



**MARCH/APRIL 2019**

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*From The Pastor Desk....*

**WITH MUCH GRATITUDE ...**

Toward the end of January the Session met with me for our annual Session Retreat here at Fairgreen. One of the challenges I face when facilitating this kind of gathering is how to open in a way that involves and interests all involved. In the midst of overturning various options without being particularly

thrilled by any ideas, Sheila said to me, "Have the elders say what they are thankful for when it comes to Fairgreen." Then, I had a wonderful idea! I will have the elders say what they are thankful for when it comes to Fairgreen ☺ !



We met in the Commons, and I said that each elder was to voice three things they were thankful for at

Fairgreen—and, they could not repeat what someone else said. I would do two things: 1) I would write down their responses on newsprint, and 2) I would go last so that I had the most challenging position in this exercise in gratefulness. After some visible and subdued groaning we started.

The items were fairly general at first and by the fourth elder up that person had to start digging a bit into their church experience. Various, unique things started to surface that continued to enrich our growing list. I wrote and wrote as my marker squeaked along the gridded paper. Page one, page two, page three, easy. We were part way on page three, and it was my turn at last (literally). I said that I would do three and then do more. I started with my three and continued to write. More discussion effortlessly and spontaneously continued as people practically interrupted each other making sure that more items of gratitude made it on the paper. Page four, page five, page six. We had quite a list! The first forty-five minutes of our time together put the focus where it needed to be: not on my transition, but upon God and God's activity among us in deeply meaningful and life giving ways. Good energy.

Gratitude encourages more gratitude, and the groanings of my initial request to come up with three unique things for which to be thankful got completely lost in a higher and happier discussion and deeper connection.

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## THE (Short) LIST

Here is a cross section what was mentioned ...

- ♦ FOOD (SPIRITUAL) ... FOOD (PHYSICAL)
- ♦ THE PEOPLE HERE
- ♦ OUTREACH
- ♦ "GOD LED ME HERE"
- ♦ THE GROWTH OF FAITH EXPERIENCED HERE
- ♦ THE RECOGNITION OF WHO I AM TO BE
- ♦ THE GOOD COOKS HERE
- ♦ THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN LEADERSHIP
- ♦ SUPPORT IN TIMES OF NEED AS WELL AS IN THE GOOD TIMES
- ♦ THE MUSIC WE SING
- ♦ FOR GOOD AND WISE MENTORS THROUGH THE YEARS
- ♦ A PASTOR WITH BIBLE BASED TEACHING AND MESSAGES
- ♦ THIS IS A PART OF WHO I AM. I WAS BAPTIZED HERE
- ♦ OVERWHELMING LOVE HERE
- ♦ YOUTH GROUP AND MISSION TRIPS!
- ♦ THE WISDOM AND FAITH OF THE SEASONED MEMBERS AMONG US
- ♦ OUR COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR
- ♦ THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
- ♦ FOR OUR CHURCH FACILITY
- ♦ FOR SHANNON AND THE WAY HE PLAYS CONTEMPORARY MUSIC
- ♦ FOR JEFF AND THE DRUMS
- ♦ THE PRAYER CHAIN
- ♦ OUR BIBLE STUDIES
- ♦ FOR TERRI AND THE TEACHERS
- ♦ FOR THE SENSE OF FAMILY
- ♦ THE FOOD PANTRY
- ♦ THE GREAT BANQUET
- ♦ OUR CHILDREN

You may be adding to the list in your mind as you read this partial listing from the Session Retreat. I saved these sheets and I will have them on display at our special Coffee Hour after the Congregational Meeting. Gratitude shifts the focus. "Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5.16-18).

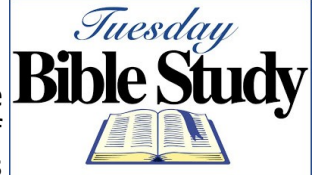
Now I get to say "THANK YOU" to all of you, and to say it sincerely. I came here with career buckling discouragement, and you took me in. You have encouraged me and helped me to heal. Through my involvement in the nooks and crannies of the many activities of ministry here, I have come to know and care deeply about the Fairgreen Family. You will always be a part of our lives as each of us moves on to God's next assignment. Your bands of love will surround and support your next leader ... of that I have the highest confidence! Your list of thanksgiving will grow and grow through the seasons. God is always at work.

For Christ and His Kingdom,

*Ross Slaughter*

Our new address: 106 Stevens Street, Mount Vernon, OH, 43050

## **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT EAGLESTONE by Chris Roebuck**



As Michigan members of Fairgreen Church we have been attending Tuesday Bible studies led by Dr. Mike Roadruck, currently at the Eaglestone location for a number of years. Our group is fluid in size but always interesting in content. In our past two years we have covered Genesis, Exodus and Leviticus and because of some of the group not wanting to study Numbers, we jumped to studying Luke, Acts and are currently in Romans. That has been an eye opening transition for me.

From the Old Testament, Mike would do much peripheral research and share it with us. We have learned about the twelve tribes of Israel, from whom they were descended, where they settled and why the Levites were the priesthood family of Israel. We also looked in detail at God's instructions for the Temple and sacrifice.

Moses was such a reluctant leader, perhaps the least likely to lead Israel out of bondage as God's chosen one. We say that repeated many times with God's choices and we say the result of breaking God's law.

In studying the New Testament we realized the significance of the Temple curtain or veil being torn in two at Jesus's crucifixion, the veil of the most Holies, separating the people from God, was destroyed.

To realize that the apostle Mark was the youth who lost his garment and ran away naked at Jesus's arrest brought me back to rereading Mark with new eyes.

As we study the letters and journeys of Paul, new revelations come to me. Paul's human side was revealed on his first missionary journey when Barnabas and Paul argues over Mark (Acts 15.36-41) and actually separated because Paul did not want Mark to continue with them. But it is Paul who also preaches that adherence to the law does not make a Christian.

As I read Romans, I did not somehow realize that Paul's missionary journeys covered thirty one years. It was Mike who pointed out that Paul wanted to go to Rome so he could make the case for Christianity to become a recognized religion, an extension perhaps of Judaism. That would have changed history.

There are so many places in the New Testament where the practices and laws of the Old Testament gain meaning, e.g. perfect sacrificial animals/lamb of God.

We would be happy to have you join our group even if you don't live in Michigan, it is an interesting and enlightening experience.



## **CAROL'S CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY by Linda Hoover**

In January 2019 Joyce Willier from Lutheran Social Services shared the Feed Your Neighbor annual report. The following information emphasizes the need for such a necessary food distribution program addressing hunger in the Toledo area. Fairgreen is designated as Feed Your Neighbor Site 5 and proud to be part of these statistics.

1. The nine Feed Your Neighbor sites served 36,209 duplicated individuals. (Clients may visit their zip code pantry once a month.)
2. At least 329,661 meals could be created based on what clients selected. These nine pantries are all free choice pantries.
3. The nine pantries reported a total of 308 volunteers throughout 2018. These volunteers tallied 21,865 collective hours of service.

Carol's Cupboard continues to be unique in the commitment to offering extras to our clients. Some congregational members give specifically to the weekly additions of eggs, ground beef, and a variety of fresh produce. Thirty dozen eggs are purchased each week. We are extremely grateful to the congregation for generously donating to the Souper Bowl Sunday free will offering. A total of \$188 was collected, and the entire collection was designated to future egg purchases. How wonderful to know the clients will have such a healthy and continuous protein selection.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH TEAM UP-COMING EVENTS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 6pm ~** A group from the Mission and Outreach committee will be serving a dinner at the Soul Food Meal & Fellowship Program at the ARC. We will be leaving church at 5:40pm, if you are interested in attending. Our menu consists of Walking Tacos, Taco Salad and Potato Bar. Let Joyce Koback or Bonnie Buehrer know you are going.

**SUNDAY APRIL 14 ~ PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST ~** This will take place right after the service in the Commons. So stay and join us. We will be taking a freewill offering.

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2pm ~ SPRING PRINCESS AND MOTHER'S TEA ~** This will take place in the Commons at Fairgreen. We have invited Gwenivere Durand a Pre-Profession at the Pittsburg Ballet Program to perform for us. She will also have a question and answer period after her performance. Gwen is also an Ambassador for Ballet in the City and part of their Leadership Guild. We ask that you invite your friends and relatives, especially the younger children. A freewill donation will be taken. We will have a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the Narthex, sometime in April.



**KROGER REWARDS ~** Reminder: Please check the bottom of your Kroger receipt to see if you are still receiving a percentage going to the Fairgreen Deacons.



**SCRIP GIFT CARDS ~** These are available through Sheila Ortmann or Linda Hoover on Sunday's during the Coffee Hour. If you would like to place an order during the week, please call Darlene in the church office (419.475.4436) by Tuesday morning and we will have your gift cards for you on that Friday or the next Sunday.

**"ONE VOICE STUDENT MISSIONS' ~** In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries in order to replicate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days.

For the 40 days of Lent instead of giving up candy or sweets we have another option. We will be collecting money for "One Voice Student Mission" for Nate and Shelby Slaughter. You can choose the dollars or cents amount for your daily (40 days) sacrifice. Then during Easter or the week thereafter put your collection of money into the offering plate and mark it for "One Voice Student Missions" and we will forward all the money collected to them. Just putting the money aside each day and praying for their involvement in this ministry and their commitment of bringing youth to the Lord Jesus Christ.

### 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.

**Maud Pearson**  
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Sylvania, OH 43560

**Carol Schuch**  
4919 Boydson Dr.  
Toledo, OH 43623

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# March 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>ELDERS OF THE MONTH ~ Fred Nordhoff &amp; Fred Ahrens, Jr.</b> <b>WORSHIP ~ 10:00AM</b> <b>COFFEE HOUR ~ 11:15AM</b>					<b>1</b> World Day of Prayer <b>10-12pm</b> Food Pantry	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10am Worship Communion	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed 7-9pm Volleyball	<b>5</b> 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Session Mtg.	<b>6</b> 1pm First Wed. Worship 3pm Bible Study 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service at Grace	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10-12pm Food Pantry	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Lent #1 10am Worship 	<b>11</b> Church Office Closed 7-9pm Volleyball	<b>12</b> 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study	<b>13</b> 3pm Bible Study 6pm Mission & Outreach to serve a meal to 15 TCM students at ARC	<b>14</b> 1pm Staff Meeting	<b>15</b> 10-12pm Food Pantry	<b>16</b> 9am Men's Prayer Breakfast & Study
<b>17</b> Lent #2 10am Worship Communion 4pm GB Brd. Mtg 6pm Gathering	<b>18</b> Church Office Closed 7-9pm Volleyball	<b>19</b> 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study	<b>20</b> 3pm Bible Study	<b>21</b> 10am Mission and Outreach Team Meeting	<b>22</b> 10-12pm Food Pantry	<b>23</b> 9am Men's Prayer Breakfast & Study
<b>24</b> Lent #3 10am Worship	<b>25</b> Church Office Closed 7-9pm Volleyball	<b>26</b> 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study & Communion 6:30pm Personnel Committee Mtg.	<b>27</b> 3pm Bible Study	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Worship Planning Team Mtg.	<b>29</b> 10-12pm Food Pantry	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Lent #4 10am Worship	<b>Those preaching in the month of March:</b> March 3 ~ Dr. Mike Roadruck March 10 ~ Rev. Andy Hill March 17 ~ Rev. Barb Esterly March 24 ~ Mark Miller March 31 ~ Rev. David Montgomery					

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lexi Peterman March 2  
 Nathan Leu, III March 4  
 Dan Winslow March 5  
 Aaron Winslow March 8

Kay Monroe March 10  
 Tom Winslow March 12  
 Desiree SeEVERS March 15  
 Gabrielle Buehrer March 16  
 Melanie Rogers March 18

Angela Emens March 21  
 Gary Peterman Jr. March 27  
 Sally Kille March 30

## USHERS AND GREETERS

**MARCH 3~ USHERS:** Kay Amendola &, Dale Herren, Fred Ahrens  
**GREETERS:** Aimee & Ilona Leu

**MARCH 10 ~ USHERS:** Bonnie Buehrer & Marilyn McAfee, Agnes McKinstry  
 Chris Roebuck  
**GREETERS:** Aimee & Ilona Leu

**MARCH 17 ~ USHERS:** Dick Schroeder & Linda Hoover, William Henning,  
 Michael Henning

**GREETERS:** Aimee & Ilona Leu

**MARCH 24 ~ USHERS:** Judy Stuart & Kay Amendola, Sheila Ortmann,  
 Scott Strayer  
**GREETER:** Danny Kramer

**MARCH 31 ~ USHERS:** Dale Herren & Bonnie Buehrer, Fred Nordhoff,  
 Sharon Durrant  
**GREETER:** Danny Kramer

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# April 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Church Office Closed  7-9pm Volleyball	2 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Session Mtg.	3 1pm First Wed. Worship 3pm Bible Study	4	5 10-12pm Food Pantry	6 #1 GB Team Mtg. 9am—12:30pm
7 Lent #5 10am Worship Communion	8 Church Office Closed 7-9pm Volleyball (set up for Preschool)	9 Preschool Spring Program Commons 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study	10 Preschool Spring Program Commons 3pm Bible Study	11 Preschool Spring Break April 11-22	12 10-12pm Food Pantry	13 #2 GB Team Mtg. 9am—12:30pm 3pm Memorial Ser- vice Mary Ellen Campbell
14 Palm Sunday 10am Worship Breakfast right after service in Commons	15 Church Office Closed 7-9pm Volleyball	16 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study	17 3pm Bible Study	18 1pm Staff Meeting 7pm Holy Thursday Service Fairgreen	19 Good Friday 10-12pm Food Pantry	20 9am Men's Prayer Breakfast & Study
21 Easter Sunrise Service 6:45am Stranahan 10am Worship Communion One Great Hour of Sharing No GB Brd. Or Mtg.	22 Church Office Closed 7-9pm Volleyball	23 Preschool Resumes 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study	24 3pm Bible Study	25	26 10-12pm Food Pantry	27 9am Men's Prayer Breakfast & Study
28 10am Worship	29 Church Office Closed 7-9pm Volleyball (Last One)	30 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study & Communion	<b>ELDERS OF THE MONTH ~ Charlene Ravenscraft &amp; Sheila Ortmann</b> <b>WORSHIP ~ 10:00AM</b> <b>COFFEE HOUR ~ 11:15AM</b> <u>Those preaching in the month of April:</u> April 7 ~ Rev. David Montgomery April 14 ~ Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke from Maumee Valley Presbytery April 21 ~ Dr. Mike Roadruck April 28 ~ Rev. Tom Hughes			

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dr. Mike Roadruck April 1  
 Agnes McKinstry April 2  
 Sandra Freels April 3  
 Cindy Bandfield April 5

Molly Bosley-Smith April 11  
 Stephen Stambaugh April 13  
 Emma Bosley-Smith April 21  
 Cheyenne Methena April 22

Danny Kramer April 23  
 Kyle Seevers April 24  
 Derek Nordhoff April 30

## USHERS AND GREETERS

**APRIL 7~USHERS:** Dick Schroeder & John MacPherson, Kay Amendola,  
 Dale Herren

**GREETERS:** Ken & Nan Bennett

**APRIL 14 ~ USHERS:** Linda Hoover & Marilyn McAfee, William Henning,  
 Michael Henning

**GREETER:** Alyssa Pope

**APRIL 21 ~ USHERS:** Dale Herren & Karen Herren, Fred Nordhoff,  
 Sheila Ortmann

**GREETER:** Alyssa Pope

**APRIL 28 ~ USHERS:** Bonnie Buehrer & Judy Stuart, Scott Strayer,  
 Sharon Durrant

**GREETER:** Connie Winslow

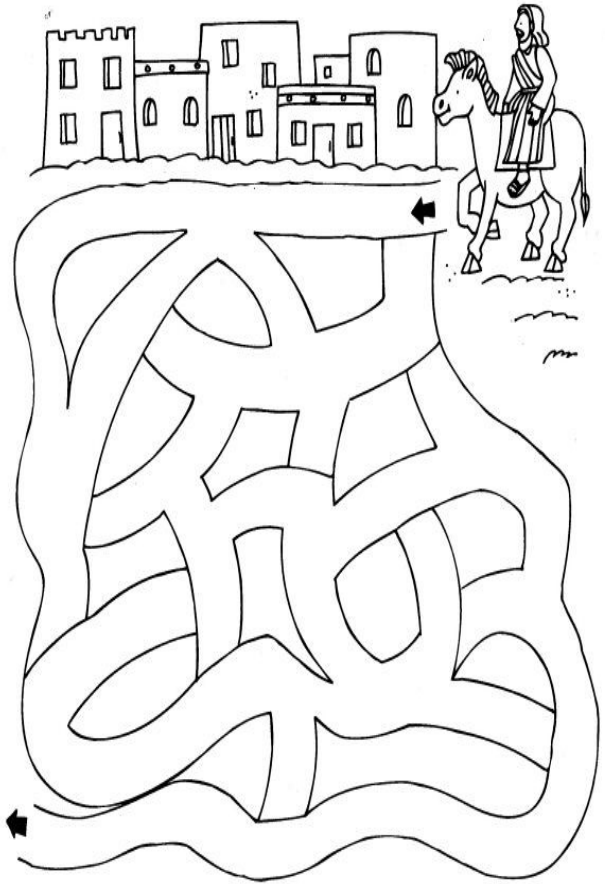


## All Through the Town

(Mark 11)

As Jesus rode the donkey through Jerusalem, people shouted, "Hosanna."

Help Jesus finish His ride through the city.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	
Holy Week	Palm Branch	



## **JANUARY/FEBRUARY SESSION SUMMARY by Karen Herren**

### **JANUARY SUMMARY**

Pastor Ross handed each Elder a letter at the end of the Session informing us of his resignation from Fairgreen effective February 10, 2019. His new call is to the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon, OH. The same letter was mailed out to the congregation the morning of the Session meeting.

Elder Joyce Koback was elected as Commissioner to the February Presbytery Meeting at Christ Presbyterian Church on February 19, 2019.

The following people have been authorized by MVP Committee on Ministry (COM) to serve Communion at Fairgreen church sponsored functions: PAT GIBSON, LIINDA HOOVER & CHARLENE RAVENSCRAFT.

Approved Tim Eichenauer as Treasurer, Marilyn McAfee/Sharon Durrant as Financial Secretary's; Karen Herren as Clerk of Session and Jan Anderson as Memorial Fund Treasurer.

Approved Tim Eichenauer and Karen Herren as authorized signers to transact investment account activity.

Elder Retreat was held in the Commons on Saturday January 26, 2019; Fairgreen's By-laws were reviewed as presented by Pastor Ross and a vote passed to present to the Congregational Meeting on February 10, 2019

### **FEBRUARY SUMMARY**

MVP guests in attendance were Matt Meinke, General Presbyter and Carole Burnworth, MVP Liaison to Fairgreen. Lengthy discussion was held between our guests and Elders as to the next steps after Pastor Ross leaves Fairgreen. We will be in close contact with MVP during our Pastor search process.

Super Bowl Sunday collected \$188.00

Fairgreen's 2019 Budget was approved and is now in a Unified format for easier tracking and reading.

The revised contract between Mike Roadruck, CLP, Fairgreen Presbyterian Church and MVP Committee on Ministry was approved and signed; document sent to MVP COM.

We have been having a 5<sup>th</sup> Communion Server for some months now; this person takes a prepared serving of the elements to the Nursery, Kids for Christ and Kitchen/Commons area for those not able to be in worship



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10. You will want to turn your clocks forward one hour before retiring on Saturday, March 9.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

**March 6, 2019**

**at Grace Church 3700 Dorr St.**

**Service 6:30pm**

## GREAT BANQUET MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

**Saturday, April 6, 13, & May 4, 11, 18, & June 1 ~  
Team Meetings 9am-12:30pm**

**Sunday, March 17 & May 19 ~  
Board Meeting at 4:00pm  
Gathering at 6pm**



**Sunday, April 21 ~  
No Board Meeting or Gathering**

## Holy Thursday

### Service

**April 18, at 7PM  
(Tentatively)**



**Join us for our Palm Sunday Service on  
Sunday, April 14th, 2019 at 10AM. Then  
right after the worship service we will  
serve breakfast in the Commons.**

**Our Menu consists of:  
French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages  
Fruit Salad, Coffee and Juice**

**A Free Will Offering will be taken.**



**Easter Sunrise Service  
Sunday, April 21 at 7am  
Stranahan Amphitheater  
3480 Holland-Sylvania Rd.  
Sylvania Ohio  
(Tentatively)**

## Easter Sunday Service April 21, at 10AM

# H E I S R I S E N

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

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**Tuesday-Friday**

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**Worship Service**

**10:00am**

**Coffee Hour**

**11:15am**

**Website: fairgreenoutreach.com**

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FairgreenPresbyterianChurch**



**Fairgreen Preschool**  
3220 W. Laskey Rd.  
Children ages 3, 4 &  
Young 5's  
419.475.5367  
Terri Turner, Director

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**He Is Risen !**

**NOW WHAT?**

