

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 Isaiah.

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us in the office at 11:15 AM next Sunday to discuss the book Wesleyan Vile-tality: Reclaiming the Heart of Methodist Identity by Ashely Boggan. Today come to the narthex to discuss the Rooted Reading for August.

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 today **September 6 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 **September 11 at 6:00 PM** for our next meet up.

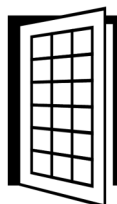
Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Join other men from Fairview United Methodist Church every second Saturday at the West Broadway HyVee for community, conversation, and breakfast food! Order and find a table with other Fairview folks. Join us **Saturday, September 12 at 8:30 AM.**

Blessing of the Backpacks: Don't forget to bring your backpack, briefcase, tote bag, etc. to worship August 23! We'll have a special blessing of the backpacks during our 10 AM worship service as we get ready for the new school year. You won't want to miss it!

Camp Fairview Pool Party: We'll wrap up our summer together pool side on **Sunday, August 23**. We'll have an area designated for Fairview folks to hang out and build community. Plus there's swimming! And a baby pool area! Arrive anytime between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 PM. We'll order pizza and have it ready to eat at 5:00 PM.

Fairview Choir: Our adult choir practices on Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the sanctuary. They will begin meeting again on **Wednesday, August 26** 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!

Visiting Team & Care Team: Visiting Team members visit homebound Fairview Folks individually or in pairs. They'll have a quick debrief on Thursday, August 27 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!



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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.



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost | August 16, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 454

*Call to Worship Jo Turner, Liturgist
The prophet declares that God's "justice shall roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."
Gathered for worship, we find ourselves on the shore of that stream—
hesitating, torn between courage and fear.
The waters are deep and powerful, the current is swift and strong.
Come, people of God, let us wade into the water!

Call to Confession Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession
Gracious and loving God, thank you for bringing us into this place of worship today and drawing us close to you. We confess that, too often, our songs and ceremonial worship fall short when we overlook the cry of the oppressed. Open our eyes to the needs around us and awaken our spirits to the work ahead: to challenge injustice, stand with the marginalized, and transform our praise into action that reflects your love and mercy. Empower us to be voices of truth, agents of healing, and beacons of your justice in our communities. Guide us as we open this time of worship, and may our hearts respond to the call for justice and compassion. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness
Now hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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

Joys and Concerns; Prayers of the People

Rev. Nick Campbell

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.

Generosity Moment

Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology

UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

Jo Turner

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

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

Prayer of Illumination

Jo Turner

Scripture

Amos 5:21-24 (NRSVUE)

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

TFWS 2268

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

*Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368 v. 1-3

*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. 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:



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