

Fairview Fall Fest!: Join us for a fun, fall, fellowship event Saturday, October 18 at 5:30 PM. This will take place at the Drane Home about 20 minutes north of the church. You can sign up to bring a side dish to share. We'll have a 'possum hunt (kids hunt for "possums" – brown paper bags filled with candy, sort of like an Easter egg hunt, but with flashlights.) Invite your friends, family, and neighbors! If you do not drive at night please let the office (573) 445-5391 and we'll organize a ride.

Fall Fest 'Possum Supplies: We are collecting items to put in the paper bag 'possums the kids will find at Fairview Fall Fest. If you'd like, you can donate candy, stickers, temporary tattoos, etc. We'll have a basket in the narthex where you can place your donations.

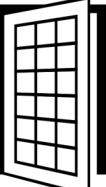
New Area for Youth: Our Leadership Board is beginning plans to create a space for youth in the alcove off the old fellowship hall/the current preschool rooms downstairs. We need your help! What dreams do you have for a youth space? What should it include? If you are interested in being part of the Youth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

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build: The non-profit, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, has built and delivered over 250 beds to kids in Columbia! The United Methodists churches in Columbia will come together for a bed build on October 18 in the parking lot of Community United Methodist Church. All abilities welcome! Sign up to say you'll be there! More information coming soon!

Bible Sunday: We have an annual tradition of giving kids in third grader and older Bibles during worship. If you are a student in third grade or older or have a child in third grade or older please contact the Fairview office (office@frontyardchurch.org) with the student's full name. We'll include them in our Bible Sunday!

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.



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 21, 2025 | 10 AM

Gathering Music Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn O Come All Ye Faithful UMH 234 v. 1-3

*Call to Worship Betsy Mathews, Liturgist

Today, we acknowledge that we need good news.
We need the hope of the Gospel, which is for us all and free to all.
Sometimes we need to be reminded that we need the Gospel, just like everyone else.
We all need God's love and grace.
Today, let us take a deeper look at the needs of the world and look for ways to share this good news with others.
Amen.

Call to Confession Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession
Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile—blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Show us how to trust even more fully your promises, your kingdom, your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness Rev. Nancy Martin
Even when we do not understand, even when it feels impossible, we have faith, we trust that God keeps promises. God is faithful and just. When we

confess our sin, God forgives us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230 v. 1, 2, 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 The First Noel UMH 230 v. 1 & 2

Prayer for Illumination Betsy Mathews

Scripture John 3:11-20 (NRSVUE)
"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn Hark the Herald Angels Sing UMH 240

Generosity Moment Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer Betsy Mathews

*Closing Hymn Joy to the World UMH 246

*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:

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!