

A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences
New adventures with the Lord

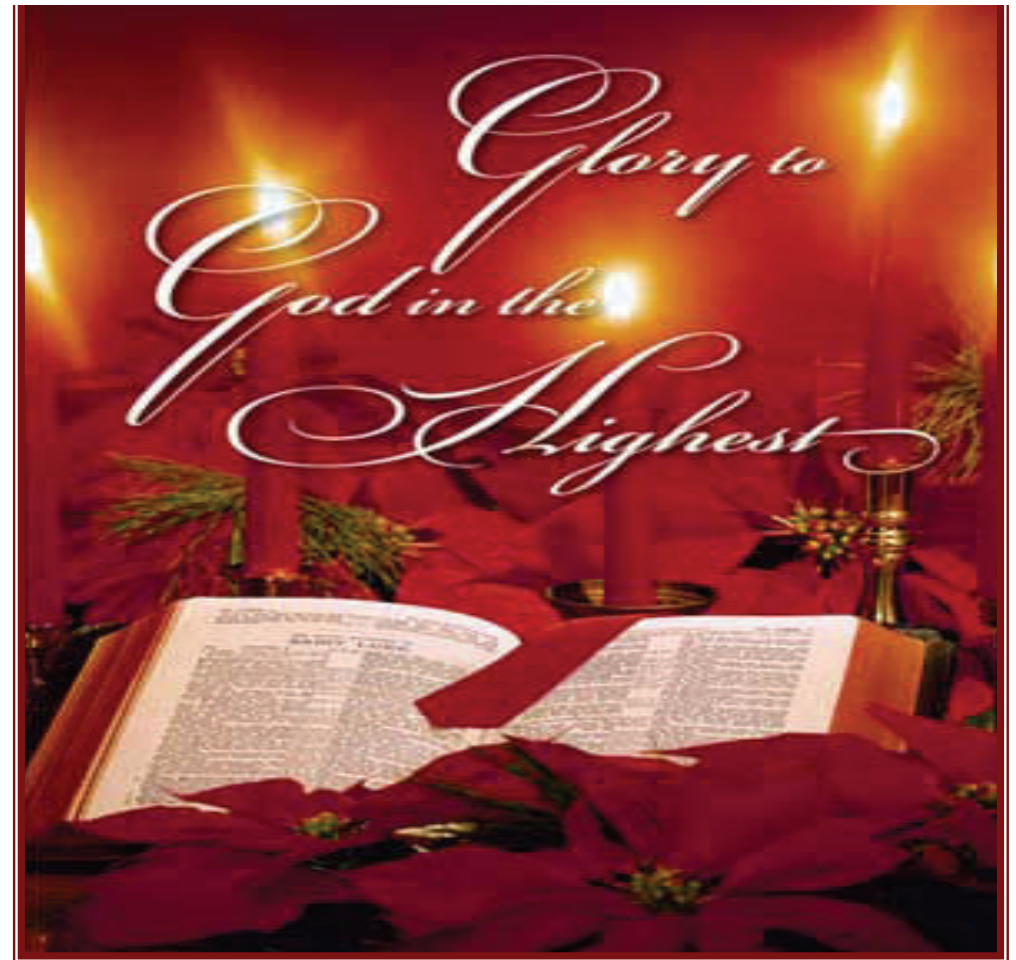
Remember not the former things
The things of this past year
The Lord will do new things in us
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

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10:00 AM



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



First Sunday after Christmas

SILENT REFLECTION

Mary Beth Henning

Holy One, you gave us the gift of life, you put us in a stunning world, and you made us free to choose. In Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, you gave us new life and new hope for knowing you. May your Light shine through our choices, our words, and our acts, so that others will praise your, source of Light and Love. Amen.

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!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ (Isaiah 63:7-9) Bill Henning, Liturgist

I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us—yes, the many good things he has done for the house of Israel, according to his compassion.

He said, "Surely they are my people, sons who will not be false to me"; and so he became their Savior.

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

***HYMN #31**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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 Shafer at the church (419-475-4436) or her cell (419-215-2939)

Elder/Deacon Retreat ~ We are asking that you set aside the following dates and times, Friday, January 7th (7pm) through Saturday, January 8th (5pm) to attend the Elder/Deacon Retreat at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin, Ohio. It is important that all out-going, currently serving and incoming elders and deacons attend this planning event! Your confirmation needs to be called into Darlene in the church office, before Monday, January 3rd. The cost is \$35 per person. This includes your breakfast and lunch, a private room, bedding and towels will be provided. If you wish to travel in the church van, please let Darlene know ASAP as there is only space for 12. We will leave the church at 5PM.

Number who worshiped with us on December 19, 2010: 80

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Mike & Barb Roadruck, Patty Reiter
TODAY'S GREETER: Lynn Harris
TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Dan Yeager & John MacPherson
NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Fred King, Capt./ Bev King, Connie Winslow, Pat Gibson
NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Chris Roebuck & Agnes McKinstry
NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Bob Shake & Ruth Stifel

Special Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism~ This will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, January 2nd. If you would like to be baptized or if you would like to present a child to receive the sacrament, please speak to Rev. Pat as soon as possible.

Lectionary Bible Study and Potluck ~ There will be No Potluck or Lectionary Bible Study for the rest of 2010. We will start back on Thursday, January 6th, 2011.

Per Capita Apportionment ~ The year 2011 per capita apportionment is \$27.58 per person. There will be a per capita giving envelope in the offering envelope packet that you will receive. We ask that you wait until after the first of the year to pay your per capita. Thank You!

Year End Contributions And Outstanding Invoices ~ Any 2010 offerings to Fairgreen (operating budget or for any other purpose) must be received into the church office no later than Thursday, December 30, 2010, in order to be recorded as a 2010 contribution. All offerings received on this date, are considered to be for 2010, unless you specify on your envelope that it is for 2011. If you have any outstanding invoices, you need to have them approved and into the church office no later than Wednesday, December 29, 2010.

2011 Offering Envelopes ~ The giving envelopes for 2011 are ready to be picked up in the narthex on the table in front of the name tags board.

Living the Questions Class ~ This class will start back up on Wednesday, December 29th from 6-7:30pm in the church lounge.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mary Beth Henning

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creative God, you make all things new and you hold out a new day and a new year for us. Yet how often we squander the opportunities, letting our doubts overwhelm us, letting our sins bind us, letting our fears stop us. You offer us new dreams, and we succumb to old weaknesses; you offer us hope and we choose the comfortable.

Creative God, we have touched the joy of Christmas. Let us carry a measure of delight and bounty of love into your new day. Fill us with the joy of living and the spirit of giving as we approach the new year. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Mary Beth Henning

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

"The Gloria Patri" (#579)

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Bill Henning

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 room 110.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalms 148

Bill Henning

pg.982 (OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM "In the Bleak Midwinter" Shannon Smith

SECOND READING **Matthew 2: 13-23** pg.1498 (NT) in the pew Bible

SERMON "Great Expectations and God's Greater Plan" Mary Beth Henning

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN ~ "Emmanuel" (words on screen)

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Bill Henning

OFFERING

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Bill Henning

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Mary Beth Henning

*HYMN #29 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ~ Final Refrain of "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

POSTLUDE Shannon Smith

Next Week ~ Adults Bible Class at 9am; Worship Service 10am; Praise Band; Communion will be served and Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated. Texts: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1: 10-18

Calendar for the Week December 27—January 2, 2010

**Monday, Dec. 27 ~ Church Office Closed
 Adult Co-ed Volleyball 7-9pm in Commons**

Tuesday, Dec. 28 ~ Rev. Pat on vacation 28-30

Wednesday, Dec.29 ~ Living the Questions Class 6-7:30pm in the lounge

**Thursday, Dec. 30 ~ No Potluck lunch or Lectionary Bible Study
 Choir practice 6:30pm**

Friday, Dec. 31 ~ No Food Pantry

Saturday, Jan. 1 ~ Happy New Years!

Sunday, Jan. 2 ~ Adult Sunday School Class at 9am; Worship Service 10am; Praise Band; Communion will be served; Sacrament of Baptism

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30-12:30PM

FOR ADULTS:
 No Adult Sunday School Class at 9am.....In Lounge
 Bible Study 11:30am.....In Lounge
 Faith Sharing Class.....In Library

FOR CHILDREN:
 Nursery Room (birth – 3 yrs. old).....(available 9:45am-12:30pm).....Rm.105
 Kindergarten (4yrs. Old).....Rm 104
 Grades 1-8..... Downstairs
 9th – 12th grade.....Downstairs Senior High Room

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.