

**Church Pictorial ~** Universal Church Directories has been selected to help us with our new church directory. Pictures will be taken on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex. The photographer recommends wearing bright colors as the most photogenic (and he also suggest avoiding prints and plaids). The photographer will take pictures and 2-3 minutes later a printer will print out crystal-clear set of proofs. This way you can confidently pick your best portrait and take as much time as you would like. If you have any further questions please feel free to call Barb Roadruck 419-536-1231, Darlene in the church office at 419-475-4436 or Linda Hoover 419-475-1200.

**Spring Tea ~** The Deacon's Spring Tea on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> has been cancelled. Look for another Deacon's event possibly in the fall.

**Jeremiah Task Force ~** They will be meeting on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm in the lounge.



**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.

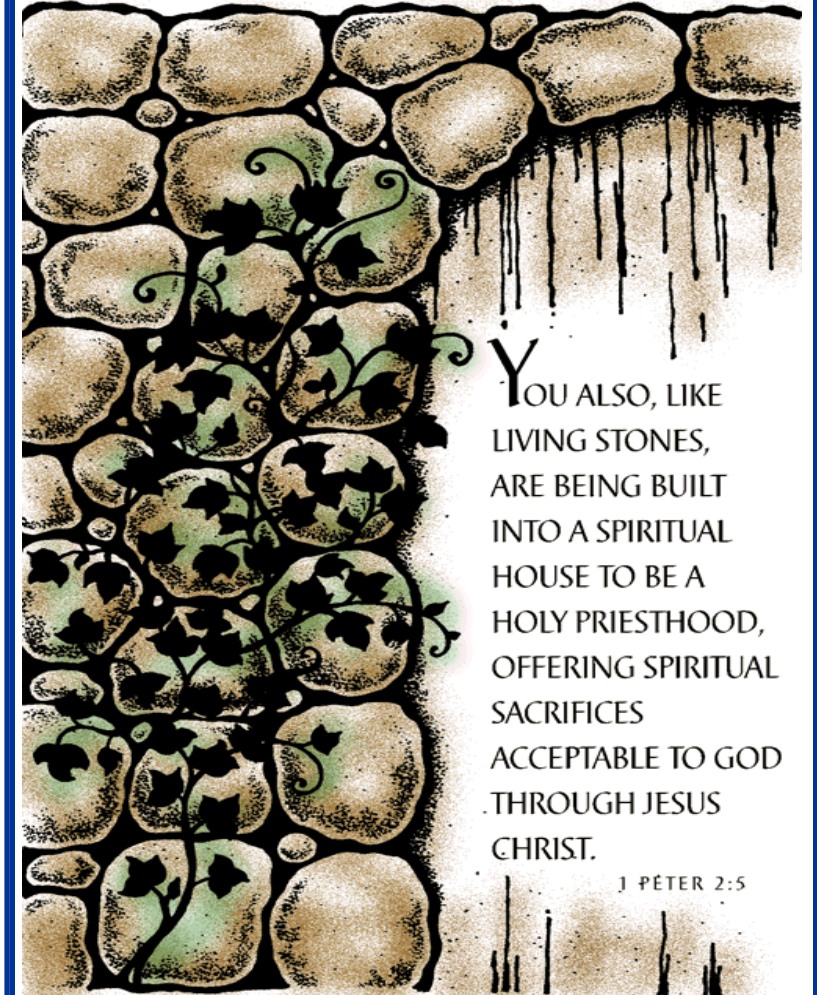
**A PERSONAL SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED IS AVAILABLE. WORSHIP BULLETINS FOR CHILDREN** are available. Contact an usher for assistance.

**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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**YOU ALSO, LIKE LIVING STONES, ARE BEING BUILT INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE TO BE A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, OFFERING SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.**

1 PETER 2:5

*April 20, 2008*



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.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

PRELUDE Shannon Smith

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**

CHORAL INTROIT "O, Jesus, Blest Redeemer" Geneva Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Barb Roadruck, Liturgist  
When the women arrived at the tomb, they found the stones rolled away.  
**God is our rock and our foundation.**  
Jesus said, "Even if the people stop praising God, the rocks themselves would sing and shout."  
**God is our rock and our foundation.**  
The stone which the builders once rejected has become our cornerstone.  
**God is our rock and our foundation.**

UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE  
**Loving God, you have created each one of us in your own image.  
You have declared us to be good. During this time of worship  
help us to see how we can be like living stones and building  
blocks that you will use to build a world of love, justice  
and peace. We pray this in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE (see insert or screen) "Rock of Ages"

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Pat

**Number who worshiped with us on April 13, 2008: 88**

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Gayle Bell, Dick Schroeder, Bill Henning  
TODAY'S GREETERS: Ken & Nan Bennett  
NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Ken Campbell, Capt./ Mary Ellen Campbell, Marilyn McAfee,  
Kay Amendola  
NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Nancy MacPherson LITURGIST: Gardy Bandfield

*The floral arrangement that graces the Sanctuary today was given by Judy Stuart in loving memory of her husband, David.*

**Special Announcements**

**Fairgreen Fellowship Event ~** Join us on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> as we will be taking a trip to Sauders Village for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quilt Fair. We will be leaving the church at 9:30am. Tickets into the Quilt Fair Exhibit and entire Historic Village are Adults: \$12.50 and Students: (6-16) \$6.50. (Senior and AAA discounts apply) Tickets into just the Quilt Fair Exhibit only are \$8.50. You can sign up at the Welcome Center.

**May Newsletter ~** We are working on the May Newsletter and if there is something that you would like to have put in the newsletter please submit it to Darlene in the church office no later than Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a great opportunity to share any events that are going to take place or give them a heads up of what may be coming in the summer months. Don't be left out! Start planning and submit your article(s) or information.

**Food Pantry ~** Please bring any or all of the following items to help us bless those who come to the Food Pantry each week. They are: peanut butter, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, lunch meats, cheese slices, Franco-American meals and stews, toilet paper, Kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, and laundry detergent

**Great Banquet Meetings ~**

- #3 Team Meeting Sunday, April 20th from 2:30-6pm
- Board Meeting 4:30pm and Gathering 6pm on Sunday, April 20th
- #4 Team Meeting Saturday, May 10th from 9-12:30pm

**Calendar for the Week of April 21-27, 2008**

**Monday, Apr. 21 ~** Adult Volleyball 7-9pm in Commons  
**Tuesday, Apr. 22 ~** Staff meeting 10am in lounge  
**Thursday, Apr. 24 ~** No Lectionary Bible Study or Potluck  
Choir 6:45pm and Praise Band 8pm  
**Friday, Apr. 25 ~** Food Pantry 10-12pm  
**Saturday, Apr. 26 ~** Memorial Service for Michael Powell at 11am at Fairgreen; Rev. David Young Officiating; Luncheon in the Commons following the service  
**Sunday, Apr. 27 ~** Worship Service 10:00am, Praise Band to provide music

**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 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.....Room behind Sanctuary**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.....Downstairs Junior High Room**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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?

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.

**\*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 you 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 OF PRAISE**

Rev. Pat  
"The Gloria Patri" (#577)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

Rev. Pat

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Barb Roadruck

**FIRST READING**

**Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16** pg. 867 (OT) in the pew Bible

**ANTHEM**

**"Alleluia, Praise His Name"**

Geneva Choir

**SECOND READING**

**Acts 7: 55-60** pg. 1704 (NT) in the pew Bible

**THIRD READING**

**1 Peter 2: 1-10** pg.1888 (NT) in the pew Bible

**SERMON**

**"Rocks! Rocks! Rocks!"** Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

**OUR RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN #442**

"The Church's One Foundation"

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD OFFERING**

Barb Roadruck

**\*DOXOLOGY #593**

**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 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

**Our God, we have received you into our bodies and into our lives. Help us to remember that we are the living stones on which you build your church. We look to Christ as our foundation stone, and we fashion our lives after his. Amen.**

\*HYMN #485

"To God Be The Glory"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Pat

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— "May The Lord"

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

**Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.**

**Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever.**

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

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**Next Week** ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter; The Geneva Choir will provide the music  
**Texts:** Acts 17: 22-31; Psalm 66: 8-20; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Read John 14: 1-14 ~ His Hand in Ours - Comfort

A little girl had a cut near her eye. Her father quickly took her to see the doctor. The cut was not serious, but the location of the injury made it important that it be fixed properly. The doctor decided a couple of stitches were needed, but he didn't want to give the child an anesthetic. He explained to her that the procedure would be painful and asked if she could stand it. The little girl replied that she could, if her father would hold her hand. The father then took her in his lap, slipped his arm around her, and held her tight. The doctor did his work, and the little girl never flinched. The father could not possibly have erased the pain from this process. If he had not been there, though, the girl's reaction would have been much different.

So it was for the disciples. The time was fast approaching when they would split up and travel to the far corners of the world to proclaim the gospel. Jesus would not be with them physically. He wanted them to know, though, that they would not be alone. His hand would still be in theirs. And that made all the difference in the world.

Arthur G. Ferry, Jr., Eating Cold Grits