

FAIRVIEW

UNITED METHODIST

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost | October 11, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

*Call to Worship

Randy Clark, Liturgist

We are called to spread the word: God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

Come, salt of the earth, light of the world.

Come, to love one another with the love of God.

Let us join together in our love of God

to worship and follow Jesus.

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here." But we say, "Our lives are too messy." You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here." But we say, "It's too risky to hope." You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here." But we say, "Some things are easier to forget." God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here. Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best. Help us remember, today and tomorrow, there is room for every story. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

UMH 585

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

Bring Forth the Kingdom

TFWS 2190

Prayer of Illumination

Randy Clark

Scripture

James 1:17-27 (NRSVUE)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Sermon

Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH 601

Ministry Team Spotlight

Leanna Lawrence

*Doxology

UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

Randy Clark

*Closing Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384 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.

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Student Ministry Coordinator: After almost a year of prayer, discernment, and dreaming we've added a piece to our Student Ministry puzzle. Please welcome to our church community Sherri Cawley, our new Student Ministry Coordinator! Sherri is a United Methodist and a teacher at our Preschool, Mother's Morning Out. She lives in Columbia with her husband, Doug and their two children: Anna and Weston. Sherri enjoys camping, family game nights, and watching her kids play their favorite sports. Sherri will lead Children's Church during our 10 AM worship service. She's also going to lead Youth Group, which will meet Sundays at 9:00 AM starting November 8. This year, Youth Group will be offered to kids in 5th -12th grade. Next year we'll shift to the more traditional 6th-12th grade. Sherri will be with us starting this Sunday, October 11 in worship and Children's Church. Youth Group meetings will begin on Sunday, November 8.

Serve with Next Gen: We are excited about our growing Next Generation (or Next Gen) ministries! This growth provides new ways for you to make a difference! We want our little ones, kids, and youth to get to know you and vice versa. Every Sunday there will be an opportunity to be the second adult at the youth meetings and children's church, as well as opportunities to serve in the nursery. I'm asking you to pray about how you can support our Next Gen Ministries: Nursery, Children's Church, and Youth Group. Consider becoming Safe Gatherings Certified so you can work directly with little ones, kids, and youth. There are sign-ups for each opportunity. You can find this page any time in our app under "Serve" and "Resources." Or scan this code:



Safe Gatherings: At Fairview United Methodist Church every adult who works with children and youth must be Safe Gatherings Certified as well as covenant to uphold our church's Safe Sanctuary Policy which includes rules for keeping children, youth, vulnerable adults, and the folks who work with them safe. We have partnered with Safe Gatherings for training and background checks of our volunteers who work with children and youth. Safe Gatherings is an online, go-at-your-own-pace abuse prevention training. To work with our Next Gen ministries please complete Safe Gatherings Certification. Scan this code to learn more:



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 The Gospel According to John.

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us in the office at 11:15 AM to discuss the book Dwelling Places: Words to Live in Every Season by Lucinda Secrest McDowell.

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 **November 1 at 7 PM!**

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!

Fall Fest: Join us for this fun fellowship event THIS 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.

Laity Sunday: Would you like to speak during worship next week for 5 (or less) minutes on one of our core practices? You'll give a testimony of sorts about which practice has made an impact on your life, either as you have practiced it or witnessed others practicing it. If so, please email revnancygmartin@gmail.com. We need one person for Invite.

Baptism Sundays: We get to celebrate two baptisms coming up! One on October 18 and the other on November 8. Are you interested in baptism or church membership? Please talk with Pastor Nancy.

Generosity Opportunity: The Hands and Feet on the Street group are collecting handmade baby blankets and knitted hats to provided to families with children in the NICU. This is just one way this group is demonstrating Christian love in our community. In September they collected items for City of Refuge. Thank you to all who contributed! We had a generous number of things to donate to help families in need.

Mark Your Calendar for these upcoming events:

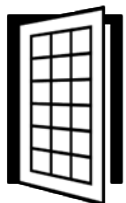
Combined Youth Halloween Party **Sunday, October 25 at 5 PM** (6th-12th Grades)

Thanksgiving Potluck **Sunday, November 22 at 5:30 PM**

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



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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.