



FAIRGREEN LEAVES - JULY 2023

From The Pastors Desk...

Fireworks Fireworks!

Loud bangs!

Loud Music!

The Fourth of July is on its way! Those with dogs and cats and other pets sometimes fear the holiday because the loudness of fireworks riles up our favorite animals. But fear or not, the BIG Summer holiday is creeping toward us.

If we take a step back for a moment and reflect, there is a logical sequence of holidays leading up to July 4th. We have honored the symbol of our country — our flag and we have acknowledged the women and men who have fought and given their lives for our country so you and I can have more freedom than any other citizens on earth.

More recently, we have acknowledged the existence of slavery as a national practice and the multiple decades of effort that have led us toward a more just society for all people following the Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil War. All of these things provided wonderful prelude to July 4th, when we celebrate our national independence...a thing that was alien to those who came to this new country, that was struggling to get on its feet.

In the days of the formation of our country, there was no fear of immigrants and those who were seeking to immigrate to America. Indeed, immigrants were sought and valued.

When we celebrate Thanksgiving, we often erroneously think of people of a single religious point of view gallantly building this country. If we read or recall our history, we realize that the population that built this country were people of a diverse group with a variety of religious and political and other points of view.

The 4th of July is a time to remember that all of that and other things related to the building of our nation. And it is essential our recollections are accurate rather than what some call the "Hallmark" version of history.

As part of our celebrations over the Summer, it is an especially important time to thank God for the great gifts He has given us precisely because we have been given the great gifts of freedom which has not required sameness but rather which celebrates diversity.

May God's handywork be praised!

BREAKING BREAD with FAIRGREEN FRIENDS

On Tuesday, July 18th the BBFF will meet at Hot Sizzling Wok on Laskey at 1:00pm for an Asian lunch. Please add your name to the sign up sheet on the Welcome Center two weeks before the lunch.

Garage Sale

Garage Sale is coming on September 9th. Free Spaces. Must sign up with Office for your free space. Members can set up inside or donate items to the Congregational Life committee.

Monthly Meeting

Next meeting of Congregational Life will be on Thursday, July 13th at 10am. All are welcome.

*No August meeting

Do you know someone?

Looking for a guitarist, small trio, for Summer Music in Fairgreen Parking Lot. Contact Joyce Koback.



Sue Fotoples is turning 90 on July 8!!

Here is her address if you would like to send a card:

415 Briarcliff Dr,
Napoleon, OH 43545

*If interested in seeing her please call Marilyn McAfee.

Church Picnic will be Sunday July 16th, 2023 following the Service.

Service will be outside @ 10 am

Picnic and Music @ 11:15 am

Hot dogs, buns, drinks, paper products and silverware will be provided. Congregational Life will be bringing salads. The Congregation is being asked to please bring desserts.

Food Pantry Clients are also being invited to share in our Church Picnic this year.

Please bring your outdoor chairs to sit and enjoy the music under the tree by the outside benches. Music by DJ Kate!



Other News

-There will be no coffee hours in July and August but they will return in September!

-Jim Eaton would like us to collect egg cartons for him. Please keep your egg cartons and donate them to Jim.

Charlotte Cuno Callinan was raised in the Catholic Church, most of her education was in the catholic schools. She attended Bowling Green University. She has attended a Baptist church. After husband shot her in the face, she raised kids alone in 1982. Char went back to school and earned 4 associate degrees and a bachelor in Education

She attended Collingwood for 20 years. When Mike Roadruck was completing his CRE training they became friends. Barbara sponsored Char to the Mountaintop Great Banquet. "God was with me throughout everything (even though I was not aware at times)." She sensed a closeness to the Fairgreen Family. She found a warm fuzzy spot at Fairgreen.

Charlotte likes to read real books best (like hardcovers). Char and Mike like to travel.

She is enjoying her time with 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. And Mike's family too.

Mike Callinan grew up as a Catholic. In college he was unfaithful. In his previous marriage he was not attending church. When he lived in the Old West End he started attending Collingwood. He was looking for a relationship with God. Char invited him to a Mountaintop Great Banquet at Fairgreen and he met Mike. His relationship with God grew.

Mike & Char married at Fairgreen because of their relationship with Mike and Fairgreen. Their marriage here was a wonderful day. They both feel very comfortable and welcome at Fairgreen.

Mike was in the US Army in 1968 to 1969. They both like to travel. Mike likes to cook and some gardening. He loves his and their grandchildren. Mike is happy here and wants to serve in some way.

Char



Mike

Hawain Ham & Cheese Sliders

Bring to a boil in a small sauce pan

1 stick of butter

1-1/2 Tbsp Dijon Mustard

1-1/2 tsp Wprcestershire Sauce

2 Tbsp Brown Sugar

1-1/2 Tbsp Minced onion

1# Honey or black forest ham

1# Sliced Swiss Cheese



Spray pan, slice buns, take top off and set aside. Layer ham, swiss cheese, ham. Put top back on. Put above mixture over sliders. Bake uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes at 350 degrees until brown.

-From Joyce Koback

News from Mike Roadruck:

Exciting news! A new mission has been initiated - the men of Fairgreen and friends are meeting the 4th Thursday of the month at 5pm for dinner. The next one will be Thursday, July 27th @ 5pm at Hot Sizzling Wok on Laskey Rd.





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/entering 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

Great News!! Saturday Bible Study sessions have resumed @ 10:00am. There will be breakfast at 9:30am as well. This month the dates will be 7/8 & 7/15.

All are welcome!

Don Gorrell's family had a Surprise Party for him for his 99th Birthday. The celebration was Saturday, May 27, 2023. It was a nice party, and he was thrilled to see so many people and especially relatives whom he had not seen in several years.

Mike Roadruck, Dick Schroeder, Julie Murray, Jim Eaton and Marilyn McAfee attended his celebration. He was pleased to see people from Fairgreen.

- Marilyn McAfee



(Don in the middle surrounded by kids, grandkids and great-grandkids)

relationship through our Food Pantry and Linda Hoover. The Lodge #643 has made monetary donations to our Food Pantry which have allowed for such extras as blankets for families at Christmas. When, through Linda, they asked for both monetary donations and physical efforts for their annual "Let's Build Beds" program, our congregation responded.

Monetary donations were collected for the June 10th build. At a church member's request, long time member, John McPherson, who is also a long time Shriner took an additional donation to their May meeting telling them he belonged to Fairgreen Presbyterian Church. At this meeting an announcement was made that, with the latest donation which John had turned in, the total giving from Fairgreen Presbyterian Church was \$1510.

John would also have liked to help with the bed build but the date of June 10th was, unfortunately, the same day that John had committed to appearing for the Shriners in the Whitehouse Cherry Festival Parade.

However Fred Nordoff, another of our long time members, provided his physical labor all day to the bed building on June 10th. Fred reported that through all the effort at Lodge #643 forty beds were built with parts left over. These will be given to 40 of the children without beds, currently on the waiting list of 600.

When giving her Matthew 25 report, Linda Hoover sometimes refers to "God Moments" that is times when everything seems just right to make good things happen. As part of this ongoing partnership there have been several "God Moments".

John MacPherson also reported that Lodge #643 was considering making yet another donation back to our Food Pantry. HALLELUJAH !!!

Chris Roebuck.



Have you graduated from High School?

Are you planning or in the midst of furthering your education?

Have you been an active member of Fairgreen, attending worship and serving serving or participating in the life of the church, for at least 6 months?

If so, you are invited to consider applying for monetary assistance for your undergraduate schooling through the Foster Scholarship Fund. We are grateful for the foresight of UT Professor and his wife Emily, who were long-time members of Fairgreen, in establishing this fund.

If you are applying for and/or in Graduate School, consider applying for monetary assistance through the William Smith Scholarship Fund. Bill, who was a member of Fairgreen, established this fund for those seeking monetary assistance for graduate school.

Guidelines and applications are located outside the Bookkeeper's office.

July 15, 2023 is the deadline to apply for the Fall, 2023 semester. Applications may be put in the Scholarship mailbox located across from the Pastor's Office.

The Scholarship Commission, composed of Cindy Bandfield, Pat Gibson, Patti Nordhoff, Dick Schroeder, and Pastor Bill Dunifon will be reviewing the applications.

Pat Gibson, Chair



Prince Edward Island area. Our girls were eager readers of the Anne of Green Gables books, so there was great expectation as we headed toward the setting for these stories.

At the same time, I was on the planning committee for our Women's Retreat at the Oak Openings lodge. Our theme was "Building (Spirit-filled) Bridges", so to jump-start my thinking, as my husband drove, the girls and I looked for bridges and drew them on our notepads! I even had a couple library books which told us the type of bridge we were seeing and facts about it! Among those we drew were the arch bridge, suspension bridge, truss bridge, cantilever bridge, and even a footbridge. No doubt you have seen some of them, too, right here in Toledo!

There is, however, a unique bridge structure in Venice, Italy which spans a Venetian canal. Completed in 2019, it is titled "Building Bridges" and it is composed of six sets of reaching arms with clasped hands. Each pair of hands is clasped in a different way. The artist, Lorenzo Quinn, did this on purpose to represent six values: friendship, hope, love, help, faith, and wisdom as people and cultures come together over differences.

Hearing about this has made me reflect on how Jesus was always building bridges! Throughout scripture we read of Him reaching across boundaries as He associated with Samaritans and soldiers, pagans, prostitutes, and the poor, sinners and sick people, lepers and the weak. Jesus, Himself, by entering the world and becoming one of us became the most important of all bridges: the bridge between God and humanity!

Thus, at the end of the day, desiring to be more like Jesus, I have been asking myself three Examen questions:

1. Where have I been aware of someone being a bridge, today, with their words and/or actions?
2. How did I reach out in faith, friendship, or prayer to share God's love, hope, or wisdom?
3. Was there a time, this day, when I chose, by my words, actions, or thoughts to build a wall of negativity instead of building a bridge of encouragement?

I may never see the "Building Bridges" structure in Venice in person, but the artist has planted a visual in my mind and a desire in my heart to work at being more like the Master Bridge Builder, Jesus, who is THE Bridge for all who believe in Him as God's Son and our Redeemer.

-Pat Gibson

Some scripture references about bridge building:

John 3:16 Matthew 1:22-23 Luke 14:12-35 Ephesians 2:8-12 John 1:4 Romans 3:21-15





Next Food Pantry
Friday July 7 2023
4-6 pm



Did you know that the FAIRGREEN FOOD PANTRY FACEBOOK PAGE has 752 members?



We are still in need of the really nice Kroger bags that you receive when you do the click list grocery pick up. They are white, very heavy duty and have handles. We also need regular size paper



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>*Pastor Bill On Vacation 7/2, 7/5-7/14</i>	<i>*Peg's vacation 7/-7/14</i>		1
2 10am Worship Service	3 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	4	5 Bible Study @ 3pm	6 Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	7 Food Pantry 4-6pm	8 Bible Study 10am (9:30 Breakfast)
9 10am Worship Service	10 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	11	12 Bible Study @ 3pm	13 Congregational Life meeting @10am Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	14 (Tricia Off)	15 Bible Study 10am (9:30 Breakfast)
16 10am Worship Service *Church Picnic after service	17 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	18	19 Bible Study @ 3pm	20 Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	21	22 Red Cross Josh Sorrell Blood Drive 9am-2pm *Commons
23 10am Worship Service	24 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	25	26 Bible Study @ 3pm	27 Wellness Day 4:15-7pm Men's Dinner @ 5pm at HS Wok	28	29
30 10am Worship Service	31 Office Closed				*Note: No Session meeting this	

Let's Celebrate!

JULY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Megan Allen	July 1	Sharon Peoples	July 21
Sue Fotoples	July 8	Felicia Gonzales	July 24
Joyce Koback	July 10	Felicia Gonzales	July 24
Jsabella Wu	July 10	Gardner Bandfield	July 29
Mary Beth Henning	July 15	David Durrant	July 29
Nan Bennett	July 17		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Chuck & Pat Gibson	July 3
David & Sharon Durrant	July 25
Shannon Smith-Lee & Wade Lee-Smith	July 28

AUGUST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Denise Burtch	August 1	Peg Winslow	August 27
Fred Ahrens Jr.	August 2	Kaleb Emens	August 25
Jackie Campbell	August 4	Jack Bandfield	August 26
Piper Buehrer	August 8	Jim Eaton	August 26
John MacPherson	August 14	Peg Winslow	August 27
Jack Bandfield	August 26	Sophie Calisch	August 31
Jim Eaton	August 26	Shannon Smith-Lee	August 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Len & Jan Anderson	August 8
Scott & Aggie Burtch	August 26

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3220 W. Laskey Rd.
Children ages 3, 4 &
Young 5's

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