





A Letter from the Pastor



Greetings to everyone here at Fairview United Methodist Church, and to our community beyond in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying these long, sun-soaked days of summer. I know July can bring its fair share of heat, so I pray you are staying cool, staying safe, and finding moments to rest and savor the season—whether it's an evening walk, a quiet morning with a good book, or just a chance to slow down a bit in the midst of life's busy rhythms.

Summer has always reminded me of the goodness of God's creation. The trees are full, the gardens are blooming, and there's something about the vibrant colors of fresh fruits and vegetables that makes me think of God's abundant provision. It's a season that invites us to rejoice in the simple gifts—the warmth of the sun, the blessing of community, and the fresh produce that nourishes our bodies.

Speaking of that, I want to take a moment to share some exciting news about our food pantry ministry. This past month, we were connected to a wonderful new partner: **Treadway Gardens in Centerville**. I want to personally thank **Tonya Ivory from Kids Institute** for referring us to them. Tanya's connection made this new partnership possible, and I'm deeply grateful for her heart for our community.

I also want to express our sincere thanks to **Stephanie Treadway** and the team at Treadway Gardens for their generosity and kindness. They have graciously begun donating fresh fruits and vegetables to support our pantry ministry. This is a huge blessing! As many of you know, fresh produce is often one of the hardest things to come by in pantry donations, and this partnership is already helping us provide more nutritious options for our neighbors.

Treadway Gardens is just about five minutes from my house in Centerville, and I've started making a weekly trip there each **Wednesday at noon** to pick up the donations. It's a joy to see the abundance they are willing to share. The timing couldn't be better, as our pantry opens on Wednesday nights, which means the produce goes from the farm to our shelves on the very same day!

This partnership is such a beautiful reminder that when we come together—neighbors, ministries, and local businesses—we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in real, tangible ways. God is providing, and He's using all of us in the process.

Also, I'm thrilled to share that we are welcoming **Nancy Collins**, our new organist and church accompanist, this month! We are so grateful to have her join our church family, and we are excited for the gifts she will bring to our worship life together. Please take a moment to read her bio included in this newsletter, and be sure to give her a warm and joyful welcome when you see her.

Thank you for your continued prayers and your faithful service. Let's keep looking for ways to love our community well this summer.

Grace and peace, Rev. E. Neil Gaiser Fairview United Methodist Church

2025 WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (RECAP)

Lilia Shoemaker, our Lay Member Representative for the 2025 Annual Conference, shared her report with the congregation on June 22. To read a summary of the conference, simply click the link below, or feel free to contact the church office 937.274.2189 and request a printed copy.

CLICK TO READ 2025 WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUMMARY







Nancy Collins began her musical organ career by becoming the organist at her local church at age 13. At the age of 16, she became organist/choir director at the First Baptist Church in Lynn, MA, and has continued her lifetime in the service of God through musical expression. Over the years, she has led many choirs and congregations in worship to the glory of God. She has a B.Mus. degree in Organ Performance from Andrews University where she studied with Dr. Warren Becker.

Nancy married her husband Don, who is a Baritone Soloist and choral director (currently at St. James Methodist Church in Miamisburg, OH) and they enjoy continuing their musical ministry together. They are moving here from Raleigh, NC. Nancy is truly delighted to play such a fine organ and to become part of the church family at Fairview United Methodist Church.

FAIRVIEW STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025 6:00 P.M.

The Fairview Staff Parish Relation Committee (SPRC) will have its regular meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. All members of the Committee are urged to be present in person or via Zoom. If members of SPRC are not able to attend the meeting, please notify Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com.

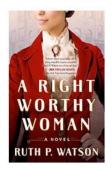
Members of SPRC are: Wayne Hounshell, Susie Kurtz, Cecelia Long, Art Mehaffey, Ed Rapp, Sherri Sutter, Greg Zuber, Lilia Shoemaker, Lay Member of West Ohio Annual Conference, Florence Carwell, Fairview Lay Leader, and Pastor E. Neil Gaiser



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK REVIEW

Title: A Right Worthy Woman

Author: Ruth P. Watson **Reviewer**: Judy Gebhart



This novel is based on the remarkable true story of Maggie Lena Walker who was the first Black woman to establish and preside over a bank in the United States. She was a determined woman who against the odds in the era of the Jim Crow South managed to unite her community in building successful Black-owned businesses and services. Her story is inspiring to all who read the book.

To preview A Right Worthy Woman CLICK HERE

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH AWARD KATHY AND ED FARMER SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

On Sunday, June 15, 2025, the United Women in Faith recognized the leadership of Kathy Farmer and Ed Farmer with a Special Mission Recognition Award. Cecelia Long presented a Certificate to them and noted some of the ways they served as lay members of Fairview. A monetary contribution to support missions that serve women, children and youth was sent to the National Office of United Women in Faith. Pastor Neil offered a prayer of blessing for Kathy and Ed as they were attending Fairview for the last time before moving to Costa Rica.



Cecelia Long recently contacted Kathy and Ed to learn if they had arrived safely in Costa Rica. They did arrive safely. Anyone who wishes to be in touch with the Farmers may call them without any extra phone charges. The number to call is 937/837-0069, which was the Farmers' home number when they lived in Trotwood. The number continues to be their contact number in Costa Rica.

United Women in Faith

RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES TO HELP WESLEY EDUCATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES





The Great Miami District United Women in Faith supports the Wesley Education Center for Children and Families in Cincinnati. Pam Hounshell and Cecelia Long learned that The Wesley Education Center's mission is to educate, strengthen and nurture children through creating a loving and safe environment for them while building

a foundation for learning.

The Wesley Director, Carla Butler, invited us to help raise money for Wesley by doing something very simple----

RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES!!

YOU are invited to help the Fairview United Women in Faith collect used tennis shoes to send to a recycle location that only recycles tennis shoes. For each pair of used tennis shoes that is donated, the Wesley Education Center will receive more than one \$ per pair! Thus far, Fairview members have filled one bag of tennis shoes!! We have several more bags to fill since Fairview members and friends have said they will bring their old tennis shoes to recycle!!

<u>Please bring your USED TENNIS SHOES or GYM SHOES</u>, no matter what condition, size, shape or color to Fairview Church and put them in the bag that will be used to ship them to the Recycle location. The recycle bag will be in the Welcome Center <u>on</u> <u>Sunday mornings and in the library during the week.</u> When the bag is full it will be taken to a UPS location. Any questions may be directed to Pam Hounshell 937/219-5377 or Cecelia Long 937/972-7045. Help Wesley to continue to nurture pre-school children.

RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES!!!

It's Summertime! Save those pull tabs!!

Donate Aluminum Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Dayton.

There will be a collection box near the Parking lot entrance on Sunday mornings for your pull tabs.

Soup/Soda/Pet Food – etcALL kinds of aluminum pull tabs are accepted.

Thank you for helping this local charity.







FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST MEN

Purpose: To encourage and support the spiritual growth through the study of God's Word and Christian Fellowship. Come join us in September when we return to our monthly meeting.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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FINANCIAL REPORT

YTD May 2025

YTD May 2024

Offerings & Revenue	109,295	108,280
Expenses	130,100	127,146
Shortfall	(20,805)	(18,866)



Contributions to Fairview can be made at:

https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZK/home You can use this link to make donations, support the pantry, order altar flowers, and make other gifts. Please contact the treasurer if you have any questions.



CHURCH MAIL

The church has been experiencing issues with our mail. Letters and checks have been delayed(as long as 3 weeks), lost and returned to sender. If you need to get anything to the office, please put it under the office door or place in the offering plate if possible.





6 Jan Mains

13 Greg Zuber

20 Wayne Hounshell

27 Mike Zuber

WORSHIP LEADERS

6 Cecelia Long

13 Duke Lunsford

20 Barbara Rowlands

27 Jerry Gribler



6 Terri Hoernemann

13 Kathy Schaefer

20 Cecelia Long

27 Jackie Mergler



6 John 937 277-6387

13 Wayne 937-369-7040

20 Art 937-727-2626

27 Greg 937-620-1472



6 Jan Mains

13 Dave Puderbaugh

20 Fred Poland

27 Mike Zuber



JULY 6

Judy Gebhart/Art Mehaffey Sherri Sutter/Cecelia Long



PANTRY NEWS

Feeding Our Neighbors This Summer.

As July brings the heat of summer, many of us look forward to vacations, cookouts, and time with loved ones. But for some in our community, summer can be a season of increased hardship. Children who rely on school meals are home for the summer, and families on tight budgets face extra pressure to make ends meet.

That's where our Food Pantry steps in—providing essential groceries and a message of hope to those in need. Each week, we serve individuals and families with dignity, compassion, and the love of Christ. Thanks to your generous donations and volunteer support, we continue to meet rising needs even during these summer months.

Together, we are living out our faith and making a difference—one meal at a time.

"If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness..." – Isaiah 58:10



BAGS FOR PANTRY

We have new recyclable bags for our pantry guests. Thanks to a Green Go Grant from the West Ohio Conference, we were able to purchase these bags which we are asking our guests to bring back for us to fill them again.

Speaking of bags, we are completely out of plastic grocery bags. Please continue to bring them in no matter how many you have.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fairview Church Food Pantry		1	Barbara W. (I) Fred Neil Art Dave W.	3	Office & Pantry Closed Independence Day	5
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13	Cecelia L (I) Barbara R Jackie	15	Barbara W. (I) Fred Neill Pam & Wayne Art	17	Barbara W. (I) Rose Lisa Tina Shirley M.	19
20	Cecelia L (I) Tina	22	Barbara W. (I) Fred Pantry Truck Neil Delivery Diane Time: TBD Dave W. Art	24	Barbara W. (I) Susie K Rose	26
27	Cecelia L (I) Susie K. Tina	29	30 Barbara W. (I) Fred Neil Diane Dave W. Art	31		

2025 PANTRY STATISTICS

	Total	Total
Month	Households Served	People Served
Jan.	266	852
Feb.	252	836
Mar.	270	926
Apr.	264	953
May	247	854
June	270	932
2025		
Total	1,569	5,353
2024		
Totals	2,842	9,851

UNIVERSITY Graduation News graduate!

ADDITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!



GLENNA RAPP, daughter of David Rapp and granddaughter of Ed Rapp, graduated from Oregon State University on Friday, June 13, 2025. She earned her degree in Environmental Sciences with a minor in Spanish. Mary will continue her studies at Oregon State, pursuing Master's in teaching. Her ultimate goal is to teach at the collegiate level.

A SPECIAL BLESSING
AND PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATE

We celebrate **Glenna Rapp** during this exciting season of accomplishment and transition. Your hard work, perseverance, and faith have brought you to this meaningful milestone. As a church family, we are proud of you and grateful to God for the journey He's taken you on so far. Whether you're stepping into further studies, a new career, or an unknown next chapter, know that God goes before you and walks beside you.

May you carry with you not only the knowledge you've gained, but the wisdom, character, and faith that will sustain you through every challenge and opportunity ahead. We believe God has great plans for you—plans to bless others through your life, your gifts, and your example.

Reprinted from June Columns

A Prayer of

Blessing from Pastor Neil

Gracious God, we thank You for each graduate You've raised up for this moment.

Fill them with confidence in Your calling, courage in the face of the unknown, and joy as they step forward in faith.

May Your peace guard their hearts, may Your Spirit guide their steps, and may Your love shine through them in every place they go. In Jesus' name, Amen.

KID'S INSTITUTE

The Kid's Institute has just completed their first month of summer break! As a third grader said Thursday as we were wrapping up, "WHAT A WEIRD MONTH". No truer words spoken! It was SO cold when summer started that we wore coats and sweaters...we had hot chocolate parties, and nobody felt like it was summer. We tried our hardest to keep our transplants alive and could not sow seeds in the ground safely until two weeks ago...

On the Administrative side, no one got out of school at the same time and the State funding delayed as some of our summer starts still have not been approved. But we are a resilient gang, and we still had an amazing MONTH! We ate our first make and take, HAIRY HOT DOGS!

Karate returned, weekly music, mindfulness classes and we now have the BOOKMOBILE coming too!

We have a summer enrichment series called READ WITH ME, and we invite you to share with us. Have 30 minutes this summer, and want to come read to a select group of students? WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU! Just let Dr. Ryan know at the front desk, and we will schedule you. Pastor Neil and Author Valerie Lewis Coleman were our featured guest for June!

As we end our first month with record high temperatures, we spent the first day in a pool all day, we go out to play early in the mornings to beat the heat and yes, FINALLY the garden has been planted!

Enjoy the Bookmobile with us too. It is scheduled in the lot Tues7/1 at 12:30 and Mon. 7/14 at same time! Come and participate!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH INVITE YOU TO HELP FILL HYGIENE KITS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

Each year hundreds of people are affected by disasters that strike their communities and leave them without essentials for day-to-day living. Everyone deserves to have access to essential items that bring comfort and dignity in their time of greatest need. Many people live in temporary shelters or are on the move and need some items to carry with them.

The Fairview United Women in Faith decided to prepare **Hygiene Kits** to give to programs that supply them to people who have lost so much. You are invited to sign up to bring some items for the kits in July, August and September. United Women in Faith will prepare the kits at the September 22, 2025 meeting of United Women in Faith.

Anyone who wishes to contribute items for the Hygiene Kits is encouraged to do it. A poster will be available in the Hallway outside the Welcome Center where people may sign up for the various supplies needed for the kits. Items may be returned to the church as late as September 7th.

Supplies Needed for Each Hygiene Kit are:

- 1 Gallon Resealable Plastic Bags (new)
- One Washcloth (new)
- One Fingernail or Toenail Clipper (removed from its packaging)
- One Toothbrush in original package
- One bath-sized bar of soap (in original package—not Ivory or Jergens)
- Travel Size Deodorant (3.4 oz or less, non-aerosol New)
- Travel Size Lotion (3.4 oz or less, fragrance free New)
- Travel Size Shampoo (3.4 oz or less, New)
- Travel Size toothpaste (3.4 or less, expiration date of 1 yr)
- Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6 inches minimum teeth, no pocket combs, NEW)
- \$2 to ship each kit to disaster relief area

Monetary donations will also be accepted by United Women in Faith. Please contact Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com for additional information.

HELP FAIRVIEW BY ENROLLING IN THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW that Fairview United Methodist Church Members and Friends who shop at Kroger stores have the opportunity to help Fairview Church get money from their everyday shopping!!

Here's How: When you use your Kroger card to save money on your groceries, you can also help Fairview be rewarded as well. You may designate Fairview United Methodist Church as the organization that you would like to receive money from Kroger Community Rewards Program. (Some of you may have already designated Fairview as your community organization but others have not designated Fairview).

GO to your Kroger account on line and search through the list of organizations that are already in the Kroger data base. Enter the name of the organization you wish to support. Click "Save". **OR** Call Kroger at 800-KROGERS (800/576-4370) Talk to a representative who can designate Fairview United Methodist Dayton Ohio as your Community Organization. After about 10 days, you will see Fairview listed on your grocery receipts each time you see information about your Community Rewards.

Based on the persons shopping at Kroger and listing Fairview United Methodist Church in Dayton Ohio as their community organization, Kroger sends a check to Fairview on a regular basis for an unspecified amount.

\$\$ Thank you for helping Fairview as you earn points while shopping at Kroger \$\$

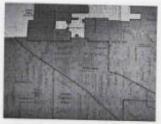
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FAIRVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD FAIRVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MAY 2025

FAIRVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD **ASSOCIATION**

Located in FROC Priority Board area of NW Dayton

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Boundaries are from Salem Avenue to W. Hillcrest, Catalpa to W. Fairview, Wabash to W. Norman, to Emerson to Salem Ave.

- HOUSING INSPECTION 937-333-3988
- BULK WASTE 937-333-4800 BULK & TIRES, MUST BE AT ALLEY OR CURB TRASH PICKUP
- STREET LIGHT REPAIR 937-333-3850
- FAIR HOUSING 937-223-6035
- ABLE 937-228-8104
- FAIRVIEW POLICE OFFICERS 937-333-8523 BRIAN ROLFES
- Animal Resource Center 937-898-4457
- Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project 937-461-3857 ext. 5
- Join email list wv.lynn.2012@gmail.com or for questions 937-818-2223

DAYTON DELIVERS APP

Download the app or go to the website www.daytondelivers.daytonohio.gov

- To turn in bulk waste
- Turn in abandoned vehicles.
- Turn in housing complaints/boarding.
- Long grass
- Abandoned properties

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Neighborhood monthly meetings are held each 4th Monday at 6 pm in the Northwest Library with guest speakers and information.

> **Call for exact time and day Subject to library availability

City Commission meetings:

- 6:00 pm on the first, third, and fifth Wednesday of the month
- 8:30 am on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month
- 101 W. Third St. Dayton, OH 45402
- Must arrive early to sign in

AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

Fairview United Methodist Church

offers daycare, a legal clinic and has a pantry every Mon and Fri morning at 9am, also Wed evenings and Sat of everything month, please call 937-274-2180 for information.

Food pantries are available at the Northwest Library, New Hope Eutheran Church and Ft. Mckinley Church.

NW Library has homework help from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on Monday to Thursday.

Helpful housing websites:

City of Dayton Housing Tracker Daytonohio.gov/housing/tracker

City of Dayton enforcement www.daytonohio.gov/201/online-permit-system

www.mcrealestate.ore

Make sure you own address has proper owner-occupied credit.

Home Repairs: Area Agency on Aging 937-341-3000 Community Action 937-341-5000 Rebuilding Dayton Together 937-223-4893 Habitat for Humanity Critical Repair program 937-586-0860

A group working on police reform, if interested please contact Ms. Mary Sue at magmeiner@yahoo.com

A group is working on tenants rights and adding legislation for renters, if interested please email:

daytontenantunion@gmail.com

For help with unknown/vacant addresses, please contact: daytonblight@gmail.com

Seven Seed Sowers will be running the garden at Catalpa and Fairview, please contact if interested in volunteering: www.sevenseedsowers.org

Eairview is on the Next-Door site and on Facebook at The New Fairview Neighborhood Association Dayton, Oh

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On the first Sunday of every month, we at Fairview United Methodist Church celebrate communion, sharing in the body and blood of Christ through symbolic amounts of bread and the fruit of the vine. We would like to expand this sharing into the world around us by asking you to bring a loaf (or two!) of bread to church on Communion Sundays, to be distributed through our very busy food pantry. When you are shopping for vour own croceries, please buy an extra loaf of bread and bring it with you on July 6, 2025. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!



wishes to everyone born in the month of

JULY!

July 2	Susie Kurtz
July 3	Willow Grear
July 4	Marla Reynolds
July 7	Nathan Messer
July 15	Becky McDaniel
July 18	Lilia Shoemaker
July 29	Lee Kreider
July 30	Amelia Gaiser
July 30	Amanda Grear
July 31	Andy Jomantas
July 31	Gerardine Shukuru



The Free Legal Clinic will be open on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Fairview United Methodist Church

828 W. Fairview Avenue Dayton, Ohio 45406 **10:00 AM until Noon**.

Please bring paperwork related to the reason that you will be using the Clinic. We will be observing the latest CDC and Ohio Health Dept. regarding COVID-19 protocols.

Daily Devotion and Prayer Link at the top of Fairview UMC website

www.fairviewunitedmethodist.org.

You can access it from your phone through Safari (or your browser) and save it as a favorite in your bookmarks.



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