

Fairview Choir: Our adult choir practices on Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the sanctuary. This is a low-key group of folks who love to sing. If you're interested in singing as part of the choir, come to any practice or speak with our Director of Music Judy Shaw. All musical abilities welcome!

Fairview Fall Fest!: Join us for a fun, fall, fellowship event Saturday, October 18 at 5:30 PM. This will take place at the Drane Home about 20 minutes north of the church. We'll roast hot dogs and s'mores. Bring a side dish to share. We'll have a hayride and 'possum hunt (kids hunt for "possums" – brown paper bags filled with candy, sort of like an Easter egg hunt, but with flashlights.) Invite your friends, family, and neighbors! If you do not drive at night please call the office (573) 445-5391 and we'll organize a ride.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build: The non-profit, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, has built and delivered over 250 beds to kids in Columbia! The United Methodists churches in Columbia will come together for a bed build on October 18 in the parking lot of Community United Methodist Church. All abilities welcome! Scan the QR code to sign up or sign up in the narthex.



Bedding Drive: We will be collecting new twin bedding to go with the beds-pillows, mattress pads including waterproof ones, blankets, and comforters. Place your donations in the basket in the generosity corner in the narthex (the nook by the elevator).

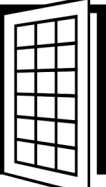
Joy Group: Join the Fairview folks of Joy Group for fellowship, community, and discussion of Grateful: Giving Thanks to God in All Things. In this 4-session study, you'll learn how to foster a thankful heart that can be cultivated into a continual harvest of gratitude, regardless of the circumstances. We will try to stick to an hour to hour 15 minutes in order to be conscientious of your time and for those who wish to attend choir practice at 7 PM. Please plan on purchasing your own book. We prayerfully hope that you will join us in a friendly, nonjudgmental atmosphere. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Linda at pressley@socket.net. This is a four week study. Wednesdays Oct. 15-Nov 12 (no mtg 10/29) at 5:30 PM

Loaves and Fishes: We're serving the meal at Loaves and Fishes on Wed. October 29. Please sign up to provide breakfast casseroles, muffins, Halloween candy and fruit. Sign up to set up at 3 PM, serve food at 3:45 PM, start washing dishes at 4:30 PM, or be part of the cleanup crew at 5:00 PM. Signup in the narthex or scan the QR code.



Volunteer Drivers: The Care Team is establishing a list of volunteer drivers who will provide rides from time to time to other Fairview folks to get to medical appointments, treatments, or other needs. If you are willing to volunteer to provide a ride from time to time, please contact Kathy by email or phone kathykettler@yahoo.com (573) 864-9930

Adopt-a-Tree: Eight new trees have been planted around the church . 1 serviceberry, 1 sugar maple, 3 white oaks, 2 northern red oaks, and 1 bald cypress. The trees need YOU to help get established. Get together with a friend, small group, class, other MMO parents, whomever, and adopt a tree! Adopting a tree means you'll make sure it gets enough water for the week. We'll give you the plan for watering your tree(s).



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Our Mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
Our Vision: to be a neighborhood church where YOU make a difference
Core Values: We are faithful, relational, inclusive, genuine, and service-oriented
Core Practices: Worship. Pray. Grow. Serve. Give. Invite.



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | October 12, 2025 | 10 AM

Gathering Music Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn Come, Christians, Join to Sing UMH 158

*Call to Worship Cindy Dixon, Liturgist

When we are lonely and feeling lost ...
Jesus calls us and brings us hope and peace.
When we are angry and frustrated ...
Jesus heals our wounds and soothes our tempers.
When we are sorrowful and broken ...
Jesus binds up our wounds with his healing love.
Come, let us worship the one who cares so abundantly for us.
AMEN.

Call to Confession Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession
Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness Rev. Nancy Martin

Turn again to the Lord, for you are beloved of God. God hears our prayers, the intentions of our hearts, and is with us always. Rejoice in God’s love for you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Hymn Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH 496

Joys and Concerns; Prayers of the People Rev. Nancy Martin

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Bibles Rev. Nancy Martin
We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in our worship, and in the world. We will learn together and grow in our love for God’s Word.

Hymn Thy Word is a Lamp UMH 601

Children's Moment Rev. Nancy Martin
Children are welcome to come to the front to hear about the scripture we’re focusing on today. Adults may accompany their child(ren). Children can also stay in their seats.

Hymn Be Thou My Vision UMH 451

Generosity Moment Connie Cheren, Founder of Partners of Care

*Doxology UMH 94

Prayer for Illumination Cindy Dixon

Scripture Luke 18:1-8 (NRSVUE)
Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God

grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

*Closing Hymn I Am Thine, O Lord UMH 419 v. 1-3

*Benediction Rev. Nancy Martin

Postlude Judy Shaw

The asterisk (*) indicates when to stand in body or spirit;
UMH stands for the United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS stands for The Faith We Sing. Find these books in the pews.

Children are welcome in all aspects of our worship service. They can stay with their adult(s) or attend nursery or Children’s Church. Nursery care is available starting at 9:45 AM for children four years old and under. Children’s Church happens during our service, for those four years old through fifth grade, after the Children’s Moment. Children learn more about the scripture we are focusing on in the worship service. Adults pick up their children after worship from the Children’s Church room at the end of the Children’s Corridor. All volunteers who work with children and youth have passed a background check, have been Safe Gatherings trained, and uphold our Safe Sanctuary policies and procedures.

Holy Communion: We, in the United Methodist Church, practice Open Communion, meaning anyone who loves Jesus, who earnestly repents of their sin, and seeks to live in peace with one another is welcome to the table. We use bread or crackers and grape juice, so as to have as inclusive a table as possible. Gluten free wafers and individual cups of grape juice are available on the stand between serving stations. Please place your empty cup in the basket.

We have an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary as you exit the double doors. To give online, please scan this code using your smart phone’s camera:



Ways to Participate in the Life of our Church:

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for Bible study Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Pastor’s Study. Next Sunday the class will continue discussing the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church and their biblical foundations.

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us at 11:15 AM in the church office/library. This Sunday we will discuss “The Good Heart: A Buddhist Perspective on the Teachings of Jesus” by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Craft Evening: Come to the church office/library on second Fridays at 6 PM, for fun, fellowship and crafts! Bring your own craft. We’ll order in dinner, bring some food, or eat before you come. Let’s make something great together! Join us November 14 for our next meet up.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast: Join other men from Fairview United Methodist Church every second Saturday at the West Broadway HyVee for community, conversation, and breakfast food! Order and find a table with other Fairview folks. Join us November 8 at 8:30 AM.