

# MAY 2024

## From The Pastor's Desk...

Spring has certainly been in the air. Locally, a record total rainfall for April has been recorded. All the flora and fauna are thriving! Flowering trees and shrubs have flowered earlier than usual, of course, and have given us beautiful color earlier than usual. Nature is treating us to spectacular reminders of the glory of God's creation!

On the human side of creation, things are not as pleasing or beautiful. A war rages in Gaza and hospitals continue to be among the targets. A sort of "scorched earth" strategy continues. The term "scorched earth" is a name of a strategy created in another war, several decades ago, in Southeast Asia. Both then and now, application of this military strategy, generates deaths of thousands of non-combatants.

The war against the repression pursued by Russia continues as well. Once again targets thought to be safe by virtue of long standing international law have been enthusiastically attacked by Russia. The deaths of innocents are an outcome.

For those of us blessed to live in this country, we have had the luxury of being able to believe the kind of violence, destruction, turmoil, and death played out in Gaza, Israel, the Ukraine, are at a safe distance.

But turmoil from these distant spots has arrived here. Palestinian and Israeli differences have become concrete on some of our college campuses. Members of the U. S. Congress have criticized a free democratic participatory nation in favor of the opinions of a Soviet dictatorship.

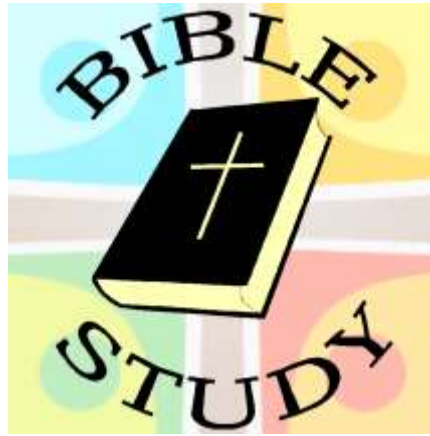
God's creation this Spring seems to be doing wonderfully!! Our human interactions and the "creations" resulting from our human behaviors and thoughts and words and deeds are falling strategically short!!

Think what a different moment this could be if we humans immersed ourselves in the glory of God's created beauty AND immersed ourselves in a genuine rededication to following the model of the life of Jesus Christ...letting Christ's example become the roadmap determining HOW we behave...what we think...what we embrace as the priorities of our lives...determining what we truly believe in our hearts.

Then, maybe the created glory that is so majestically revealing itself this Spring would more closely be matched by the glory created by the consequences of God's people seeking to live our lives as Jesus calls us to live them....to the honor and glory of God...NOT ourselves....but God. May God and God's name be praised !!

Amen.

-Pastor Bill



## **Bible Study at Fairgreen IS for Everyone**

We are continuing with the hybrid model of in-person and zoom access for our 3:00pm 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**

***May 11th & 18th***



**In Person 9:30 FOR BREAKFAST**  
**In the Fairgreen Lounge**  
**& Zoom 10:00**



**Watch for link in your email**  
**Or call Mike @ 419 260-7429 for information**

**Everyone Welcome!**



**From The Congregational Life Committee:**

- **Next Congregational Life meeting is Thursday, May 16th at 10:00am**



LongHorn Steakhouse



Breaking Bread with Fairgreen Friends  
Tuesday, May 21st  
@ Longhorn Steakhouse  
4155 Talmadge, Rd

*\*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 will still need some help for May and June. Sign up forms are posted on the board next to the kitchen window. Blessings to all for your wonderful gifts and those who have volunteered already.



May

- 5 - Marilyn
- 12 - Mother's Day Brunch  
Jim Eaton
- 19 -
- 26 -

June

- 2 -
- 9 - No coffee hour
- 16 - Father's Day - Rita & Sherrell
- 23 -
- 30 -  
(last day until September)

May 12, 2024 there will be a brunch following service in honor of Mother's Day. Jim Eaton will host.

Brunch will consist of: A couple kinds of soups, salad bowl with tomato/onions/sunflower seeds on the side and dressings, fruit bowl, cake and/or brownies, water/coffee/tea.



## From the Food Pantry:

During the week of April 21, many Fairgreen Family and Friends responded to an email asking for specific food needs for the April 26, Friday, Food Pantry distribution. As is typical, the amount of donations was overwhelming, resulting in a table full of various canned fruits, Costco specialty fruit jars, and peanut butter of all sizes. Please see the pictures to gain an understanding of the bounteous collection. The amount collected happened to be "just enough" to help fill the 92 bags of food that went to clients this particular, very busy Friday.

There will not be a May Food Pantry; the next pantry will be in June. However, donations through the entire month of May would be greatly appreciated. The following items are difficult to obtain through the local food banks at the present time:

1. All kinds of canned fruit
2. Peanut butter
3. Boxed macaroni and cheese
4. Soups (tomato, vegetable, chicken noodle)
5. Chef Boyardee canned meals (spaghettis, ravioli, etc.)

If you are able to add a few of these items to your May grocery shopping trips, your generosity would be a blessing. Please place all items on the table inside the Commons doors.

Gratefully,

Linda Hoover





**From the Food Pantry:**

Food Pantry Drive Thru



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

**FUN FACT: FAIRGREEN FOOD PANTRY  
FACEBOOK PAGE has an outstanding  
1.1 K+ 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.**



# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*No Food Pantry in May			1 Bible Study @ 3pm Preschool Celebration! 6-8pm	2	3	4
5 10am Worship Service	6 Office Closed Wellness 5-7pm Peg Vacation	7 Session Mtg @ 6:30pm -----	8 Bible Study @ 3pm -----	9 Wellness 6-8pm -----	10 -----	11 Bible Study @ 10am (breakfast at 9:30am)
12 10am Worship Service Mother's Day Brunch after service	13 Office Closed Wellness 5-7pm Safe City —	14 For Preschool -----	15 Bible Study @ 3pm -----	16 Congr. Life Meeting @ 10am Wellness 6-8pm -----	17 -----	18 Bible Study @ 10am (breakfast at 9:30am)
19 10am Worship Service	20 Office Closed Wellness 5-7pm	21 BBFF Luncheon @ Longhorn at 1pm	22 Preschool Last Day of Class Bible Study @ 3pm	23 Preschool Last work day for staff Wellness 6-8pm	24	25
26 10am Worship Service	27 Office Closed Wellness 5-7pm	28	29 Bible Study @ 3pm	30 Wellness 6-8pm	31	*Calendar is Subject to Change





MAY

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>				<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	
Fred Nordhoff	May 3	Jeff Wilczynski	May 16	Jeff & Rachel Buehrer	May 17
Jason Manner	May 5	Dorothy Applegate	May 20	Mike & Charlotte Callinan	May 21
Connie Winslow	May 8	Charlotte Callinan	May 20		
Ron Wu	May 13	Rita Spencer	May 22		
Luke James	May 14	Don Gorrell	May 29		
Pat Gibson	May 15	Austin Rogers	May 31		

JUNE

<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</u>					
Ken Bennett	June 1	Kingsley Methena	June 13	Michael Henning	June 22
Preston Parsons	June 5	Patti Nordhoff	June 17	William Henning	June 22
Karen Herren	June 6	Crystal Acain	June 17	Brody Buehrer	June 22
Kay Amendola	June 7	Scott Burtch	June 18	Mark James	June 26
Joe Murray II	June 9	Gardy Bandfield	June 18	Isabel Bosley-Smith	June 27

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**Fairgreen Preschool  
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Young 5's**

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