

## 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. We're participating in an eight-week series titled "Pentecost People: Transformed by the Holy Spirit." This series is a gift from the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church. Next week we will focus on Pentecost People Week 5: Embodying the Love of God - Embracing Diversity. Scripture: Acts 2:5-12, 17-18; Acts 10: 44-48; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3: 26-28; Colossians 3 -11-14

**Sunday Book Study Group:** Join us at 11:15 AM in the church office/library. We will continue our discussion of "When You Pray," by Kelly Minter, Jackie Hill Perry, Jen Wilkin, Jennifer Rothschild, Jada Edwards, and Kristi McLelland.

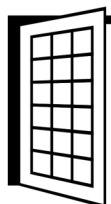
**Fairview Women in Faith:** Our Fairview Women in Faith group will meet on Thursday, July 10 at 1:30 PM in the church office/library. Amanda Ferguson, Program Supervisor with In2Action here in Columbia, will present a program to tell us about how In2Action is helping transform lives. Refreshments will be served. Come and join us for fellowship and fun!

**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 July 11 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 July 12 at 8:30 AM.

**Garage Sale:** This year's garage sale will be Saturday, July 26 from 8 AM—noon. Mark your calendars and set aside treasures you're looking to rehome as we get ready for this year's garage sale! We'll have drop off times starting Wednesday, July 23. Note: this year we will not sell clothing. Sign up in the narthex or online.

**Camp Fairview:** Our July event is Saturday, July 19 from 10-noon. We'll start with brunch in the gym, then learn more about our theme all together. Folks participating in the adult Bible study will stay in the sanctuary while everyone else will learn more about Acts 2 and the Holy Spirit through various stations - including stations outdoors including water and an inflatable waterslide! Sign up in the narthex or online.



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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.



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | July 6, 2025 | 10 AM

Gathering Music

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

\*Hymn

How Firm A Foundation

UMH 529 v. 1, 2, 4

\*Call to Worship

Dennis Stegall, Liturgist

We come, so sure of the way of faith, and the ways of faith...

**So sure of the way, we do not expect surprises.**

God of the road, you step into our path and startle us!

**So sure of the way, we are stopped in our tracks...**

Surprise us, nudge us, redirect our steps.

**So sure of the way, Lord, awaken us to new possibilities.**

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

**Resurrected One, you have proven that nothing can defeat the power of your love, and yet we continue to nurture our doubts. Time and again, you demonstrate your ability to transform despair in our human story into miraculous hope. Over and over, you patiently plant your seeds of joy, and yet we continue to scoff at the puny seedlings that sprout, as if we've never before witnessed the tenacity of your regenerative Spirit. God, call us again to follow you. Reset our direction. Show us again the miracle of your abundance. Lead us again from the depths of our fear into the light of your lovingkindness. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nancy Martin

God calls us out of darkness into marvelous light. We open ourselves up to sanctifying grace, allowing God to reorient us, to reset our direction. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

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.

Hymn Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See UMH 468

Generosity Moment Rev. Nancy Martin

\*Doxology UMH 94

\*Offertory Prayer Dennis Stegall

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 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling UMH 348 v. 1 & 2

Prayer for Illumination Dennis Stegall

Scripture Acts 9:1-15 (NRSVUE)  
Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in

Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;  
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn Precious Lord, Take My Hand UMH 474 v. 1

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

\*Closing Hymn Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UMH 133

\*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 three 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](mailto:office@frontyardchurch.org)