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. The class will continue discussing the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. Sept 14th Preamble: References: Romans 8:38-39; Genesis 2:7-15; John 13:34-35; Matthew 25:45

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us at 11:15 AM in the church office/library. This Sunday we will discuss: Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Philemon 1:1-21, Luke 14:25-33. Starting September 14 we will begin discussing "The Good Heart: A Buddhist Perspective on the Teachings of Jesus" by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Craft Evening: Join us this Friday, September 12 at 6 PM in the church office/library for a time of community and crafts! This month we will have a special project—assembling angels to distribute to each family that attends Little Bethlehem. The sewists have all the heads, bodies and wings sewn and cut (with thanks to Stacy and Shari) and Kathleen B. has been busy painting faces on the heads. All that we need are willing crafters OF ANY AGE to put all the pieces together. We will provide all the supplies. Please plan on joining us. Bring dinner (or order something while here) and enjoy! You can still bring the craft of your choice.

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 September 13 at 8:30 AM.

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!

Baptism and New Member Sunday: We'll welcome new members and celebrate the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, September 14. Are you interested in church membership or baptism for you or your child? Please talk with Pastor Nancy!

Raising Money for Gym Floor: We're raising money to replace the flooring downstairs and in the gym. As you can imagine, this is guite a large project! If you'd like to give specifically for this line item please scan the QR code and select "Flooring" Replacement" or write "Flooring Replacement" on the memo line of your check.

Christmas in September: On Sunday, September 21 you are invited to wear your best Christmas sweater, headband, tie, whatever. We'll sing Christmas Carols during worship and after the service we'll have a short presentation about Little Bethlehem, our interactive nativity that we put on for our neighborhood and wider community each December. Then we'll head outside to experience Little Bethlehem (minus the sets and costumes and night-time). The nursery will remain open until after our Little Bethlehem walk through so everyone will be able to participate! If you'd like, feel free to bring Christmas Cookies to share before worship!

New Area for Youth: Our Leadership Board is beginning plans to create a space for youth in the alcove off the old fellowship hall/the current preschool rooms downstairs. We need your help! What dreams do you have for a youth space? What should it include? If you are interested in being part of the Youth Room Task Force talk with Pastor Nancy or Kara Amann.

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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 were YOU make a difference Core Values: We are faithful, relational, inclusive, genuine, and service-oriented Core Practices: Worship, Pray, Grow, Serve, Give, Invite.



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost | August 17, 2025 | 10 AM

Gathering Music

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greetina

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn

Go, Make of All Disciples

UMH 571

*Call to Worship

Betsy Mathews, Liturgist

We come today to worship the Triune God, even as we, like the Eleven on the mountainside, have our doubts.

Holy God, meet us in our questions and help us embrace your mystery.

We come to encounter the God who is both immense and particular, greater than words can describe, and yet intimately present with us.

God of hope and peace, surround us with your love that brings order to chaos and community to individualism.

We come to give thanks to the God who created and sustains us, and who calls us to steward the earth and all that live in it.

God of lovingkindness, empower us to enter into partnership with you for the flourishing of all creation with gratitude and joy.

We come to receive Christ's commission to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach the gospel wherever we go.

God, immerse us in the life of your Spirit that we might invite and welcome others into the community of faith. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess our sin, which separates us from you. We know how people who belong to you should live, but we fail to live that way. At times we have forgotten that we bear your image and have done evil. At times we have forgotten to live in response to your sacrifice for us and have acted selfishly. At times we have ignored the voice of your spirit speaking to our conscience, and we have followed the desires of our own heart. As a result, we have not lived in love for you, our neighbor, our ourselves. Our lives have been diminished, our witness has been stifled. Forgive us, God of

lovingkindness, through Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, guide us to truly live as people who know and love you. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nancy Martin

The Lord, who saves you, says: I am the God who forgives your sins; I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you. 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 Thy Word is a Lamp

UMH 601

Generosity Moment

Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer

Betsy Mathews

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

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH 114 V. 1

Prayer for Illumination

Betsy Mathews

Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSVUE)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn Now Let Us from This Table Rise UMH 634 v. 1-3

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

*Closing Hymn

O Jesus I Have Promised

UMH 396

*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 and individual cups of grape juice are available on the stand between serving stations. Please place your empty cup in the basket.

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