



FAIRGREEN LEAVES - MAY 2023

From The Pastors Desk...

We are at the point on our calendars when early Spring (Easter) turns to the more reliable seasons of Spring and Summer. We will no longer have to worry about frosts nipping our favorite blooms causing them to fall off their shrubs and trees. In just a few short weeks we will likely be complaining loudly and long about the heat and the long days of "Summer".

It will not be too long before someone will be reminding us that the days will soon be getting shorter and we will grumble about the longer more delightful days of Summer slowly but surely drawing to a close.

The inevitable changes of seasons always seek us out and remind us the norms in life are reminders of change.

The political parties of our democracy remind us of change as well. Change is constant for them just as it is constant for the changing of seasons. Sometimes we just wish there would be mores constants and less change. We get a sense that time is flying by far beyond our control.

We are told by philosophers and others these circumstances are good for us because they force us to be "flexible". And the same people tell us being flexible is a good thing for us and others.

Sometimes we are not convinced. Sometimes we need certainty. Sometimes we wonder why other people and God don't realize we need...sometimes....certainty

Rather than change, sometimes we need what feels like stability and little or no changes so we can plant our feet solidly on the ground beneath us. As we move through the next few months, we need reminders that God can be a source of stability and the reassurances we all need for different reasons. May we learn to depend on God and celebrate the solid ground God provides for each of us...if we will open ourselves to accessing and embracing it.

Peace and love and blessings!

-Pastor Bill

*Motherhood is near to divinity.
It is the highest, holiest service
to be assumed by mankind.
It places her who honors
its holy calling and service
next to the angels.*

FIRST PRESIDENCY



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 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

From Mike Roadruck:



*Thank you for your kind words, cards, thoughts and prayers. They do help and are appreciated.
I hope you can attend the
Celebration of Life Memorial on
Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 11 am at Fairgreen
and then join us in a pizza and salad luncheon
following the service.
- Mike Roadruck*

From The Congregational Life Committee:

A discussion on "going green" was had by the Congregational Life Committee. Going GREEN helps keep our landfills from growing. We will only be putting table garbage and paper napkins, which are biodegradables, into the garbage. We can use dishes, cups and silverware from the church's cupboards that can be washed in the dishwasher. This is in beginning discussions and is not mandatory, but encouraged at this time.



JUST A HEADS UP

On Tuesday, June 20th, Congregational Life will be breaking bread at La Fiesta (on Douglas & Sylvania) at 1:00pm. This is not funded by the committee it is a pay your own way event. This luncheon is open to all. More details coming in June newsletter.

STAY TUNED

From The Worship Committee :



A May Celebration!

On Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the 10am worship service at Fairgreen Presbyterian Church in Toledo, Ohio, Pat Shafer is going to be honored as Pastor Emerita. A reception will follow in the Fairgreen Church Commons (Fellowship Hall).

In the Presbyterian Church, "when any pastor or associate retires and the congregation is moved with affection and gratitude to continue an association in an honorary relationship, it may, at a regularly called congregational meeting, elect him or her as pastor emeritus or emerita, with or without honorarium but with no pastoral authority or duty."

The Fairgreen Presbyterian congregation is grateful for the ten years of pastoral leadership and guidance Pr. Pat has given to us. This year, 2023, Pat will also celebrate her 30th year anniversary of being ordained as Pastor of Word and Sacrament. We recognize the other churches who have joined God in calling her as their pastor before she came to Fairgreen: Wrights Corners Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Oakfield Church, and Stamford Presbyterian Church.

Please, no gifts! Cards and notes may be sent to her home address:

Pat Shafer
6281 Murphy Drive
Victor, New York
14564

or place them in the basket at the reception.

Prayers are always welcomed!

**Circle May 21st
on your calendar now!
Plan to join the celebration!**



From The Worship Committee :

For many of us, this article will be a "trip down memory lane"! Since we will be honoring former Pastor, Pat Shafer, who retired after ten years as pastor of Fairgreen, at the worship service on May 21st, as Pastor Emerita. I thought you might enjoy looking over some of what happened under her leading and pastorate with us.

These things include:

*Encouraging us to apply for a Mission Partner pastor program through MVP. We were selected. This brought Gabriela Horakova from the Czech Republic to Fairgreen Church, staying with church members, at their homes for three weeks, interacting with the congregation, the children, and the Presbytery as a missionary to us;

*organizing 7 Mission Trips for the youth with accompanying adults:

- A. Two separate summers the mission trips were to Gulfport, Mississippi to help with the PDA in the clean-up from Hurricane Katrina in 2006-2007
- B. "God in the City", mission work around Toledo 2008
- C. At Fairgreen Church redesigning the garden space, putting in the pavers for the garden walk and creating the sitting space to the left of the double doors; the youth stayed overnight at the church during the week 2009
- D. At Cherokee, South Carolina 2010
- E. Ghost Ranch, New Mexico 2011
- F. Camp Rejoice, replacing the worship space's benches and platform by the pond 2012;

*promoting Congregational Conversations whenever major decisions were to be considered such as purchasing the property next door;

*encouraging Fairgreen, in 2011, to invest leadership, time, and money into the Presbytery-sponsored New Beginnings program. This was a commitment of some 50 people who met in weekly groups in a planned study, mostly in homes, for 6-8 weeks. Out of this came insights and recommendations such as:

the Jeremiah Task Force, the Garage Sale as an intentional outreach to the neighborhood and beyond, the Craft Sale started in 2008 but again, taking on an intentional outreach to the neighborhood after the New Beginnings study, Carol's Cupboard expanded to beyond food distribution to be even more intentional in meeting the spiritual and material needs of the clients;

*leading several Bible studies such as the on the Psalms which came after she and several people from Fairgreen attended the Worship Symposium at Calvin College based on Psalms in Worship;

*volunteering as a leader at Camp Rejoice for 7 years;

*supporting Building and Grounds when they noted certain items that needed to be addressed. Rallied the congregation behind what was affectionally called the Jeremiah Task Force. This group of Fairgreen men built, among other things, the ramp in the sanctuary, rebuilt the platform, a new rug was purchased for the sanctuary and major work was done in the Geneva Room;

- *serving as Head Spiritual Director for the Great Banquets and served on most of the Women's Teams while a Fairgreen pastor;
- *holding weekly Lenten evening services and when she first came, we had weekly Advent evening services for both adults and children;
- *leading weekly Lectionary Studies for years, on the scriptures being used in the next Sunday's worship;
- *working with/ministered to our Preschool staff;
- *seeing the need and seeking out monies, with Session and Personnel Committee guidance, to sponsor a Teen Ministry person to work with the group of young people we had in the 7-12 grade age group, mentoring both Abby and Emily;
- *serving one year as Vice Moderator of the Maumee Valley Presbytery and one year as the Moderator plus serving on the Committee on Ministry and the Reconciliation Team;
- *starting the "1st Wednesday" of the month worship opportunity;
- *being present at all the youth overnight lock-ins and attended, with the youth, praise concerts;
- *providing a worship experience, each Sunday, plus counselling, visitation, mentoring and being present in the joys and sorrows and trials of her Fairgreen "flock".

God not only called Pat Shafer to pastor this church by providing for us, spiritually, through the weekly worship service, but God called many of us to work beside her in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

Just as God continues to work through Pr. Pat's life even in her retirement, God is working through each of us in this time and in this place! It is good to look back and to give thanks for what the Lord has done. Now let's continue to go forward with God, in confidence and with thanks, having faith in God's plans as God reveals them to us.

-Pat Gibson



Coffee Hour



Thanks to all the hosts for providing delicious treats while we continue our fellowship in the Commons. April 2nd, was our wonderful Palm Sunday Breakfast, a feast we all enjoyed very much. Below are the calendars for April, May and June. These are also posted on the board next to the kitchen window. Blessings to all for your wonderful gifts.

-Marilyn McAfee

April

2 - Palm Sunday Breakfast
9 - Easter - New Member Celebration
16 - Charlotte & Michael Callinan
23 - Wanda Bielski & Sharon Durrant
30 - Deal Family

May

7 - Joyce Koback
14 - Mother's Day
Jim & John
21 - Celebration
For Pastor Pat
28 - Deal Family

June

4 -
11 -
18 - Father's Day
Congregational Life
25 - Deal Family



Welcome New Members!!!

**Charlotte Callinan, Rita Spencer,
Mike Callinan and Zach Bosley-Smith**

(From left to right, front to back)



From the Food Pantry:

****There will be no Food**
Pantry in May.**

See you in June!

FOOD ♥ PANTRY



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



It's time to celebrate,
Don Gorrell Is Turning 99!!



May 27, 2023, 12-3pm

BrickHouse Commons

3535 N Holland Sylvania Rd, Toledo, OH 43615

Food and drinks provided

Please RSVP to Doug Gorrell by May 10

digorrell@sbcglobal.net

419-346-5380

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	2 Session Mtg @ 6:30pm	3 Bible Study @ 3pm	4 Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	5	6
7 10am Worship Service	8 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	9 Special Session for Budget 10am-12pm (lounge)	10 Bible Study @ 3pm Taize Service @ 6:30pm	11 Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	12	13
14 10am Worship Service *Mother's Day 	15* Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	16*	17* Bible Study @ 3pm	18* Cong. Life Meeting@10am Worship Comm. Meeting @ 6:30p Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	19*	20 Memorial Service for Barb Roadruck @ 11am
21 10am Worship Service Emerita Celebration for Pastor Pat &	22 Office Closed Wellness Day 5-7pm	23	24 Bible Study @ 3pm *Preschool Last Day	25 *Tricia Off Wellness Day 4:15-7pm	26	27 Don Gorrell's Birthday Party! 12-3pm
28 10am Worship Service		30	31 Bible Study @ 3pm		*Preschool Safe City Week 15th-19th	**No Food Pantry in May

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fred Nordhoff	May 3	Jeff Wilczynski	May 16
Jason Manner	May 5	Dorothy Applegate	May 20
Connie Winslow	May 8	Brooklyn Swartz	May 24
Ron Wu	May 13	Don Gorrell	May 29
Luke James	May 14	Austin Rogers	May 31
Pat Gibson	May 15		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jeff & Rachel Buehrer	May 17
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*Calendar subject to change.

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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**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

