

Ways to Participate in the Life of our Church:

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for Bible study Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Pastor's Study. Beginning September 7th, the class will begin discussing the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. Sept 7th: Preface: Social Principles

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us at 11:15 AM in the church office/library. This Sunday we will discuss: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, Hebrews 12:18-29, and Luke 13:10-17. We'll also have conversation about choosing our next book which we'll start reading in September.

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 September 12 for our next meet up.

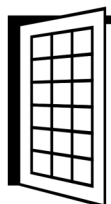
Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Join other men from Fairview United Methodist Church every second Saturday at the West Broadway HyVee for community, conversation, and breakfast food! Order and find a table with other Fairview folks. Join us September 13 at 8:30 AM.

Baptism and New Member Sunday: We'll welcome new members and celebrate the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, September 14. Are you interested in church membership or baptism for you or your child? Please talk with Pastor Nancy!

Mums for Missions: The Fairview Women in Faith will once again be selling mums for missions. Orders will be taken before and after worship on August 17, 24 and 31. The mums are scheduled for delivery on September 7. Mums are \$15 each. Cash and Check accepted. Mums must be prepaid. Orders cannot be accepted without payment. Three colors are offered this year; yellow, bronze and purple. The mums are purchased from the Amish and colors are not always known until pickup. If bronze and purple are not available from the distributor, the color will default to yellow.

Theatre Day October 4: Fairview United Women in Faith is sponsoring a theatre day on October 4th, 2025. We will be attending Maples Repertory Theatre in Macon. The production will be *Church Basement Ladies: A Second Helping*. The time is 2:00 PM. Our plan is to carpool from the church. This activity is open to everyone in the congregation. If you are interested in going please notify Jeanie Pearson, 573-544-1470, or at spear48834@aol.com by September 7 so that we can order tickets. Please indicate how many tickets you want and whether you can drive.

Laity Sunday: Laity Sunday is October 19. This Sunday in worship will include time for testimony and witness. We're structuring the worship around our six core practices - worship, pray, grow, serve, give, invite. Please consider these practices and how they've lead to God's transformation in your life. Would you be willing to share with the congregation in worship? Please talk with Pastor Nancy or email her about it!



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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.



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost | August 31, 2025 | 10 AM

Gathering Music

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn

Open My Eyes That I May See

UMH 454

*Call to Worship

Jo Turner, Liturgist

We come, aware of our sin, of all the ways we miss the mark.

God welcomes us with compassion.

We come, longing for restoration, to be made new.

God surrounds us with grace and forgiveness, reconciling us to God and one another.

We come, thirsting for reconciliation, to draw close to God and one another.

God embraces us with love, reuniting us with God and one another.

Sustain in us, O God, a willing spirit to return to the joy of our salvation.

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

God of lovingkindness, where we have neglected prayer, been apathetic in worship, found reasons to avoid generosity, or lacked compassion: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Where we have colluded in the oppression of others: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Where fear has eroded the gift of Your peace, and where we have cared too much about what others think: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Sustain in us willing spirits. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nancy Martin

God understands how we struggle to stay open and compassionate. The invitation is not to focus on our inadequacies, but on God's gift of grace and love which transforms our hearts and minds. That gift is given to us again, here and now. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Hymn Have Thine Own Way, Lord UMH 382

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.

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 I Want a Principle Within UMH 410

Prayer for Illumination Jo Turner

Scripture Psalm 51:1-12 (NRSVUE)
Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and sustain in me a willing spirit.
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn My Hope Is Built UMH 368 v. 1-3

Generosity Moment Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer Jo Turner

*Closing Hymn O For a Heart to Praise My God UMH 417

*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 in fifth grade and under, 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 are also available on the stand between serving stations.

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:



Where have you seen God today?
Where did you see God this week?
Share it with us! email office@frontyardchurch.org

