

FAIRVIEW

UNITED METHODIST

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 27, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn

We are the Church

UMH 558 v. 1, 4, 5

*Call to Worship

Leanna Lawrence, Liturgist

This week has been filled with joys and sorrows.

We have come here this day with burdens on our hearts.

God, who hears your cries, will offer you healing love.

Thanks be to God for such generous compassion.

Open your hearts to God's infinite mercy.

We open our spirits to receive God's love for us. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we have failed you. We have not loved as you have loved.

Forgive us, we pray. We have looked at the face of your beloved and

scoffed, ridiculed, blamed, and hurt. Forgive us, we pray. We have

refused to see the sacred when they sit beside us, simply because they

look, speak, act, believe, or love differently than we do. Forgive us, we

pray. Open our hearts to the fullness of you. Open our hearts, O God,

that we may see through your eyes. Open our hearts to the diverseness

of you. Break us open, Lord, to see as you see and love as you love. Let

the love of God become the tool with which we heal and stitch a vast

and beautiful tapestry of all God's creatures. We pray in the name of

Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Now hear the good news: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

Hymn	They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love	TFWS 2223 v. 1-3
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
Hymn	The Servant Song	TFWS 2222 v. 1-4
Prayer of Illumination		Leanna Lawrence
... the Savior of the world. Listen to us, O Lord.		
... his gifts along the way to full unity. Listen to us, O Lord.		
... and peace for the world. Listen to us, O Lord.		
... through Christ our Lord. Amen.		
Scripture		Galatians 3:23-29 (NRSVUE)
Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.		
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon		Rev. Nancy Martin
Hymn	Where Charity and Love Prevail	UMH 549 v. 1, 3, 4, 5
Generosity Moment		Rev. Nancy Martin
*Doxology		UMH 94
Offertory Prayer		Leanna Lawrence
*Closing Hymn	Blest Be the Tie That Binds	UMH 557 v. 1, 3, 4
*Benediction		Rev. Nancy Martin

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.

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

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 Galatians.

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us in the office at 11:15 AM to discuss the book Wesleyan Vitality: 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 **October 4 at 7 PM!**

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!

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 **October 9 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, October 10 at 8:30 AM.**

Loaves and Fishes: We'll serve the meal at Loaves and Fishes on **Wednesday, September 30.** We had a great group when we served in July and we have room for you to serve, especially on the clean up crew (5:45-6:45 PM). You can contribute to this meal with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. You can bake, cook, transport food, serve the food, and help clean up. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex and on the app.

Prep Crew 3:30-4:45 PM

Dish Washing Crew 5:00-6:15

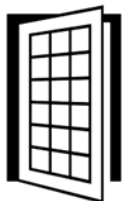
Meal Serving Crew 4:45-6:15 PM

Clean Up Crew 5:45-6:45

Fall Fest: Join us for this fun fellowship event Saturday, October 17 from 5:30-8 PM. This will take place at the Drane Home about 20 minutes north of the church. We'll have a bonfire with a hotdog roast and s'mores. Bring a side dish to share. We'll have a hayride and a 'possum hunt (kids hunt for "possums" – brown paper bags filled with candy, sort of like an Easter egg hunt, but with flashlights.) Bring lawn chairs and roasting forks if you have them. Kids will need a flashlight each. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors. This is a great opportunity to spend time with one another and get to know each other better. If you would like to come but do not drive at night please let the office (573) 445-5391 or Pastor Nancy revnancygmartin@gmail.com know and we'll organize a ride.

Bring a Loaf, Take a Loaf: Sunday, October 4 is World Communion Sunday! To celebrate we'd like to adorn the altar with loaves of bread from around the world. Bring your favorite loaf of bread to worship to display on the altar. After worship take home the loaf you brought or swap with a neighbor!

Laity Sunday: Would you like to speak during worship on October 18 for 5 (or less) minutes on one of our core practices? You'll give a testimony of sorts about which practice has made an impact on your life, either as you have practiced it or witnessed others practicing it. Would you like to lead a prayer, children's moment, prayers of the people, the greeting or benediction on Laity Sunday? If so, please email revnancygmartin@gmail.com. We need one person each for Worship, Pray, Grow, Service, Give, and Invite.



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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.