

Another New Year Reflection

Alive and Changing

GOD SPEAKS TO US through our lives, we often too easily say. Something speaks anyway, spells out some sort of godly or godforsaken meaning to us through the alphabet of our years, but often it takes many years and many further spellings out before we start to glimpse, or think we do, a little of what that meaning is. Even when we glimpse it only dimly, like the first trace of dawn on the rim of night, and even then it is a meaning that we cannot fix and be sure of once and for all because it is always incarnate meaning and thus as alive and changing as we are ourselves alive and changing.

Take from *Listening to Your Life:*
Daily Meditations with Frederick Buechner

The Body and Blood of Christ



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10:00 AM



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



Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

SILENT REFLECTION

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." (Psalm 126: 3)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

GREETINGS

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHORAL INTROIT

The Geneva Choir

"This Is the Day that the Lord Has Made"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barb Roadruck, Liturgist

O sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing, and give praise to God's name;

tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen.

Special Announcements

Per Capita Apportionment ~ Our 2012 per capita apportionment is \$27.71 per person. There will be a per capita giving envelope in the offering envelope packet that you have received.

Women's Retreat ~ The Fairgreen Women's Retreat will be held at the Lial Retreat Center in Whitehouse, Ohio on March 2 & 3, 2012. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Watch for more details.

Annual Business Meeting ~ We will be conducting our Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, February 5th right after the church service. At this time you will be able to pick up your new 2012 Church Directories. We ask that you only take one per family. Everyone is welcome whether you are a member or not.

Ash Wednesday Service ~ Join us on Wednesday February 22nd at 6:30pm for a Soup Supper followed by a worship service at 7:15pm.

Lenten Soup Suppers ~ Every Wednesday starting from February 29 through March 28 and Thursday, April 5th we will be having our Lenten Soup Suppers at 6:30pm followed by a worship service at 7:15pm. If you would like to make a soup or a salad please see Dick Schroder.

211 Free Tax Preparation ~ 211 will be using Fairgreen's Commons to hold free tax preparation for anyone that needs it. This will take place on Monday, February 27th from 10am-2pm in the Commons. You will need to call 211 to schedule an appointment. See the flyers on the Welcome Center.

Deacons Pancake Breakfast ~ Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 19th as we again feast on a scrumptious breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage, fruit salad, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. We will be serving breakfast from 8:30am-9:45am and 11:15am-12pm. A Free Will Offering will be taken.

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

Next Week ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Confirmation Class 11:30am-1:30pm

Texts: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Calendar for the Week of January 23—29, 2012

Monday, January 23 ~ Adult Co-Ed Volleyball from 7-9pm
Thursday, January 26 ~ Calvin Worship Symposium January 26-28
Friday, January 27 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm
Sunday, January 29 ~ Worship Service 10am; Confirmation Class 11:30am-1:30pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30AM-12:30PM

FOR ADULTS:
Faith Sharing Class.....In Library

FOR CHILDREN:
Nursery Room (birth – 3 yrs. old).....(available 9:45am-11:30am).....Rm.105

Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.

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 January 15, 2012: 60

TODAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: Cindy Bosley-Smith & Joyce Koback,
Marilyn McAfee, Kay Amendola

TODAY'S GREETER: Louise Hughes

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Ken & Nan Bennett

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Co-Captains: Dan Yeager & John MacPherson, Sharon Durrant,
Cindy Bosley-Smith

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Gina Beauregard

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Louise Hughes & Kay Amendola

***HYMN OF PRAISE ~ #488**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Pat

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Pat

As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

"The Gloria Patri" (#579)

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. Pat

KID'S FOR CHRIST ~ The children that are in Preschool through second grade are dismissed to go with their teacher to their class which will be held in blue room #104.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Barb Roadruck

FIRST READING

Psalm 62: 5-12

pg. 898 (OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Christmas Joy"

Geneva Choir

SECOND READING

Mark 1: 14-20

pg.1552 (NT) in the pew Bible

SERMON

"Preparing for a Revolution"

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN ~ #2101

"Two Fishermen"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

***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.**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION INVITATION

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyous thing, always and everywhere to give you praise, Creator of Heaven and Earth. You took the formless Earth, swept across it with your mighty Spirit, and said, "Let there be light!" And there was light. You separated the heavens and earth, and brought forth trees and plants. You set sun, moon, and stars in the heavens, and called forth fish, birds, and all living creatures. You made us, creatures of your own image, to live in communion with you. We long for relationship with you, but in our humanness, we turn away. Yet you remain steadfast, calling us again and again to turn to you. For your ever-present grace and for all your mercies toward us, we join your people on earth and all the company of heaven in proclaiming your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ. In this season we remember your gift of Baptism: how Jesus, though without sin, went to be baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from Heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." We saw his glory. And we understood Jesus as your anointed one, as he took bread and cup and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." "Drink from this cup, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins." In remembrance and in thanks for your beloved Son and all his actions on our behalf, we bring our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts and on your children. Claim us as your own, that we may go forth as your representatives in the world, until Christ comes again in final victory. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Blessing of the Bread and the Cup The Communion of the People of God Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We Go Forth into the World

***CHARGE AND BENEDICATION**

Rev. Pat

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ~ #2260 "Let Us Be Bread"**

**Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
Broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.**