

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 Galatians.

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us in the office at 11:15 AM to discuss the book Wesleyan Vile-tality: Reclaiming the Heart of Methodist Identity by Ashely Boggan.

Moms Group: This is a group for anyone actively parenting kids and youth. We usually 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 **October 4 at 7 PM!**

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!

Town Hall September 20: We have Town Hall Meetings after worship twice a year in March and September as a way to update the congregation on the work of the Leadership Board, the financial state of the church, our mission, vision, and goals. This is a great time for the Board to get your feedback and a venue to ask questions. Have a question? Find a question form on the resource table under the digital sign in the narthex and place it in the offering plate. Or fill out a form on the Fairview app.

Combined Youth Event: Join other Fairview Youth plus the youth from Missouri United Methodist Church, Community United Methodist Church, and First Presbyterian at the Rock Quarry House on **Sunday, September 13 from 5:00-7:00 PM**. We'll share dinner, play games, and enjoying each other's company. This event is for youth in 6th-12th grades. Bring a friend and get ready to meet new people and have fun!

The Wardrobe Seek Volunteers: The Wardrobe is a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization that collects and sells used clothing and household items and uses the profits to purchase shoe coupons for needy schoolchildren. Twice a year, Wardrobe workers take down all the previous season's clothing and put up clothing appropriate for the upcoming season. The fall change-over will be 8:30 AM—12:30 PM, Monday, Sept 28. Volunteers are needed to hang fall/winter clothing. Volunteers can work whatever period of time thy wish to contribute. No sign up is required. Most workers are from area churches, and the atmosphere is convivial. The address is 715 Park Av. Parking is on the street. If you have questions, please contact Jeanie Pearson at (573) 554-1470 or Sandy Stegall at (573) 819-6874.

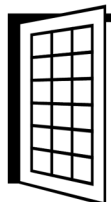
Loaves and Fishes: We'll serve the meal at Loaves and Fishes on Wednesday, September 30. We had a great group when we served in July and we have room for you to serve, especially on the clean up crew (5:45-6:45 PM). You can contribute to this meal with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. You can bake, cook, transport food, serve the food, and help clean up. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex and on the app.

Prep Crew 3:30-4:45 PM

Dish Washing Crew 5:00-6:15

Meal Serving Crew 4:45-6:15 PM

Clean Up Crew 5:45-6:45



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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 were YOU make a difference

Core Values: We are faithful, relational, inclusive, genuine, and service-oriented

Core Practices: Worship. Pray. Grow. Serve. Give. Invite.



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 13, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude

Judy Shaw, Director of Music

Greeting

Rev. Nancy Martin, Pastor

*Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

*Call to Worship

Leanna Lawrence, Liturgist

Lord God, you made me and know me.

Convince me, O God -

that the contradictions in me are the beauty in you.

Convince me, O God -

to love all parts of me as you do.

Convince me, O God, that each and every attribute of mine,
is by your grace.

That even as my mind runs one way and my heart another,
both are integral parts of who I am.

And who I am is loved by you.

Call to Confession

Rev. Nancy Martin

Prayer of Confession

Merciful One, we are tired in body and soul. We are excited and curious. We are a mixture of it all. You teach us that your grace is sufficient, but we yearn for something more tangible. You assure us that your strength is made perfect in weakness, but our weakness feels just that, weak. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Give us humble hearts this day, that we may see beyond the surface and behold the grace you hold for us when we rest completely in your care. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness
Now 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 What Does the Lord Require of You? TFWs 2174
Low Voices: What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
Medium Voices: Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
High Voices: To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

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

Hymn Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love UMH 422 v. 1, 3, 4

Prayer of Illumination Leanna Lawrence

Scripture Mark 12:28-34 (NRSVUE)
One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

Sermon Rev. Nancy Martin

Hymn Take My Life and Let It Be UMH 399

Generosity Moment Rev. Nancy Martin

*Doxology UMH 94

Offertory Prayer Leanna Lawrence

*Closing Hymn The Summons TFWs 2130 v. 1, 4, 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. 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:



Mums for Mission:
The Fairview Women in Faith will once again be selling mums for missions.
Orders will be taken before and after worship on August 30, September 6 and September 13. No orders will be accepted after September 13.
The mums are scheduled for delivery on September 20.
Mums are \$15 each. Orders must be prepaid. Cash and checks are accepted. Checks should be made payable to Fairview Women in Faith.
Three colors are offered again this year; yellow, bronze and purple. The mums are purchased from the Amish and colors are not always known until pickup. If bronze and purple are not available from the distributor, the color will default to yellow.
All proceeds go to missions. Last year’s funds were distributed to Ronald McDonald House, Flourish, Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri, True North, Pascale’s Pals, and Love Columbia.



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