

Sandusky Valley Regional Coordinating Team  
Mission Update

The Sandusky Valley Regional Coordinating Team would like to offer an update on Phase One of the mission project at Fairhaven Community in Upper Sandusky. Phase One involved the removal of all playground equipment including the cushiony safety surface surrounding the equipment. We have good news to report: All of the playground equipment has been removed and relocated and almost all of the cushiony surface has been removed as well. The hardest part by far was removing the cushiony surface; there were approximately 475 rubbery squares making up the surface and the squares were quite heavy and bulky (we could only fit 4-5 in a wheelbarrow). It was time consuming and tiring, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. A huge thank you to all who helped out so far!! You guys and gals did an awesome job!

As we come to a close on Phase One, we are beginning to look at Phase Two: Designing and financing the re-landscaping project. We have a landscape designer who is generously donating his time and talents to help us create a suitable and workable space for the residents and staff at Fairhaven. He is willing to work with our dreams of an outside patio space with tables, planters at three different heights (ground level, wheel chair accessible, and standing), benches scattered in the courtyard, new shrubs and perennials, and maybe even a gazebo. We have the dreams (and we would like to dream bigger if we can!) but we don't know how many of those dreams can become a reality. In order to know what we can really do for Fairhaven, we need to have an idea how much our budget will be, which is where you can help us out right now.

We are asking the generous people of NWOA to consider making a pledge to this project by the end of June (or you can make a donation right away). Your pledge to give or your donation can be in honor or in memory of a loved one, a member of your congregation, someone who has benefitted from the services provided by Fairhaven, or a donation just because you want to help out folks who can truly benefit from a space that is relevant to the lives and work of the people at Fairhaven. We are taking pledges and donations from individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations. This project will be meaningful and helpful for the residents and staff at Fairhaven Community...the more we raise, the more we can do.

If you would like to make a pledge, or if you have any questions, comments, or requests, you can contact Rev. David Jones at [pastortrinityucc@hotmail.com](mailto:pastortrinityucc@hotmail.com) or Brenda Weslow at [bweslow@yahoo.com](mailto:bweslow@yahoo.com). If you are interested in making a donation right away to help out with this project, please send it to the NWOA office and include a note that it is meant for the Fairhaven Project. Joan and Carolyn will know what to do with it. If you want your pledge or donation to go towards a specific gift such as a bench, gazebo, or table, let us know and we will do the best we can to make sure your wishes are honored. Thank you!!

The Journey Continues...  
Rev. David Jones, Convener  
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