

Thought for the Week

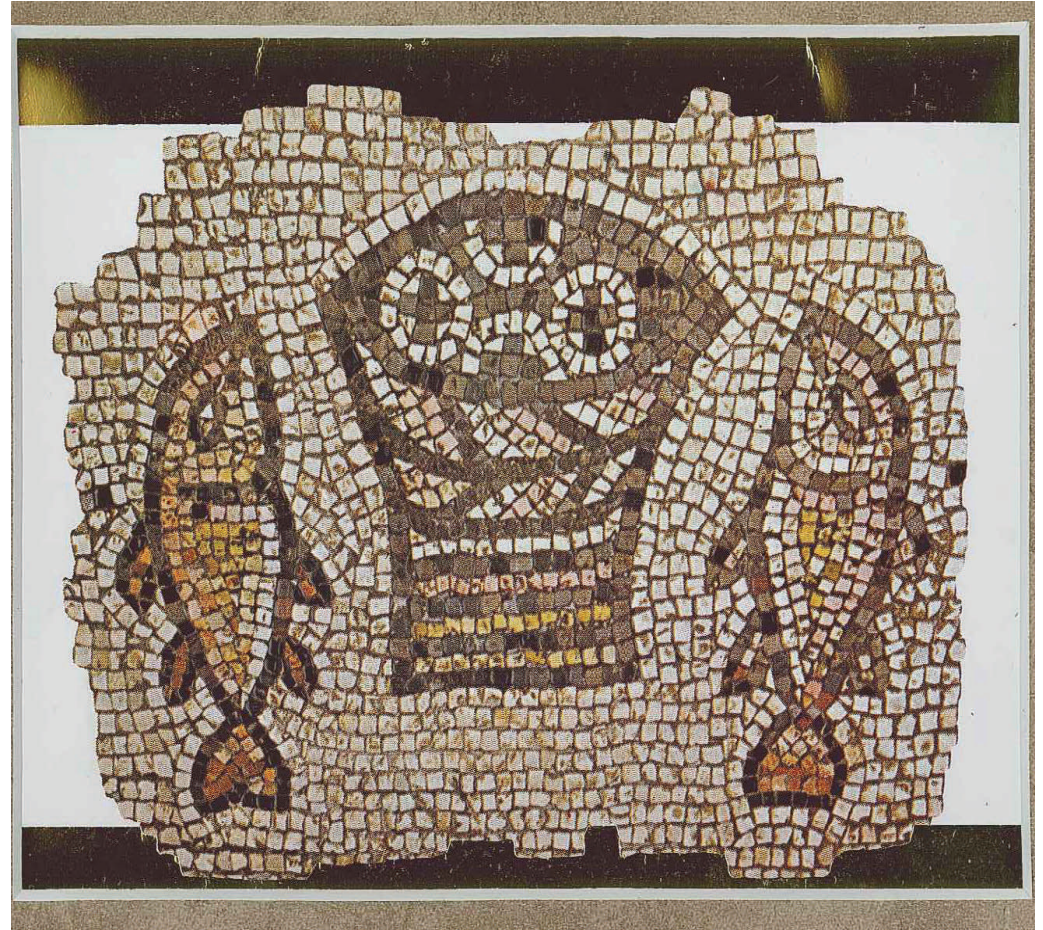
The Two-Thousand-Year-Old Seed

Excerpts from a reflections by Melannie Svovoda from her book, "When the Rain Speaks..." Recently I read that Israeli scientists have succeeded in getting a two-thousand-year-old date palm seed to germinate and produce a healthy sapling. (They appropriately nicknamed the sapling Methuselah.) Imagine: That seed lay dormant somewhere for two thousand years! No sun. No moisture. No conditions conducive to germination. But when the scientists provided the necessary conditions, the seed not only sprouted, it produced a sapling. ...For me the two-thousand-year-old date palm seed is a symbol of hope. I read somewhere that hope is "revolutionary patience." I like that. It reminds me that it takes considerable patience to be a person of hope. And it takes a willingness to work. Erick Fromm said that those whose hope is weak "settle down for comfort or violence." But those whose hope is strong "see and cherish all signs of new life." In addition, they are "ready at every moment to help the birth of that which is ready to be born."

All of this has made me wonder—Are we a church filled hope—filled with hope-filled people? Is our hope weak or strong? Do we have revolutionary patience? Are we ready at every moment to help the birth of that which is ready to be born? What is God birthing in us right now?

THE HOLY LAND PRESENTATION AND POTLUCK SUPPER

Please join us at 6:30pm on Wednesday night, June 24th for a pot-luck supper and a time of sharing. We will bring all our pictures and our videos to share with you. We invite you to bring a dish to share and your own place settings. We promise not to show you all of the photos we have taken or to share all of the stories that we have to tell but we would like to invite you to come so we can continue to share our pilgrimage with you. The presentation itself will begin around 7:15pm.



May 24, 2009

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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 her cell (419-215-2939).

Seventh Sunday of Easter

SILENT REFLECTION

To your name, Lord Jesus, help me to bow the knee and all its worshipping; bow the head and all its thinking; bow the will and all its choosing; bow the heart and all its loving. 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!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Kristina Davis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kendy Edinger, Liturgist

The morning sun creates patterns of shadow and light,

Like the contrasts in our lives.

Joy and sadness,

Rest and action,

Words and silence,

Laughter and tears.

The morning sun is a gift of God.

Touching and blessing all the patterns with grace and beauty.

The morning sun sets loose a chorus of praise.

For all patterns and seasons are holy.

***HYMN #473**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Family Promise/IHN ~On Thursday, June 4 at 5:00 PM volunteers will gather at Pilgrim Church on Sylvania Avenue to serve families currently experiencing homelessness. Please check the sign-up board on the Welcome Center and volunteer to provide a dinner item; i.e. dessert, vegetable, salad. Also an overnight volunteer would be nice. Then on Monday, June 15 we will be hosting a dinner at Hampton Park Christian Church. Please keep this date in mind as I will be looking for volunteers to again help serve families. Thanks for keeping this mission in your prayers and for volunteering your services. We all know these are difficult times for many, many families. Marilyn McAfee

Food Pantry Needs ~The Food Pantry is in dire need of restocking. ANY of the following donations would be greatly appreciated: Tomato soup, Chicken noodle soup, Canned fruits Tuna, Peanut butter, Macaroni and cheese, Hygiene and taxable items of all kinds.

Lectionary Study & Potluck ~Join us Thursdays for a potluck lunch at noon followed by a Lectionary Bible study at 12:45pm.

Number who worshiped with us on May 17, 2009: 93

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Sharon Durrant, Linda Hoover, Dick Schroeder

TODAY'S GREETER: Marj Heaton

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Patti Nordhoff, Fred & Bev King

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Ed & Betty Wolff

NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Youth

Special Announcements

Church Office Closed ~ Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day and in observance of this day the church office will be closed.

Confirmation Classes ~

Confirmation Retreat ~ 7pm on Friday, May 29 &

Saturday May 30 ~ Session will meet with confirmands and their families for supper at 6pm.

Sunday, May 31 ~ Confirmation

Great Banquet Meetings and Gatherings ~

Saturday, May 30 ~ #5 Team Meeting 9-12:30pm

Men's Weekend ~ June 4-7, 2009

Women's Weekend ~ June 11-14, 2009

Thursday, June 18 ~ 4th Day Gathering at 6pm in the Commons

Scrip Cards ~ Father's Day and Graduations are right around the corner, you might want to treat that someone special with a gift that will not only honor them but bring forth many blessings. This gift is our scrip cards, which are available at the Welcome Center on Sundays and during the week you can stop at the church office and see Darlene. The office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30-2pm. By your purchase of a scrip card you help in supporting the Food Pantry, Mission trips etc.

Mark Your Calendar for these Up-Coming Events~

June 20th ~ All Church Clean Up Day 9—? Lunch provided

June 21st ~ Father's Day Breakfast 9-10am and 11:15am—12:00pm

June 21st ~ Church Mission Trip (leaving around 7pm)

July 10 & 11 ~ Mountaintop Great Banquet Garage Sale at Fairgreen

August 2 ~ All Church Picnic

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Pat

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri #577

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Kendy Edinger

FIRST READING

Psalm 122 (A Psalm of Assent) pg.966(OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

"The Peace Tree" Kristina Davis and Holly Monsos
(words-Jeanne Howell; arr. Kristina Davis)

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6: 30-44

pg.1562 (NT) in the pew Bible

SERMON

"The Two-Thousand-Year Old Seed" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer
"Who plants a seed beneath the sod and waits to see believes in God."

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD

***HYMN #420**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

THE OFFERING

*Stewardship is everything you do after you say "I believer."
Stewardship is traveling to the Food Bank to restock our Food Pantry.*

OFFERTORY "By My Spirit" Kristina Davis and Holly Monsos
(Leslie Phillips; arr. A. Miller)

***DOXOLOGY (593)** Avery & Marsh
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***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.

POSTLUDE Kristina Davis

THANKS - We welcome Kristina Davis, Music Director with Toledo Campus Ministry (TCM) and Holly Monsos, TCM Board Member to our church today and thank them for sharing their gifts of music with us during worship. Both women are also members of Unity, a four woman chorus who we hope to have with us later this summer. If you are able to make a Free Will Love Offering to support the TCM ministry and as a way of saying thank you to our musicians there will be a basket in the narthex.

Next Week ~ Pentecost; Holy Communion will be celebrated as our young people, Emma Bosley-Smith, Jesse Murray, and Aaron Winslow are confirmed and commissioned as members of the church. The Praise band will provide the music for this service and young people will serve as liturgists.

Texts: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Calendar for the Week of May 25-31, 2009

Monday, May 25 ~ Church Office Closed in observance to Memorial Day
Thursday, May 28 ~ Staff meeting 10:30am in the lounge
Potluck lunch at noon
Lectionary Bible Study 12:45pm
Choir practice 6:30pm
Friday, May 29 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm
Confirmation Retreat 7pm
Saturday, May 30 ~ #5 GB Team Meeting 9-12:30pm
Confirmation Retreat
Session Meeting 6pm
Sunday, May 31 ~ Worship Service 10:00am; Pentecost, Holy Communion will be celebrated as our young people, Emma Bosley-Smith, Jesse Murray, and Aaron Winslow are confirmed and commissioned as members of the church. The Praise band will provide the music for this service and young people will serve as liturgists.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:30-12:15AM

FOR ADULTS:
Bible Study.....In Lounge
Faith Sharing Class.....In Library

FOR CHILDREN:
Nursery Room (birth – 4 yrs. old).....Rm.105
Grades 2-8.....Downstairs Junior High Room
9th – 12th grade.....Downstairs Senior High Room

Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.
Information for the Newsletter should be received by Sunday, June 7, 2009.

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.