

Stay & Craft: Invite someone to worship on December 7 and plan to stay after to create something beautiful. We'll be creating various types of luminaria, candle holders, and candle screens as we enter the time of the year when the nights are longer than the days. We'll have all the supplies and tools ready. Feel free to stay as long or as little as you like. We'll enjoy crafts, community, and fun! This is happening after worship, just like the Little Bethlehem Training. If you're attending the training then join us afterward! Are you interested in leading one of the craft stations? email Pastor Nancy—revnancygmartin@gmail.com

Christmas Cards: The Care Team is collecting Christmas Cards to distribute to Fairview Folks who are homebound. On Sunday, November 30 we will have a basket for each member. You can bring cards you've written to add to their baskets. We'll also have blank cards for you to fill out that day. A member of the visiting team will then deliver the cards.

Student Ministry: It's time to establish a youth group! The Leadership Board is about to post a job listing for a Student Ministries Coordinator - this position will lead youth programming and Children's Church. Please pray that we'll find the right person for this job! Our kids and youth need all of us to support and grow their faith and trust in God. Please consider volunteering to serve with our kids and youth. Email Pastor Nancy (revnancygmartin@gmail.com) if you are interested!

Name Tags: We are striving to be a place of welcome and belonging here at Fairview. In order to build community and get to know each other more deeply we are learning each other's names. To help you get to know other folks in our church community and to help them know you, please wear your name tag on Sundays. If you need a name tag or lost yours fill out a name tag request on the resource table and place in the offering plate.

Do You Need a Ride? If you would like a ride to doctor's appointments or church activities, the Care Team now has a list of church folk who can provide transportation. To schedule a ride please contact Kathy Kettler or the church office. If possible, please let us know a week in advance so arrangements can be made. (We know a week's notice may not always be possible.) If you might be able to provide a ride and haven't yet volunteered, please contact Kathy Kettler- (573) 864-9930 Office- (573) 445-5391

Office Closed for Thanksgiving: The office will be closed for Thanksgiving Tuesday-Friday, November 25-28. The office will be open Monday, November 24 from 8:00 AM- noon and will return to regular days and hours (M-F 8:00 AM- noon) on Monday, December 1.



Reign of Christ Sunday | November 23, 2025 | 10 AM

Gathering Music Judy Shaw

Greeting Ewell Lawson

*Hymn I Sing the Almighty Power of God UMH 152

*Call to Worship Pam Campbell, Liturgist
Come into the light of God's love.
Fear cannot separate us from its blessing.
Come to the house of healing and hope.
God's love makes us whole.

Call to Confession Ryan Leyva

Prayer of Confession
Jesus, in and through you, God brings all creation together for good. We and our world need your peace. Sometimes we are strong and able, standing without fear. But sometimes we are weary and in distress, living in the shadows of disappointment and failure. But you are our Deliverer. In love and power, you hold the fullness of God; you bring the fullness of our lives and our world. Surround us with your love and life and grant us your presence of peace. In your powerful and loving name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness Ryan Leyva
Through Jesus, our Savior, God is pleased to be reconciled to all things, on earth and in heaven. Blessed be the Holy One, who redeems and saves us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Choir Special We Give You Thanks, O Lord, Our God

Joys and Concerns; Prayers of the People Ewell Lawson



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

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 Leanna Lawrence
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. Afterward children may attend Children's Church or return to their seat.

Hymn	Give Thanks	TFWS 2036
Sermon	Your Energy is Expensive Acts 6:1-7	Rev. Dr. Mark Sheets
Hymn	For the Beauty of the Earth	UMH 92 v. 1-3
Generosity Moment		Ewell Lawson
*Doxology		UMH 94
*Offertory Prayer		Pam Campbell
*Closing Hymn	Now Thank We All Our God	UMH 102
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Mark Sheets
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.

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

Nativity Play 2025: The Nativity Play for this year is called "The Real Story." The play will be presented on Sunday, December 7. Practices will be Sundays after worship - meet at the pulpit today for a brief walk-through.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for Bible study Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Pastor's Study. The class is currently discussing Acts of the Apostles 9 & 10.

Sunday Book Study Group: Join us at 11:15 AM in the church office/library. For a discussion of "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!

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!

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 December 13 at 8:30 AM.



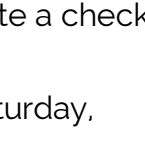
Little Bethlehem: Little Bethlehem is an interactive nativity that we've been putting on for 30+ years. This year it is Friday-Sunday, Dec. 12-14 open to visitors 6-8 PM. We need YOU to make Little Bethlehem a success. Click here to discover the way(s) you can contribute to Little Bethlehem. Scan the QR code to sign up! Little Bethlehem is a way we communicate God's love for humanity to our community. Won't you help us?



Little Bethlehem Set Set Up: We'll begin set up of the Little Bethlehem Set on Saturday, November 29 at 8:30 AM with an afternoon session at 1:00 PM. Wondering if you can be useful setting up sets? If you can hammer or hold a piece of foam board in place than you can do it! Each year we change more of the set over to lightweight panels. Come any time during the set up periods to contribute to set set up.

Little Bethlehem Training: We're offering a training for all aspects of Little Bethlehem. Whether you signed up to play Joseph or help with the refreshment table we'll give you the information you need to feel confident in your role. Nursery hours will be extended to cover the time of the training. We'll offer the same training two Sundays in a row to reach as many people as possible - November 30 and December 7.

Pack the Pantry: Many people and families in our community are facing food insecurity right now. In response, we are collecting pasta for the Food Bank all November. Please add a few boxes of pasta to the basket in the generosity corner. Scan the QR code to give online or write a check with "Food Bank" in the memo.



Advent and Christmas Decorating: We'll be decorating for Advent and Christmas on Saturday, November 29 at 10 AM. Invite a friend and come deck the halls!

Advent and Christmas Worship Leadership: We have many opportunities to lead worship coming up. Sign up in the narthex to serve Communion, light the Advent Candles, or read scripture during Christmas Eve Worship or on December 28.