

Little Bethlehem Set Set Up: We'll begin set up of the Little Bethlehem Set on Saturday, November 29 at 8:30 AM with an afternoon session at 1:00 PM. Wondering if you can be useful setting up sets? If you can hammer or hold a piece of foam board in place than you can do it! Each year we change more of the set over to lightweight panels. Come any time during the set up periods to contribute to set set up.

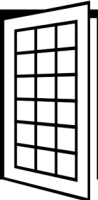


Thanksgiving Potluck: The season of gratitude is upon us, and we invite you to build community and connect at our annual Fairview Thanksgiving Potluck. This evening is dedicated to fellowship among our entire church and extended family. All are welcome to attend! Join Us For Dinner and Fellowship: Sunday, November 23 at 5:30 PM in the Fairview Church Multipurpose Room **What's on the Menu?** We love variety! Please feel free to bring a traditional Thanksgiving dish or one of your favorite family potluck recipes. Whether it's macaroni and cheese, spaghetti casserole, salad, enchiladas, or any of your best cookies and pies—all dishes are welcome and appreciated! **How You Can Help** The success of this evening rests on our community effort. Your assistance is truly valued! We welcome volunteers to help with providing food, cleaning up, and washing dishes during and after the meal. **RSVP and Rides** Please sign up to register your attendance and let us know what dish you are bringing! You can click the sign-up link below or register in person in the Narthex at Fairview. If you need a ride to the event, please call the church office at (573) 445-5391. We have a carpool ready to offer rides to anyone who needs assistance! We look forward to giving thanks alongside you! Shari Lawson (573) 864-4345 and the Thanksgiving Potluck Planning Team.

Little Bethlehem: Little Bethlehem is an interactive nativity that we've been putting on for 30+ years. This year it is Friday-Sunday, Dec. 12-14 open to visitors 6-8 PM. We need YOU to make Little Bethlehem a success. Click here to discover the way(s) you can contribute to Little Bethlehem. Scan the QR code to sign up! Little Bethlehem is a way we communicate God's love for humanity to our community. Won't you help us?

Advent and Christmas Decorating: We'll be decorating for Advent and Christmas on Saturday, November 29 at 10 AM. If you like to deck the halls, come on over!

Christmas Cards: The Care Team is collecting Christmas Cards to distribute to Fairview Folks who are homebound. On Sunday, November 30 we will have a basket for each member. You can bring cards you've written to add to their baskets. We'll also have blank cards for you to fill out that day. A member of the visiting team will then deliver the cards.



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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 were YOU make a difference
Core Values: We are faithful, relational, inclusive, genuine, and service-oriented
Core Practices: Worship. Pray. Grow. Serve. Give. Invite.



Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost | November 16, 2025 | 10 AM

Gathering Music Judy Shaw

Greeting Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn I Sing the Almighty Power of God UMH 152

*Call to Worship Pam Campbell, Liturgist

We want to walk as children of the light.
We want to follow Jesus!
In Christ, there is no darkness at all.
Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus!
Clear Son of Righteousness, shine on our path;
Show us the way to the love!
The Lamb is the light of the City of God,
Together, we will walk as children of the light. Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus!

Call to Confession Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession
God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, turn our eyes to Jesus, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness Rev. Nancy Martin
We know through the Holy Scriptures that our God is full of grace and mercy. God's steadfast love never fails, and God always keeps promises made to us. Stand in the fullness of God's goodness and receive forgiveness today. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Hymn	Thy Word Is a Lamp	UMH 601
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.		
Presentation of Bibles We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, our worship, and the world. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's word.		
Hymn	Thy Word Is a Lamp	UMH 601 Refrain only
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	How Can We Name a Love	UMH 111 v. 1, 3, 4
Prayer for Illumination		Pam Campbell
Scripture Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSVUE) When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. Holy Spirit, as we have read this Scripture in our community, humbly interpreting through reason, varied experience and tradition, bless our hearing and understanding. May our listening be done with love.		
Sermon		Rev. Nancy Martin
Hymn	Lord, I Want to Be a Christian	UMH 402 v. 2-4
Generosity Moment		Rev. Nancy Martin
*Doxology		UMH 94

Offertory Prayer		Pam Campbell
*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 basket.

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:

Nativity Play 2025: The Nativity Play for this year is called “The Real Story.” The play will be presented on Sunday, December 7. Practices will be Sundays after worship - meet at the pulpit today for a brief walk-through.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for Bible study Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Pastor’s Study. The class is currently discussing Acts of the Apostles.

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us at 11:15 AM in the church office/library. For a discussion of “The Good Heart: A Buddhist Perspective on the Teachings of Jesus” by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

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 December 13 at 8:30 AM.

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!

Pack the Pantry: We will be collecting pasta for the Food Bank. Please add a few boxes of pasta to the basket in the generosity corner. Scan the QR code to give online or write a check with “Food Bank” in the memo.

