

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 **April 12, 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 **April 10 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, April 11 at 8:30 AM.**

Neighborhood Spring Social and Egg Hunt: Our annual Neighborhood Spring Social and Egg Hunt will be **Sunday, March 29 from 4:00-6:00 PM.** This is a wonderful, low-key event where we invite our neighbors to hang out. We'll start the egg hunt at 4:20 PM and we'll have all sorts of other fun activities - relay races, face painting, a craft, and a bounce house. Our hope is that our entire church community can come to this event. Even if you're not in the egg-hunting, bounce-house-bouncing season of life, please plan to attend. We'll have a food truck and lemonade table. Bring your lawn chair, order food from the food truck, chat, and relax!

Holy Week Worship: Holy Week and Easter worship services are a great opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to experience our church community. Who in your life should be sitting next to you in worship? Invite them today! **Thursday, April 2 | Holy Thursday Communion Service | 6:00 PM and Friday, April 3 | Good Friday Tenebrae Service | 6:00 PM**

Mulch Day: Join us for a service day on Saturday, April 18 beginning at 9 AM as we spread mulch in our flowerbeds. This is a great opportunity for families and kids to serve alongside grown-up Fairview Folks. We'll have donuts, coffee, and juice to give us strength to finish the work. If you have them and are able to, bring wheelbarrows, shovels, garden rakes, garden hoes, and garden gloves. Scan the QR code to register.

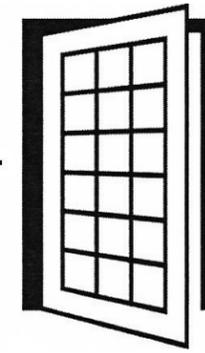
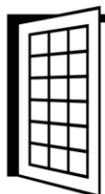


Easter Eggs to Hide: We need a lot of filled eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt during our Neighborhood Spring Social on Sunday, March 29. Can you help? We have a ton of empty egg shells in the narthex. Take home a bag, fill with individually wrapped candies, and return to the narthex. Feel free to bring new shells filled with candies. We need them by 11:00 AM on March 29 so we can hide them! If you cannot stuff them, but would like to contribute candy, that works too! Simply bring individually wrapped candy to the office and we'll stuff them. Thank you!

Discover Fairview April 12& 19: Join us for two sessions on Sundays, April 12 and 19 as we explore what it means to be part of our church community. We'll cover topics like grace, means of grace, sacraments - Holy Communion and Baptism, and the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. We'll talk about discipleship, our shared practices, and how to get connected at Fairview. We'll meet in the Pastor's Study from 1:00-2:00 PM. This class is perfect if you're new and would like to learn more about our church, if you're thinking about church membership, or if you've been around for awhile and want to dive deeper. **Sunday, April 12 & April 19 | 1 PM** Scan the QR Code to register.



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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.



FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST

Fifth Sunday in Lent | March 22, 2026 | 10 AM

Gathering Music

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

*Call to Worship

Ryan Leyva, Liturgist

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

This is God's house.

You can make yourself at home here.

Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way. You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation. You prioritize mercy over legality. You prioritize people over tradition. You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you. Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Jesus saw a crowd ready to throw stones and invited them to choose another way. Jesus offered them grace, mercy, and compassion, and the same can be said for us. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Our God is a God of mercy. Our God is a God of compassion. Our God is a God of grace. We are forgiven, loved, and invited to choose another way. Thanks be to God for yet another second chance. Amen.

Hymn Let Us Remember Bulletin Insert
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.

Ministry Spotlight Mark Chambers

*Doxology UMH 95

Offertory Prayer Ryan Leyva

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 God, How Can We Forgive TFWS 2169

Prayer of Illumination Ryan Leyva

Scripture John 8:2-11 (NRSVUE)
Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

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

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn One Bread, One Body UMH 620 v. 1 & 2

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

*Closing Hymn Would I Have Answered When You Called TFWS 2137

*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:



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

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!