

## Ways to Participate in the Life of our Church:

### Small Groups

**Sunday Bible Study:** Join us for Bible study Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Pastor's Study. Next week we will be discussing Acts 19:1-7 (Paul on Holy Spirit).

**Book Study Group:** Join us at 11:15 AM in the office/library. We'll discuss The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory – American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism by Tim Alberta.

**United Women in Faith:** Join us on Second Thursdays of the month for a program, devotional and refreshments. Our meeting this month is September 12 at 1:30 PM in the church office/library.

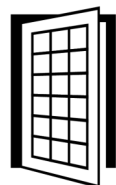
**Craft Evening:** Come to the church office/library on Second Fridays at 6 PM, next month will be September 13, for fun, fellowship and crafts! This is a BYOC (bring your own craft) evening. We'll order in dinner, bring some food, or eat before you come. Let's make something great together!

**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 your food and then find a table with other Fairview Folks. Our next meet meeting is September 14 at 8:30am.

### Build Community

**40 Days of Prayer for Renewal Together:** We're participating in 40 Days of Prayer for Renewal Together this July through August. It means we'll each commit to praying at 7 AM and 7 PM for the following three things: Holy Spirit moves me and our church. Courage for me and our church to do what God has called us to do. Love God and love others no matter who they are. And we each commit to fasting from a meal or from whatever you choose each Tuesday. We have cards for your wallet, pocket, or mirror in the narthex.

**The Power of Strangers with Joe Keohae:** It can be a challenge to connect with people from different backgrounds and generations. The tension between bridging these gaps can feel overwhelming at times. While we strive for a diverse and inclusive culture, many of us struggle to engage with those who are different from us. We've been ingrained with the notion of avoiding strangers, which has left us ill-equipped to view each other as fellow humans. Sign up to attend a talk with Joe Keohane author of "The Power of Strangers: The benefits of Connecting in a Suspicious World" on Monday, August 19 at 7 PM at Linn Memorial United Methodist Church in Fayette.



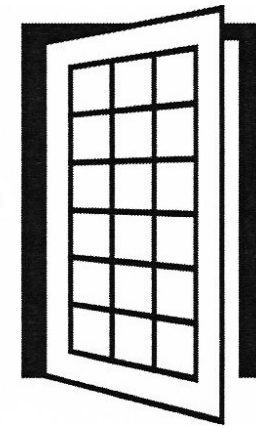
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Our Mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Our Vision: to be a neighborhood church where YOU make a difference

Core Values: We are faithful, relational, inclusive, genuine, and service-oriented



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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost | August 18, 2024 | 10 AM

Gathering Music

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin

\*Hymn

O How I Love Jesus

UMH 170

\*Call to Worship

Ewell Lawson

From this pining place of loneliness

**come to this sanctuary of welcome.**

From the bitter cul-de-sac of longing and grief

**listen to Christ's invitation.**

When your longing feels languishing or limp, or grey or muted, or mournful, or spent

**Hear Jesus calling you gently:**

***"Come, my dear ones, don't be afraid. I know you are lonely. I know you feel longing and grief. It might feel like death, but I know there is resurrection.***

***Together let's try ritual, attending to the feelings that swirl around us. So you can rise again in presence and connection." Amen.***

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

Listening God, we are here today: alone and together. Alone in our loneliness, in our emotions, in our fears, in the secret depths of our hearts. Together in our loneliness, this epidemic of our communities, a crisis for which we need a savior. Alone, we ask for ourselves, the grace we need to receive the grace you offer. Together, we ask for each other, for grace to give and empathy to hear. With hope in your resurrection, Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn Care Chorus TFWS 2215

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 It Is Well with My Soul UMH 377 v. 2

Prayer for Illumination Ewell Lawson

Scripture Lamentations 3:55-58  
I called on your name, O Lord,  
from the depths of the pit;  
you heard my plea, 'Do not close your ear  
to my cry for help, but give me relief!  
You came near when I called on you;  
you said, 'Do not fear!  
You have taken up my cause, O Lord,  
you have redeemed my life.  
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Generosity Moment Rev. Nancy Martin

\*Doxology UMH 94

Offertory Prayer Ewell Lawson

Hymn As We Gather at Your Table TFWS 2268 v. 1

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

\*Closing Hymn As We Gather at Your Table TFWS 2268 v. 2-3

\*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

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. During this time kids will learn more about the scripture we are focusing on in the worship service. Adults will 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. 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, 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 are welcome to the table. We use bread, gluten-free wafers, and grape juice, so as to have as inclusive a table as possible

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)