

**Prayer for the Week**

**In the gift of this day never given before, may we be open to new beginnings.**

**In the gift of this day of work and creativity, may our eyes be open to new ways of seeing.**

**In the gift of this day of play and of rest may our hearts be open to laughter and stillness.**

**Guide us, Great Creator, that we may find you in one another.**

**Guide us, Loving Christ, that we may give ourselves for the earth and its people.**

**Guide us, Spirit of New Birth, that in the matter of our lives we may be bearers of hope.**



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10:00 AM

Welcome  
Visitors!

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

Twenty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

**SILENT REFLECTION**

God is our refuge and strength,  
A very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

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Ask and it will be given you.  
Seek and you will find.  
Knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7.7

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please sign fellowship book found in pews.**

**GREETING**

This is the day that the Lord has made!  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT ~** "We Are Gathered Here"

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Charlene Ravenscraft, Liturgist

We gather as those called to worship God.  
**We gather as those called to follow Christ.**

We gather as those empowered by the Spirit.  
**We gather, that we may be scattered in service and witness.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Lord of life and health, we bring ourselves body and soul before you now, to give our thanks and declare our need. We gather with brothers and sisters to sing your praises. Visit this place to hear us now and pour out your blessing upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Up Coming 2012 Retreat Dates:**

**2012 Fairgreen Women's Retreat ~** Ladies mark your calendars for our Fairgreen Women's Retreat at the Lial center in Whitehouse, Ohio on Friday March 2, 2012 arriving at 7pm and Saturday, March 3, 2012 leaving around 3pm. The cost is \$40 per person plus a snack, breakfast or lunch food item.

**2012 Elder/Deacon Retreat ~** Save the date as we will be meeting at the Lial Center in Whitehouse, Ohio on Friday, January 6, 2012 arriving at 7pm and Saturday, January 7, 2012 leaving around 4pm. More details to follow

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) cell (419-215-2939) or her home (419-534-3739).

## Special Announcements

### **Great Banquet Meetings & Gatherings ~**

- #3 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm ~ Saturday, September 10
- #4 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm ~ Saturday, September 24
- Board Mtg at 4:30pm & Gathering 6pm ~ Sunday, September 18
- #5 Team Meeting from 9-12:30pm ~ Saturday, October 1

**Scrip Cards ~** Just a reminder that we have scrip gift cards available at the Welcome Center on Sundays and see Darlene in the church office Monday-Friday 8:30-2pm.

**Community Ice Cream Social ~** Everyone is invited to join us as we reach out to our community with an ice cream social. We will be having music, games for the children and also serving food. This will all take place on Sunday, September 4th from 12-4pm on the Fairgreen Drive lawn area. If you are interested in donating any items for this event please contact Linda Hoover at 419-475-1200.

**Annual Chicken BBQ ~** I can taste that barbecued chicken now! Can't you? Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 24th for our Annual Chicken BBQ dinner. Carry out will run from 4:30-5:30pm and the dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30pm in the church Commons. The menu will consist of: 1/4 chicken, corn, cole slaw, tomato wedge, roll and butter, delicious brownie sundae and beverage. The cost for Adults is \$8 and children 10 and under are \$3.

**Rally Day ~** This is the starting of the Fall Sunday School programs, on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Plan to stay after church for a potluck lunch and hear about the New Beginnings Program. Kids for Christ will also begin on this day and this is for children age 4 and older. They will meet in room 104 right after the 10am Worship Service's Children's Time. Watch the worship service announcements and/or mail for an explanation of our children and youth program offerings.

**Give Them Shelter Walk for Family Promise/IHN~** There will be a 5K, 3.5 mile walk at Ottawa Park on October 8, 2011. The registration fee is \$25 and is due by September 5th. Included in your registration is an exclusive event T-shirt. Children 6 and under walk free. Registration and application forms are available at the Welcome Center or you can visit [www.givethemshelertoledo.org](http://www.givethemshelertoledo.org).

**HYMN ~ #263**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Pat

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Persistent and loving God, you are forever drawing near to us, always calling us to follow, faithfully beckoning us to trust you in the deeper waters. Yet how often we choose easier paths and turn away from your voice. We see our limitations but not your assurance of blessing. We wallow in guilt and refuse to believe the Good News of forgiveness. We move so fast we miss your summons in the beauty of the day, the words of a friend, the hope amidst discouragement.**

**Calling God, speak to our hearts, lift us from despair, and place us on the path of discipleship. Again and again. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Pat

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE ~**

"Save Me, Sanctify Me"

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

Rev. Pat

**KID'S FOR CHRIST ~** The children will remain in the service as there is no Kids for Christ in for the month of August.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Charlene Ravenscraft, Liturgist

**FIRST READING**

**Psalms 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c**

pg.942(OT) in the pew Bible

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"**

Gary Herren

**SECOND READING**

**Exodus 3: 1-15 and/or Matthew 16: 21-28**

pg.90(OT) & 1524 (NT) in the pew Bible

**SERMON**

**"Taking the Easy Way Out"**

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD**

**\*HYMN ~ #332**

“Live Into Hope”

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostles’ Creed** (Traditional) pg. 14 in the Hymnal

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD OFFERING** Charlene Ravenscraft

**OFFERTORY “What a Wonderful World”** Gary Herren

**\*DOXOLOGY** Old Hundredth

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

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION** Rev. Pat

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— “May the Lord”** (Tune to Edelweiss)

May the Lord, mighty God,  
Bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace,  
Courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see God’s face,  
Full of grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty God,  
Bless and keep you forever.

**POSTLUDE “O Danny Boy”** Gary Herren

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**Next Week ~ Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Rev. Pat will be preaching  
Texts: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20**

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**Calendar for the Week of August 29—September 4, 2011**

**Thursday, Sept. 1 ~** Preschool All Day Meet the Teacher in the Commons and Classrooms

**Friday, Sept. 2 ~** Food Pantry 10am-12pm

**Sunday, Sept. 4 ~** Worship 10am, Rev. Pat Preaching  
Community Ice Cream Social 12-4pm on Fairgreen Drive side lawn area

**Join us for Coffee Hour at 11:10am in the Commons**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON VACATION FOR THE SUMMER**

**Announcement of All Fall Classes and Educational Opportunities will be included in the September Leaves.**

**FOR CHILDREN:**

**Nursery Room (birth – Preschool).....(available 9:45am-11:15pm).....Rm.105**

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 Darlene in the church office at 419-475-4436 or Woody Cole at 419-833-1394 or indicate that you have a request for the Prayer Chain on your Prayer card.

**Number who worshiped with us on August 21, 2011: 61**

TODAY’S USHERS: Co-Captains: Bonnie Buehrer & Jeff Buehrer, Jean Burtch, Betty Geniac

TODAY’S GREETER: Gina Beauregard

TODAY’S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: William & Michael Henning

NEXT SUNDAY’S USHERS: Co-Captains: Tammy O’Dwyer & Judy Stuart, William & Michael Henning

NEXT SUNDAY’S GREETER: Louise Hughes

NEXT SUNDAY’S LITURGIST: Tim Eichenauer

NEXT SUNDAY’S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: NO Coffee Hour (Ice Cream Social this day)