

Lectionary Bible Study & Potluck ~ Join us on Thursday, May 8th at noon for a potluck lunch and then at 12:45pm for our Bible Study.

Men's Prayer Breakfast ~ We are inviting all the men of the church to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May 10th from 8-9am in the lounge. Join us as we have a time of fellowship, food, prayer, as we study the book of Acts.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND ~ Would anyone be interested in joining Rev. Pat for a ten day adventure trip called the Holy Land Classic which would take us through Jerusalem, Galilee, Bethlehem, and Jericho leaving on April 21, 2009? If your interested the cost will be approximately \$2400 without airfare to New York and if we register before May 20th we will save \$80.00. See Rev. Pat for further information.

New Scrip Gift Cards Are Now In Stock~ Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday's or see Darlene in the church office from Monday through Friday, 8:30-2pm to purchase your gifts cards. With Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduations coming up, this makes a wonderful gift to give. With buying the scrip gift cards a portion of the money spent goes to support the Fairgreen Deacons.

Pentecost Sunday, May 11th ~ We will be taking up a special offering for Pentecost Sunday. Please begin praying on what the Lord will have you give.

Church Office Closed ~ The office will be closed on Monday, May 26th (Memorial Day).

Sunday School ~ The Last Day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, May 11th.

Jeremiah Task Force ~ They will be meeting on Monday, May 19th at 7pm in the lounge.

Confirmation Classes ~ These classes are schedule for Sunday May 4th and 18th from 11:30-12:30pm.



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 stop by the Welcome Center right after service. We have a special gift for you.**

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.

TAPES OF THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON are available. Contact the church office or Art Sattler.

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 home (419-534-3739).

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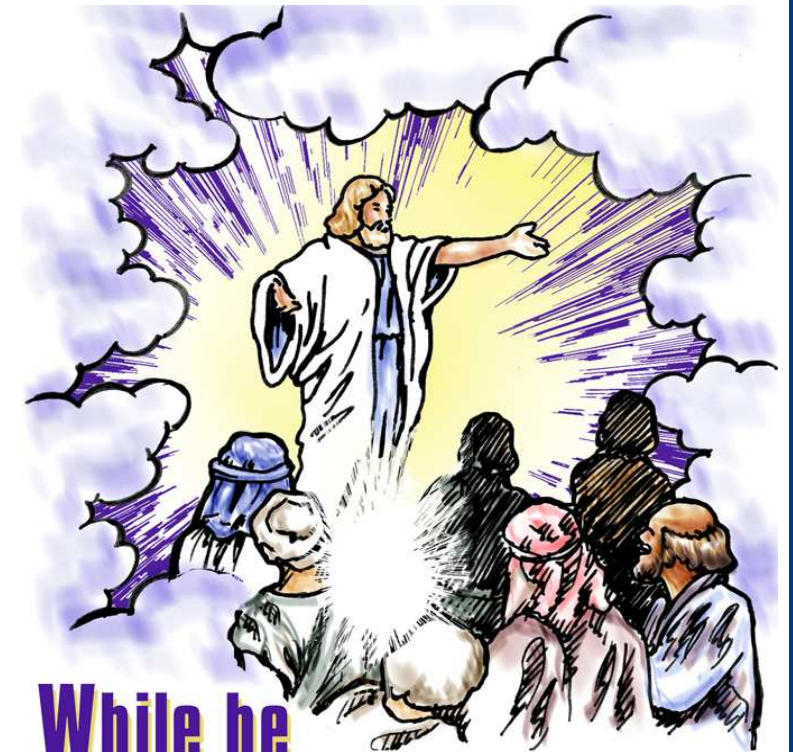
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**While he
was blessing them, he...
was taken up into heaven.**

Luke 24:51



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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

SILENT REFLECTION John 11: 25, 26

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

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!

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING SET ~ #2088 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High", #2074 "Shout to the Lord"

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ #2207 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. Pat

UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us to hear your Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Ephesians 1: 15-23

pg. 1818(NT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Above All"

Praise Band

SECOND READING

Acts 1: 1-11

pg. 1690(NT) in the pew Bible

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14: 44-53

pg. 1644(NT) in the pew Bible

SERMON

"No! We can't just stand around!" Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

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 April 27, 2008: 87

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Betty Geniac, Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell

TODAY'S GREETERS: Ed & Betty Wolff

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Bill Henning, Capt./ Marilyn McAfee, Betty Geniac, Judy Baker

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Jacob & Betty Close

NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Linda Hoover

The floral arrangement that graces the Sanctuary today was given by Mike and Barb Roadruck in loving memory of mothers who are waiting with open arms for their children to return back to them.

Special Announcements

Food Pantry ~ For the month of May your donations of dry goods would be greatly appreciated. Please bring any or all of the following items for the Food Pantry: toilet paper, kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

Great Banquet Meetings ~

Saturday, May 10th ~ #4 Team meeting 9-12:30pm

Saturday, May 17th ~ #5 Team meeting 9-12:30pm

Sunday, May 18th ~ Gathering 6pm

#33 Men's Weekend ~ Thursday-Sunday, May 29 – June 1

#34 Women's Weekend ~ Thursday-Sunday, June 5-8

All Church Clean Up Day ~ We are asking that you set aside at least two hours of your time on Saturday, May 24th from 9-?, to come and join us as we spruce up the outside grounds, inside the church and other areas. There is a sign up sheet located at the Welcome Center and on the church office door, listing the various jobs.

Calendar for the Week of May 5-11, 2008

Monday, May 5 ~ Adult Volleyball 7-9pm in Commons
 Tuesday, May 6 ~ Mega meetings 7pm in the lounge
 Wednesday, May 7 ~ Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30-8:30pm
 Thursday, May 8 ~ Potluck lunch at noon followed by the Lectionary
 Bible Study at 12:45pm
 Choir 6:45pm and Praise Band 8pm
 Friday, May 9 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm
 Saturday, May 10 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast 8-9am in lounge
 #4 Great Banquet Team Mtg. 9-12:30pm
 Food Distribution 9:30-10:30am
 Pre-Communion Retreat 2-5pm
 Sunday, May 11 ~ Pentecost Sunday, Worship Service 10:00am; The
 Geneva Choir will sing; Holy Communion will be
 celebrated and the young people including
 members of the Confirmation Class will be leading
 worship. **Don't forget to wear red!**

Sunday School 11:15am – 12:00pm

FOR ADULTS:

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

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 Room

Join us for Coffee Hour at 11:00am in the Commons.

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?

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN #2123

"Spirit, Now Live in Me"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
 INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

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 joyful thing to praise you, Holy God, who through your Spirit anointed Jesus of Nazareth to tell your good news of grace and love through his life, death, and resurrection.

Alleluia!

Break open the tombs of our lives that we may know your power and take courage from Christ's resurrection to live new lives.

Alleluia!

Grant us the fear and hope of the Marys as they heard the angel's word:

Christ was not in the tomb!

Christ is risen!

Christ will go before us into the world!

Pour out your Spirit of resurrection on us and on these elements, that we may experience newness in our own lives and bear your good news to the world.

Alleluia!

Thanks be to you, God of creative newness!

Thanks be to you, Christ, reborn among us!

Thanks be to you, Comforting and Challenging Spirit!

Thanks be to you, Holy God, Three-in-One.

Alleluia! Amen!

THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

(As you come forward using the center aisle to receive the gifts from God, please place your gifts to God in the offering plate and then receive first the bread and then dip it into the cup to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward, please stay in the pew and we will come to you.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be a loving and compassionate witness to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #2260

"Let Us Be Bread"

*CHARGE & BENECTION

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. CCL#1025014**

Next Week ~ Pentecost Sunday - The Geneva Choir will sing; Communion will be celebrated and the young people including members of the Confirmation Class will be leading worship. Don't forget to wear red!

Texts ~ Acts 2:1-21; Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13; John 20: 19-23, 7: 37-39

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A Word on the Ascension written by Wes Morgan of Conroy, Texas

This past Thursday was Ascension Day--the 40th day after Easter--the day when Jesus went in power to be with God forever. HAPPY ASCENSION DAY!

It is also the day when Jesus didn't go away, but came closer to us than ever before. Since his ascension Christ can't be restricted either to earth or to heaven. Louis Evely, in his book "That Man Is You", reminds us that, "For our own greater good, He went away visibly so we could find Him present invisibly anytime, anywhere."

In the Ascension the Jesus event comes full-cycle. Here we have not only the story of God taking on flesh and coming among us--in this world but not of it--fully human, fully one of us--we also have the story of that human one taking our nature with him back to God--being there--being everywhere.

It is the completion of the story, but it is not the end of the story. As a matter of fact it is the beginning of the rest of the story. Now it is the story of the Body of Christ taking on a new form and becoming the living, breathing body of faith. A body that has only one task--the telling and the re-telling of the story of the mighty acts of God in Jesus. This is our mission, in the words of Jesus" when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere--in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1.8)

We tell the story not only in what we say--we also tell the story in what we do! So, in the end, we also become the story of God's love. Just as Jesus became the love of God in human form--so we, also, become the love of God now translated through us.

As we think and pray about being and becoming a new translation of God's love may God's Holy Spirit lead and teach us. Amen!