



FEBRUARY 2024

From The Pastors Desk...

February 14th is Valentine's Day. That brings to our minds images of candy and flowers and special treats we give to those who are special in our lives.

February 14th is also the day we begin our celebration of Lent. This is the season which grows out of our understanding of Jesus' 40 days spent fasting in the desert. During this time He faced temptations from Satan according to the Gospels of Mathew, Mark, and Luke.

For believers 2000 years later we observe the period of Lent in preparation for our ultimate celebration of Jesus' teachings and life which led to His death and resurrection.

The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word which meant "lengthen". Later the word also meant "Spring time".

It was **ONLY after** Jesus spent these 40 days in the desert tempted by Satan that Jesus began His public ministry.

In our contemporary celebration of this period we are called by our faith to engage **in daily, regular prayer, fasting from a specific food or important part of our lives** and the **giving** of some of our **possessions** above and beyond what we routinely give for the explicit purpose of **aiding and helping** those who experience urgent or special needs. In our community there are countless organizations and people for whom need is crucial. Each has a need for our giving of "special alms" as a part of our celebration.

Here are just a few:

Fairgreen Food Pantry

Northwest Ohio Food Bank

Helping Hands of Saint Louis

Friendly Center Care

Toledo Area Ministries Feed Your Neighbor

Helping Hands of Toledo

United Way of Toledo

Women Helping Encouraging Women

Cherry Street Mission

The needs of God's children are so great and the capacities of local organizations so stretched that any financial support to any of these or other organizations will make real our Christian stewardship.

As we engage in **daily systematic prayer** during Lent 2024, let us keep in mind our sisters and brothers in Ukraine, Gaza, the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan, Iran, and Iraq. Let us pray also for our leaders that our nation shall not, for whatever political reasons may seem attractive, become involved in widening conflict of any sort. Let us pray for authentic and genuine peace for all...not simply our friends....but for all....in all times.

Let us each celebrate these days in firm and strong ways reflecting the elements of our faith.

Please join us for an Ash Wednesday Service, February 14th at 6:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. This will mark in a very graphic way the beginning of our celebration of the season of Lent, 2024.

-Pastor Bill



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

All are welcome!

News from Mike Roadruck:

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY

February 10 & 17, 2024

In-Person 9:30 FOR BREAKFAST

in the Fairgreen Lounge

& Zoom 10:00

watch for link in your email

or call Mike at 419-260-7429 for information



Everyone welcome!

From The Congregational Life Committee:

- **Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2024 @ 10am**

- On Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th, we will start celebrating early after the service by having a bowl of SOUP. Won't you join us. There will be chili, bean soup, broccoli cheese and a few surprises. Come on out before cheering for your favorite team. Go Patrick!!



- We are very happy to report that 565 pill bottles were sent to Doctors Without Borders. Thank you to all that donated!



Breaking Bread with Fairgreen Friends
@ Rumors, 5205 Monroe St.
Tuesday, February 20th at 1pm.

Come on out and join us for a lovely lunch and lively fellowship.



From The Congregational Life Committee cont:

Mark your calendars for Dinner and Movie Night. Please Join us!!



On Wednesday February 28, 2024 @ 5pm in the Commons the Congregational Life Committee will host this special event. There will be dinner and the movie "Break Every Chain" will be shown.

A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex.

Dinner will include: Turkey & Dressing, mashed potatoes, homemade mac & cheese and green beans!

**Freewill Offering*

Note:

In order to be better servants of our gifts we have updated our mailing list for sending out the newsletter starting in February.

If you have asked for a paper copy, you can find it on the Welcome Center the first Sunday of the month. As the cost of stamps keep going up we can save a few hundred dollars a year. Thanking you in advance for this change.



From The Congregational Life Committee cont:

Coffee Hour

Welcome to 2024!! Coffee Hour, what is it? It's a warm cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a light snack enjoyed by all who wish to stop for a brief chat and fellowship after being fed the word of God at the 10:00 AM worship service. Please keep in mind that this fellowship only continues when we volunteer to be a host. Open dates follow below and you can always sign your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the board next to the kitchen window.

Thanks to all who hosted (many more than once) in 2023. How great that we are blessed by one another.

January

- 7 - Hope Solly & Others
- 14 - Congregational Life
- 21 - Jim Eaton
- 28 - Wanda Bielski
Sharon Durrant

February

- 4 -
- 11 - Cong. Life: Souper Soup
- 18 - Marilyn
- 25 - Jim, Bonnie
Joyce, John

March

- 3 -
- 10 - Linda & Erika
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 24 - Palm Sunday
- 31 - Easter Sunday



Meet our New Member!!

We would like to introduce to you **Zach Bosley-Smith**. Zach was born in Dearborn, Michigan. Zach was an Eagle Scout for fifteen years. He had a lot of leadership goals at that time.

Zach met the love of his life, Isabel, on line.

Zach is working on his Bachelors Degree as a Graphic Designer at The University of Toledo and is employed at Carlisle Fluid Technology.

He is interested in being part of our technology and music committees at Fairgreen.

When he has free time he likes to fish and camp.

If you need to reach Zach his phone number is 567-330-8213.

Make sure to welcome Zach when you see him behind the camera at the end of our service.

Let's welcome him as a Fairgreen Member!!



From The Worship Committee:

It is coming soon.....

FAIRGREEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, February 24

[The Lord Restores My Soul](#)

The words, "The Lord restores my soul" may sound familiar. They are taken from the first part of verse three of Psalm 23. At our annual Fairgreen Women's Retreat we will be exploring the meaning of this Biblical passage through knowledgeable authors, including Phillip Keller, as its meaning from Old Testament times to our own lives today.

Our day retreat will be held at the Lial Renewal Center on Davis Road near Whitehouse, Ohio on Saturday, **February 24, 2024 from 9:30am to 3:30pm.** **The doors will open at 8:30am** for gathering, fellowship, and a light breakfast. Your day of renewal in this quiet corner of God's creation will include individual time and group times with Bible directed meditations, singing, a craft, lunch, prayer, and Holy Communion. There is no monetary cost.

Signing up to attend the retreat and to bring a food item for either breakfast or lunch, will begin on Sunday, February 4th at the Welcome Center in the narthex. Registration will continue on Sundays: February 11 and 18. Directions and an information sheet will also be available at the Welcome Center.

Come! Make time to pause and rest and in the Lord's love. Let Him restore your soul.

Pat Gibson, retreat co-ordinator

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FROM Matthew 25:

WELLNESS DAYS:

Wellness Details: Below is our current schedule. More sessions are available upon request, contact Mary Jo Feldkamp at 734-216-7524 for more details!

Health tip: check with your doctor to see which vitamins work best for you. We are all different; your vitamins should be too!

Safety tip: Always be aware of your surroundings. You look both ways to cross the street, look at who and what is between you and your vehicle when leaving the grocery store or any facility. Don't be afraid or too proud to ask for help to your car from the cashier or security!

Starting in February our schedule will be:

Self-defense (once a month)

1st Monday of every month 5:30pm (30 minutes).

Fitness - Find your Chi

Monday 5:30pm -
(1st Monday of month 5:00pm)

Thursday 6:45pm

Taekwondo

Monday and Thursday
6:00pm

Mary Jo Feldkamp, Certified Instructor & Fourth Degree Black Belt
734-216-7524

Fairgreen Church, 3220 W. Laskey Rd, Toledo OH 43613

In Other News:

Congratulations to Keith and Astrid Scofield who were married at Fairgreen on Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 am.

Dr Michael Roadruck officiated.

The couple wishes to extend sincere gratitude to Fairgreen Presbyterian Church for welcoming them, providing the gorgeous setting and the joyous hospitality. *The groom is the son of Tom Scofield who is Rita Spencer's Fiancé.*





The annual Joshua Sorrell Memorial Blood Drive was held in the Commons at Fairgreen on Saturday, January 27, 2024.

They were able to collect 40 pints of blood.

Over the years since this blood drive was started they have collected over 500 pints of blood.



From the Food Pantry:



**Next Food Pantry
Friday, February 23, 2024
From 4-6 pm**

**FUN FACT: FAIRGREEN FOOD PANTRY
FACEBOOK PAGE has an outstanding
992 members now!!!!**



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



February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Elder Training @1:30pm Wellness 6-8pm Worship Comm. Meeting @ 6:30pm	2 *Tricia Off	3
4 10am Worship Service *Installation of new	5 Office Closed Wellness 5-7	6 Session Mtg @ 6:30pm	7 Bible Study @ 3pm	8 Wellness 6-8pm	9	10 Bible Study @ 10am
11 10am Worship Service	12 Office Closed Wellness 5-7	13	14 Bible Study @ 3pm Ash Wednesday Service @	15 Cong. Life Mtg @ 10am Wellness 6-8pm	16	17 Bible Study @ 10am
18 10am Worship Service	19 Office Closed Wellness 5-7	20 BBFF @ 1pm At Rumors	21 Bible Study @ 3pm	22 Men's Night Dinner @ 5pm Pat & Dandy's Wellness 6-8pm	23 Food Pantry 4-6pm	24 Women's Retreat Lial Center 8:30-3:30
25 10am Worship Service	26 Office Closed Wellness 5-7	27	28 Bible Study @ 3pm Dinner & Movie Night @ 5pm	29 Wellness 6-8pm		*Calendar is Subject to Change



FEBRUARY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dick Schroeder	February 2	Judy Stuart	February 15
Tyler Crammond	February 12	Kaitlyn Scarb.-Jewell	February 16
Marilyn McAfee	February 12	Sheila Ortmann	February 23
Ken Close	February 15	Kendy Vamos	February 28
Charlene Ravenscraft	February 15		

MARCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lexi Peterman	March 2	Tom Winslow	March 12	Gary Peterman Jr.	March 27
Dan Winslow	March 5	Gabrielle Buehrer	March 16	Sally Kille	March 30
Aaron Winslow	March 8	Melanie Rogers	March 18	Rev. Bill Dunifon	March 31
Kay Monroe	March 10	Alyssa Williams	March 26		

From the Secretary's Desk:

Please Note:

The deadline for the next newsletter (for March) will be **Monday February 19, 2024.**

I appreciate everyone who contributes each month!

- *Tricia Manner*
Administrative Assistant

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