



Fairgreen Leaves

OCTOBER 2021

From The Pastors Desk...

October is a fascinating month. It seems like a month into which someone stuffed a bunch of recognitions...some very important....some of medium importance....some of little importance except to a small group of people somewhere.

The beginning of the month is kicked off with American Chinese National Day. That day is shared by International Coffee Day, Older Persons Day, and Adopt a Shelter Dog Day. The Third Day of October in 2021 is World Communion Sunday across the world.

The middle of the month (sort of) is marked by Columbus Day (he did not discover what we now call the United States of America) and National Kick Butt Day. The 23rd is National First Responders Day. Then Reformation Sunday. Followed by Halloween.

Through several of these "special days", we will be celebrating our annual Stewardship Month. You will be hearing and seeing much about that in the next several days.

By just scanning any calendar of October, it becomes obvious we are all busy every day in some way for several different reasons. People who have studied the habits of people have established the reality of a thing called the "Activity Trap". It's easy to slide into and hard to climb out of it it seems. Busyness can become an end in itself. It can become a major daily, weekly or monthly goal: just stay busy doing **something!**

As we begin to focus on the gift of time that is represented in the upcoming month, perhaps the busyness of the month is a message. Maybe it is a message to **gear down** from all of the things that make us busy and **gear up** on those few things; those few activities which have the depth and breadth to be genuinely significant.

One of those significant things in which we can and should invest our time and energy on a regular rather than occasional basis is our own faith walk. **Where are we in our individual faith walks?**

How did we get to where we are? Where do we want to be? Where does God want us to be? How do we get from where we are to where we and God want us to be? What is our specific plan? How will we monitor our progress? How will we make adjustments when we have to in order to keep our "eyes on the prize?"

In prayers we raise up for our own behalf and in prayers others raise up in our behalf, may our faith walks this month move us discernably closer to where God needs and wants us to be!

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

Sadly, due to the alarming increase in Covid infections in Lucas county, we have decided that in the best interests for all, vaccinated and unvaccinated, Bible Studies on Wednesdays and Saturdays will be **totally virtual on zoom until further notice.**



Wednesdays @ 3:00PM

**Saturdays: October 9th & 16th
@10:00am**



Beginning Thursday, October 7th, we will be offering our second worship service of the week!!

It will be held, at least initially, in the Lounge of the church offices and will begin at 4:00 p.m. each Thursday. The goal is to provide an alternative worship gathering aimed especially at those who find travel on Sunday mornings difficult. To avoid travel during the darker winter months, the Thursday service will begin promptly at 4:00 p.m. and end promptly at 4:45 p.m.



October 31st is Reformation Sunday. Mission and Outreach Committee will be providing a special coffee hour. More information on this will follow.

-From Pat Gibson

November 7 is All Saints Day with necrology of those who have gone before us. Chancel Guild Committee will set up the candles.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

by: Linda Hoover

Saturday, Sept. 18 was a memorable and Glorious Day! Not only was the weather an example of fall temperature perfection, but the bustling of many visitors around the church grounds provided extra excitement.

Over 20 Garage Sale "sellers" set up an area provided FREE by the church for this **community** event. This particular outreach has been offered and planned by the Mission and Outreach Committee for 12 years. Without a doubt, this was the biggest sale year of all. Fairgreen Church filled 18 tables, with an assortment of amazing items donated by not only the congregation, but also by the Toledo area community. The drop-off of donations began in July, as the sale publicity was widely shared.

The Mission and Outreach Committee also provided an inexpensive hot dog lunch, and extra treats and beverages during the entire day.

At last count, the proceeds to be deposited into the Mission and Outreach Committee budget were \$820.

Many stories of the day could be shared, but one particular item deserves inclusion of the picture below to enlighten the description. During the days of sorting, volunteers admired certain items and wondered who would select them. An exquisite, white formal dress with eye-catching detail was selected by a lady who attended the Give-Away of all the leftover Garage Sale items. As the visitor came down the church hall, I was able to witness her smile and celebrate the fact that her Goddaughter would be overjoyed with this gift (Michel gave me permission to take her picture and share her joy.)



Upcoming Events:

Dinner & A Movie



On Wednesday evening, October at 6:00pm, we will be showing the movie, **"Overcomer"**.

Here is a little bit about the movie: From the creators of the #1 box-office hit WAR ROOM, Life changes overnight for coach John Harrison (Alex Kenrick) after he loses his basketball team and is challenged by the school's principal, Olivia (Priscilla Shirer), to coach a new sport he doesn't know or like. As John questions his own worth, he dares to help the least likely runner take on the biggest race of the year. Filled with a powerful mix of faith, humor and heart, this inspirational story will have you on the edge of your seat.

Before the movie, the ***Mission and Outreach Committee*** will be providing a hot dog dinner at 5:00pm. All are welcome. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come along!



2022 Women's Retreat

There is a song found on page 2202 in our blue pew hymnal, "Sing the Faith" that begins like this:

"Come away with me to a quiet place,
Apart from the world and its frantic pace,
To pray, reflect and seek God's grace.
Come away with me. Come away."

It is healthy for our spirits to take respite from our daily routine and all that the world calls upon us to do and be. It is good to take time to refresh our minds and hearts in the fellowship, the music, the presence of our Lord.

The Fairgreen Women's Retreat has that "come away" setting at the Lial Renewal Center on Davis Road in Whitehouse, Ohio. Even though the retreat's program is not always quiet, it does include those needed times to ponder, to meditate, to pray and to just "be".

Mark your 2022 calendar for February 11 and 12. You can arrive as early as 4pm on Friday but the retreat does not begin until 7pm. We will end around 3pm on Saturday. There will be a cost for staying overnight. Watch for details as the time gets closer.

For right now:

"Come today with thoughts of countless ways
That God's steadfast love blesses our days,
And join me in silent praise.
Come away with me. Come away."

Pat Gibson, Retreat Coordinator

FAIRGREEN FOOD PANTY UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER 22, 2021 3:30-5:30 PM

NOVEMBER 19, 2021 3:30-5:30 PM

ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME OR
COME OBSERVE THE SPIRIT'S MIRACLES !



Coffee Hour ☕ for October 2021

We want to say **Thank You** to all who have volunteered and to those who are currently signed up to host for October & November (Those names will be listed below) It is always nice to have two people hosting but with our small group we can manage with one. Always....always someone steps up and offers to help never fear!!!

Mission & Outreach will ensure that all supplies are available EXCEPT cookies or donuts or anything that you wish to serve. The requirements are to KEEP IT SIMPLE/EASY - nothing more than a simple treat. We are **NOT** doing big coffee hours.

Your responsibilities are to set up and clean up; make the coffee and hot water for tea, set out the cream and sugar, cups, plates and napkins. We are going to use Styrofoam cups and paper products – all throwaway. All of these items will be in a large tote and if you need guidance someone from Mission & Outreach will gladly help you, including me.

For the October the following are the Sunday Coffee Hour hosts:

October 3 – Joyce Koback
October 10 – Jim & Julie Murray
October 17 – Bonnie Buehrer
October 24 – John & Nancy MacPherson
October 31 – Mission & Outreach (Reformation Sunday)

November dates are filling up nicely:

November 7 – Alyssa Pope
November 14 – Peg and Dan Winslow
November 21 – Mission & Outreach (Sunday before Thanksgiving)
November 28 – **Open**



Kudos to Zandra Williams and her family, daughter Zandra and grandson Camryn, for their hard work in the garden. It looks great!





"God Can Do It: We Can Help"



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10am Worship Service	4 Church Office Closed	5 Session @ 6:30pm On Zoom	6 3pm Prayer & Bible Study on Zoom	7 4pm Worship Service	8	9 10am Prayer & Bible Study on Zoom
10 10am Worship Service	11 Church Office Closed	12	13 3pm Prayer & Bible Study on Zoom	14 4pm Worship Service	15	16 10am Prayer & Bible Study on Zoom
17 10am Worship Service	18 Church Office Closed	19 M & O Committee Meeting in Lounge @ 10am	20 3pm Prayer & Bible Study on Zoom	21 4pm Worship Service	22 3:30-5:30pm Drive-by Food Distribution	23
24 10am Worship Service	25 Church Office Closed	26	27 3pm Prayer & Bible Study on Zoom	28 4pm Worship Service	29	30
31 10am Worship Service						

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jason Rogers	October 3	Jeremy Methena	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
Carole Schuch	October 10		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rick and Kay Amendola	October 17
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