

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for Bible study Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Pastor's Study. The class is currently discussing Acts of the Apostles.

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us at 11:15 AM in the church office/library. For a discussion of "The Good Heart: A Buddhist Perspective on the Teachings of Jesus" by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

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 November 14 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 December 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!

Pack the Pantry: We will be collecting pasta for the Food Bank. Please add a few boxes of pasta to the basket in the generosity corner. Scan the QR code to give online or write a check with "Food Bank" in the memo.

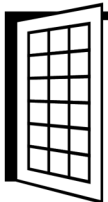


Fairview Women in Faith: The Fairview Women in Faith will meet in the church library on Thursday, November 13 at 1:30 PM. Our speaker will be from the Voluntary Action Center. Join us for an engaging program, refreshments, and community building!

Adopt-a-Tree: All the trees are adopted. Thank you! You'll get an email when it's time to water.

Little Bethlehem Setup: Join us Sat November 29 8:30 AM—noon and then again at 1:00 PM to get the set set up for Little Bethlehem. This effort requires many hand. There is something to do for everyone!

Thanksgiving Potluck: The season of gratitude is upon us, and we invite you to build community and connect at our annual Fairview Thanksgiving Potluck. This evening is dedicated to fellowship among our entire church and extended family. All are welcome to attend! Join Us For Dinner and Fellowship: Sunday, November 23 at 5:30 PM in the Fairview Church Multipurpose Room **What's on the Menu?** We love variety! Please feel free to bring a traditional Thanksgiving dish or one of your favorite family potluck recipes. Whether it's macaroni and cheese, spaghetti casserole, salad, enchiladas, or any of your best cookies and pies—all dishes are welcome and appreciated! **How You Can Help** The success of this evening rests on our community effort. Your assistance is truly valued! We welcome volunteers to help with providing food, cleaning up, and washing dishes during and after the meal. **RSVP and Rides** Please sign up to register your attendance and let us know what dish you are bringing! You can click the sign-up link below or register in person in the Narthex at Fairview. If you need a ride to the event, please call the church office at (573) 445-5391. We have a carpool ready to offer rides to anyone who needs assistance! We look forward to giving thanks alongside you! Shari Lawson (573) 864-4345 and the Thanksgiving Potluck Planning Team.



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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.



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost | November 9, 2025 | 10 AM

Gathering Music Jo Turner

Greeting Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH 206

*Call to Worship Pam Campbell, Liturgist

Love is the most excellent way. We could speak in the elegant languages of people or the exotic languages of heavenly messengers,
But if we don't love, we are just clanging, crashing cymbals.
We might have the gift of prophecy, blessed with all knowledge and insight.
But without love, we are nothing.
We could give all our money to feed the poor and surrender ourselves in selfless acts.
But if we do not live by love, we gain nothing.
Love is patient, love is kind. Love isn't envious.
Love doesn't boast, brag or strut about.
Love is never rude, crude or indecent. Love is not self-absorbed.
Love isn't easily upset. Love doesn't tally wrongs.
Truth is love's delight. Love puts up with everything that comes along.
Love trusts, love hopes, love endures no matter what.
Now these three remain: faith, hope and love;
But the greatest of these is love. Loving God, let your love reign in our hearts and our lives.

Call to Confession Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession
Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer: Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life, that lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear; paths that lead to dread and death. Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life, Life that is abundant and eternal, Life that began at the creation of all things. Forgive us, turn us to the right path, and let your love and grace flow over us and the world. We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Nancy Martin

God is faithful in love and grace, making our confession welcome and cleansing for the soul. Rejoice! We are children of light. Even when we falter, God’s love is strong enough to bring us back to the light of forgiveness and grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! 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.

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

UMH 292 v. 2 & 3

Prayer for Illumination

Pam Campbell

Scripture

1 John 1:1-2, 5 (NRSVUE)

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

Holy Spirit, as we have read this Scripture in our community, humbly interpreting through reason, varied experience and tradition, bless our hearing and understanding. **May our listening be done with love.**

Sermon

Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

UMH 173 (Tune UMH 361)

Generosity Moment

Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology

UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

Pam Campbell

*Closing Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549 v. 1, 3, 5, 6

*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 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:



Ways to Participate in the Life of our Church:

Nativity Play 2025: The Nativity Play for this year is called “The Real Story.” The play will be presented on Sunday, December 7. Practices will be Sundays after worship - meet at the pulpit today for a brief walk-through.

Joy Group: Join the Fairview folks of Joy Group for fellowship, community, and discussion of Grateful: Giving Thanks to God in All Things. We prayerfully hope that you will join us in a friendly, nonjudgmental atmosphere. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Linda at pressley@socket.net. Wednesday Nov 12 at 5:30 PM