

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 today **May 3 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 **May 8 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, May 9 at 8:30 AM.**

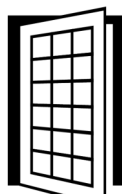
April Rooted Reading: Our 2026 churchwide theme is "Rooted: Growing Deep in God's Word." Each month we're reading a book of the Bible together. Our book for April and May is the Acts of the Apostles. Make sure to get a handout with background and context for the chapters we'll read this week- they're by the bulletins in the narthex. This info is also on our website and app along with audio versions. Don't forget- there is a question box in the narthex to submit questions you have about what we're reading.

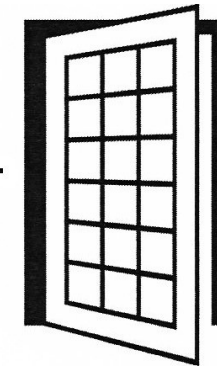
Pictures for the Directory: Plan to have your picture taken before or after worship today! Nick will be taking photos to update our Directory. Our goal is to have a photo for every directory entry. This help us learn each other's names and enables us to make connections with one another outside of worship.

Social Action Group: Our own Jessica Becker is getting a group together for social action. The first round table meeting will be **Thursday May 7 at 6:30 PM.** The group will try to meet the first Thursday of each month going forward. Daniel Boone Regional Library said we are welcome to use their conference room B unless our group is more than 15. Let's see what all we are able to accomplish together!

Nursery Team: During Sunday's Ministry Team Highlight we talked about the Nursery Team. Serving on this team is a great way to meet and get to know other Fairview folks- others on the team, our littlest Fairview folks, and their adults. To serve on this team you must be at least 14 years old and be Safe Gatherings Certified. Nursery Team members sign up to serve in the nursery once a month. Is serving on this team your next right step? Talk to Pastor Nancy or scan the QR code to learn more!



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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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Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 3, 2026 | 10 AM

Gathering Music

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529 v. 1-4

*Call to Worship

Brain Blankenship, Liturgist

Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.

Hem us in before and behind.

Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.

Weave us together in hope and praise.

God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.

Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.

Draw us together and point us toward you.

In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess—we are loose ends. You give us the gift of community, and we weave walls of exclusion and isolation. You give us the gift of a new day, and we spend more time unraveling justice than sowing seeds of peace and unity. You give us the gift of holy surprises and unimaginable beauty, and we shut off our hearts and our blindfolded eyes. Forgive us for our frayed ends and self-centered hearts. Unravel the sin in us and replace it with love. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Christ, our cornerstone and our salvation, offers to us hope and comfort. The Holy Spirit helped the people of old through their disconnection and conflict. The Holy Spirit works within us too. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

Hymn

Jesus, Name above All Names

TFWS 2071

Receiving New Members UMH 34
 Hymn Where Charity and Love Prevail UMH 549 v. 1 & 5
 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 Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology UMH 94

Offertory Prayer Brain Blankenship

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 Christ Is Alive UMH 318 v. 1-3

Prayer of Illumination Brain Blankenship

Scripture Acts 15:1-21 (NRSVUE)

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the gentiles and brought great joy to all the brothers and sisters. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses." The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us, and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test

by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will." The whole assembly kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, 'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—even all the gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.' "Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those gentiles who are turning to God, but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from sexual immorality and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every Sabbath in the synagogues."

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

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn Christ Is Alive UMH 318 v. 4 & 5

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

*Closing Hymn Thine Be the Glory UMH 318

*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:

