

Thought for the Week

Pushy, Aren't You?

When,
by the shores of complacency,
I am content to simply
mend the nets of my washed-up life,
pull me to my feet,
plop me in the boat,
stick the oars in my hand,
and push me away to find the ones
you would have me bring to you;

There,
as I scrape my toes in the dirt at
the city limits of petulant procrastination,
waiting for the bus to pull up,
grab the ticket to Tarshish out of my hand,
put the backpack filled with hope and humility,
and push me towards those
who have waited so long and patiently
for that simple word
which can change them forever.

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10:00 AM



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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SILENT REFLECTION

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us in by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

**OPENING SET ~ "We've Come To Praise You"
"Salvation Belongs to Our God"**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ "Jesus, You Are My Life"

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 room 110.

**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 at her cell (419-215-2939).

Communion Table Flowers ~ If anyone would be interested in having flowers placed on the Communion table on Sunday's to celebrate an occasion or maybe in loving memory of a loved one who has passed away, please feel free to contact Darlene in the church office and she will be more than glad to order the floral arrangement through our Florist at a cost of \$25.

Scrip Cards ~ Just a reminder that we have scrip gift cards available at the Welcome Center on Sundays with Julie Murray and see Darlene in the church office Monday-Friday 8:30-2pm. When you purchase these gift cards our church benefits from it financially. Not only are you receiving the card to use it, but the church is receiving a percentage back from each gift card that is purchased. Plan ahead and look at the month to see what cards you will need in making your purchases, eating out, buying gas etc. Missions and the Food Pantry benefit by your taking the time to buy scrip cards. Let's all do our part.

Women's Retreat ~ The Fairgreen Women's Retreat will be held at the Lial Retreat Center in Whitehouse, Ohio on February 6 & 7, 2009. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Registration has begun and you will find the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center.

Men's Prayer Breakfast ~ Join us on Saturday February 14th from 8-9am in the church lounge for a Continental Breakfast, fellowship, prayer and study of the letter of Ephesians.

Great Banquet Meetings ~ There will be a Great Banquet Board meeting at 4:30pm at Fairgreen. Come gather with us at 6pm for a time of worship, fellowship and growing together in Christ Jesus.

Ash Wednesday ~ We will be gathering together for a Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 25th at 6:30pm. After the supper we will move over to the sanctuary at 7:15pm for a time of worship and communion. Let's all come and break bread together.

Family Promise/IHN ~ On Monday, February 2nd at 5pm, volunteers from Fairgreen will host dinner to IHN families at Hampton Park Christian Church, our second support congregation. Currently we have three families in the Network, 3 adults and 5 children. By February 2nd we expect to host four families. Please volunteer your help by providing a menu item or hosting..the sign-up board is on the Welcome Center counter. Thank you Marilyn McAfee

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30-12:15AM

FOR ADULTS:

Bible Study.....In Lounge
Faith Sharing Class.....In Library

FOR CHILDREN:

Nursery Room (birth – 3 yrs. old) available from 9:45-12:15pm.....Rm.105
Beginners (3, 4, 5 yrs.old and 1st grade).....Rm.104
Grades 2-5Room behind the front of the sanctuary
Junior High (Grades 6-8).....Junior High Room-downstairs
Senior High (Grades 9-12)...Meet at the Sr. High Round table in the Commons

Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.

Information for the Newsletter should be received by Sunday, February 15, 2008.

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 January 18, 2009: 69

TODAY'S USHERS: Dan Yeager, Capt./ Agnes McKinstry, Chris Roebuck, Dylan Bell

TODAY'S GREETER: Linda Hoover

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Fred King, Capt./ Marilyn McAfee, Tim Eichenauer,
Kay Amendola

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Gina Beauregard

NEXT SUNDAY'S Liturgist: Fred Nordhoff

Special Announcements

MEMORIES of loved ones can be expressed ANYTIME with a memorial contribution to Fairgreen Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, February 1, 2009 ~ Join us on Sunday, February 1st for Souper Bowl Sunday. The youth will have the big bowls out and ready to start the fight against world hunger. You will be able to place your donations in these bowls. Also we will have the Annual Meeting of the Congregation after worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Joyce Koback, Liturgist

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jonah (Assorted verses)

pg. 1436(OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Where You Lead Me"

The Praise Band

SECOND READING

Psalm 62

pg. 898(OT) in the pew Bible

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20 or John 1:43-51

pg. 1552; 1647(NT) in the pew Bible

SERMON

"You Want Me to Go Where and Do What?" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD

***HYMN #525**

"Here I Am Lord"

THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

When Jesus sat at the table and enjoyed communion with the tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

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 a 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.

And now, as your daughters and sons whom you have called by name and reconciled to yourself, we pray: Our Father...

THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD

THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

(We invite you to come forward and place your gifts in the Offering Plates; then step to the left or the right; take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup and receive the gifts of God. If you are unable to come forward, stay in your pew and we will come to you.)

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven and the food of eternal life. Bless the gifts that we bring for the work of your kingdom. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICATION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ~ #535 "Go With Us Lord"**

**Go with us Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and True
Our lives may be our gift to You.**

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Next Week ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ The Geneva Choir will sing and the Youth Group will collect our Souper Bowl Offering. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place after worship.

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

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Calendar for the Week of January 26-February 1, 2008

Monday, January 26 ~

Adult Volleyball 7-9pm Commons

Thursday, January 29 ~

Alpha Omega Circle 4pm Lounge

Staff meeting 10:30am

Potluck lunch noon

Lectionary Bible Study 12:45pm

Choir practice 6:30pm

Friday, January 30 ~

Food Pantry 10-12pm

Sunday, February 1 ~

The Geneva Choir will sing, The Youth Group to collect Souper Bowl Offering and the Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place right after worship