

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

Calling All Third Graders: It is a tradition of our church to give third graders a Bible. We also give Bibles to kids in our church community who are older than third grade that have not yet received a Bible. Are you a third grader? Are you a parent, guardian, or grandparent of a third grader or someone who has not yet received a Bible? Please let the office know the name of your third grader and we will schedule Bible Sunday for later in September or October. Thank you! email: office@frontyardchurch.org

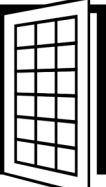
Generosity Opportunity: The Hands and Feet on the Street group has something planned for each month through October. They're collecting the following items to donate to City of Refuge: Diapers & wipes, Laundry detergent and dryer sheets, Hygiene products Cleaning products, Over the counter medication

There will be a bin in the office where you can place these items. They'll be taken to City of Refuge on Sunday, September 27 after worship.

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.

Visiting Team/Care Team: Visiting Team members visit homebound Fairview Folks individually or in pairs. They'll have a quick debrief on Thursday, September 24 at 11:45 AM. The Care Team cares for and connects with Fairview Folks and visitors. They'll meet on Thursday at noon. This will be a hybrid meeting - come in person to the church office or join on zoom. Meeting ID: 894 0345 1175 Passcode: CARE Both these teams do their primary work outside of meetings. They meet together to generate new ideas, regroup, and pray. If you would like to join either team but are unable to make the monthly meetings, no problem! Talk with Pastor Nancy or Janice Zelasko about joining in!

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!



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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.



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 20, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here UMH 579 v. 1-3

*Call to Worship Leanna Lawrence, Liturgist
The world is the world, and you are you. Bring us clarity, O God –
to see the places where this definition is important, and where it is a growing edge.
Brings us peace, O God –
as we walk this path towards better understanding all that you are and the places you can be found.
Forgive us, O God –
when we stumble along that path and in doing so hurt the other.
Send your Holy Spirit to us, O God –
that we may see your world of contrasts and differences as you do.
Beautiful, beheld, and beloved.

Call to Confession Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession
Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought: we turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we diminish your influence on us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that you love us, that you do not abandon us, and that again and again you call us back to you, back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. 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	Rooted in Scripture	Bulletin Insert
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	Open Our Eyes	TFWS 2086
Prayer of Illumination		Leanna Lawrence
Scripture	Acts 10:9-16 (NRSVUE) About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while it was being prepared he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon		Rev. Nancy Martin
Hymn	Open My Eyes, That I May See	UMH 454
Ministry Team Spotlight		Joan Sullivan
*Doxology		UMH 94
Offertory Prayer		Leanna Lawrence
*Closing Hymn	Have Thine Own Way, Lord	UMH 382 v. 1, 2, 4
*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 bowl.

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:

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!**

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.**

The Wardrobe Seek Volunteers: The Wardrobe is a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization that collects and sells used clothing and household items and uses the profits to purchase shoe coupons for needy schoolchildren. Twice a year, Wardrobe workers take down all the previous season's clothing and put up clothing appropriate for the upcoming season. The fall change-over will be 8:30 AM—12:30 PM, Monday, Sept 28. Volunteers are needed to hang fall/winter clothing. Volunteers can work whatever period of time they wish to contribute. No sign up is required. Most workers are from area churches, and the atmosphere is convivial. The address is 715 Park Av. Parking is on the street. If you have questions, please contact Jeanie Pearson at (573) 554-1470 or Sandy Stegall at (573) 819-6874.

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 next week at 11:15 AM to discuss the book Wesleyan Vile-tality: Reclaiming the Heart of Methodist Identity by Ashely Boggan. This week come to the narthex to discuss Galatians and 1 Corinthians.

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!