



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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*“Seek First His Kingdom
And His Righteousness,
And all these things will be
given to you as
well.”*

Matthew 6: 33



Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family! The * symbol means, "All who are able, please stand." † indicates when latecomers may be seated.



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SILENT REFLECTION

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; 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

"O' Jesus Blessed Redeemer"

Geneva Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 49)

Bill Smith, Liturgist

Let all the earth sing praise to our God.

We sing for joy and rejoice in God's presence!

Our compassionate God comes with mercy for all.

We sing for joy and rejoice in God's presence!

Let mountains sing out and the heavens exult.

We sing for joy and rejoice in God's presence!

Our saving God brings redemption and life.

We sing for joy and rejoice in God's presence!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #464

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Hilary Shuford

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods.

Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life, that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

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.

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 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.

Food Distribution ~ We are moving from the second Saturday of each month to the second Friday of each month from 12:30-1:30pm, beginning June 13th, 2008.

Men's Prayer Breakfast ~ Come join us on Saturday, June 14th from 8-9am in the lounge for a Continental Breakfast, time of fellowship, prayer and study.

Father's Day Breakfast ~ Don't forget to mark your calendars and join us on Sunday June 15th for our Father's Day Breakfast. We will be serving in the Commons from 8:30am-10:00am and then from 11:15am—12:30pm. The menu consists of the following: Eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee cake, juice, tea, coffee, and hot chocolate. A free will offering will be taken.

Elizabeth Potter Graduates ~ We recently received a letter from the Potter Family (which has been placed on the Deacon's bulletin board) sharing that they are in the process of making a surprise message book for Elizabeth for her graduation this month. If there would be anyone interested in sending a message for inclusion, please drop me a quick email and I will word process it for the book. Email: Potterbeat@dellmail.com We just wanted to send notice to many of you who have loved and supported Elizabeth (and her family) during her growing up years. Thanks to all of you! Annie Potter

Interfaith Blood Drive Scheduled ~ All are invited to the 21st Anniversary of the Interfaith Blood Drive will take place on Sunday June 21 and Monday June 22, 2008 at Grace Lutheran Church at 4441 Monroe Street in Toledo, Ohio. There will be a Musical Celebration of Life Service on Sunday June 22, 2008 at 7pm at Epworth United Methodist Church at 7077 Valley View Dr. in Ottawa Hills. For any questions please contact Kathy Riley at 419-474-1914.

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 May 18, 2008: 78

TODAY'S USHERS: Mike Roadruck, Capt./ Barb Roadruck, Betty Geniac, Kay Amendola
TODAY'S GREETERS: Jackie & Kevin Campbell
NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Jean Burtch, Pat Gibson, Marilyn McAfee
NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETERS: Jacob & Betty Close

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

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

Great Banquet Meetings ~

- #33 Men's Weekend ~ Thursday-Sunday, May 29 – June 1
- #34 Women's Weekend ~ Thursday-Sunday, June 5-8
- 4th Day at 7pm in Commons ~ Thursday, June 12th

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.

- *SILENT CONFESSION
- *ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- *RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hilary Shuford
"The Gloria Patri" (#579)

THE WORD OF GOD

- PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Bill Smith
- FIRST READING **Isaiah 49: 8-16a** pg.1138 (OT) in the pew bible
- ANTHEM **"Alleluia, Praise His Name"** Geneva Choir
- SECOND READING **Matthew 6: 24-34** pg. 1505(NT) in the pew bible
- SERMON **"Consider This!"** Hilary Shuford, General Presbyter

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD

*HYMN #333 "Seek Ye First"

*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 triune 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 Bill Smith

SPECIAL MUSIC "On Eagle's Wings" Anne Rubley

*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 Hilary Shuford

*HYMN #2197 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION Hilary Shuford

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—"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 ~ 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time; The Praise Band will provide the special music as Shannon will be away on vacation; Holy Communion will be celebrated by Intinction.

Texts: Genesis 6:9-22, 7:24, 8:14-19; Psalm 46; Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28; Matthew 7:21-29

Welcome ~ We welcome as our preacher this morning Hilary Shuford. Hilary is the General Presbyter of Maumee Valley Presbytery and she has agreed to preach here so that Rev. Pat could accept an invitation to preach at Findlay First Church this morning. As you know Rev. Pat is a member our Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. In many Presbyteries it is the custom for the General Presbyter to preach on the Sunday after a Pastor leaves, letting the congregation know that the Presbytery will be there to support the church through the transition. The Rev. Donna Giver Johnston has just left the Findlay Church and ordinarily Hilary would preach there on this Sunday. However she, with the concurrence of the COM, has chosen during the past year to step back from the General Presbyter role with her congregation because she considers seeking ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. The Committee on Ministry has asked Pat Shafer to do for the Findlay First Church the things the General Presbyter normally does during a pastoral transition. Therefore, the Session has invited her to preach on Sunday in that capacity hence the pulpit exchange.

Calendar for the Week of May 26-June 1, 2008

Monday, May 26 ~ Church Office Closed (Memorial Day)
Wednesday, May 28 ~ #33 Men's Great Banquet set up at 3pm
Thursday, May 29 ~ #33 Men's Great Banquet arrival 6pm
Friday, May 30 ~ Food Pantry 10-12pm
Saturday, May 31 ~ #33 Men's Great Banquet Weekend
Sunday, June 1 ~ #33 Men's Great Banquet Weekend
Candlelight Service 8:30pm
Worship Service 10:00am; The Praise Band will provide the special music; Holy Communion will be celebrated by Intinction

Nursery Room (birth - 4 yrs. old).....Rm.105

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.