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From the PNC Committee

Greetings Fairgreen Family,

The PNC has completed our MIF (Ministry Information Form) and have submitted it to our Session. The Session has unanimously approved the MIF with a couple of word corrections. The MIF has now been sent to the Presbytery, in which two more committees will need to approve it. Once those two committees have approved it, we can then upload it and begin our actual search. This means that prospective candidates can see our MIF and we can then see their PIF (Pastor Information Form). When this happens, hopefully there is a match fairly soon as we need a leader for our congregation and staff. We are deliberate and diligent in searching for our next leader, be it a male or female. The PNC is ruling no one out. We want the very best match for our church. God knows who this individual is, so please open your hearts, minds and ears. Also, please trust God, the process and the PNC. This is a long, slow and tedious process but again the Lord has a plan for Fairgreen. For such a small congregation, we have an amazing church. With this said, please be open and hear God's calling, he has not failed us yet.

Several weeks back we had a Congregational Conversation. This was a conversation only, not a congregational meeting. This conversation was held to answer questions that the PNC had. We wanted to get a feel for what you, the congregation, wants and expects in a Pastor. A lot of questions were answered, and we heard you all. This was great and a much needed conversation. A show of hands for interest in a full-time or part-time pastor was done. Those that were present overwhelmingly showed support for a full-time pastor, this was not a formal vote. However, we can not discern full time at 50 hours per week at this time. We will be looking to hire a pastor at 37.5 hours with four Sundays a month in the pulpit. If we deem we need to add more hours in the pastor's week, we can.

He or she will be able to free up Mike's schedule quite a bit. Mike has been doing what a pastor should be doing. Thank God, for Mike. We are so blessed to have him.

Hopefully, as you read this article our MIF would have been approved by the two Presbytery committees and we are on our way to searching for our next Pastor.

Please remember to keep our congregation, PNC and next Pastor in your prayers.

Blessings, Dale Herren PNC Communicator

CAROL'S CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY by Linda Hoover

October has been a month focusing on the word BLESSINGS. A blessing **was received** by the food pantry. A blessing **was given** by answering the nudges of the Holy Spirit and Hospitality.

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Fairgreen was blessed by:

A new commercial refrigerator arrived on Wednesday, October 16, for This refrigerator replaces the two older, inefficient the food pantry. refrigerators. Those refrigerators, were recycled by Fred Nordhoff contacting Toledo Edison. The recycling resulted in \$100 for Fairgreen in a gift card. We have one more refrigerator to recycle, as we could only recycle two in one vear. So in 2020, we will recycle the other one, which is in the shed. God's timing was part of the opportunity to obtain this new food pantry gift. During the summer, Lutheran Social Services obtained a grant offered to Fairgreen Feed Your Neighbor program toward purchasing a needed commercial The Mission and Outreach Committee discerned over the refrigerator. acceptance of the monies because the church would need to find the other two-thirds of the cost. In September, Lutheran Social Services offered some monies toward the cost, and then the final amount needed was covered by donations which had been sent to Lutheran Social Services for the Fairgreen account by ST. CLEMENTS CHURCH. Because St. Clements sends food clients to us, they support Carol's Cupboard with donations several times a year (with checks of \$500 or more) to our Feed Your Neighbor Account. Praise be to God for His movement in this miracle.



Fairgreen blessed others by:

Darlene prays faithfully everyday for Fairgreen and she asks the Lord to bring forth opportunities in which we, here at Fairgreen could share a cup of cool water in Jesus name and this is what happened during



the second week of September. Darlene answered a knock at the door. A man and his daughter asked Darlene if the Pastor was in because they needed prayer. Darlene invited them in, explaining we were in search of a pastor, but she would pray with them and listen to their concerns. What AMAZING GRACE unfolded during this visit. It was obvious that these two from OKLAHOMA, who had gone to several other churches before Fairgreen, were meant to be part of another plan that afternoon! After Darlene found out the man's mother had passed away and the funeral was at cup of cool water Newcomer, she arranged for the man to not only obtain a gas card, but also she gifted the man by calling Newcomer to arrange a copy of his mother's video be sent to him. Just as the two

visitors were about to leave, Pastor Andy Hill "happened" to stop in. By Darlene's request he prayed with them. But God had more blessings for this family. Andy shared with the family that he was working at Newcomer that very night for the viewing of this particular man's mother, and Andy would also be driving the hearse for the funeral. And y emphasized that he would be around for comfort or prayer. As the two visitors left, Darlene handed each a bottle of cool water, and their parting grateful comment was, "This is where we were meant to come today. Who would think we would be so blessed."

A HEART OF THANKSGIVING by M.S. Lowndes

Read Luke 17: 11-19. We read here how Jesus healed ten men with leprosy. They cried out to Jesus as He was passing by. Jesus healed all ten-but only one returned and gave thanks to Jesus.

Like the other nine, do we forget to give thanks and praise to God when we receive answers to our prayers, or when He comes through in some miraculous way to provide for a particular need?

Sometimes we can take for granted what God does in our lives, but we must have the same attitude that this man had when he saw that

Chocolate Cream Dessert

I package (18—1/4 ounces) chocolate cake mix

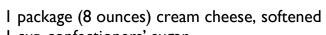
³/₄ cup cold butter or margarine

I egg lightly beaten

he was clean. He didn't hesitate to give thanks to Jesus—but praised and worshiped Him. There is so much we can think of in our own lives to be thankful for. All we need to do is look around and see how God has blessed us. God has poured out His blessings in abundance. May we indeed have thankful hearts, and live in an attitude of thanksgiving everyday.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come before His presence with singing! Know (perceive, recognize, and understand with approval) that the Lord is God! It is He who has made us, not we ourselves [and we are His]! We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and a thank offering and into His courts with praise! Be thankful and say so to Him, bless and affectionately praise His name! For the Lord is good; His mercy and loving-kindness are everlasting, His faithfulness and truth endure to all generations. Psalm 100 (AMPC)

Lord, may we have thankful hearts no matter what comes our way, may we see the many blessings in our lives today.



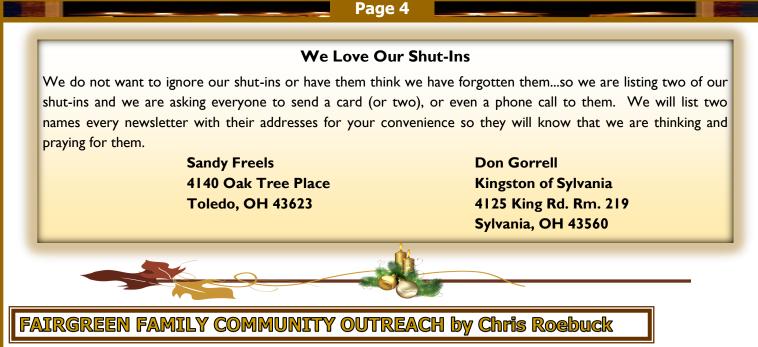
- I cup confectioners' sugar
- 4 cups whipped topping, divided
- 3 cups cold milk
- 2 packages (3.9 ounces each) instant chocolate pudding mix
- 2 tablespoons chocolate curls

In a bowl, cut butter into cake mix until crumbly. Add egg and mix well. Press into a greased 13 X 9" baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-18 minutes or until set. Cool completely on a wire rack. In a small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Fold in I cup of whipped topping. Carefully spread over the crust. Refrigerate. In a bowl, whisk the milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes; let stand until slightly thickened. Spread over the cream cheese layer. Top with the remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate for 2 hours before cutting. Garnish with chocolate curls. Yield 12 servings.

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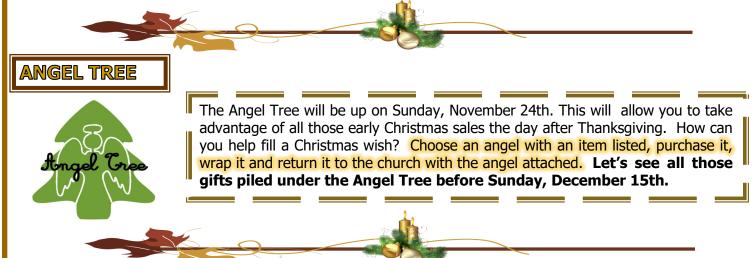


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The Missions and Outreach Committee are currently considering offering a program to the community dealing with the process of college and trade school applications. In our new reality, young people almost have to have a college degree or a trade school certificate to secure a decent job. The costs of these are very high, leaving some students with heavy student loan debt.

There is money available and ways to reduce costs. The Mission and Outreach Committee's purpose would be to identify and simplify the process for our school community.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS

Once again you will have the opportunity to purchase poinsettia plants that will decorate the church sanctuary on Sunday December 22 and the Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24. There will be an insert sheet put in the bulletins for the following Sundays: November 3, and 10. Turn the insert sheet, along with your money (checks please make out to Fairgreen Presbyterian Church), into the church office or place in Darlene Hughes mailbox by Sunday, November 10th.

We will be offering a 6 1/2'' plant with 5 blooms for \$6.50 and a 7 1/2'' plant with 8 blooms for \$11.00. The choice of colors are red, white and pink. And a 8 1/2'' plant in red only with 12 blooms for \$13.25.



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November 2019						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ELDERS OF THE MONTH ~ Fred Ahrens, Jr. & Isabel Bosley-Smith WORSHIP ~ 10AM COFFEE HOUR ~ 11:15AM Darlene Hughes on vacation Nov. 26 & 27				1 10-12pm Food Pantry	2	
Those preaching in the Month of November: November 3 ~ Rev. Alex McLean November 10 ~ Melanie Rogers November 17 ~ Rev. Mark Miller November 24 ~ Rev. Tom Hughes						
3 Communion 10am Worship Necrology 4-9pm Rental of Commons	4 Church Office Closed Election Set-up 6pm in Commons	 5 Election Day 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study 6pm Prayers of Discernment 6:30pm Session Mtg 	6 3pm Bible Study	7 6:30pm Worship Planning Team Mtg.	8 10-12pm Food Pantry 6:30-9pm Craft Set- up Commons	9 9am-4pm Holiday Arts & Craft Show
10 10am Worship	11 Church Office	12 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study	13 3pm Bible Study	14 1pm Staff Mtg.	15 10-12pm Food Pantry	16 9am-11:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast and Study
17 Communion 10am Worship Thanksgiving Lunch after service Christmas Shoe- boxes Due today	18 Church Office Closed	19 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study	20 3pm Bible Study	21 6:30pm Mission & Outreach Team Mtg. in Lounge	22 10-12pm Food Pantry	23 9am-11:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast and Study
24 10am Worship	25 Church Office Closed	26 Preschool Thanksgiving Feast 3pm Eaglestone Bible Study & Communion	27 Preschool Thanksgiving Feast 3pm Bible Study	28 Church Office Closed HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29 Church Office Closed No Food Pantry	30
HAPPY BIRTHDAYHAPPY ANNIVERSARYGinny StoreyNov. 14Bonnie BuehrerNov. 25Tim & Diana EichenauerNov. 3Rachel BuehrerNov. 20Marilyn KolbowNov. 29Gary & Karen HerrenNov. 16Lynn PanyuscsikNov. 30Nov. 30Nov. 30Nov. 16						
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 #1 Advent Communion 10am Worship Congregational Mtg.	2 Church Office Closed Preschool Fund- raiser items arrive in Commons	3 6:30pm Session Mtg.	4	5	6 10-12pm Food Pantry	7 10-12pm Christmas Stocking Craft Time in Commons
8 #2 Advent 10am Worship	9 Church Office Closed	10	11	12 1pm Staff Mtg.	13 10-12pm Food Pantry	14
15 #3 Advent Communion 10am Worship	16 Church Office Closed	17	18	19 Preschool Christmas Program	20 Preschool Christmas Program 3:30-5:30pm Food Pantry	21
22 #4 Advent 10am Worship Christmas Joy Offering Christmas Joy Coffee Hour	23 Church Office Closed Preschool Holiday Break Dec. 23- Jan.3,2020	24 Church Office Closed Christmas Eve Service 7pm Christmas Joy Offering	25 Merry Christmas Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed No Food Pantry	28
29 10am Worship	30 Church Office Closed	31 Church Office Closed	ELDERS OF THE MONTH ~ Fred Ahrens, Jr. & Bonnie Buehrer WORSHIP ~ 10AM COFFEE HOUR ~ 11:15AM CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 24, 2019-JANUARY 2, 2020 Darlene Hughes on vacation December 20, 2019 — January 2, 2020 Those preaching in the Month of December: December 1, 8, 15,22 ~ Dr. Mike Roadruck December 24, Christmas Eve Service ~ Dr. Mike Roadruck December 29 ~ Pat Gibson and Melanie Rogers			
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Sharon Durrant	Dec. I	Kayionna Rogers	Dec. 18
Charlotte Seevers	Dec. 4	Erika Dunn	Dec. 19
Kevin Campbell	Dec. 11	Gary Herren	Dec. 22
Stacy Parsons	Dec. 12	Cadence Parsons	Dec. 23
Patricia Close	Dec. 15	Ellie Henning	Dec. 30
Linda Hoover	Dec. 15	Adrianna Leu	Dec. 31
Wade Lee-Smith	Dec. 16		

USHERS AND GREETERS

DEC. 1 ~ USHERS: Kay Amendola & Dick Schroeder, Shella Ortmann, Marilyn McAfee G GREETER: Nancy Ahrens G DEC. 8 ~ USHERS: Bonnie Buehrer & Melanie Rogers, Alyssa Pope, Judy Stuart G GREETER: Nancy Ahrens G DEC. 15 ~ USHERS: Desiree Seevers & Dale Herren, William & Michael G	DEC. 22 ~ USHERS: Agnes McKinstry & Chris Roebuck, Alyssa Pope, Isabel Bosley-Smith GREETER: Nancy Ahrens DEC. 24 EVENING ~ USHERS: Sheila Ortmann & Marilyn McAfee, Linda Hoover GREETER: Nancy Ahrens DEC. 29 ~ USHERS: Sharon Durrant & Linda Hoover, Fred Ahrens, Jr., Scott Strayer GREETER: Nancy Ahrens
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monies for Winter/Spring, 2019-20! Applications need to be completed and either sent electronically to Pat Gibson or placed in an envelope in the Scholarship mailbox by **December 15, 2019**.

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The Scholarship Commission, composed of Cindy Bandfield, Pat Gibson, Barbara Roadruck, and Dick Schroeder, reviews each application before awarding the scholarship.

Fairgreen is so blessed to have money in an account specifically for assisting any active Fairgreen member, who participates in the life of the church and attends worship regularly, with their post High School education. Initially the money came from Ed and Emily Foster, members who are no longer living. Others, through the years, have added to this account, also.

Complete guideline information along with the application forms are located in the holder on the wall outside the Staff office.

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SEPTEMBER 2019 SESSION SUMMARY by Karen Herren

The Session Meeting was opened with Elder Joyce Koback leading devotions and prayer.

Agenda for September 3, 2019 Session Meeting was approved.

Minutes for July 2, 2019 was approved (no Session Meeting was held in August)

Request from Sheila Slaughter to transfer her membership from Fairgreen to Mount Vernon First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon, OH, was approved.

PNC requested approval of the "Fairgreen Guiding Questions" document as required by MVP. An electronic vote was sent to all Session members with an affirmative response from all Elders. An electronic vote was necessary as MVP required the above document before the next scheduled Session Meeting.

Session approved the following people to become members of Fairgreen by Affirmation of Faith: Patsy Ansted, Danny Kramer, Jr., Jeremy Methena, Agnes McKinstry, Alyssa Pope, Christina Roebuck, Melanie Rogers and Zandra Williams.

Kroger's Fund Program will be listed as Fairgreen's Benevolence Fund; a change from Deacon's Food Pantry.

PNC Update to Session \sim They are working on MVP requirements before potential names/candidates can be submitted to them from MVP.

Building and Grounds are handling requests for people/committees in need of storage and/or usage space.

All reports were accepted as received.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer



FINANCIAL SUMMARY By Peg Winslow

	<u>Actual</u>	Budgeted
Year To Date Income as of 10/11/19	\$79,603	\$119,900
Year To Date Expense as of 10/11/19	<u>(\$112.275)</u>	(<u>\$147,096)</u>
Operating Loss as of 10/11/19	(\$ 32,672)	(\$ 27,196)

We will be replacing our hot water tank soon, as it is very old and did not pass our recent inspection. This is estimated to cost about \$8,000.

Since the beginning of this year, we have transferred \$55,000 from our investments into our checking account, to cover our monthly expenses.



Job 12:7 "Just ask the animals and they will teach you. Ask the birds in the sky, and they will tell you." (NLT)

In both the Old and the New Testaments, there are scriptures which include birds. Birds are used in helping us to better understand God as our refuge, our caregiver, our provider, our strength. For our Women's Retreat in February 2020, we will be visiting, studying, singing, 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 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 de

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, in February, there will 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). 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: Don't just "wing it"! Initiate your new 2020 calendar, NOW, by putting in the retreat dates of February 21, 7pm to February 22, 3pm!

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD





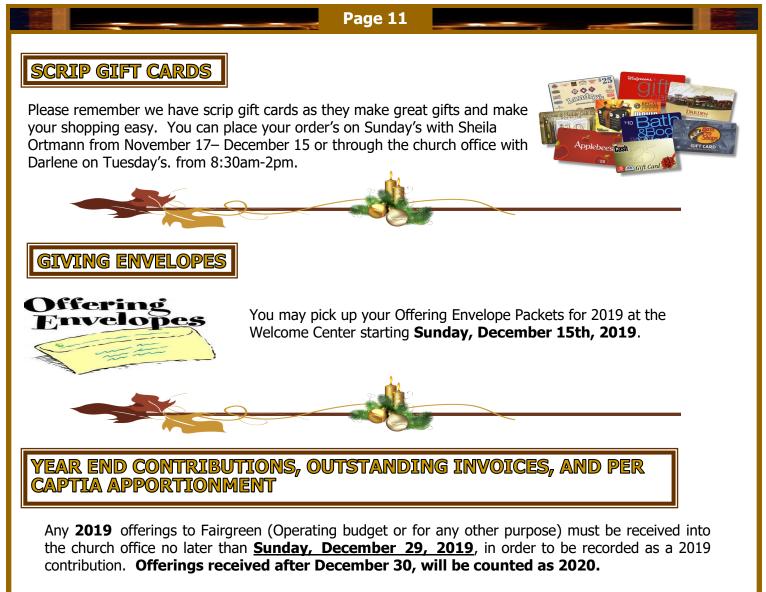
Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivers them to children in need around the world. Every one of these shoebox gifts is an opportunity for the Gospel. In the hands of local churches, it is a powerful tool for evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication. Many shoebox recipients also enroll in further follow-up discipleship programs. The Greats Journey where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. You can be a part of this worldwide effort to grow the Kingdom of God even in places where the Gospel has never been heard.

We at Fairgreen have started this National campaign by learning more about this ministry on Sunday, October 20, and where several have picked up their shoeboxes at that time. We still have several shoeboxes left and you can pick them up at the Welcome Center on Sunday's. **The deadline to return your shoeboxes is Sunday, November 17, 2019.** This year wee would like to improve our response to this mission by increasing the number of boxes we pack. Could you pack one or one additional box?



On **Tuesday**, **December 24**, we will gather at **7pm** in the sanctuary for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This will be an opportunity to slow down and take in the true Spirit of Christmas with your Fairgreen family. All are welcome!





If you have **any outstanding invoices**, you need to have them approved and into the church office no later than **Sunday, December 29, 2019**.

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.





CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

This year we will receive the offering on **Sunday, December 22** in the **10am morning service** as well as on **Tuesday, December 24** at the **7pm evening service**. There will be special envelopes placed in the bulletin for both services. It is our opportunity to reach out beyond our own community to the broader church that we are connected to and help in many ways.

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Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-2:00pm Email: fairgreen.church@bex.net Fax: 419.475.6404

> <u>Worship Service</u> 10:00am <u>Coffee Hour</u> 11:15am

Website: www.fairgreenoutreach.com

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



