

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. This is a discussion based group; bring a Bible and an open mind.



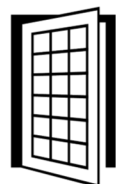
Adult Book Study Group: You're invited to join Fairview's Sunday morning book study. We'll read *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups, exploring the Nativity story through overlooked characters like Elizabeth, Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and shepherds. This insightful book highlights Advent themes of hope, love, joy and peace. Your insights on these overlooked characters will enrich our discussions as we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Contact Ewell Lawson at esjk1993@aol.com to learn more about this thoughtful and uplifting holiday study. We hope you can join us! Group is in hybrid format - in person & virtual. Meeting ID: 872 2387 8090; Passcode: Breakfast.

JOY Group: Joy Group meets Tuesdays nights in the church office at 6:30 PM. We are studying *We'll start back with Brave and Beloved* January 9th.

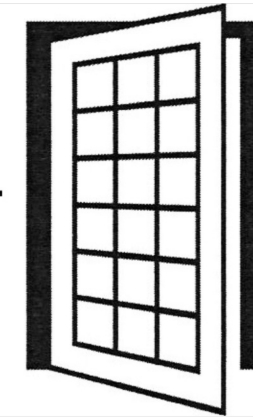
Fairview Choir: Our adult choir practices Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the sanctuary. All levels of musical ability welcomed and encouraged. You are invited to come and sing. Grab a friend hang out in with this casual group and make some music together!

Loaves and Fishes Update: Loaves and Fishes is in a period of transition. They will continue to be at Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church through March 2024. One change they've made for 2024 is to start serving the meal at 4 PM. This means we'll have to change how we've been serving. We've formed a Loaves and Fishes Team (please come be part of the team!) The Team met on Thursday and we've determined our menu for January and discussed how we'll do meals in the future. The Team will meet again on March 7th at 7 PM. We will adopt two standard menus that work for us and the season. This will enable us to prepare well for the meal and will allow us to buy in advance - making us good stewards of our money, time, and other resources. Bring your ideas for a warm weather menu and a cold weather menu!

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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
We are faithful, relational, inclusive, genuine, and service-oriented



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Epiphany Sunday | January 7, 2023 | 10 AM

Gathering Music Judy Shaw

Greeting Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Opening Hymn Joy to the World UMH 246 v. 1,3,4

*Call to Worship Betsy Mathews, Liturgist

L: Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers...
Calling all glass-half-full optimists and lighthouse keepers...
Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers...
Bring your questions, your hope, your faith and your fear into this space.
P: God is here.

Opening Prayer Betsy Mathews, Liturgist

Hymn Carol of the Epiphany TFWS 2094

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

Scripture Hymn A Star Shone Bright W&S 3051 v. 1-3

Scripture Matthew 2:1-15 Betsy Mathews,

Liturgist In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." "

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Call to Confession Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession
God of starlight, we know that faith isn't a vending machine. Good news can't be bought or manufactured. It does not arrive with a push of a button. Instead, in this noisy world, we have to look for you In our midst. We have to walk toward you, just as the Magi did. We have to believe that love really can change the world. We

have to seek the stars beyond the city lights. Forgive us for forgetting that. Forgive us for seeking you with only part of our hearts. We long to be more like the Magi; may we walk your way every single day. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology (Tune UMH 221)
Praise the one Creator, praise the Living Christ,
Praise the Holy Spirit, praise both day and night.
Praise when you are weary, praise in times of joy.
Praise, my soul, with all your strength and your heart and voice.

Offertory Prayer Betsy Mathews, Liturgist

Communion Hymn We Three Kings UMH 254 v. 1

The Great Thanksgiving Rev. Nancy Martin

*Closing Hymn The First Noel UMH 245 v. 3-5

*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

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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. During this time kids will learn more about the scripture we are focusing on in the worship service. There's usually a craft, game, fellowship, and fun. Adults will pick up their children after the service 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. All children are welcome in all aspects of our worship. Feel free to keep your children with you or utilize nursery care or Children's Church.

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:

