

TWINKIES AND ROOTBEER

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey.

When he has gone about three blocks, he met an elderly man. The man was sitting in the park just feeding some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink of his root beer when he noticed that the man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

The man gratefully accepted it and smiled at the boy. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again. So he offered him a Root Beer and again, the man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but never saying a word.

As it grew dark the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone a few steps. He turned around, ran back to the man, and gave him a hug. The man gave him the biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

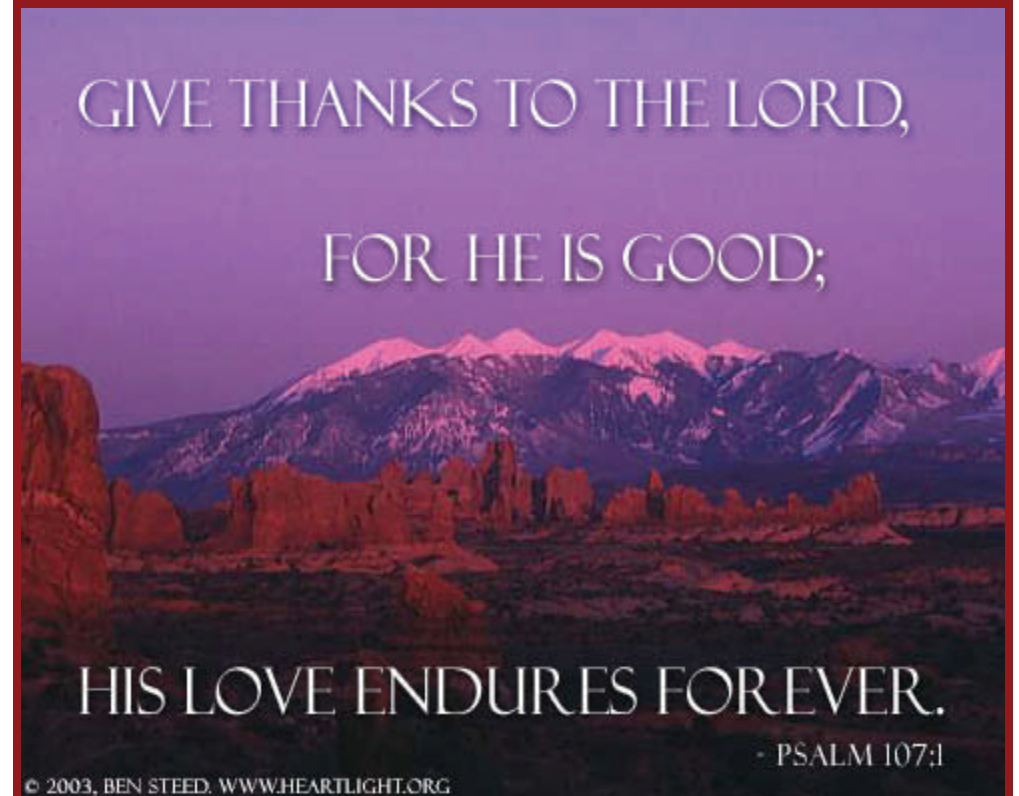
He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the elderly man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. Embrace all equally!

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10:00 AM

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).



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



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SILENT REFLECTION

Grant unto us the fullness of your promises.
Where we have been weak, grant us your strength;
Where we have been confused, grant us your guidance;
Where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort;
Where we have been dead, grant us your life.
Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing,
In and with you we can do all things. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign fellowship book found in pews.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

OPENING SET ~ "Forever"
"Shout to the Lord"

UNISON PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

HYMN OF RESPONSE ~ "You Are My All in All"

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Rev. Pat
"I Love My Church Through My Gifts"

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 room 110.

Annual Holiday Wreath Sale ~ Fresh 22 inch Fraser Fir Wreaths are now on sale. There are order forms on the Welcome Center. The cost is \$20 each. Orders may be given to Marilyn McAfee. Payment is due by Sunday, November 22. Wreaths will be available for pick-up on Sunday, November 29th.

Lectionary Bible Study and Potluck ~ We will not be meeting on Thursday, November 12 and the 26th. But, join us on Thursday, November 19th for our potluck lunch at noon and Bible Study at 12:45pm.

Can Tabs ~ We are collecting pop tabs off of the cans and we are asking if you would save those tabs and to turn them into the Deacons.

December Newsletter ~ Articles for the newsletter will be received by Wednesday, November 18, 2009.

Fairgreen presents "Christmas Bible School" ~ This is a great opportunity to drop off your children from three years old to 4th grade to Fairgreen Presbyterian Church on Saturday, December 5th from 9:30am to 12:30pm. During this time the children will be working on crafts, singing carols, and participating in the story of the First Christmas. You will have this time to feel free to do as you want, maybe shop, relax, bake or whatever. This is Fairgreen's gift to you. To register your child, all you need to do is to call the church office at 419-475-4436. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30am-2pm. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

Church Directory Updates ~
(She would love to hear from all her friends here at Fairgreen)

Marguerite Herman
4208 Washington Ave.
Charleston, West Virginia 25314
304-926-6385

Gary Lakatos is now at Heartland
8885 Browning
Waterville, Ohio 43566

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 November 1, 2009: 90

TODAY'S USHERS: Kay Amendola, Capt./ Fred King, Bonnie Buehrer, Jeff Buehrer
TODAY'S GREETER: Joyce Koback
NEXT SUNDAY'S USHERS: Fred Nordhoff, Capt./ Patti Nordhoff, Jackie Campbell, Richard Redd
NEXT SUNDAY'S GREETER: Marj Heaton
NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGIST: Elders

Special Announcements

Poinsettia Plants ~ You will find an insert in this bulletin for you to fill out and turn into the church office or Darlene's mailbox along with your money. The deadline for your orders are Sunday, November 22, 2009.

Youth Meetings ~ The Youth will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the church from 8pm-10pm.

Scrip Cards ~ The Deacons will hold a Scrip Card Contest for the month of November. For each \$20 spent in Scrip cards, your name will be entered in a drawing for choice from several free Scrip cards. The drawing will be held the first week in December. A large variety of cards are in stock or see the Scrip form insert in today's bulletin for all the choices that we can order. Orders take just a few days and can be picked up from the office or delivered to you at church.

Mountaintop Great Banquet Holiday Arts & Craft Show ~ We are accepting calls into the church office (419-475-4436) to register for a 10ft space for this event on Friday, November 13 from 9am-6pm and Saturday, November 14th from 9am-4pm. The cost per space is \$25 for two days. Today is your last day to sign up for this event. All monies and contracts are due today.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Pat

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 107: 1-29

pg.947(OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Praise You in the Storm"

The Praise Band

GOSPEL READING SERMON

Mark 4: 35-41

pg.1558(NT) in the pew Bible
Rev. Gabriela Horakova

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO GOD

*HYMN #485

"To God Be the Glory"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***Stewardship is everything we do after we say "I believe."
Stewardship is loving God with all of our gifts!***

OFFERING

*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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord God, our Father, we bring before you what we have in our hearts. We pray for those who feel they are in despair because of their hard life situation, bad choices or maltreatment by others. Teach us how to approach them and bring them hope for a good future.

We pray for all whose lives have been flooded by fear because of illness of their own or their loved ones, because of loss of their personal perspective, inner strength or faith. Teach us how to encourage them and bring your peace.

We pray for those who are too tired to live, who don't know how to go on, who feel abandoned and bewildered. Teach us how to patiently support them and how to bear their burden.

Fill us with your peace and confidence that you are with us and so armed we could stand in what awaits us.

Together we call to you as we pray:

UNISON PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven...

***HYMN #554**

"Let All Things Now Living"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***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.

The flowers that grace the communion table are given by Gayle Bell in loving memory of her son, Matt.

Next Week ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. We will continue to explore our Stewardship Theme as four of our elders share with you their understanding of loving our God and church through prayer, presence, gifts and service. The Geneva Choir will provide the special music.

Text for the day: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-27

Calendar for the Week of November 9-15, 2009

- Monday, Nov. 9 ~** Adult Volleyball 7-9pm in Commons
Prayer of Discernment 6:30pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 ~** Deacons meeting at 7pm
Prayer of Discernment 6:30pm
Session meeting at 7pm
Youth Meeting at Fairgreen from 8pm-10pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 11 ~** Memorial meeting at 11am
Rev. Pat leaves for vacation Nov. 12-18
- Thursday, Nov. 12 ~** No Potluck or Lectionary Bible Study
Great Banquet set up for Arts & Craft show 6pm-9pm
Choir practice 6:30pm
- Friday, Nov. 13 ~** Great Banquet Arts & Craft Show 9am-6pm
Food Pantry 10-12pm
Food Distribution 12:30-1:30pm
- Saturday, Nov. 14 ~** Great Banquet Arts & Craft Show 9am-4pm
- Sunday, Nov. 15 ~** Worship Service 10:00am; Elders to bring the message;
The Geneva Choir to sing; Great Banquet Board meeting 4:30pm and Gathering at 6pm

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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:20-12:30PM

FOR ADULTS:
Bible Study...(No study today Gabriela's Celebration).....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