

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. This is a discussion based group; bring a Bible and an open mind.



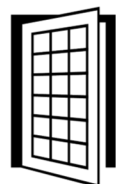
Adult Book Study Group: You're invited to join Fairview's Sunday morning book study. We'll read *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups, exploring the Nativity story through overlooked characters like Elizabeth, Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and shepherds. This insightful book highlights Advent themes of hope, love, joy and peace. Your insights on these overlooked characters will enrich our discussions as we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Contact Ewell Lawson at esjk1993@aol.com to learn more about this thoughtful and uplifting holiday study. We hope you can join us! Group is in hybrid format - in person & virtual. Meeting ID: 872 2387 8090; Passcode: Breakfast.

JOY Group: Joy Group meets Tuesdays nights in the church office at 6:30 PM. We are studying *We'll start back with Brave and Beloved* January 9th.

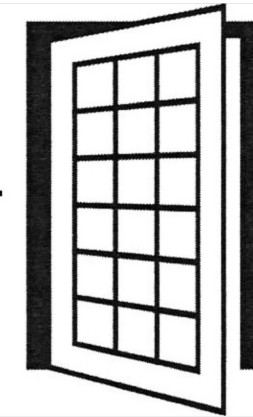
Fairview Choir: Our adult choir practices Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the sanctuary. All levels of musical ability welcomed and encouraged. You are invited to come and sing. Grab a friend hang out in with this casual group and make some music together!

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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
We are faithful, relational, inclusive, genuine, and service-oriented



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Baptism of the Lord Sunday | January 14, 2023 | 10 AM

Gathering Music Judy Shaw

Greeting Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Opening Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH 400

*Call to Worship Betsy Mathews, Liturgist

L: There are some days when I need the reminder that I belong to God. Do you ever feel that way?

P: Yes. We do. The world can be a harsh place; we often need that reminder.

L: Well then, let us care for one another. Let us speak the truth we each need to hear. Church, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.

P: Friend, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.

L: Let us worship the God who knows our names.

P: Let us worship the God who calls us beloved. Amen.

Opening Prayer Betsy Mathews, Liturgist

Hymn This Is the Spirit's Entry Now UMH 608

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

Scripture Hymn When Jesus Came to Jordan UMH 252

Scripture Luke 3:21-22 Betsy Mathews, Liturgist

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Generosity Moment Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology (Tune UMH 221)

Praise the one Creator, praise the Living Christ,
Praise the Holy Spirit, praise both day and night.
Praise when you are weary, praise in times of joy.
Praise, my soul, with all your strength and your heart and voice.

Call to Confession Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, From the very beginning, you breathed life into us and called us good. However, somewhere along the way we replaced "good" with "not enough." Somewhere along the way we turned the volume up on that phrase and began to doubt our own self-worth. Forgive us, for this is not what you have taught us. For when the world tells us we are not enough, you call us beloved. Show us how to return to that truth. Show us how to let go of our weariness and rest in that good news. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness Rev. Nancy Martin

L: Family of faith, God's grace and understanding is deeper and wider than we could possibly imagine. So say these words of grace with me:
P: **Our story begins with belovedness. Even when we lose our way, even if we stumble and fall, God never stops breaking through the clouds to claim us. We are known. We are forgiven. We are beloved. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Remembering our Baptism Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer Rev. Nancy Martin

*Closing Hymn How Firm A Foundation UMH 529 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

Prayers by and adapted from Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC |sanctifiedart.org.

Nursery Care is available starting at 9:45 AM for children three years old and under. Children's Church happens during our service for those in fifth grade and under. During this time kids will learn more about the scripture we are focusing on in the worship service. There's usually a craft, game, fellowship, and fun. Adults will pick up their children after the service 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. All children are welcome in all aspects of our worship. Feel free to keep your children with you or utilize nursery care or Children's Church.

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:

