

Scrip Cards ~ Just a reminder that we have scrip gift cards available at the Welcome Center on Sundays with Julie Murray and see Darlene in the church office Monday-Friday 8:30-2pm. When you purchase these gift cards our church benefits from it financially. Not only are you receiving the card to use it, but the church is receiving a percentage back from each gift card that is purchased. Plan ahead and look at the month to see what cards you will need in making your purchases, eating out, buying gas etc. Missions and the Food Pantry benefit by your taking the time to buy scrip cards. Let's all do our part.

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An Ancient Prayer to Pray this Week

Lord, open unto me

Open unto me—light for my darkness.

Open unto me—courage for my fear.

Open unto me—hope for my despair.

Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.

Open unto me—strength for my weakness.

Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.

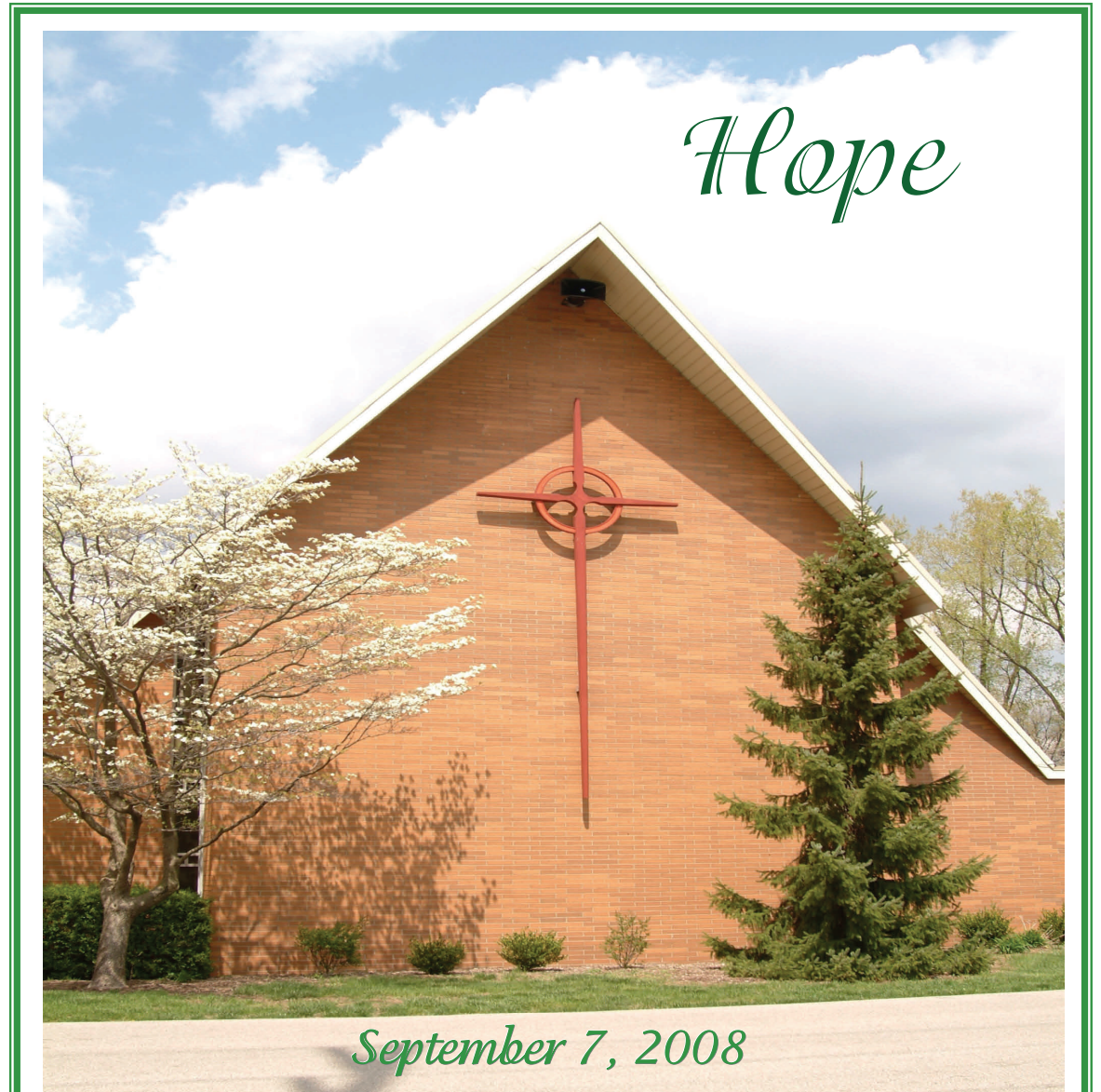
Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me—love for my hates.

Open unto me—thy Self for my self.

Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

Augustine of Hippo (354-430)



September 7, 2008

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10:00 AM



Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family! The * symbol means, "All who are able, please stand."



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SILENT REFLECTION

Blessings, Blessings. Blessings as the day unfolds, blessings of the morning, pausing in the fullness of the moment, our grateful hearts; sing a morning song on this holy ground, sing a morning song to precious life all around.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God with bouquets of joy and miles of laughter.

Praise God with children's delight and Grandparents' wisdom.

Praise God for the slant of the sunlight and the eagles' flight.

Praise God with deeds of love and words of compassion and care.

Praise God with the sound of strings and voices raised in song.

Let us indeed praise God.

UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE

Good morning, Lord! We are here as your guests in this sacred space where we will eat, drink, pray, remember, sing and read together. Thank you for the invitation to join you. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE ~ #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted to have you in our service this morning! Every Sunday, we are privileged to have people attending our church for the first time and we want you to feel welcome among us.

PLEASE SIGN THE FELLOWSHIP BOOK

found in the pews. We would like to know of your presence this morning.

PLEASE SHARE PRAYER JOYS/

CONCERNS on the Prayer card; they will be included in the Prayers of the People during the service, and added to the Prayer Chain.

A PERSONAL SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED IS AVAILABLE. WORSHIP BULLETINS FOR

CHILDREN are available. Contact an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SERMON

TAPES are available by contacting the church office.

If you are in need of **Pastoral Care** or know someone who is, please call Rev. Pat at the church (419-475-4436) or at her cell (419-215-2939).

Alpha Omega Circle ~ Monday, September 22 at 4pm in the lounge
Faith in Search of Understanding Workshop: Viewing Homosexuality through the Eyes of Faith ~ Saturday, September 27, 8:30—3:30 Christ Presbyterian Church. (Sponsored by the Toledo Area Cluster of Presbyterian Church—see flyer and registration information at Welcome Center)

Deacons Chicken BBQ ~ Saturday, September 27, 4:30-5:30pm Carry out and dinner will be served from 5-7pm
Cost: \$8 Adults & \$3 children 10 and under

Adult Volleyball Begins ~ Monday, September 29 from 7-9pm, Commons
Preschool Parents Work Night ~ Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 6:30pm in the Commons

Summer Study Series ~ "Do What You Have The Power To Do!" In order to finish this series which we began this summer we will meet on the following dates from 11:15-12:15pm in the church lounge :

Sunday, September 14 ~ New Beginnings (John 7: 53-8:11)

Sunday, September 21 ~ Witnessing (John 4: 1-30, 39-42)

Great Banquet Meetings ~

Saturday, September 13 ~ #3 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm

Sunday, September 21 ~ Board Meeting 4:30pm followed by a Gathering at 6pm

Saturday, September 27 ~ #4 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm

Saturday, October 4 ~ #5 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm

The Upcoming #35 Men's Great Banquet Weekend runs from October 9-12 and the #36 Women's Great Banquet Weekend runs from October 16-19.

Food Pantry ~ For the month of September we are asking for donations as follows: peanut butter, canned soups, canned fruit, canned stews, macaroni & cheese, cheese slices, hot dogs, eggs, toilet paper, kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

Communion Table Flowers ~ If anyone would be interested in having flowers placed on the Communion table on Sunday's to celebrate an occasion or maybe in loving memory of a loved one who has passed away, please feel free to contact Darlene in the church office and she will be more than glad to order the floral arrangement through our Florist at a cost of \$25.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY FROM 11:30-12:15AM

FOR ADULTS:

Bible Study.....In Lounge
Faith Sharing Class.....In Library

FOR CHILDREN:

Nursery Room (birth – 3 yrs. old) available from 9:45-12:15pm.....Rm.105
Beginners (3, 4, 5 yrs. old and 1st grade).....Rm.104
Grades 2-5Room behind the front of the sanctuary
Junior High (Grades 6-8).....Junior High Room-downstairs
Senior High (Grades 9-12).... Meet at the Sr. High Round table in the Commons

Information for the Newsletter should be received by Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008.

Visit **THE CARD TABLE** in the narthex to sign or request cards to remember members of the Fairgreen family.

Are you in need of prayer? The **FAIRGREEN PRAYER CHAIN** is here for you. Call Rev. Pat, Leone Sattler at 419-474-1723 or Darlene in the church office at 419-475-4436 or indicate that you have a request for the Prayer Chain on your Prayer card.

Number who worshiped with us on August 31, 2008:

TODAY'S USHERS: Fred King, Capt./ Bev King, Anna Jones
TODAY'S GREETERS: Gina Beauregard & Gayle Bell
NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Mike Roadruck, Capt./ Barb Roadruck, Kay Amendola, Dick Schroeder
NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Don & Barbara Gorrell
NEXT SUNDAY'S Liturgist: Fred King

Special Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Men's Prayer Breakfast ~ Saturday, September 13 from 8-9am in the lounge
Presbytery Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 16 at 3pm at First Presbyterian Church in Montpelier, Ohio
Memorial Meeting ~ Wednesday, September 17, at 11am in the lounge
Church Clean Up Day ~ Saturday, September 20 from 9am-?
Spiritual Fitness ~ Saturday, September 20 from 8:30am –3pm
Christ Presbyterian Church 4225 Sylvania Ave. Toledo

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev. Pat
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
***SILENT CONFESSION**
***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Rev. Pat
***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** "The Gloria Patri" (#579)

THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Rev. Pat

UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST READING ~ Psalm 67 pg. (902) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM "The Reconciliation Song" Shannon Smith

SECOND READING ~ Genesis 12: 1-3 pg. (17) in the pew Bible

THIRD READING ~ Galatians 6: 1-9 (From the Message)

SERMON "Harvesting the Possibilities" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

***HYMN # 2254** "In Remembrance of Me"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** ONE HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The moment you spoke and liberated chaos, Holy God, time marked the beginning of created beauty and glory. You watered earth with tears of joy, planting those seeds of hope and peace so we might be fed by your heart. You simply asked us to be your children but we could not obey that request. Instead we wandered off to feast at the table groaning with lies and curses.

Your gracious word was sung in new ways by the prophets, but we tuned them out, so we could listen to the seductive songs of sin. You sent us your hope in Jesus Christ, who came to set us free and bring us home from our exile in rebellion.

So, with those who longed for your coming, packed and ready to journey into freedom, we sing our praises in the company of our sisters and brothers from every time:

Holy! Holy! Holy! Living God of grace! All creation echoes your praise: creatures roaming the fields, dolphins splashing in the seas, eagles soaring in the bright sky. Glory to you forever and ever, God of the creation!

You are righteousness, God our Deliverer, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Child, our Brother. Because we break your heart with our words and deeds, he came to shatter the chains of our arrogance and selfishness. Because we have become gluttons, feasting on bitterness and fear, he came to be the sweet Bread of healing and hope.

Because we become drunk on sin's soured wine, he came to be salvation poured into our parched souls. Because death smiles at us, waiting with open arms, he came to gather us up in the embrace of grace and life, carrying us out of the empty tomb into your life of joy forever.

As you have prepared this Table for us, gather us as your children, so we might remember all the promises fulfilled to us in Christ our Lord:

**When we eat of the Bread, Christ's life strengthens us;
when we drink from the Cup, Christ's Spirit nourishes us;
when we go to serve others, we proclaim Christ's death
until he returns in glory.**

As you bless the gifts of the Bread and the Cup, anoint us with your Spirit which brings us together. As your grace touches our lips with hope and healing, may we reach out our hands to set free those captive to injustice. As your peace is poured into the empty corners of our hearts, may we go forth to love others as much as we love ourselves, and to serve them as we show our love for you.

And when time has marked the end of history, and we gather with all our sisters and brothers, all division done away with, all brokenness healed, all barriers pulled down, and all your children set free from despair, we will join our hands and hearts around your Table of eternity, singing praise through forever:

**Glory to you, Liberating God! Alleluia to you, Christ our Servant!
Thanks to you, Spirit of Peace! Now and forever. Amen.**

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**THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

You are invited to hold the bread until all are served; then we will commune together symbolizing our oneness as the unified body of Christ.

You are invited to drink the cup as you receive it acknowledging our individuality while still uniting us with Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Pat

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** ~ Sanctuary

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Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons

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Next Week ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Dedication of teacher and students

Texts: Exodus 14: 19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15: 1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35

Calendar for the Week of September 8-14, 2008

- Monday, Sept. 8 ~** Personnel Committee Meeting 4pm in lounge
Deacon's Meeting 7pm in lounge
- Tuesday, Sept. 9 ~** Staff Meeting 11am in lounge
Session Meeting 7pm in lounge
- Thursday, Sept. 11 ~** Noon Potluck Lunch
12:45pm Lectionary Bible Study
- Friday, Sept. 12 ~** Food Pantry 10-12pm
Food Distribution 12:30-1:30pm
- Saturday, Sept. 13 ~** Men's Prayer Breakfast 8-9am in the lounge
#3 GB Team Meeting 9-12:30pm
- Sunday, Sept. 14 ~** Worship Service 10:00am; Kids for Christ