



APRIL 2024

From The Pastor's Desk...

By the time you read this, Easter will be a 2024 memory. There will also be a temptation out there even if it is subtle. The subtle temptation will be now that Easter is over we will focus on vacations, winding up our tax filings or moving from a BIG Holy Day celebration (Easter) to our interests and activities, unimpeded by the Church or our faith convictions.

If we have been celebrating or at least recognizing an essential aspect of our faith convictions, it is a relief for some of us to return to our agendas. Often embracing our own agendas can feel so much more gratifying than the "agendas" our faith walk impose on us.

The problem for us is that our faith calls on us to be engaged with our faith ALL the time, not just seasonally...not just when the church calendar may dictate.

Growth in our faith depends on constant engagement with the faith which leads to constant growth in the faith. To put it another way, if our understanding of our faith and the ways we "live it out" don't change and grow, there is a strong probability our faith has been reduced to a tool we use in ways that please us.

This quickly leads to a conclusion in a congregation that there is only one right and proper understanding of the faith (the way I understand our faith) rather than celebrating the various understandings of the faith found in any healthy congregation.

A basis of this congregational malady is to assert "the way I am used to doing things" is the only right and proper way...sometimes translated to "this is the way we have always done it".

The scriptures call us to a dynamic and vibrant faith, which as Jesus' own life illustrates, grow, change, move and become different as we grow and change.

As we move from Eastertide to Spring (and EARLY Spring this year!), let us affix our eyes on the unknown future God gives us as well as celebrating aspects of what has gotten us to this point. Repetition only of "what has gotten us here" generally is not a reliable recipe to embrace an exciting, though unknown future.

-Pastor Bill



Bible Study at Fairgreen IS for Everyone

We are continuing with the hybrid model of in-person and zoom access for our 3:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study. In-person study is in the church's lounge.

Zoom participation can be accessed in three ways:

by clicking on/entering this link which will be resent by email prior To each study (if you are not receiving this link in an email on Tuesday and Wednesday, contact Mike):

<https://zoom.us/j/4194754436?pwd=Z3RBSVVCUkxTMjdpODlibUZTTjFJQT09>

or go to <https://us04web.zoom.us> and enter

Meeting ID: 419 475 4436

Passcode: 4754436

or on your smart phone Dial (312) 626-6799 and enter

Meeting ID: 419 475 4436

Passcode: 4754436

All are welcome!

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY

***There will be no
Saturday Bible Studies in
April as Mike Roadruck will
be out of town.**

Men's Dinner
Thursday @ 5pm
April 25, 2024
Location:
To Be Announced!



From The Congregational Life Committee:

- **Next Congregational Life meeting is Thursday, April 11th at 10:00am**



Breaking Bread with Fairgreen Friends
Tuesday, April 16th
@ Red Star Diner
7327 Lewis Ave., Temperance.

**Please remember to sign up on the sheet
on the Welcome Center.*

Coffee Hour

Thanks to all the hosts for providing delicious treats while we continue our fellowship in the Commons. We are blessed to have all the weekends in April filled with volunteers! We will still need some help for May and June and sign up forms are posted on the board next to the kitchen window. Blessings to all for your wonderful gifts.

April

- 7 - Chris & Agnes
- 14- Bonnie
- 21- No Coffee Hour
*Congregational Meeting
- 28 - Joyce

**COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

On Sunday, March 17, Fairgreen hosted the first Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for all those involved in the mission work of Matthew 25 through 2023.

Invited guests included over 150 volunteers from the Fairgreen Family and the entire community! A catered three course meal was served, including the following: a "charcuterie" appetizer platter was on each table, a catered, buffet meal, featuring several Italian choices, was served, fresh salad and rolls were part of the meal, homemade shamrock cookies, along with other homemade goodies, filled the dessert table, and festive green punch was a beverage offering. The tablecloths and joyous Irish decorations on walls and tables were part of the hospitality. Guests received fun Irish necklaces, and other trinkets, as well as a special thank you gift.

Please enjoy the gallery of pictures from this memorable event. Take special note of the GREEN GARB and the SENSATIONAL SMILES!







From the Food Pantry:



***No Food Pantry in May
June date TBD**

**FUN FACT: FAIRGREEN FOOD PANTRY
FACEBOOK PAGE has an outstanding
1K+ members now!!!!**



We are still in need of the really nice Kroger bags that you receive when you do the click list grocery pick up. They are white, very heavy duty and have handles. We also need regular size paper bags for packing the food in.



In Other News:



Save The Date:

Fairgreen Preschool Celebration
Wednesday, May 1st
6:00 - 8:00 pm
More information to follow

From the Secretary's Desk:

Please Note:

The deadline for the next newsletter (for May) will be **April 19, 2024.**

I appreciate everyone who contributes each month!

- *Tricia Manner*
Administrative Assistant

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed Wellness 5-7pm	2	3 Bible Study @ 3pm	4 Wellness 6-8pm	5	6
7 10am Worship Service	8 Office Closed Wellness 5-7pm	9 Session Mtg @ 6:30pm	10 Bible Study @ 3pm	11 Cong. Life Mtg @ 10am Wellness 6-8pm	12	13
14 10am Worship Service	15 Office Closed Wellness 5-7pm	16 BBFF Luncheon @ Red Star Diner at 1pm	17 Bible Study @ 3pm	18 Wellness 6-8pm	19	20 9am Session Retreat
21 10am Worship Service *Congregational Meeting after service	22 Office Closed Wellness 5-7pm	23	24 Bible Study @ 3pm	25 Packing @ 9:30am Men's Dinner @ 5pm location TBA Wellness 6-8pm	26 Food Pantry 4-6pm	27
28 10am Worship Service	29 Office Closed Wellness 5-7pm	30		*Mike Roadruck On vacation 4/1-5/6/24	*Calendar is Subject to Change	



APRIL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dr. Mike Roadruck April 1
 Agnes McKinstry April 2
 Kathryn Allen April 2
 Sandra Freels April 3
 Cindy Bandfield April 5

Zach Bosley-Smith April 7
 Molly Bosley-Smith April 11
 Jasmine Scarborough-Jewell April 12
 Cheyenne Methena April 22
 Gracie Manner April 25
 Derek Nordhoff April 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tricia & Jason Manner April 17

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fred Nordhoff May 3
 Jason Manner May 5
 Connie Winslow May 8
 Ron Wu May 13
 Luke James May 14
 Pat Gibson May 15

Jeff Wilczynski May 16
 Dorothy Applegate May 20
 Charlotte Callinan May 20
 Rita Spencer May 22
 Don Gorrell May 29
 Austin Rogers May 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jeff & Rachel Buehrer May 17
 Mike & Charlotte Callinan May 21

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**Worship Service
10:00am Sunday**

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Children ages 3, 4 &
Young 5's**

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