

## FAIRGREEN LEAVES - NOVEMBER 2022

### From The Pastors Desk...

Sometimes it seems we in this country are a divided people. We sometimes seem to be a country split on too many issues to name. These differences sometimes feed the powers that thrive on keeping us divided, pitting one person or group against another.

But we Presbyterians seek to be different. We are about loving God and neighbor. We are called to unite across our divisions to join with the Holy Spirit uniting across our divisions to create a just world for all people.

We believe we are stronger than the divisions. We believe that together our congregations are stronger in witness to Christ's love for all people. That's why we offer an extravagant welcome to all people no matter what they have or have not done reflecting God's totally unconditional love for each one of us, and we believe our world and the people in it are seeking lives of deeper meaning and deeper value than divisions will ever yield.

As a result of these and other convictions we advocate for the right of each person to vote freely and without limitation in the face of those who would exclude some from the polls in the horrible practices of white supremacy. We are united with all Christians in our support of the people of Ukraine and other places around the world whose democracy and very lives are being threatened and lost.

We seek to build up our congregations and clergy through this COVID time as our congregations seek their ways through pandemic-informed ways of being a church.

We as a denomination engage churches, members, and the public in the Matthew 25 movement and seek to enshrine God-given voices and rights in our courts of law ensuring the biblical definition of justice prevails throughout our civil life. We need you in order to do this work and make real these ministries. Your financial support is crucial to living out our unified ministry. Your gift builds bigger tables, works against war, upholds our congregations, sustains the beauty of creation, and embraces those who believed God never would or could love them. Please give generously to expand this movement of welcoming all, loving all, and seeking justice for all, united in spirit and inspired by God's grace.

**Stewardship Sunday: November 20th, Please be sure to join us!**

## Ceaseless Praise

All during our Stewardship Time this year, we have been singing verses from a hymn called, "Take My Life" found on #697 in our Glory to God purple hymnal. This hymn first appeared in 1874 and has since been called a "giving catalogue."

Sometimes we question how we can be used by God. Yet, within the verses of this hymn, there are suggested opportunities of letting the Lord take our hands and feet, voice and lips, silver and gold, intellect and will, heart and love for His purpose.

Most of us know that giving and serving, whether at home or out in the world, is not confined to a six week focus-time during a Sunday worship service. It is constant and it is ongoing.

Thus, as the months ahead unfold, let us continue to be God's grateful vessel by letting our moments and our days flow in ceaseless praise of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit from whom all blessings have been given.

\*The 2022 Stewardship Drive at Fairgreen has begun and pledge cards will be coming in the mail during November. Please let us know if you do not receive one.

2022 Stewardship Coordinators: Julie Murray and Pat Gibson



**Bible Study and Prayer:**

**\*\*Due to emergent personal circumstances for Mike and his family, Wednesday and Saturday Bible Studies are postponed until further notice.**

**Advent Bible Study**

Most of us decorate our home at Christmastime. Even the church has a tree, nativity set, greens and bows!

What if the Gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were to decorate their home according to what each wrote about the birth of Christ? What, actually, DID each write? Why did he present Jesus' birth in this way? Who might each be hoping to invite in?

Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes is an Advent study written by Cynthia M. Campbell. The Intentional Faith Development Committee of Session will be presenting this study from 10:00am -11:00am on Saturday, November 26, December 3, December 10, and December 17 in the lounge.

There are four weeks of Advent before Christmas. Each of these four weeks we will be looking at one of the four Gospel writers. At the end of the study we will have read and discussed and compared four versions of Christ's birth as to how each writer ( Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) presents it.

**Advent Study**

Saturday, November 27...Saturday, December 3...Saturday,  
December 10...Saturday, December 17  
10:00-11:00am  
in the church lounge



### THE LEFT HAND OF GOD

Quite a few years ago, I read a book by Ursula LeGuinn called the Left Hand of Darkness. It was a science fiction book set in the future on a different planet, not a little green men kind of science fiction but a book about gender identity and roles of women in society and government. I was greatly impressed by this book and it has become an honored title in the science fiction world, ranked alongside of Dune. I tried to use the book as a teaching tool with a group of junior high school 'gifted students' but unfortunately, they were not as impressed as I was.

I never really thought about where the title came from until we were doing Bible studies with pastor Mike Roadruck who often referred to The Left Hand of God. The meaning of that was, as he explained, that God did not choose the people we would think were the right people but rather the most unlikely people to accomplish His will. He chose Abraham, an itinerant sheep herder, to be the father of His chosen people, he chose Noah, a drunk, to save the world from the flood, he chose Moses, a recluse who needed his brother Aaron to speak for him to bring His people out of bondage in Egypt, he chose a teenage David to defeat Goliath, he chose a teenage Mary to bring Our Savior, Jesus Christ into the world who then chose a rabid Christian hunter, Paul , to spread His Gospel around the world.

This has continued over the centuries, think St Francis of Assisi who was the son of a wealthy father **or during World War II, Harry Truman, a failed** shopkeeper, who became president of the United States then had to make the difficult decision to use atom bombs on Japan and end **the war, then later secure** the future of democracy through difficult negotiations with Stalin and USSR. Today it is a Jewish comedian who is president of Ukraine, a national hero leading them to victory.

God has chosen the left hand approach with societal macrocosms and microcosms. Think Fairgreen Presbyterian Church and its missions over the years, Family Promise, Food Pantry, Building and Grounds maintenance, Christmas Boxes, Angel Tree, Bread Ministry, we can all fill in the names of these leaders.

November is stewardship month here at Fairgreen Presbyterian church. Our Church has not been and is not now just Sunday church, there are many activities in which to participate during the week, just look at our monthly calendar. We need participants for our programs, we need volunteers for our committee. Covid started a period of isolation for some of us. If you are looking for a safe way to get back into social communication, church activities fill that requirement. As pastor Dunifon says, listen for the voice of God and what he is telling you to do, then do it.

Chris Roebuck

**From Congregational Life:**

**Coffee Hour**



Coffee Hour was reinstated September 4, 2022 after a short break during the summer months. Coffee hour is the perfect time to stop for a moment to say “hello” and wish others a wonderful day and week ahead, especially during these stressful times.

Many thanks to all those who stepped up to volunteer. With your help we have filled all the Sundays through the end of the year. THANK YOU!!!

November 6 – Congregational Life  
November 13 – Joyce Koback  
November 20 – Congregational Life  
November 27 – No Coffee Hour

December 4 - Winslow Family  
December 11 - Chris & Agnes  
December 18 - Congregational Life  
December 25 - Merry Christmas! (no coffee hour)

Gratefully,  
Marilyn McAfee



## From Congregational Life (cont.):

### Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

On Sunday October 9th we had the sendoff for the shoeboxes for the children for Christmas.

The boxes will need to be returned on Sunday November 13th.

There are several ways you can still participate this year:

1. Pack a box
2. Donate money towards shipping.

Please remember this important date:

Boxes returned and donations for shipping - due November 13th

Please add a short note from you with a photo of yourself attached.  
We have heard these messages of encouragement are cherished by the children.



**THE POWER**  
*of a*  
**SiMPLE**  
**GIFT**



**From Matthew 25 Task Force:**

**Please join us at our monthly meetings:**

**Wednesdays @ 7pm**

**November 9th  
December 7th**

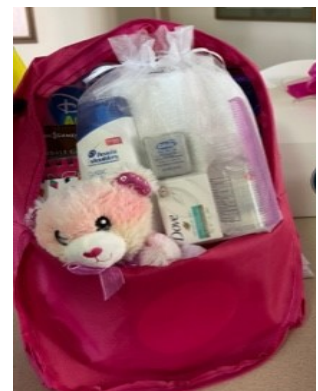
## **Blessing Boxes**

Fairgreen Presbyterian Church is supporting a new initiative appropriately named Blessing Boxes. This project is developed from a vision of Debbie Filby, a devoted Fairgreen volunteer. Debbie has been led, by God's nudges and calling, as this idea has now developed into boxes full of specifically needed, personal hygiene products for people in crisis or in need in the Toledo area or nearby states.

Originally, Debbie introduced this endeavor to the congregation, as one focused on helping Ukrainian refugees, but in the last month, she has realized God is asking her to expand the idea to all local and geographically close people in need of such items. As she hears about refugees settling in the area, she will certainly intently form teams to deliver boxes ... wherever that may be.

Please see the flyer of information included in the newsletter. The two types of Hygiene boxes are described, along with Debbie's further idea of backpacks filled with school supplies and fun surprises for children.

Please share this flyer information with co-workers, family and friends. All individuals, organizations or churches donating may certainly trust that 100% of the money given to this cause will go to purchasing the specific supplies for boxes and backpacks.



# **BLESSING BOXES 4 ALL!**



## **HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED!**

**Delivering to people in need in Toledo and extended areas as well in surrounding states**

### **Adult Boxes**

**2 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner (15oz)  
Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Dental floss  
Combs  
Razors  
Shaving cream (5oz)  
Deodorant (@ 2oz)  
Bar soap (3-4oz)  
Hand sanitizer (8oz)  
Q-tips (small)  
First Aid kit (small)  
Washcloths**

### **Women's Boxes**

**Feminine Hygiene products  
Cleansing wipes  
Brushes  
Hair ties  
Travel pack tissues  
Chapstick  
Travel size lotion  
Manicure set**

### **Children's Bags**

**Mini Backpacks  
Hygiene pack- travel size items  
Learning and other activity items**

**\*\*\***

**Monetary Donations  
go directly to the purchase of items needed**

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**Thank you and Bless you all for your donations and support!**

**Debbie Filby**

**Text or call with questions 419-704-3962**

**Email: [BlessingBoxes4All@gmail.com](mailto:BlessingBoxes4All@gmail.com)**

**Donations can also be made at [Paypal.me/BlessingBoxes4All](https://www.paypal.me/BlessingBoxes4All)**



# WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

## Starting September 7, 2022

### TAE KWON DO

4:15-5:00pm After School  
6:15-7:00pm Advanced

### FIND YOUR CHI

5:00-5:30pm

Bring a friend, next class is Free!

### SELF-DEFENSE

5:30-6:00pm

Bring a friend, next class is Free!



RESPECT  
CONFIDENCE  
DISCIPLINE  
FOCUS  
INTEGRITY



Balance  
Strength  
Flexibility



Call for Pricing

Suggested donation \$10

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First lesson and First Wednesday of every month is by donation of Hygiene items for people in need.



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

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

## FOOD PANTRY:



Upcoming Date:

November 18, 2022

\*4-6pm  
(new time)

We would like to extend our joy and gratitude to the Masonic Lodge for another very generous donation to the Fairgreen Food Pantry!!



Did you know that the **FAIRGREEN FOOD PANTRY FACEBOOK PAGE** has **563** members?



## **IN OTHER NEWS:**

### Scholarship Applications

Anyone planning to apply or reapply for an academic scholarship from the Foster or William Smith Scholarship Funds for the Winter/Spring 2023 Semester, needs to do so by December 15, 2022.

Scholarship information and applications are found in the wall mailbox outside the Bookkeeper's office at church.

### Fairgreen Women's Retreat

Mark your 2023 calendars for our Fairgreen Women's Retreat for Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 9:00am to 3:30pm at the Lial Renewal Center on Davis Road, Whitehouse, Ohio.

The doors will be open at 8:30am. A gathering with breakfast goodies will start the retreat at 9:00am with the program beginning at 9:30. The theme this year is: Our Toolbox of Prayer.

### O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!

You are invited to stay a few minutes after the worship service on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th . Why? Your presence is needed to decorate the Christmas tree, in the sanctuary, with our handmade crimsons!

Let's make this a joyful congregational time as we bring the Christmas season into our church!



Marilyn McAfee ran into Connie Moore, Carole Schuch's daughter. She had a message from her Mom:

"Thank you for the beautiful Birthday Card from Fairgreen Church. I was so happy and grateful to hear from my church family. Being remembered means so much, thank you."

Carol turned 89 on her birthday. She is doing pretty well and Connie sees her weekly, if not more often.



Due to technical issues I could not attach the revised order sheet. This is the original from the company. Please only order from the top set of boxes, the 4/12 Table Top Sizes to the 8 1/2 Triple Plant. Do not order the painted Poinsettia's or Wreath's please. Also only turn forms in to us and only write checks payable to Fairgreen Presbyterian Church, not Tom Strains please.



	RED	WHITE	PINK	JINGLE BELLS LTD. QUANTITY	
4-1/2" Table Top Size					<b>\$4.00</b>
6-1/2" Single Plant (5 Blooms & Up)					<b>\$6.65</b>
7-1/2" Double Plant (8 Blooms & Up)				N/A	<b>\$11.45</b>
8-1/2" Triple Plant (12 Blooms & Up)		N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>\$13.85</b>

6-1/2" Painted Poinsettias	BLUE \$9.00	BLUE WITH SILVER GLITTER \$8.75	BLUE WITH GOLD GLITTER \$11.25
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YOUR CHOICE BOWS:	RED	WHITE	BURGANDY	
22" Wreaths (Bows, Berries, Cones)				<b>\$14.50</b>
14" Wreaths (Bows, Berries, Cones)				<b>\$11.00</b>

Name _____	
Date _____	Delivery   Pick-Up _____
Phone _____	
Address _____	
_____	

All orders will be filled in the order in which they are received. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

- \$50.00 Delivery Fee if minimum order of \$300.00 is not met. Outside 25 mile radius - additional delivery costs.
- **Please have help available for unloading.**
- **All above will have GOLD FOIL and be sleeved and delivered to one location. No individual pick-ups for group orders.**

**• NO ADD-ON ORDERS.**

- We will do our best to fill your order but will not be liable for delay or failure due to any cause beyond our control.
- Sorry, no credit cards after December 22. Credit Cards will have 2% fee.
- Minimum wholesale order: \$150.00
- **Order deadline: November 15th**  
**Last Delivery / Pick-Up date: December 22 before Noon**

**5105 HILL AVE. • 419-531-1307 • Fax: 419-531-8315**  
**Call 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. • We take Phone Orders** Order deadline: NOVEMBER 15th

# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Session mtg @ 6:30pm</i> <i>*Cheer group 6-7pm</i>	2 <i>Wellness 4-7pm</i>	3 ACA Group @ 6:30pm <i>Cheer group 6-7pm</i>	4	5 <i>Craft Day @ 10am</i>
6 10am Worship Service	7 Office Closed	8 <i>*Cheer group 6-7pm</i> Election Day	9 <i>Wellness 4-7pm</i> Matthew 25 @7pm	10 ACA Group @ 6:30pm <i>Cheer group 6-7pm</i>	11	12
13 10am Worship Service <i>*Shoebox Return</i>	14 Office Closed Set up for FP give away	15 Set up	16 <i>Wellness 4-7pm</i> Set up	17 ACA Group @ 6:30pm <i>Worship Mtg @ 6:30pm</i> Set up	18 <i>Food Pantry &amp; give away 4-6pm</i>	19 7:30am-2pm Give away cont. (pending Approval)
20 10am Worship Service <i>*Dinner Following Stewardship</i>	21 Office Closed <i>*Set up for feast</i>	22 <i>Preschool Thanksgiving Feast</i>	23 <i>Preschool Thanksgiving Feast</i> <i>Wellness 4-7pm</i>		25 Office Closed for the holiday <i>*Preschool closed</i>	26 <i>Advent Study 10-11am (Pat Gibson)</i>
27 10am Worship Service	28 Office Closed	29	30 <i>Wellness 4-7pm</i>			

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ginny Storey November 14 Bonnie Buehrer November 25  
 Rachel Buehrer November 23 Marilyn Kolbow November 29  
 Tricia Manner November 23

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gary & Karen Herren November 16

**\*Calendar subject to change**

**\*\*Bible Studies with Mike R. have been temp. suspended due to emergent family needs.**

# December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Advent Study 10-11am (Pat Gibson)
4 10am Worship Service	5 Office Closed	6 Session @ 6:30pm	7 Wellness 4-7pm Matthew 25 Mtg @ 7pm	8	9 Set Up -all day For Santa Event	10 Santa Event 10am-12pm Advent Study 10-11am (Pat Gibson)
11 10am Worship Service	12 Office Closed	13	14 Wellness 4-7pm	15	16	17 Advent Study 10-11am (Pat Gibson)
18 10am Worship Service	19 Office Closed Preschool Holiday Party (Commons)	20 Preschool Holiday Party (Commons)	21 (No WW) Holiday Break for Preschool (thru 1/2)	22	23 Office Closed (for the Holiday)	24
25 10am Worship Service MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Office Closed	27	28 Wellness 4-7pm	29	30	31 Christmas Eve

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sharon Durrant	December 1	Wade Lee- Smith	December 16	Cadence Parsons	December 23
Danilo Gonzales	December 6	Kiara Gonzales	December 17	Ellie Henning	December 30
Stacy Parsons	December 12	Kayionna Rogers	December 18	Adrianna Leu	December 31
Patricia Close	December 15	Erika Dunn	December 19	<b>*Calendar subject to change</b>	
Linda Hoover	December 15	Gary Herren	December 22		

**\*\*NO FOOD PANTRY THIS MONTH!**



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**Worship Service**  
**10:00am Sunday**

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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

