

GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.

MARK 16:15

### To Our Pastor

*Our God has sent you to this place  
To lead us in the way  
That He would have us work and think  
And live from day to day*

*No matter the hour; whatever the need,  
You go the extra mile -  
Always ready and willing to share  
A comforting thought and a smile*

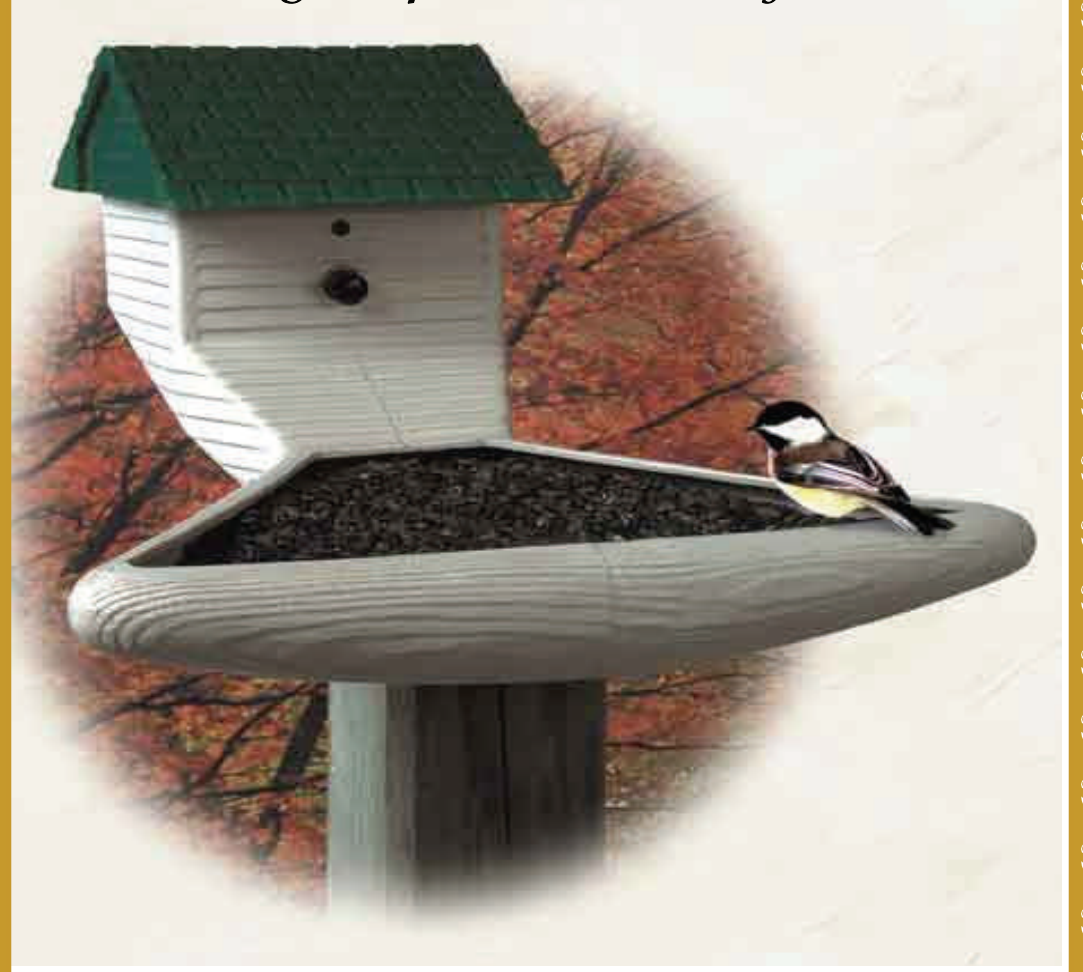
*We're grateful that you're here with us  
To teach us from His word,  
And we will try to do our best  
In service of our Lord.*

*We thank you for your ministry,  
Your guidance and your care.  
His greatest blessings for your life  
Is our most humble prayer.*

*Congratulations on  
15 years  
of Ministering the Word.*



### *Finding Hope At The Birdfeeder*



*July 27, 2008*

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10:00 AM

Welcome  
Visitors!

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**By the gracious gift of God-the God who has created us for communion; the God who has adopted us through Christ; the God by whose spirit we are baptized-each of us are created for and called into one body, the body of Christ.**

**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**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Emma Bosley-Smith, Liturgist

Welcome home, welcome in.

**Here we find a song for our souls and healing for our wounds.**

Welcome home.

**Here find children's laughter that chases dark clouds away, and quiet prayers that lead us to still waters and green pastures.**

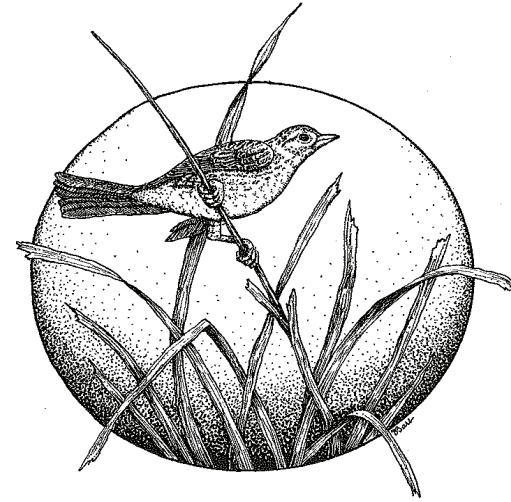
Welcome to this holy space.

**Here there are friends with a tender embrace, and here there are words that heal brokenness and reveal God's grace.**

Welcome home. God has been expecting you. The candles are lit, and the door is open. Welcome to this festival of renewal and hope.

**HYMN OF PRAISE #460**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Taken out of the book  
**"Rest Your Dreams On a Little Twig"**  
By Joyce Rupp and Barbara Loomis

It doesn't take much  
to hold the tiny weight  
of a song sparrow,  
any little twig will do,  
or a sturdy weed in a field.

Why do I think my fledgling ideas  
have to wait for a thick branch  
or a secure landing place  
before I set them down?

The wisp of a fleeting dream  
can rest for a while  
on a small extension in my soul.

If I never let these dreams land,  
they will not gain strength  
for the long flight into fullness.

All it takes is a little twig  
to rest a great dream on.

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 at her cell (419-215-2939).

## Special Announcements

**Lemonade on the Lawn ~** Join us today right after the service for some refreshing lemonade and yummy cookies. They will be serving these items outside.

**Food Pantry ~** For the month of July & August your donations would be greatly appreciated. Please bring any or all of the following items for the Food Pantry: peanut butter, canned soups, canned fruit, canned stews, macaroni & cheese, cheese slices, hot dogs, eggs, toilet paper, kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

**Communion Table Flowers ~** If anyone would be interested in having flowers placed on the Communion table on Sunday's to celebrate an occasion or maybe in loving memory of a loved one who has passed away, please feel free to contact Darlene in the church office and she will be more than glad to order the floral arrangement through our Florist at a cost of \$25.

**Summer Study Series ~ "Do What You Have The Power To Do!"** We will meet on the following dates from 11:15-12:15pm in the church lounge :

Sunday, July 27 ~ The Power of Touch: Mark 5: 25-34

Sunday, August 17 ~ The Power of New Beginnings: John 7: 53-8:11

Sunday, August 24 ~ The Power of Witnessing: John 4: 1-30, 39-42

**All Church Picnic ~** There is a sign up sheet and directions located on the Welcome Center for our Annual All Church Picnic held at Wildwood Metropark Whitetail Shelter House on Sunday, August 3rd right after the service. We ask that you bring a dish to pass, as there will be no grilling or cooking at the park. Beverages and table service will be provided.

**Alpha Omega Bible Study ~** In the Fall we will be studying out of the book, entitled "Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor". If you are interested in obtaining one of these books, please call Darlene in the church office between the hours of 8:30-2pm Monday through Friday. The cost of the book is \$6 plus shipping and handling, but we ask that you not pay anything at this time, as you will be notified at a later date of the final cost. The cut off date to place your order is Friday, August 29th.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast ~** Come out and join us on Saturday, August 9 from 8-9am for a Continental Breakfast and a time of fellowship and prayer as we study the Letter of Ephesians.

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace, you draw us unto yourself even when we turn away from your presence. Your love reaches out to embrace us wherever we are, whatever we do. For such love we offer our deepest thanksgiving. Yet we confess that we have not loved as you have loved us— we have taken credit for the gifts you so generously have given us, rather than returning all glory to you; and we have turned away from people in need, hoarding to ourselves the time, energy, and resources that you have freely given us.**

**Forgive our lack of love, and empower us by your Spirit to love God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, your supreme love-gift to us.**

### **\*SILENT CONFESSION**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE ~**

The Gloria Patri #579

## **THE TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

Rev. Pat

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Deuteronomy 6: 4-9**

Emma Bosley-Smith  
pg. 284(OT) in the pew Bible

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **SECOND READING**

### **SERMON**

**Mark 12: 28-34** pg.1575 (NT) in the pew Bible  
**"Finding Hope At the Birdfeeder ~**  
**The Christian Practice Hospitality!"** Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

## **THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD**

### **\*HYMN ~** (see screen and insert)

"Part of the Family"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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

Emma Bosley-Smith

**\*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. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN #341**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— #2226**

“Bind Us Together”

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together  
with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together in love.  
There is only one God,  
There is only one King;  
There is only one body,  
That is why we sing.**

**Next Week ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~** Holy Communion will be celebrated and the Praise Band will play. This is Casual Sunday and everyone is invited to join us at Wildwood for our Annual Church Picnic following worship. Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

**Texts:** Genesis 32:11-31; Psalm 17: 1-7; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21

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**Calendar for the Week of July 28-August 4, 2008**

**Tuesday, July 29 ~ Staff Meeting 11am in lounge  
Wednesday, July 30 ~ Great Banquet Women’s share group 10:30am lounge  
Friday, Aug. 1 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm  
Sunday, Aug. 3 ~ Worship Service 10:00am; Communion, Praise Band Plays; Church Picnic at Wildwood Metropark right after the service**

**Nursery Room (birth – 4 yrs. old).....Rm.105**

**Join us for Coffee Hour after worship in the Commons.**

***Information for the Newsletter should be received by Sunday, August 17, 2008.***

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 July 20, 2008: 68**

TODAY’S USHERS: Bill Henning, Capt./ Keith Watkins, Michael & William Henning  
TODAY’S GREETERS: Darlene Smith & Joyce Koback  
NEXT SUNDAY’S USHERS: Dan Yeager, Capt./ John MacPherson, Linda Hoover, Betty Geniac  
NEXT SUNDAY’S GREETERS: Ed & Betty Wolff