

## 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 scripture going along with our churchwide theme.

**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.

**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!

**Moms Group:** This is a group for anyone actively parenting kids and youth. We 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 March 1, at 7 PM!

**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 **March 13 at 6 PM** for our next meet up.

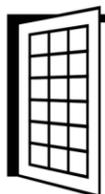
**Men's Fellowship Breakfast:** Join other men from Fairview United Methodist Church every second Saturday at the West Broadway HyVee for community, conversation, and breakfast food! Order and find a table with other Fairview folks. Join us **Saturday, March 14 at 8:30 AM**.

**Fairview Women in Faith:** Fairview Women in Faith will meet at 1 PM on Thursday, March 12, at Addison's South for lunch. All women of the church are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

**Joy Group:** The Joy Group's Lenten study will be *Why Easter Matters* by Andy Stanley and will meet February 25, March 4, 11, and 18 at 6 PM in the church office and on Zoom. We invite you to join us! Zoom meeting info: Meeting ID: 842 8822 6565 Passcode: Joy

**Leadership Board Meeting:** The Fairview Leadership Board will meet on **Monday, February 23 at 7:00 PM** in the church office and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 851 3408 7366 Passcode: Leadership

**Lenten Resources:** Please pick up a Lenten devotional booklet or daily devotional cards from the resource table under the digital sign. If you would like to receive the daily devotional email please scan the Qr code. A new devotion will be in your inbox every morning until Easter.



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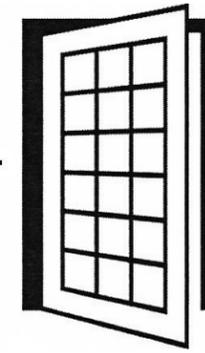
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Our Mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

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.



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First Sunday in Lent | February 22, 2026 | 10 AM

Gathering Music

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

\*Hymn

Gather Us In

TFWS 2236

\*Call to Worship

Ewell Lawson, Liturgist

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert, water turned into wine,  
love after loss, forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive, hope for the hopeless,  
mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in. There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

**Let us worship this good-news God.**

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious. We have to pray on our knees without ceasing. We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies. We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door.

**But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant. And all of a sudden, we wonder: Can we be like that mustard seed? Can we be faithful and unruly? Can we be playful and curious? Can we be messy and still be yours? We know the answer already. The Spirit whispers: of course, of course, of course. Forgive our doubt. Pull us closer into your embrace. With faith like a mustard seed, we pray. Amen.**

## Words of Forgiveness

God's grace is wild and unruly. God's mercy is abundant and surprising. God's love is expansive and unending. So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?" the answer is and always will be:

**of course, of course, of course. This is the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn                                      God is Here                                      UMH 660 v. 1 & 2

Joys and Concerns; Prayers of the People                                      Ewell Lawson

## 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.

Ministry Spotlight                                      Linda Pressley

\*Doxology                                      UMH 95

Offertory Prayer                                      Ewell Lawson

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                                      In a Neat & Tidy Garden                                      Bulletin Insert

Prayer of Illumination                                      Ewell Lawson

Scripture                                      John 2:1-11 (NRSVUE)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then

the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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

Sermon                                      Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn                                      God is Here                                      UMH 660 v. 3 & 4

The Great Thanksgiving                                      UMH 13

\*Closing Hymn                                      Hymn of Promise                                      UMH 707

\*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:



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Where did you see God this week?  
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