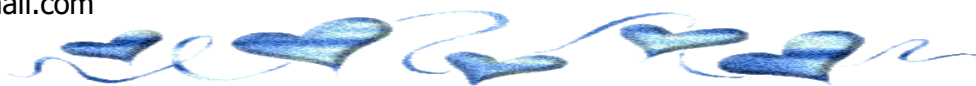
For our Women's Retreat in February 2020, we will be visiting, studying, singing, and praying some of these scriptures as we bring to light the importance of birds, biblically and spiritually, and how they speak of our relationship with the Lord.

The Fairgreen Women's Retreat will be held at the Lial Renewal Center on Davis Road near Whitehouse, Ohio. We will begin at 7pm on Friday evening, February 21 and we will end by 3pm on Saturday, February 22, 2020.

This is an overnight retreat but coming on Saturday morning by 9am is an option. For those spending the night, bedding and towels will be in your private room. Both breakfast and lunch are provided as each person attending will be asked to bring a designated food item of your choosing. At the registration time, starting on Sunday, February 2 and ending on Sunday, February 16, there will also be a sign-up list for this food.

For Fairgreen members, a room with it's own bath will be \$55.00. (The same room for non-members is \$65.00). For Fairgreen members, a room with the bath at the end of the hall is \$45.00. (The same room for non-members is \$55). Scholarships are available.

Ladies: remember to put on your new 2020 calendar, NOW, the retreat dates of February 21, 7pm to February 22 , 3pm! If more information is needed, please contact Pat Gibson at 419-297-6373 or patmgibson@hotmail.com



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Dear Fairgreen Friends and Family,

Since my back surgery on November 1st, I have received so many blessings from many of you in the form of calls, cards, meals and/or visits...not to mention the prayers! The meals were a true labor of love and we really appreciated the extra mile. Desiree was out of town for a few days and the meals were greatly appreciated.



I felt the prayers and love each day! Thanks to Fairgreen for the cheery fresh flower arrangement in the smiling container. It was a bright spot for many days. I just began water therapy on December 4th, that will last 2-4 weeks before physical therapy starts; so, needless to say I am not back to work yet.

Once again thank you for your deep caring and prayers! I thank God for each one of you.

Deepest gratitude,
Karen Herren

Revised 1/15/20

January 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ELDERS OF THE MONTH ~ Fred Nordhoff & Dale Herren WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 10AM COFFEE HOUR ~ 11:15AM Those preaching in the month of January: January 5 ~ Lora Manon January 12 ~ Josh Humberger January 19 ~ Rev. Alex McLean January 26 ~ Rev. Andy Hill			1 New Year's Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	3 10-12pm Food Pantry	4
5 Communion 10am Worship Bring in leftover cookies from the Holidays for Coffee Hour	6 Church Office Closed	7 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Session Mtg.	8 3pm Bible Study	9	10 10-12pm Food Pantry	11 9-11:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast & Study in Lounge
12 10am Worship	13 Church Office Closed	14 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study	15 3pm Bible Study	16 10am Mission & Outreach Team Mtg. 1pm Staff Mtg.	17 10-12pm Food Pantry	18 9-11:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast & Study in Lounge
19 Communion 10am Worship Elder Ordination & Installation	20 Church Office Closed No Preschool	21 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study	22 3pm Bible Study	23	24 10-12pm Food Pantry	25
26 10am Worship	27 Church Office Closed	28 No Eaglestone Bible Study	29 3pm Bible Study	30 6:30-8pm Mission & Outreach sponsored De Escalation Mtg. in Commons	31 10-12pm Food Pantry	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aggie Burtch	January 4	Jeff DeVaul	January 17
Patsy Ansted	January 5	Wanda Bielski	January 19
Dale Herren	January 7	Rick Amendola	January 26
John Adams	January 11	Jesse Murray	January 26
Darlene Hughes	January 14		
Nancy Ahrens	January 15		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mike & Barb Roadruck	January 4
Ken & Patricia Close	January 6

USHERS AND GREETERS

JAN. 5~ USHERS: Kay Amendola & Melanie Rogers, Fred Nordhoff, Julie Murray
GREETER: Linda Gregory

JAN. 12 ~ USHERS: Chris Roebuck & Agnes McKinstry, Julie Murray, Fred Ahrens, Jr.
GREETER: Fred Ahrens, Jr.

JAN. 19 ~ USHERS: Dick Schroeder & Joyce Koback, Michael Henning, William Henning
GREETER: Barb Roadruck & The Methena Family

JAN. 26 ~ USHERS: Sharon Durrant & Bonnie Buehrer, Dale Herren, Sheila Ortmann
GREETER: Barb Roadruck

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February 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Elders of the Month: Joyce Koback & Worship 10am Coffee Hour 11:15am Those preaching in the month of February: February 2 ~ Dr. Mike Roadruck February 9 ~ Lora Manon February 16 ~ Rev. Tom Hughes February 23 ~ Rev. Andy Hill						
2 Communion 10am Worship Super Bowl Sunday Serving soup in Commons right after service	3 Church Office Closed	4 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Session Mtg.	5 3pm Bible Study	6	7 10-12pm Food Pantry	8 9-11:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast & Study in Lounge
9 10am Worship Annual Congrega- tional Meeting right after service	10 Church Office Closed	11 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study	12 3pm Bible Study	13 Preschool Valentine Parties	14 Valentines Day Preschool Valentine Parties 10-12pm Food Pantry	15 9-11:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast & Study in Lounge
16 Communion 10am Worship	17 Church Office Closed No Preschool Parent/Teacher Conference	18 No Preschool Parent/Teacher Conference 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study	19 3pm Bible Study	20 10am Mission & Outreach Mtg. Lounge 1pm Staff Mtg.	21 10-12pm Food Pantry 7pm Women's Retreat at Lial	22 3pm Women's Retreat at Lial Center ends
23 10am Worship	24 Church Office Closed	25 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study with Communion	26 1pm Ash Wednes- day Service in Lounge 3pm Bible Study	27 Frankly Speaking 1-3:30pm in Commons "Health Care Awareness"	28 10-12pm Food Pantry	29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dick Schroeder	February 2	Kay Seidowsky	February 18
Bill Henning	February 3	Betty Wolff	February 18
Marilyn McAfee	February 12	Jodi Methena	February 20
Tyler Crammond	February 12	Sheila Ortmann	February 23
Ken Close	February 15	Ilona Leu	February 26
Charlene Ravenscraft	February 15	Kendy Vamos	February 28
Judy Stuart	February 15		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ron & Isabella Wu	February 15
Steve & Kendy Vamos	February 28

USHERS AND GREETERS

FEB. 2 ~ USHERS: Melanie Rogers & Fred Nordhoff, Kay Amendola,
Sheila Ortmann

GREETER: Linda Gregory

FEB. 9 ~ USHERS: Joyce Koback & Bonnie Buehrer, Chris Roebuck,
Agnes McKinstry

GREETER: Barb Roadruck

FEB. 16 ~ USHERS: Dick Schroeder & Sheila Ortmann, William Henning
Michael Henning

GREETER: Barb Roadruck & The Methena Family

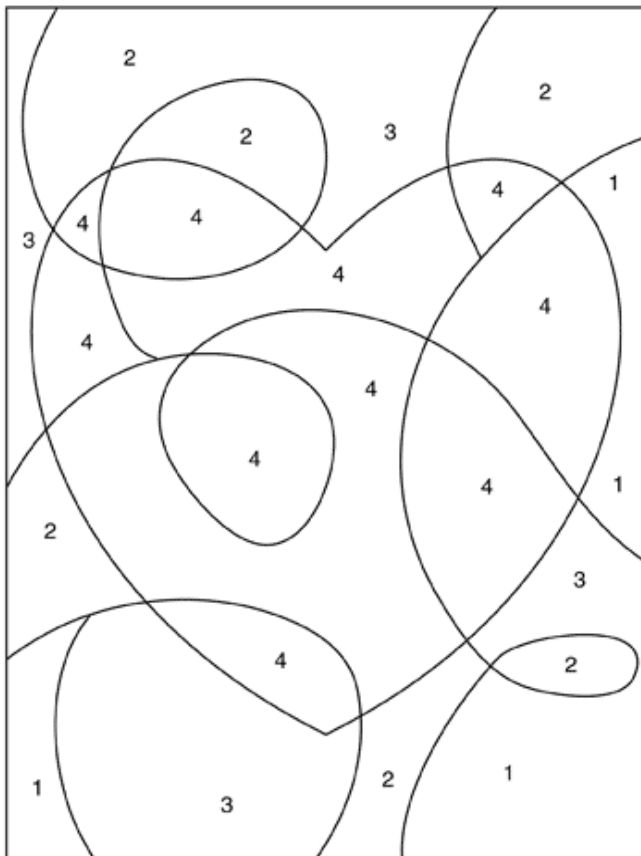
FEB. 23 ~ USHERS: Sharon Durrant & Judy Stuart, Dale Herren,
Sheila Ortmann

GREETER: Sally Kille



For where your treasure is, your heart is.

Shade in the 4's .



Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 3-6

Ash Wednesday • Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Treasure in Heaven

Jesus taught the people, "Do not store treasures on earth."

Circle the hidden objects in the picture.



HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER SESSION SUMMARY by Karen Herren

OCTOBER

Quorum established by Pastor Alex McLean; Opening Prayer & devotion read by Elder Joyce Koback. Two PNC Committee Representatives attended this meeting, Patti Nordhoff & Peg Winslow, as well as Elder Dale Herren.

PNC provided a copy of the Mission Information Form (MIF) to Session for approval before sending to MVP Committee on Ministry. This is required before the Committee can begin receiving Pastor Information Forms (PIF)

The following people were taken into the membership of Fairgreen Church: PATSY ANSTED, DANNY KRAMER, JR., JEREMY METHENA, AGNES McKINSTRY, ALYSSA POPE, MELANIE ROGERS and ZANDRA WILLIAMS on 9/9/2019

Pastor Alex McLean attended the MVP Meeting at 1st Presbyterian Church in Findlay; he reported Grace Presbyterian Church has an active buyer; he attended an "Open Space" break-out class on gun violence.

WORSHIP – Charlene Ravenscraft continues to secure individuals to fill Fairgreen's pulpit

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM – Mike Roadruck provided update on Ministry Activities

MISSION & OUTREACH – Printed report with dates for upcoming church events; spaghetti Dinner proceeds were \$619.00; Taco Football Friday – the committee is trying to get a bigger response to participate

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES has given \$700.00 (grant) to replace a refrigerator for the Food Pantry

TREASURER'S REPORT – printed report; Peg Winslow provided a hard copy highlighting the large deficient budget we are facing for this year.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – employee handbook revision is finalized; staff evaluations will be scheduled

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Verbal report by Fred Nordhoff

MOTIONS APPROVED BY SESSION: Agenda approved; Minutes from 9/3/19 approved; Mission Information Form approved; approved sending a check Great Banquet Funds to their new location at Zion Lutheran Church in Waterville, in the amount of \$20,414.43; to accept all reports presented at this meeting; to Adjourn

NOVEMBER

Quorum established; opening devotions & prayer.

Pastor Alex McLean is attending the MVP Meeting on 11/19/19 in Van Wert, OH @ 1st Presbyterian Church; no elder is available to attend as Commissioner

Correspondence received from the Ohio Dept of Commerce titled, "Institution Notice for Liquor Permit" advising Fairgreen of the liquor license at Dollar General Store # 21050 5009 Secor Rd., Toledo, OH 43623. Session checked the line item stating "We request the Division of Liquor Control document our objection to the issuance of this permit but we do not request a hearing. In choosing this option I understand that it is only an objection for the record and will not adversely impact the issuance of this permit." The document was signed by the Clerk of Session & returned to the Ohio Dept of Commerce via the Administration Assistant. (Copy will be on file in the church office)

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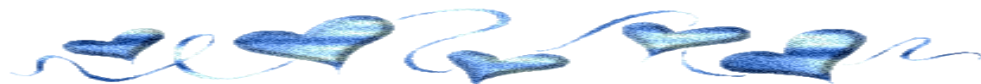
Mission & Outreach does not wish to be responsible for the following: 1) Hospital Visitation; 2) home bound & Nursing Home Visitation, 3) Benevolence.....discussion followed; no decision was reached

Peg Winslow, Bookkeeper, prepared a typed financial report for the Session; we transferred \$25,000 from our investment funds; offerings through 10/31/19 are \$71,000, which is about equal to what the 2020 minimum terms of call will cost for a full time pastor (10 months of offerings); we are \$40,000 behind where offerings were at the same time in 2018. NEXT YEAR'S OFFERING WILL BE LOWER THAN THIS YEAR' maintaining our building costs as \$55,000 – \$60,000. This includes utilities, snow removal, mowing, repairs, maintenance, insurance, property taxes & custodial supplies; It does not include large projects such as the boiler nor does it include the salary of the custodian.

Memorial Fund balance is \$11,583.11

Building & Grounds had a thermostatically controlled exhaust fan installed in the storage room's ceiling venting the heat into the rafter area above the Commons. A new refrigerator was received from grant money & the two older ones in the storage were recycled. Storage area vacated by the Great Banquet supplies has been equitably repurposed.

MOTIONS PASSED BY SESSION: Elder Bonnie Buehrer elected as Clerk Pro-tem in the absence of the Clerk of Session; Agenda approved; Session Minutes from 10/3/19 as amended; Session elected which box to choose on the letter from the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding liquor sales at Dollar General; the Mission & Outreach motion to not be responsible for 3 items in their committee structure failed to pass – a motion to drop the 3 items mentioned passed; Session approved spending up to \$8,000.00 for the replacement of the current portable hot water boiler that is in need of replacement.....the current one was installed 26 years ago & is in need of repair or replacement; approval to sell the church van for not less than \$25,00.00; Elder Dale Herren has completed the required MVP training to celebrate the Lord's Supper in Fairgreen's congregation per letter received from the Rev Robert E. Butcher, Instructor – Session approval was required (letter on file in the church office); any committee that earns money that adds to their budget will be allowed to spend those funds without prior Session approval; to accept all committee reports; to adjourn



FINANCIAL SUMMARY by Peg Winslow

	<u>ACTUAL AMOUNTS</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>
Operating Fund Income as of 11/30/19	\$94,515	\$119,900
Operating Fund Expense as of 11/30/19	(\$125,908)	(\$147,096)
Operating Fund Loss as of 11/30/19	(\$31,393)	(\$27,196)



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Worship Service

10:00am

Coffee Hour

11:15am

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