

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. The class is currently discussing Isaiah.

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us in the office at 11:15 AM to discuss the book Wesleyan Vile-tality: Reclaiming the Heart of Methodist Identity by Ashely Boggan.

Moms Group: This is a group for anyone actively parenting kids and youth. We usually meet on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM in the narthex/lobby. We're discussing Meredith Miller's book *Woven: Nurturing a Faith your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From*. Join us today **September 6 at 7 PM!**

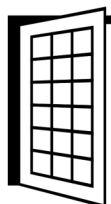
Craft Evening: Come to the church office/library on second Fridays or fun, fellowship, and crafts! Bring your own craft. We'll order in dinner, bring some food, or eat before you come. Let's make something great together! Join us **September 11 at 6:00 PM** for our next meet up.

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 **Saturday, September 12 at 8:30 AM.**

Fairview Choir: Our adult choir practices on Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the sanctuary. They will begin meeting again on **Wednesday, August 26** 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!

Visiting Team & Care Team: Visiting Team members visit homebound Fairview Folks individually or in pairs. They'll have a quick debrief on Thursday, August 27 at 11:45 AM. The Care Team cares for and connects with Fairview Folks and visitors. They'll meet on Thursday at noon. This will be a hybrid meeting - come in person to the church office or join on zoom. Meeting ID: 894 0345 1175 Passcode: CARE Both these teams do their primary work outside of meetings. They meet together to generate new ideas, regroup, and pray. If you would like to join either team but are unable to make the monthly meetings, no problem! Talk with Pastor Nancy or Janice Zelasko about joining in!

Camp Fairview Pool Party is Today! We'll wrap up our summer together pool side today, **Sunday, August 23 from 3:00-6:00 PM.** at West Broadway Swim Club. There will be an area designated for Fairview folks to hang out and build community. Plus there's swimming! And a baby pool area! Arrive anytime between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 PM. We'll order pizza and have it ready to eat at 5:00 PM.
West Broadway Swim Club: 4100 W Broadway, Columbia, MO. Park in the parking lot and walk up the stairs/ramp. Stop at the window and say you're with Fairview. The party deck is at back left.



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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.



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost | August 23, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH 402 v. 1, 2, 4

*Call to Worship

Jo Turner, Liturgist

Welcome to God's upside-down kingdom!

A realm in which the last are first,

the latecomers are fully compensated,

and fairness takes a sideways turn.

We worship a complicated God—

or is God's way actually quite simple?

We bring our questions—and our discomfort—with us this morning,

trusting that God will show us the way.

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

Let us make our confession.

We have failed.

And God loves us.

We have forgotten.

And God loves us.

We have injured.

And God loves us.

We have gloated.

And God loves us.

We have hoarded.

And God loves us.

We have turned away.

And God loves us. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness
God is not hate, God is not wrath, God is not apathy.
God is love.
And that means that God forgives, again and again.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen.

Hymn The Gift of Love UMH 408

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn I Am Thine, O Lord UMH 419 v. 1, 2, 4

Prayer of Illumination Jo Turner

Scripture Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSVUE)
“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am

generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn Lord of All Hopefulness TFWs 2197

Generosity Moment Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology UMH 94

Offertory Prayer Jo Turner

*Closing Hymn Grace Greater than Our Sin UMH 365 v. 1, 2, 4

*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 bowl.

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:



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