



## **FAIRGREEN LEAVES - OCTOBER 2022**

### **We Thought Two Was Enough**

When I was on active duty assigned to an artillery battalion I learned we were one of two in the world with "nuclear capability". That meant that we have "low yield nuclear devices" that we could attach to the tips of our projectiles.

The other battalion with identical capabilities was assigned to Europe. Our contingency assignment was to Southeast Asia.

At that time, following the bombings of Japan that ended World War Two, everyone assumed we would never need more than two units like ours. Surely no sane person would ever consider using nuclear weapons.

A few days ago, Vladimir Putin announced he might send nuclear weapons into Ukraine. Our past assumptions were wrong. The news of Putin's threat is causing many Christians to re-evaluate what we assumed was a given. Nuclear war is too terrible to even consider... we thought.

What is it we Christians can do in the face of these horrible threats? A first step is to reaffirm our faith in the God of unconditional love. This means that we absolutely TRUST the God of our lives to be at work in all circumstances...including threats of nuclear war half a world away. God's gift to us of His only child offers each of us the ASSURANCE that our God will be actively at work in human affairs on behalf of Christ's promises of peace and harmony for ALL of God's children. A promise that includes minimizing and erasing that which is motivated by hate or the terrible cancer that grows from wishing to control other people....or nations.

The sorts of threats that Putin and others make call us to counter the threats with assertions of our faith as we move toward seasonal celebrations in which we can reassert and reconfirm our confidence in God's promises...and it means we are reminded to preach the confidence we have in God and Christ by the WAY we live our lives.

May the way we live our lives be the strong refutation of those who would seek to intimidate or cause doubt in any of our minds or hearts. We ARE people of faith. Let's make all of that crystal clear!

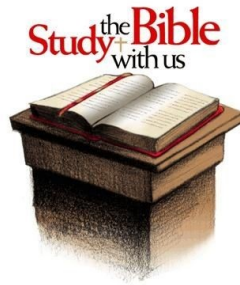
Pastor Bill

## Bible Study and Prayer:

**\*\*Due to emergent personal circumstances for Mike and his family, all Bible Studies have temporarily been paused.**

Listed below are the regular times for our bible studies and we will advise in the future when they will return:

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 3 pm (studying Paul's letter to the Romans)



**Saturday Bible Studies** are twice a month on the second and third Saturdays (studying James) We begin at 9:30 am with a light breakfast and fellowship (when in-person). Opening prayers and study begin at 10.



## The Lord's Prayer and its Meaning

I have been saying the Lord's prayer ever since I was a little girl growing up in Scotland without really considering what it was that I was asking of God. I chose to settle on the meaning of "Give us this day our daily bread"- did God answer this prayer for me?

Bread has been a diet staple for thousands of years. In the time of Caesar Augustus, ruling over the Romans during the life of Jesus Christ, a daily ration of grain for bread making, oil and wine was given free to every Roman citizen, a Roman welfare system. Bread and circuses, that is how politicians maintained public approval, maybe something that has perhaps continued to the present day.

Going back to the 13th century in medieval Europe, the price of bread was set by a Bread Assize so it was controlled and cheap. It led to the rise of villages and towns. Bread baking became industrialized in the twentieth century. Bread is indispensable to civilization.

My own experience with bread goes back to the time I was growing up in Scotland during World War II. Britain is an island so almost everything was imported, consequently rationed during the war. We could not get bananas, peaches or oranges and sugar, butter and eggs were rationed. Bread was always readily available and cheap so when I told my mother I was hungry she would say "eat bread" which I did. Today I still eat a lot of bread to the detriment of my waistline.

Ultimately, my prayer to the Lord has been answered not only with bread but also with prosperity so I need to keep on praying the Lord's prayer and thanking God for his blessings.

Chris Roebuck



**From Congregational Life:**

**Coffee Hour ☕ Started back September 4, 2022**

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.

It is not difficult to host a coffee hour. Congregational Life supplies everything except a treat like breakfast rolls, donuts, cookies, fruit, cheese and crackers, etc. I am always looking for volunteers and so grateful when someone says "yes". Please get involved; it offers an opportunity to greet everyone and join in some conversation. It's most welcoming to you and others. It's one of the blessings of being a volunteer.

Many thanks to Judy, Bonnie, Sharon, Marilyn and others who stepped up as hosts in September. I am grateful to have all the Sundays in October and November filled but help is needed in December. Look for the December sign up sheet by the kitchen window.

October 2 – Chris and Agnes  
October 9 – Alyssa Pope  
October 16 – Henning Family  
October 23 – Sharon Durrant  
October 30 – Julie and Jim

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

As always, thank you for volunteering. Please contact me at 419-356-3127 if you would like to host a Sunday coffee hour. I will find a support person to help you.

Gratefully,  
Marilyn McAfee



## From Congregational Life (cont.):

### Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Sunday October 9th will be our sending off of the shoeboxes to those wishing to pack them for the children for Christmas.

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

There are several way you can participate this year:

1. Pack box
2. Donate \$20 for a box to be filled. Please turn money in by October 16th.
3. Donate money towards shipping.

Please remember these important dates:

Send Off - October 9th

\$20 cash donations - due by October 16th

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**

**October 12th  
November 9th  
December 7th**

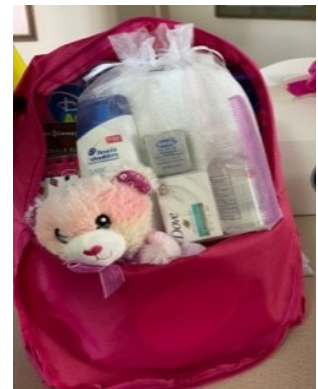
## **Blessing Boxes**

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:  
October 21, 2022

\*4-6pm  
(new time)

## MANY THANKS:

We would like to send out special thanks to those behind the scenes that help make sure the Food Pantry is a success each month. We give great appreciation this month to our packers who come and put all the bags together that are distributed on the day of our Food Pantry. This is an essential process and requires hours of time and muscle to pack the bags and move them to where they need to be. We could not do it without all of those who come to assist with this. Some pack every month and some come to us as blessings from many other avenues. Either way we are so grateful!!



From Linda Hoover:



On September 23rd, at our last Food Pantry, I was presented with a check from some good friends of mine, David and Frank and their family. A huge thank you goes out to them. I would also like to share what they posted on their site:

"Today, we presented a check for \$425 to the Fairgreen Food Pantry in Toledo. Linda, who runs the pantry was brought to tears from our generosity. We couldn't have done any of this without all of you who donated & helped all the families in need. When we arrived, there was a line of people down the road, waiting for the pantry to open. It really puts in perspective how blessed we are & how happy it made us to be able to give back.

We love helping out our community & surrounding communities & look forward to being able to continue God's work! We will continue giving back financially but also physically. We want to be able to show our children God's love for all & make people's day a little bit brighter, any way we can."



## FOOD PANTRY (cont.)

**A friend of Debbie Filby, a Fairgreen volunteer, shared this list of suggestions for donations:**

People in need offer these thoughts:

1. Numerous people donate Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. Food pantry guests can rarely use it because Mac and Cheese requires milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal. Cereal is always appreciated.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. Those in need cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also is often donated.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make others feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. Hungry people are so excited over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores .
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. Fresh meat is a blessed commodity.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without the ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter but usually not jelly and at many places, not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake. Remember eggs and oil is often required for the mix.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

As the Holiday Season approaches, if you are helping with food donations, maybe these suggestions can help you tailor to the need even more

**Did you know that the FAIRGREEN FOOD PANTRY FACEBOOK PAGE has 535 members?**



# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10am Worship Service	3 Office Closed	4 Session @ 6:30pm	5 Wellness 4-7pm	6 ACA Group @ 6:30pm Yoga 5:30-6:30pm	7	8
9 10am Worship Service *Shoe box Sendoff	10 Office Closed Open Gym 6-7:30pm	11	12 Wellness 4-7pm Matthew 25 @7pm	13 Gust Farm Preschool ACA Group @ 6:30pm	14 Gust Farm Preschool	15
16 10am Worship Service	17 Office Closed	18 Congr. Life Mtg @ 10am Pumpkin Night-Presch.	19 Pumpkin Night- Preschool	20 Worship Mtg @ 6:30pm ACA Group @ 6:30pm	21 Food Pantry 4-6pm	22
23 10am Worship Service *Sock Hop	24 Office Closed Open Gym 6-7:30pm	25	26 Wellness 4-7pm	27 ACA Group @ 6:30pm	28 Halloween Parties Preschool	29
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Heather Allen	October 1	Carole Schuch	October 10
Jason Rogers	October 3	Jeremy Mathena	October 17
Michael Bandfield	October 4	Kelly Bandfield	October 17
Benjamin Martinez	October 4	Chuck Gibson	October 22
Jody Peterman	October 6	Jeff Buehrer	October 24
Beverly Crammond	October 8	Nancy MacPherson	October 28

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rick & Kay Amendola October 17

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Session mtg @ 6:30pm</i>	2 <b>Wellness 4-7pm</b>	3 ACA Group @ 6:30pm	4	5 <b>Craft Day @ 10am</b>
6 <b>10am Worship Service</b>	7 Office Closed	8	9 <b>Wellness 4-7pm</b> Matthew 25 @7pm	10 ACA Group @ 6:30pm	11	12
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20 <b>10am Worship Service</b> *Dinner Following Stewardship	21 Office Closed *Set up for feast	22 <b>Preschool Thanksgiving Feast</b>	23 <b>Preschool Thanksgiving Feast</b> <b>Wellness 4-7pm</b>		25 Office Closed for the Holiday	26
27 <b>10am Worship Service</b>	28 Office Closed	29	30 <b>Wellness 4-7pm</b>			

## 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

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**Worship Service**  
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**Young 5's**  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

