

Number who worshiped with us on April 1, 2007: 97

TODAY'S GREETERS & WELL WISHERS 9:15: Matt, Kristen, Kayla & Abigail Spencer

TODAY'S USHERS: Ed Wolff, Capt./ Dan Yeager, Jesse & Joe Murray

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Mike Roadruck, Capt./ Barb Roadruck, Ken & Mary Ellen
Campbell

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Sharon & Brian Durrant

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Take Note Regarding Coffee Hour ~ On Sunday, April 8th due to the Easter Services at 7:15am and 9:15am we have changed our coffee hour to run between the hours of 8:00am - 9:15am.

Interfaith Hospitality Network ~ Fairgreen is responsible for preparing and hosting dinner for IHN families at Pilgrim Church on Wednesday, April 18, 2007. We need volunteers to help prepare the main entrée, vegetable, salad, dessert and serve and fellowship with the families. We also need an overnight host for Wednesday evening or you may choose another night more convenient. Please see Marilyn McAfee to volunteer. Thank you.

Fairgreen Golf League ~ Attention all you golfers! It's that time of year to start getting the clubs ready, as once again Fairgreen Church will be sponsoring a golf league. We are in need of 16 golfers, which will meet every Thursday starting April 26th through August 23rd at 10:00am at The Bedford Hills Golf Club on the corner of Jackman and Smith Rd. There is a sign up sheet located on the church office door. The green fees are 9 holes: \$10 w/o cart; \$17.50 w/cart; 18 holes: \$13 w/o cart; \$23.50 w/cart. This is a great opportunity for some good fellowship, fun, and much needed exercise after the winter months. So come on out and join us!

Memories ~ Remember your loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord by expressing your love ANYTIME with a memorial contribution to Fairgreen Church.

One Great Hour of Sharing ~ We will be taking up a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday April 8th. You will find the envelopes for this offering in the pews.

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April 8, 2007



Easter Sunrise Service

7:15 AM



Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family! The * symbol means, "All who are able, please stand." † indicates when latecomers may be seated.



EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews.
Christ has risen!

Christ has risen indeed!

SILENT REFLECTION

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to a life of joy, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHER IN THE GARDEN IN GOD'S NAME

AN EASTER CONFESSION

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

My friends, why are you here? Your friend Jesus - didn't he die on Friday? Is there really any reason for you to gather here this day in his name?

We come because we believe that he has risen. We come despite our doubts and our fears. We come despite our occasional straying. We come on bended knees, asking God's forgiveness. We come believing that God loves us.

Let us prepare our hearts.

We come, dear Lord, seeking your forgiveness, confident of your love, trusting in your promises. Forgive our sins and enable us to be your disciples, living in our world for the living Christ.

God is gracious and ready to forgive us. God grants us mercy for Jesus' sake. Your faith is well founded. You are forgiven. You have been set free to worship and service the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #469

"Morning Has Broken"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 9-15, 2007

Monday, April 9 ~

Office Closed; Deacons meeting 7pm in lounge;
Adult Volleyball 7-9pm Commons

Tuesday, April 10 ~

Session meeting 7pm in lounge

Wednesday, April 11 ~

Staff meeting 10am in lounge; Lectionary Bible Study 7-8:30pm in lounge

Thursday, April 12 ~

Lectionary Bible Study 11am in lounge; Potluck lunch at 12:15pm in Commons; New Seasons Bible Study 6pm; Choir practice 6pm; Praise Band practice 7:30pm

Friday, April 13 ~

Food Pantry 10-12pm

Saturday, April 14 ~

Men's Prayer Breakfast 8-9am in lounge; Youth Team meeting 9:30am; Food Distribution 9:30-10:30am; Memorial service for Ernie Knauf at 11am in the sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Commons

Sunday, April 15 ~

Emmaus Sunday; 9:15 & 11:30am services with Communion served at both service; Great Banquet Team meeting from 2:30-6:00pm; Great Banquet Board meeting at 4:30pm and Gathering at 6pm

There will be **Coffee Hour and Fellowship** in the Commons between 8:00am to 9:15am.

Information for the Newsletter should be received by the 3rd Sunday of each month.

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 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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

EASTER GARDEN

this Word
 who squeezed
 the vowels of chaos into this rough world,
 who spit
 and filled the oceans,
 who wrote on the ground,
 carving the Grand Canyon;
 daffodils lift their faces to
this Light,
 while grass races toward it like a wave;
 trees cup their leaves to catch
this Water,
 clapping with delight at the rich banquet;
this playful Poet
 who gives
 whiskers to kittens,
 skipping hearts to lambs,
 canticles to frogs;
this Breath
 blowing into our grandparents' nostrils;
this One...
 is the Gardener!

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Quiet and persistent God, you work miracles in the silent hush before dawn.

**Strong and surprising God, you roll away every stumbling stone
and brink life to all our dead ends.**

Whirling and dancing God, you delight in empty tombs and surprising visits.

**Easter God, you give us so much joy and you cause the
"Alleluias" to flow from us again and again.**

Risen God, forever rising in us, we gather to sing your joy this wonderful Easter morn.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #123**

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

LITANY OF ALLELUIAS

The woman went and found the stone was rolled away.

(Quietly) Alleluia!

Don't be afraid!

(Little louder) Alleluia!

Jesus is not here - he has been raised!

(Loud) Alleluia!

Look, here is where the body was!

(Louder) Alleluia!

God and tell the others that he has been raised!

(Louder yet) Alleluia!

Jesus is going ahead of you.

(Really loud) Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

(Shouting) Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed!

(Wildly ecstatic) Alleluia!

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

pg.956 (OT) in the pew bible

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING
SERMON

John 20: 11-18 pg.1686 (NT) in the pew bible
"Encounters with Christ ~
Jesus and Mary Magdalene" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

*AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God...

**Who brings sunshine after rain and works healing in the midst of pain;
who looks into each soul with love, touches each memory with blessing and longs for us to know we are beloved;
who splashes the world with springtime color and fills the air with the singing of birds and the roar of oceans;
who meets us at the tomb of our fears and sends us out with hope and joy.**

We believe in Jesus...

**The risen Christ, the friend of the forgotten, Savior of the world;
who loves us without judgment yet persuades us to change;
who joins us as we walk and work with the poor and the oppressed;
who befriends us when we feel lonely, surprises us when we feel bored, prods us when we get complacent;
who loves all children, dances with the elderly, shows compassion to the dying and blesses the breaking of bread.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit...

**Who weaves us into communities of faith for all ages, nations and races;
who is the stillness in every silence, the breath in every deep sigh, the love in every tender embrace.**

We believe we are called to be an Easter people...

Challenging despair with glowing hope, acting peacefully in the midst of painful Good Fridays and living joyfully even in the midst of harsh realities.

We believe in the church...

The handholding, heartily singing and passionate, caring fellowship of believers.

This we believe.

This we believe! Alleluia! Amen!

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS including the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins and sinners)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— "Sanctuary"
**Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary.
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living,
Sanctuary for you.**

Next Week ~ Second Sunday of Easter

**Texts: Acts 5: 27-32; Psalm 118: 14-29; John 20: 19-31 or Luke 24: 13-35
Communion will be celebrated at both services.**