

## Welcome

We encourage you to fill out the Connection Card inside this program and place it in the offering baskets during the service or in the basket in the front lobby after the service. Maps of the building are available in the lobby. There are refreshments and fellowship in the parlor before and after the service. A nursery for children under age 5 is in the hall off the front lobby. An invitation for KAT Kids Alternative Time for grades K-5 will be extended early in the service. Follow the person with the stuffed cat to the classroom along the main hallway off the front lobby.

## This week's SOAP/Life Journal Scriptures [fairlawnwest.org/SOAP.htm](http://fairlawnwest.org/SOAP.htm)

February

1 Ex 32; Acts 8:1-25

2 Ex 33; Acts 9:1-19, 31-43

3 Acts 10

4 Ps 19; Acts 11

5 Ex 40:34-38; Ps 15; Acts 12

6 Acts 13

7 Lev 5:1; Acts 14

8 Lev 9:23-24; Acts 15

**S** write down the portion of scripture you will journal on. This is usually a short section that you have underlined or marked as you were reading.  
**O** write down your observations on the passage  
**A** write down how you will apply this passage to your life today.  
**P** write down a prayer to God about your experience today

## Outreach Ministries of Fairlawn-West

**Preschool** is in session Sept—May for ages 2 to 5. 330-864-4685

**Interfaith Hospitality Network** hosting homeless families in our bldg. Mary Beth Kluge (330) 869-5447, [mbkluge@neo.rr.com](mailto:mbkluge@neo.rr.com) [Connection Card](#)

**Williard Food Pantry** The 3rd & 4th Tuesday mornings and the Saturday morning in between serving 160 families a month food. This is also a large volunteer ministry. [Connection Card](#) or office.

**Kids Hope USA** at Resnick Community Learning Center next door we provide tutor/mentors for children in lower grades who need an adult relationship in their life. Contact Mary Austin 571-3587 [maryjoanneaustin@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjoanneaustin@yahoo.com) [Connection Card](#)

**Acts of Kindness (AOK) Fund** is part of our Mission Outreach portion of our offerings to assist people with life needs.

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David Loar—Pastor Steve Rhinesmith-Music Team Leader

Karen Hodge-Office Coordinator

Rich Herbruck-Bldg Supt. Karen Myers and Scott Hodge-Tech Team

BASIC Band-Steve Rhinesmith, Karen Myers, Bruce Folkereth and Jim Davis

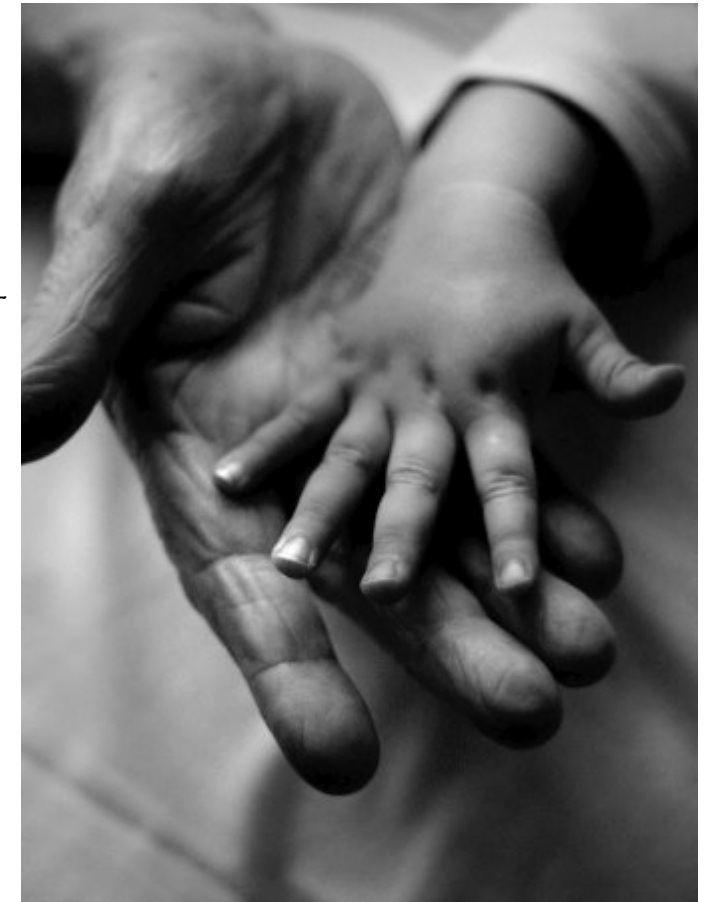
*Offering hospitality to all God's children*  
Fairlawn West mission



## Giving Up Freedom

### 1 Corinthians 8:12

But it does make a difference if you hurt your friend terribly, risking his eternal ruin! When you hurt your friend, you hurt Christ.



*Sunday, February 1 2009 - 9:30 am*  
*Fairlawn-West United Church of Christ Akron, Ohio*  
*[www.fairlawnwest.org](http://www.fairlawnwest.org)*

## Weekly Schedule

### **Sun**

-Nursery for children up to age 4, in the Nursery Room  
-9:30 AM worship service in the sanctuary  
-KAT/Kids Alternative Time for kids age 5 to grade 5, leave from the 9:30 worship service.  
-Sr Hi & Jr Hi Youth at 9:30 am in the Northeast Corner Room  
-Groups open to all at 10:45 am: *The Bible and Recovering Your Life* in the Vista Room; *Let's Talk about today's theme* in the sanctuary.

### **Thurs**

-The Bible reading and reflection group gathers in the food court of Summit Mall at 9:00 am. We are now reading the Psalms.

### **Fri**

-Taize worship service of song, prayer, scripture & silence, Parlor, 5:30 p.m.

### **Weekly**

-12 Step Recovery meetings for Alcoholics Anonymous, Emotions Anonymous and Sexaholics Anonymous meet in our bldg. Check the main bulletin board for more info.

## Conversations and Appointments

Rev. David Loar is available for conversation weekly on Tuesdays at the Angel Falls Coffee Co in Highland Square on West Market 5:30-7:00 pm and on Fridays at the Nervous Dog Coffee Bar 1:30-4:00 pm. , 1530 W Market Street. He is available for appointments/conversation at other times during the week in the Vista Room. Contact him at 330-760-7169 or deloar@yahoo.com.

## News/Announcements

**\$3000 was given through the "Christmas is not your birthday" program** to the Central Asia Institute to support a school in Afghanistan or Pakistan! This was a great birthday present for the Messiah!

Enrollment is now open for the **Fairlawn West Preschool** 2009-2010 year. Contact Julie Staiger the Director at 330-764-4685.

Join us Wednesday 7:00-8:00 pm for the "What's a family to do?" group. We view an episode from the "Everybody Loves Raymond" tv series and then spend time in conversation about our own family and marriages in light of the episodes theme. Open to all. We meet in the Vista Room.

## **WANTED "Disciple Servants" of Jesus Christ...**

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**Interfaith Hospitality Network** will be hosted again in April. You could help by cooking some food for an evening meal, drive the van in the morning or afternoon to take the families back and forth between our building and the IHN Family Center, be a host for the evening by chatting with parents and/or playing with the children, spend the night, help set up or take down the rooms, or help wash the linen when the week is over. We usually host 2-4 families a week. Mark the Connection Card.

**The Williard Food Pantry** serves families who need food the 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month 9:00 am to 12 noon and the Saturday 10:00 am to 12 noon. If you would like to help, the address is Williard United Church of Christ, 742 Johnston Street in southeast Akron. Contact our office to be connected with the team leaders.

**KAT/Kids Alternative Time** which occurs during the Sunday 9:30 am worship service is looking for some adults who want to learn and teach all in the same breath. Mark the Connection Card, call or email the church for more info. Mary Austin and Eileen Cox are the team leaders.

**Kids Hope** is our mentoring/tutoring ministry at Resnick school next door. Adults spend 1/2 hr to 1 hr a week with a child they are assigned for the year. Teachers recommend children in the lower grades who need a good adult relationship in their life. Mark the Connection Card, call or email the church for more info. Mary Austin and Eileen Cox are the team leaders.

**New Teams** to help plan for our annual spaghetti supper in the fall to raise funds for the **Williard Food Pantry** and one to help plan for our annual purchasing and putting together of **Christmas gift bags for clients of Community Support services.**

### **Miller Ave UCC in south or Lower Akron (LA)**

This mission church at the corner of Miller Ave and Edison a block off of South Main Street is in a neighborhood that is experiencing loads of stress in crime, unemployment and abandoned houses. One of the regular programs that Miller Ave hosts is the last two Saturdays of the month, Lunch on Us. This is a meal for the neighborhood and can always use servants of Christ to cook, host, serve food and/or clean up. Contact Pastor Tom Gerstenlauer at 330-854-4354.

### **First Presbyterian Church Meals on East Market Street**

Some of the Fairlawn West folks help with serving food and washing dishes at this meal that is served on Sunday nights to around 100 people, all who are poor and many who are homeless.. If you would like to help, contact Paul Richert of Fairlawn West, 330-867-8272.

## Worship Order February 1, 2009

### **Announcements & Welcome**

#### **Songs** *Lean on Me*

*In the Beauty of Holiness*

(Children are invited to leave for KAT/Kids Alternative Time for grades k-5)

*Imago Dei*

### **Naming and Centering Prayer**

#### **Scripture** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

#### **Vision** *Giving Up Freedom*

### **Interlude**

### **Prayers**

#### **Offerings to God**

*Make Me a Servant*

### **Passing the Peace**

### **Communion**

#### **Anointing with Oil for healing**

#### **Song** *May the Love of God*

### **Commissioning**

*Go forth into the world and be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no person evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

### **Benediction**

#### **A Mid-Winter Prayer**

From the rising of the midwinter sun to its setting  
Scatter the darkness with the light of your love, O Shining One.

Make me short on mean thoughts, long on offering words of comfort

Make me short on being driven, long on paying attention

Make me short on focusing only on my own, long on looking beyond

Make me short on obsessive lists, long on spontaneous acts of kindness

Make me short on mindless activity, long on time to reflect

Make me short on tradition as a habit, long on re-discovery and re-owning

Make me short on rushing and tiring, long on walking and wondering

Make me short on false festive jollity, long on stilling and rooted joy

Make me short on guilt, long on being merciful to myself

Make me short on being overwhelmed, long on peaceableness as I set forth this day

*from The Celtic Wheel of the Year by Tess Ward*

### Today's Vision

What are we willing to give up of our life to enable others to come to trust and love God?

What is it about our spiritual journey that is essential and what is less central for us?

Are we more focused on what we can get out of "religion" or Christianity?  
Or

Are we more focused on what God asks of us to be and do to be disciples of Jesus Christ?

Are we focused more on those who have been around a while because we think they deserve more attention or on those who are seeking and wanting to learn more about and grow more with God?

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### Ohio Hunger Network

In any given week, 207,700 different Ohioans receive emergency food assistance.

35 percent are children under the age of 18, with one out of 10 under 5 years old.

9% are seniors, often on fixed income and deciding between meals, utilities, and medications.

1/2 choose between paying for food or heating/utilities, and 1/3 between food or rent/mortgages.

### What is the Hunger Network in Ohio?

The Hunger Network in Ohio is a faith-based organization dedicated to eradicating hunger by changing conditions causing poverty. Largely through the commitments of judicatory sponsors and caring Christians, this ministry combines faith and action. Participants are given information on current hunger issues and educational opportunities for on hunger policy development and ultimately enabled to become public advocates for those who are hungry.

To join: [www.hungernetohio.org](http://www.hungernetohio.org) or Hunger Network in Ohio 82 East 16th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201 614-424-6203 [info@hungernetohio.org](mailto:info@hungernetohio.org)

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