



The poinsettias decorating the sanctuary today are given in Dedication to:

- "Come All Ye Faithful".....Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell
- In loving memory of my parents.....Marilyn McAfee
- Thank God for All our Blessings.....Rick & Kay Amendola
- In loving memory of my husband.....Darlene Smith
- "Immanuel, God With Us!.....Pat Gibson
- In loving memory of Rev. John R and George W. Cole.....The Bandfield Family
- In memory of Jeanne Rex, Dick Byers, and Dick Burtch.....The Burtch Family
- "Joy To The World".....Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell
- In memory of Fred's parents and Bev's father.....Fred & Bev King
- In memory of Jack Hughes and my parents.....Louise Hughes
- In memory of John Durrant.....The Durrant Family
- "Joy To The World, Indeed He Has Come".....Web & Woody Cole
- In memory of Solomon and Hazel Humberger.....The Durrant Family
- "Peace on Earth".....Isabella Wu

The Chancel Guild thanks all who have made our sanctuary beautiful this Advent Season. Poinsettia plants may be taken home after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service. Any plants left after the service will be delivered to shut-ins.

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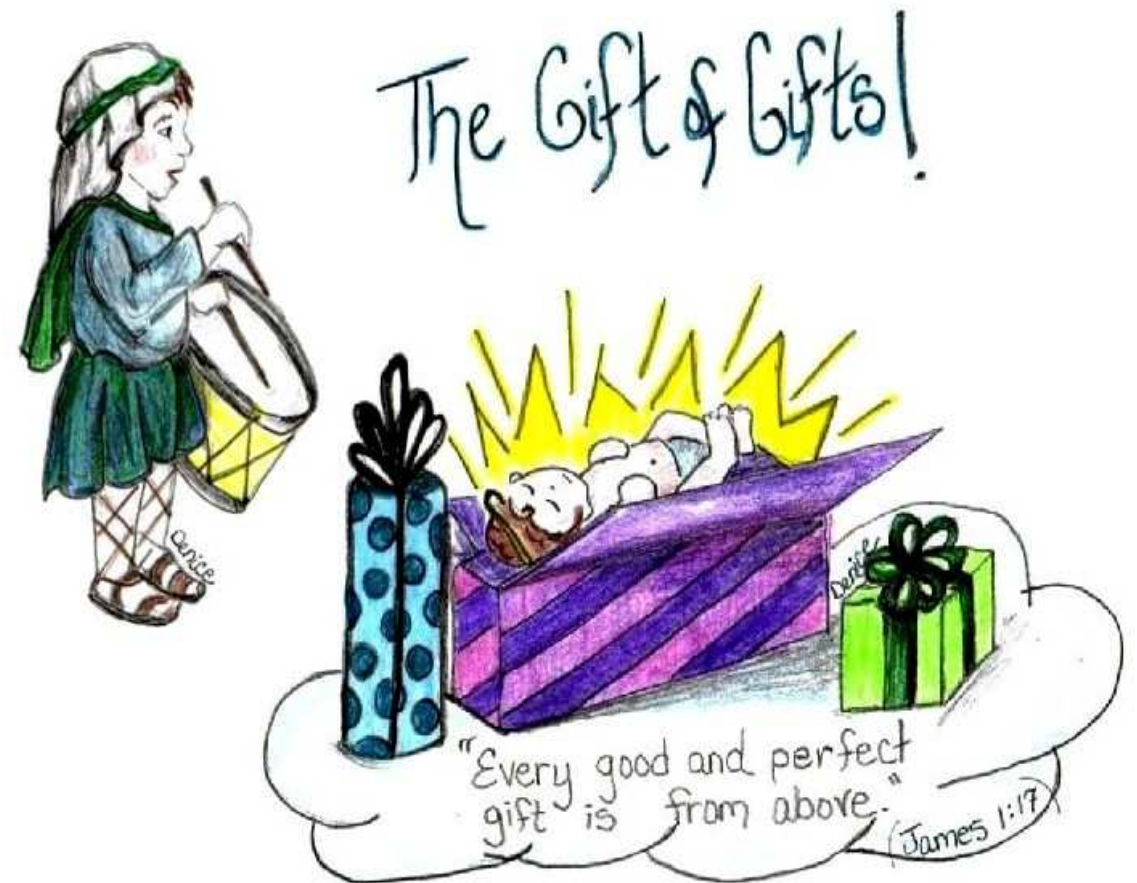
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10:00 AM



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

Fourth Sunday in Advent

SILENT REFLECTION

God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming, and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

GIFTS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Isaiah 40: 3-5

THE GIFT OF MUSICE ~ A Voice Cries Out, "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

A voice cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain made low. All people shall see it together. The mouth of the Lord has spoken it. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed!"

Comfort, comfort my people; proclaim the promise of the Lord: his name shall be called Emmanuel! The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

CALL TO WORSHIP

All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your son, whom you sent to save us.

With singing angels, let us praise your name and tell the earth his story that all may believe, rejoice and bow down.

Give us, O God, such love and wonder that with shepherds and magi and pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the holy child, the promised King;

With our gifts let us worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, now and forever. Amen.

*THE GIFT OF MUSIC #29

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

A WORD ABOUT WORSHIP

Cindy Smith

Christmas Blood Drive ~ The Red Cross will be conducting a Christmas Blood Drive here at Fairgreen Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, December 26th from 11:00-4:00pm. Please pass the word and come and give the gift of life, if you are able. NO appointment needed.

Thank you for being here and thanks to every one who participated in the planning and delivery of the Gifts Service this Sunday:

In the Children's Christmas Choir:

Tommy & Aaron Winslow, Luke & Mark James, Zachary & Lucas Ott
Isabel Bosley-Smith, Lauryn Marrufo, Gwen & Kieron Durrand

Drummers and other musicians:

Jeff Wilczynski, Derek Nordhoff, Gardy Bandfield, Jodi Swartz
Stacy Skinner, Rachel Nordhoff, Sally Kille, Shannon Smith
and the Geneva Choir.

Other participants, planners, and people who took part:

Connie Winslow, Kendy Edinger, Pat Gibson, Denice Skinner, Jesse Murray
Emma Bosley-Smith, Cindy Smith, Linda Hoover, Rev. Pat Shafer
Carol Schuch, Kay Amendola, Barb Roadruck, Dan & Peg Winslow
Kelly Bandfield, Joyce Koback, Christy Ott, Robyn & David Marrufo
and Darlene Hughes.

A donation of the Baby Shower gifts, including a portion of the Peacemaking Offering, will be made to The Beach House, a family shelter in Toledo.

A Christmas Blessing

God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith;

The warmth of Christmas, which is love;

The radiance of Christmas, which is purity;

The righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;

The belief in Christmas, which is truth;

The all of Christmas, which is Christ.

-Wilda English

GIFTS OF LIFE AND GRACE

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scrip Cards ~ Are you interested in purchasing a Bob Evans gift card? How about a Speedway gas card or a Kohl's card? These cards and many others are now in stock. Please see Julie Murray or Darlene Hughes for filling your immediate needs. Several businesses have been added to the Scrip order form: Beirut, Family Christian Store, Golf Galaxy, Handel's, Menard's, and PF Changs are all on the newest Scrip list. Are you going to Café Maries, Classic Café or Applebee's? Do you need a gift card for Blockbuster, Family Video, National Amusement Movie Theaters, Marco's, or Bath and Body Works? These are just some of the variety of cards available on the Scrip order form and can be delivered within a week's time. Scrip card sales help to support the Deacon's charitable donations like IHN.

A Warm Thank You ~ To all the "angels" who continue to drop off bags of food for the Food Pantry. Grocery bags full of vegetables, fruits, soups, crackers, tuna, macaroni and cheese, etc. seem to "amazingly appear" in the Narthex or by the Food Pantry. The weekly need continues to be great; the Deacons are grateful for the extra giving.

Church Office Hours ~ The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th and will reopen on Wednesday, December 26 - 28th from 8:30-2:00pm. The church office also will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st.

Lectionary Bible Study ~ There will be no lectionary Bible study for the remainder of December. We will resume on Thursday, January 10th for a potluck lunch at 12:00pm and the bible study at 12:45pm. See you then!

Officer's Retreat ~ The Elder's and Deacon's will be having a retreat on Friday and Saturday, January 4 and 5th at Lial Retreat Center in Whitehouse, Ohio. The cost is \$25 per person. Any questions can be directed to Rev. Pat Shafer. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, December 27th at 2:00pm.

Confirmation Classes Scheduled ~ These classes are scheduled for Sunday, January 6th and 20th from 11:30-12:30pm.

Men's Prayer Breakfast ~ Come join us on Saturday, January 12th from 8-9am in the lounge for a continental breakfast, fellowship and studying God's word, we are in the book of Acts.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES ~

Confirmands ~ Jody Skinner and Aaron Winslow

One: Today we light both the third and the fourth Advent candles, the candle of life and the candle of grace. As we light these candles let us remember that it is God who gives us the gift of life as each one of us is born and that it is God who gives us the gift of grace through Jesus Christ. May our life be transformed this day and every day through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

All: O God, at this time each year, we remind ourselves that you have come and continue to come into our lives bringing us new life through the gifts of life and grace. We are watching and waiting anticipating once more the gift of your words - words that give us new life. May we gift one another with the words of your promises just as you continue to gift us. Amen.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC ~ "Welcome to Our World" Shannon Smith

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH ~ "Unwrapping the Gift of Life" Rev. Pat

GIFTS OF HEARING AND EXPERIENCING THE WORD

THE GIFT OF THE WORD "Unexpected Gifts" Kendy Edinger

THE GIFT OF MUSIC "Silent Night" Children's Christmas Choir
The Little Drummer Boy

THE GIFT OF THE WORD "Poem in Response to A Gift" Connie Winslow

THE GIFT OF MUSIC "Special Music" Rachel Nordhoff

THE GIFT OF WORD "Star-Giving: A Poem by Ann Weems" Pat Gibson

THE GIFT OF MUSIC ~ "I Wonder as I Wander" Sally Kille

GIFTS OF GIVING

GIFTS TO JESUS
The Offering: The Gifts of Music "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Cindy Smith
Offertory Jodi Swartz
Procession of gifts:
Silent written gifts
Wrapped Gifts

GIFTS FOR THE WORLD

THE GIFT OF PRAYER ~ The Legend of the Christmas Prayer Kendy Edinger
*THE GIFT OF MUSIC #30 "Born In the Night, Mary's Child"
*CHARGE & BENEDICTION
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— #29 "Go Tell It On the Mountain"
Refrain only, (Sing through twice)
**Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!**

POSTLUDE

Christmas Eve Worship ~ Gather with us again on Monday night at 7pm for our traditional Christmas Eve worship with readings, reflection, music and candlelight.

Sunday, December 30, 2007 ~ We are going to go back and redo the third Sunday in Advent. The sermon is written, Rev. Pat will deliver the message; Communion by Intinction will be celebrated and we will sing lots of Christmas songs.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24-30, 2007

**Monday, Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service 7pm
No Adult Volleyball**
Tuesday, Dec. 25 ~ Merry Christmas!
**Wednesday, Dec. 26 ~ Rev. Pat on vacation through January 2nd, except
December 30th**
Thursday, Dec. 27 ~ Choir 6:30pm
Friday, Dec. 28 ~ No Food Pantry
Sunday, Dec. 30 ~ Worship Service 10am, Rev. Pat preaching

FOR ADULTS:
Bible Study.....Lounge
Faith Sharing Class.....Library Room 102

FOR CHILDREN:
Nursery Room (birth – 4 yrs. old).....Rm.105
Kindergarten – 5th grade.....Room behind Sanctuary
6th – 8th grade.....Downstairs Junior High Room
9th – 12th grade.....Downstairs Senior High

There will be **Coffee Hour and Fellowship** in the **Commons** at **11:00am**.

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.

Number who worshiped with us on December 16, 2007: No Service, Bad Weather
TODAY'S GREETER 10:00am: Dick Schroeder
TODAY'S USHERS: Fred King, Capt./ Bev King, Kay Amendola, Betty Geniac
NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Tim Eichenauer, Capt./ David Eichenauer, Betty Geniac
NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER 10:00am: Marilyn McAfee