

Food For Thought

As the Nominating Committee begins to do its work they found the following daily meditation from "These Days" not only interesting, but timely.

A Pillar of Faith

For [the sake of Christ Jesus] I have suffered
The loss of all things...in order that I may gain
Christ and be found in him.

Philippians 3: 8-9

Before Charles Schulz became known worldwide for the "Peanuts" cartoons, he created a single-panel feature for the Church of God (Anderson) youth magazine. Prominent in this Young Pillars series was a tall young man who found himself nominated for church leadership. In response the young man stood up and declared, "I appreciate being nominated as president of our youth group, but I am afraid that I must decline on the grounds that I am too stupid!"

Who has not felt ill qualified when called by Christ and the church to service? We appreciate the honor, and then we forget the example of Paul, who gave up everything in order to follow Christ.

Action Step: Contact Anna Jones at 419-536-5831 or Woody Cole at 419-833-1394, Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee, with the names of anyone you would consider to be a future elder or deacon for the Class of 2011.

World Communion Sunday



October 4, 2009

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10:00 AM



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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SILENT REFLECTION

Great and good God,
give us pure hearts that we may see you,
humble hearts that we may hear you,
hearts of love that we may serve you,
hearts of faith that we may live in you,
reverent hearts that we may worship you,
here and in the world out there,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Ye the Lords of Hosts" Geneva Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating the Communion as one family dining together in one room under one roof.

Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our sense of mission, or our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroad proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us to

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:20AM-12:30PM

FOR ADULTS:

No Adult Class this Week only..... In Lounge
Faith Sharing Class.....In Library Rm. 102

FOR CHILDREN:

Nursery Room (birth – Preschool).....(available 9:45am-12:30pm).....Rm.105
Grades 1-5..... Downstairs Computer Room
Grades 6-8.....Downstairs Junior High Room
9th – 12th grade.....Downstairs Senior High Room

Join us for Coffee Hour/Friendship Time at 11:10am in the Commons.

Information for the Newsletter should be received by Sunday, October 18, 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.

Number who worshiped with us on September 27, 2009: 53

TODAY'S USHERS: Dan Yeager, Capt./ John MacPherson, Mike & Barb Roadruck

TODAY'S GREETERS: Ed & Betty Wolff

NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Ed Wolff, Gardy & Kelly Bandfield

NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Jackie Campbell & Richard Redd

NEXT SUNDAY'S Liturgist: Jesse Murray

Special Announcements

All Church Work Day ~ Remember, Clean-Up Day is coming October 24th from 9-?. Let's put a shine on our church inside and outside. All are welcome. Please bring your own supplies. The Deacon's will provide a lunch for us. See you there.

Are you in need of an Oak door? ~ The church has an oak door 36"x80" that is no longer needed. It can also be used as a table top. Anyone interested in this door, may contact the church office or a member of Building and Grounds. We need to dispose of this door by Clean-Up Day, October 24th.

Mountaintop Great Banquet Holiday Arts & Craft Show Nov. 13 & 14 ~ There is still space available. See Darlene in the church office or Linda Hoover.

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) cell (419-215-2939) or her home (419-534-3739).

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

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICATION**

Rev. Pat

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ~ #2260 "Let Us Be Bread"**

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
Broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

Next Week ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ The Geneva Choir will sing.
Texts: Job: 23: 1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22: 1-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31

Calendar for the Week of October 5—11, 2009

- Monday, Oct. 5 ~ Adult Co-ed volleyball 7-9pm in the Commons
- Tuesday, Oct. 6 ~ Prayer of Discernment at 6:30pm
Mega Meetings 7pm in the lounge
- Wednesday, Oct. 7 ~ Great Banquet set-up at 3pm
- Thursday, Oct. 8 ~ Staff Meeting 10:30am in the lounge
Potluck lunch at noon
Lectionary Bible Study at 12:45pm in lounge
Men's #39 Great Banquet arrival 6-7pm
- Friday, Oct. 9 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm
Men's #39 Great Banquet Weekend
- Saturday, Oct. 10 ~ Men's #39 Great Banquet Weekend
Candlelight 8:30pm
- Sunday, Oct. 11 ~ Worship Service 10:00am; The Geneva Choir will sing,
#39 Men's Great Banquet Closing and Gathering at 5pm

be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty and strife.

The bread and wine are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles and the walls of oppression.

May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!

Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior! Amen.

***HYMN #2061**

"Creator of Mountains"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Pat

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, we come to you today confessing that we have not followed in the ways of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. We have not loved and trusted in you. We have seen those who are treated without justice and have not offered to help. We hear and witness conflicts and disagreements that have led to acts of violence but have chosen to remain in the comfort of our own surroundings. Even when we find ourselves in difficult circumstances our faith wavers, and we rely on ourselves instead of waiting for you to come. Forgive us, Merciful God. Create in us a clean heart and a desire to follow your ways so we may know and do what is right and pleasing to you. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Pat

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

"The Gloria Patri" (#579)

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. Pat & Rev. Gabriela

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 the blue room 104.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Pat

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise, and ever enjoy Your consolations. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 85

Rev. Gabriela
pg. 923(OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

Geneva Choir

SECOND READING

Luke 14: 12-24

Rev. Pat
pg. 1621(NT) in the pew Bible

SERMON

“The Gifts of God Breakthrough ~ Jesus Invites”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD

***HYMN #507**

“I Come With Joy”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ Apostles’ Creed** (Ecumenical Version on pg. 14 of hymnal)

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

THE OFFERING

*Stewardship is everything we do after we say, “I believe.”
Stewardship is using our resources to plant seeds of peace around
the world.*

***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.**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

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 truly right and good to glorify you, at all time and in all places, O God.

**Through your living Word you created all things and pronounced
them good.**

You made human beings in your own image, persons capable of entering into relationships both with you and with each other.

From Abraham and his wives Sarah and Hagar you brought forth nations of peoples. As Abraham opened his tent and shared hospitality you have shared your grace with these nations.

Through prophets, rabbis, and teachers you have sought to be in loving relationship even when we have sought to go our own ways.

You have called us as sisters and brothers to be a great family. We have brought others pain and heartache and yet you offer us a way of reconciliation.

So today we join with all your people on earth praising your name in unending song, saying:

**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.

In the fullness of time you sent the Chosen One, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, your own, to call your splintered creation together again.

He came preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins and to those who responded he announced they are joint heirs of Eternal love with him.

When the stubborn forces of evil threatened to bring his life to an end, He called his followers together and took the bread, broke it, and said: “Take, eat, this is my body broken for you.” Then he passed the cup and invited all, “Drink from this, it is my blood of the new covenant. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Now on this day, his followers all around the world are gathering at the table to remember and share. We are among those who are coming to this feast of love.

In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O holy God, Creator of all people and worlds, send now upon this bread and cup your life-giving Spirit. May this outpouring of the promised Spirit transfigure this thanksgiving meal that this bread and this cup may become for us the body and blood of Christ. As we partake of this holy meal, fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may be one body and one spirit in Christ. All glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.