

Ways to Participate in the Life of our Church:

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for Bible study Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Pastor's Study. The class will continue discussing the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church and their biblical foundations.

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us at 11:15 AM in the church office/library. This Sunday we will start discussing "The Good Heart: A Buddhist Perspective on the Teachings of Jesus" by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

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!

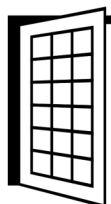
Christmas in September: On next Sunday, September 21 you are invited to wear your best Christmas sweater, headband, tie, whatever. We'll sing Christmas Carols during worship and after the service we'll have a short presentation about Little Bethlehem, our interactive nativity that we put on for our neighborhood and wider community each December. Then we'll head outside to experience Little Bethlehem (minus the sets and costumes and night-time). The nursery will remain open until after our Little Bethlehem walk through so everyone will be able to participate! If you'd like, feel free to bring Christmas Cookies to share before worship!

New Area for Youth: Our Leadership Board is beginning plans to create a space for youth in the alcove off the old fellowship hall/the current preschool rooms downstairs. We need your help! What dreams do you have for a youth space? What should it include? If you are interested in being part of the Youth Room Task Force talk with Pastor Nancy or Kara Amann.

Online Worship Change: If you've joined our worship services online you know that shots of the congregation are included in the transmission. Going forward the camera will be blurred when looking at the pews and during Holy Communion and prayer at the altar.

Recording Booth—October 5 & 12: Laity Sunday is October 19. This Sunday in worship will include time for testimony and witness. We're structuring the worship around our six core practices - worship, pray, grow, serve, give, invite. As we prepare for this Sunday you'll see a video booth set up in the narthex/lobby on Sundays October 5 and 12. You are invited to record a short video about Fairview and how the six practices help you grow in your relationship with God and others. Which practice has been the most transformational for you? Serve? Pray? Give? Tell us about it! Questions? Ask Pastor Nancy or email her about it!

Bench Dedication: On Saturday, October 4, 2025, a memorial bench will be dedicated at the University of Missouri in honor of Bob Reifschneider's lifetime commitment to public school education and educators across the State of Missouri and beyond. Bob and his wife, Jean, were members of Fairview United Methodist Church from 1965 until Jean's death in 2019. Their daughter, Laura, welcomes Fairview members to join her to remember Bob. We will meet on the Mizzou quadrangle at 11.00 on October 4. All are welcome to join a luncheon immediately following the brief dedication. Further details will be provided. To attend, please RSVP to Laura (Reifschneider) van der Meer at mobile 646-942-2634 or by email to laura.vandermeer@gmail.com



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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.



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 14, 2025 | 10 AM

Gathering Music

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

Introduction of New Members

Rev. Nancy Martin

*Hymn

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

UMH 608

*Call to Worship

Betsy Mathews, Liturgist

Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep
abysses of the earth, God knows you.

Wherever we go, God knows our name.

Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down
again, God knows you.

Whatever we do, God knows our name.

However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and
everything in between, God knows you.

However we live, God knows our name.

We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.

**We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by
God who calls us by name!**

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer. We
come before you in need of healing: the healing of our bodies and souls, the
healing of our relationships, the healing of our pride and fear and apathy,
the healing of our communities, our division, our earth. We know that with
you, nothing is impossible, even our healing is not impossible. Not even the
restoration of the whole world is impossible with you. We pray that you will
heal us, that you will heal our world, so that we will be freed to serve and
love and dream and be, as Christ calls us. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness Rev. Nancy Martin
Hear the good news; Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; That proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Hymn Wash, O God, Our Beloved Children UMH 605 v. 1 & 2

Sacrament of Baptism and Welcoming New Members

Hymn Wonder of Wonders TFWS 2247 v. 1, 3, 4

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
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 Christ There Is No East or West UMH 548 v. 1 & 2

Prayer for Illumination Betsy Mathews

Scripture Acts 10:30-48 (NRSVUE)
Cornelius replied, “Four days ago at this very hour, at three o’clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. He said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms have been remembered before God. Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.” Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were

chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Generosity Moment Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer Betsy Mathews

*Closing Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name UMH 154 v. 1-4

*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 three years old and under. Children’s Church happens during our service, for those in fifth grade and under, 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:



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