

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 **April 10 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, April 11 at 8:30 AM.**

Joy Group: The Joy Group's Lenten study will be *Why Easter Matters* by Andy Stanley and will meet March 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

Ann Anderson Memorial: We will celebrate Ann's life on **Saturday, March 21 at 11 AM.** The family has asked Fairview to provide and serve a light meal. To sign up to assist in setting up tables, providing food, serving the meal, and clean up afterwards, scan the QR code. Thank you!



Neighborhood Spring Social and Egg Hunt: Our annual Neighborhood Spring Social and Egg Hunt will be **Sunday, March 29 from 4:00-6:00 PM.** This is a wonderful, low-key event where we invite our neighbors to hang out. We'll start the egg hunt at 4:20 PM and we'll have all sorts of other fun activities - relay races, face painting, a craft, and a bounce house. Our hope is that our entire church community can come to this event. Even if you're not in the egg-hunting, bounce-house-bouncing season of life, please plan to attend. We'll have a food truck and lemonade table. Bring your lawn chair, order food from the food truck, chat, and relax!

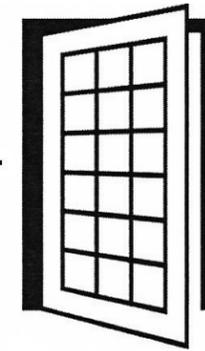
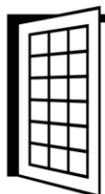
Holy Week Worship: Holy Week and Easter worship services are a great opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to experience our church community. Who in your life should be sitting next to you in worship? Invite them today! **Thursday, April 2 | Holy Thursday Communion Service | 6:00 PM and Friday, April 3 | Good Friday Tenebrae Service | 6:00 PM**

Mulch Day: Join us for a service day on Saturday, April 18 beginning at 9 AM as we spread mulch in our flowerbeds. This is a great opportunity for families and kids to serve alongside grown-up Fairview Folks. We'll have donuts, coffee, and juice to give us strength to finish the work. If you have them and are able to, bring wheelbarrows, shovels, garden rakes, garden hoes, and garden gloves. Scan the QR code to register.



Easter Eggs to Hide: We need a lot of filled eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt during our Neighborhood Spring Social on Sunday, March 29. Can you help? We have a ton of empty egg shells in the narthex. Take home a bag, fill with individually wrapped candies, and return to the narthex. Feel free to bring new shells filled with candies. We need them by 11:00 AM on March 29 so we can hide them! If you cannot stuff them, but would like to contribute candy, that works too! Simply bring individually wrapped candy to the office and we'll stuff them. Thank you!

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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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Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 15, 2026 | 10 AM

Gathering Music

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

TFWS 2197

*Call to Worship

Ryan Leyva, Liturgist

God loves the field mouse.

God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

God loves the baby, cooing or wailing in the back pew.

God loves the child who rocks and claps.

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens,
standing strong over all of us.**

God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

So let us worship this good-news God!

Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Includes scripture verses from Leviticus 19:33, Matthew 5:9, Deuteronomy 24:21, Matthew 19:14, and Isaiah 43:1.

God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.

God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."

We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.

Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.

May this good news change our lives!

Amen.

Choir Special

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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.

Generosity Moment

Ewell Lawson

*Doxology

UMH 95

Offertory Prayer

Ryan Leyva

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

See the Precious Children

Bulletin Insert

Prayer of Illumination

Ryan Leyva

Scripture

Matthew 19:13-15 (NRSVUE)

Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

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

Sermon

Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn

I Come with Joy

UMH 617 v. 1 & 3

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

*Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577 v. 1, 3, 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:



Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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 Sunday, March 22 at 11:15 AM to discuss the book Dwelling Places: Words to Live in Every Season by Lucinda Secrest McDowell. This Sunday, March 15 we will not meet. Instead there will be a Bible Discussion Group at 11:15 AM in the Narthex. We'll be discussing Nehemiah. Join us!

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 **April 12, at 7 PM!**