

## *A Word About Lent*

*As we continue the journey of Lent, here is some background from Laurence Hull Stookey, as well as some of my own questions and thoughts for your consideration.*

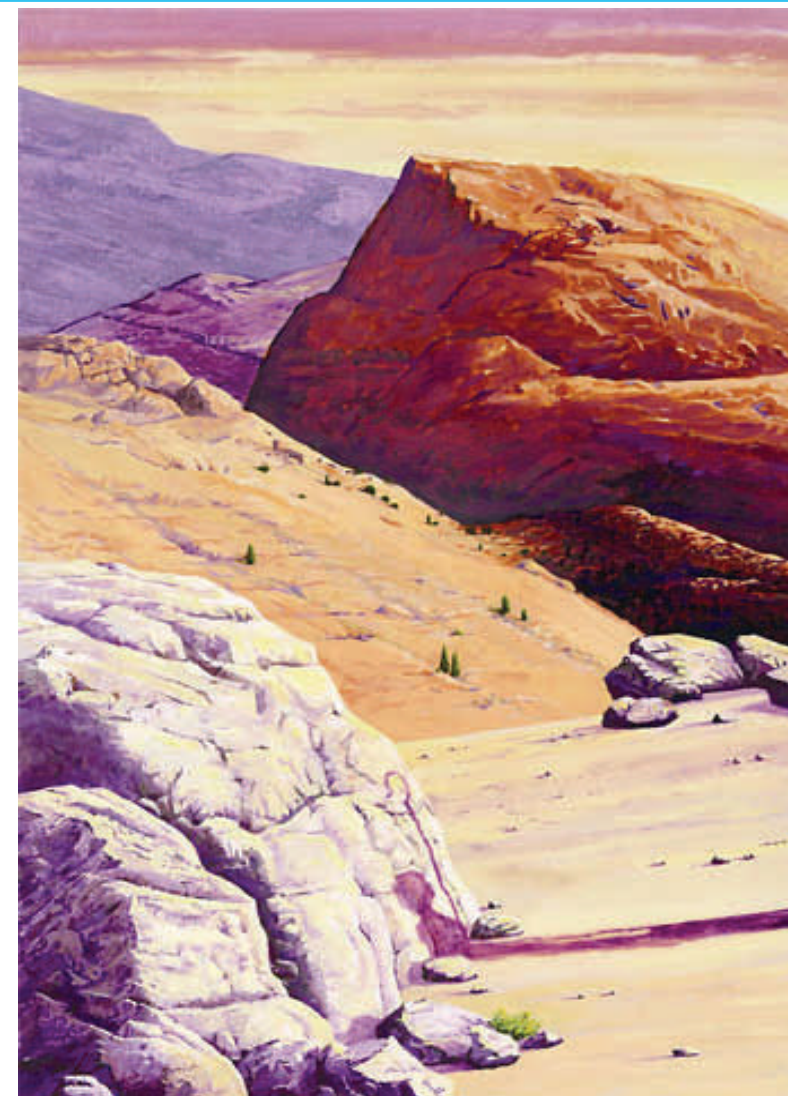
*Lent is a season of 40 days, not including the 6 Lord's Days (Sundays) in its midst. Forty in Scripture stands for a span of time sufficient to accomplish what needs to take place, such as the time of the flood, the time of the Israelites' wandering in the desert, and the time of Elijah's hiatus from ministry. Lent was originally the time of final, intensive preparation for baptism, similar to Jesus' own time of preparation for ministry in the wilderness. Converts to the faith had studied for three years already, but during Lent looked at the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer for the first time.*

*The focus of Lent is to consider our human condition, sin and its consequences, as well the new possibilities offered to us in Jesus Christ, for our daily lives.*

*Lent is not just a time for the converts to prepare. It is also a critical time for the baptized faithful to be renewed, so that their faith is not diminished. For those who have departed the faith, it gives restitution and restoration. We are not to do things in Lent from a sense of duty or obligation, but out of grateful devotion. We are seeking to become more like Christ. To take on Discipline does not save us; it works to break down the obstacles we built to prevent God's work in us.*

*How might you be renewed during Lent? How might you take on a new discipline that will shape you more into the image of Christ? Sometimes it is easy to become settled into our faith. We become sedentary, comfortable, and lazy. Our faith is meant to be stretched and exercised, however. It loses power and muscle when we don't engage our faith in activity. So what kinds of activity might you do with your faith this year? How might you reaffirm what you believe, and discover new things? How might you know that your faith is not diminished but rather strengthened and encouraged?*

SECOND  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT



*March 1, 2008*

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10:00 AM



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



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 on her cell (419-215-2939).

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

O God who gives life, free us to trust your presence and work in our lives. Grant that we may die to all that imprisons us that something new and wondrous may come to life in Christ. 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**

**CHORAL INTROIT** "Praise the Lord" Geneva Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Gayle Bell, Liturgist

In the rich Spirit of God, welcome.

**Grace and peace be yours.**

Today we continue our Lenten journey into the heart of our faith.

**We walk toward the cross and empty tomb and the mystery that from death comes new life.**

So may we face rejection and still speak truth.

**May we face being overwhelmed and still risk involvement.**

May we face being fools and still make a stand.

**May we face our helplessness and still dare to love.**

May we face pain and still walk with integrity.

**May we face death and still dare to praise.**

May God grow in us a faith that gives life,

**And raise us up to live, really live.**

**This is our prayer, now and always. Amen.**

**Great Banquet Meetings** ~ The Great Banquet Board will be meeting on Sunday, March 15th at 4:30pm and a Gathering will follow at 6pm.

**Lenten Soup Suppers** ~ Join us on Wednesday, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2009 at 6:30pm followed by Worship at 7:15pm. Please bring your own table service. Childcare for children four and younger will be provided. Here is a list of those providing the meals on Wednesdays:

**March 11th**— **Soups** ~ Marilyn McAfee, Christine Roebuck, Mary Ellen Campbell, Woody Cole, Carol Yeager  
**Salads** ~ Louise Hughes, Agnes McKinstry  
**(3 salads still needed)**

**March 18th**— **Soups** ~ Rev. Pat, Connie Winslow, Kay Amendola, Toby Eichenauer, Woody Cole  
**Salads** ~ Gayle Bell, Pat Gibson, Charlene Ravenscraft, Bev King, Gardy Bandfield

**March 25th** — **Soups** ~ Marji Heaton, Woody Cole, Marilyn McAfee  
**(2 soups still needed)**  
**Salads** ~ Joyce Koback, Louise Hughes, Dick Schroeder, Mary Ellen Campbell **(1 salad still needed)**

**April 1st** — **Soups** ~ Rev. Pat, Barb Roadruck, Carol Yeager, Carol Stoll  
**(1 soup still needed)**  
**Salads** ~ Louise Hughes, Linda Hoover, Kathy Riley  
**(2 salads still needed)**

**Maundy Thursday, April 9th** — **Soups** ~ Woody Cole, Rev. Pat  
**(3 soups still needed)**  
**Salads** ~ Louise Hughes, Ruth Stifel  
**(3 salads still needed)**

Please call Woody Cole if you can fill any of the above needs at 419-833-1394.

**Fairgreen Church Golf League** ~ It's that time again! You can smell it in the air! The greens are calling us! Join us on Thursdays starting April 23rd at the Bedford Hills Golf Course, 6400 Jackman Rd. in Temperance Michigan. Tee off time is 10:00am. You will find a sign up sheet located on the Welcome Center and one hanging on the church office door.

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 March 1, 2009: 75**

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Ed Wolff, Betty Geniac, Sharon Durrant

TODAY'S GREETERS: Agnes McKinstry & Chris Roebuck

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Dan Yeager, Capt./ Aaron Winslow, Jesse Murray, Emma Bosley-Smith

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Gayle Bell

NEXT SUNDAY'S Liturgist: Kay Amendola

**Special Announcements**

**Script Cards** ~ Just a reminder that we have script 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 script cards. Let's all do our part.

**A Special Thank You** ~ "We the family of Dick Bell extend our thanks and gratitude for all of the support, prayers and love extended to us during the very difficult time of Dick's passing away". "I, Gayle, would also like to say, 'Thank You' to all of the people who prayed for me continuously over the past few months while Dick was in the nursing home. I certainly felt your prayers and know that is what helped to carry me through a very tough time. A special thank you to those who came to the home on Sunday, and had a prayer vigil in Dick's room. Thank you for listening to and acting on God's nudging. That was definitely a God incident and I know Dick heard every prayer. God always gives what we need and He surrounded Dick and I with a circle of angels that day. Also, thank you to all of those who supplied food for the lunch that was served after the service. Thank you for all of your time, energy and love. I pray God will continue to bless Fairgreen Church. In Christ, Gayle Bell

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** ~ Men, come out and join us on Saturday, March 14th from 8-9am in the church lounge for a Continental Breakfast, fellowship, and prayer as we study in the book of James. Bring your Bibles and invite a friend. For any questions call Mike Roadruck at 419-536-1231.

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #276**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Pat

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord God, we bow our heads before you in humble confession of the wrongs we have done, as well as the acts of love and mercy we have not done. We have bent the truth to serve our own purposes. We have been slow to apologize and swift to condemn. We have refused to make allowances for others while demanding others to make allowances for us. We have coveted things we do not need. We have spoken more than we have listened, getting carried away with our own self importance. We have been slow to serve, but quick to demand service from others. We arrogantly imagine we can manage the lives of other people when we have not yet learned to manage our own with righteousness.**

**Lord God, forgive us. Transform us as we seek to follow Jesus in all of our thoughts, words and deeds. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Pat

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

"The Gloria Patri" (#579)

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

Rev. Pat

**KID'S FOR CHRIST** ~ The children who 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**

Gayle Bell

**FIRST READING**

**Psalm 22: 23-31**

pg. 861 (OT) in the pew Bible

**ANTHEM**

**"Like Sheep"**

Geneva Choir

**SECOND READING**

**Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16**

pg. 22(OT) in the pew Bible

**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 8: 31-38 and/or**

pg. 1567(NT) in the pew Bible

**Romans 4: 13-25**

pg. 1752(NT) in the pew Bible

SERMON "Trust: An Image of God's Grace" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD**

\*HYMN #302 "Lord of the Dance"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD OFFERING Gayle Bell

\*DOXOLOGY ONE 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 THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Gayle Bell

\*HYMN #2166 "Christ Beside Me"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Pat

\*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.

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Next Week ~ Third Sunday in Lent ~ the Praise Band will sing; Communion will be celebrated by Intinction; the sermon will be "Holy Foolishness: An Image of God's Grace".

Texts: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

**Calendar for the Week of March 9-15, 2008**

- Monday, Mar. 9 ~ Prayers of Discernment at 6:30pm  
Deacons Meeting 7pm in the lounge  
Adult Volleyball 7-9pm in the Commons
- Tuesday, Mar. 10 ~ Prayers of Discernment at 6:30pm  
Session Meeting 7pm in the lounge  
Preschool Clothing Sale Meeting 6:30pm
- Wednesday, Mar. 11 ~ Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm  
Mid Week Service 7pm
- Thursday, Mar. 12 ~ Staff Meeting 10:30am in the lounge  
Choir practice 6:30pm
- Friday, Mar. 13 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm  
Food Distribution 12:30-1:30pm
- Saturday, Mar. 14 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast 8-9am in the lounge  
Youth Winter Jam (using church van) 2:30pm-11pm
- Sunday, Mar. 15 ~ Third Sunday in Lent; Communion by Intinction and  
the Praise Band will play, Great Banquet Board Meeting at 4:30pm followed by the Gathering at 6pm

**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 2-5 .....Room 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, April 19, 2009.*

Visit **THE CARD TABLE** in the narthex to sign or request cards to remember members of the Fairgreen family.