







A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

- Ecclesiastes 3:1 -



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 pray this letter finds you well as we step into the crisp days of October. The leaves are beginning to change, the air is cooler, and the rhythm of life shifts as fall settles in. Autumn is one of those seasons that reminds us of God's steady presence—just as creation turns and renews, so too does God's Spirit continue to bring new life and new beginnings among us.

This past month, we experienced one of those new beginnings together with the **Youth for Peace and Justice March**, sponsored by the Omega Community Development Corporation and several of

our Northwest Dayton area churches. The event was a wonderful success! I am deeply grateful for the relationships that have been built over the past few years and the strong clergy partnerships that continue to grow as we work together for the benefit of our community. I was blessed to be one of the featured speakers at the march, and I was honored to offer a prayer as well. Both my remarks and my prayer are included in this edition of *The Columns* if you would like to read them.

On a personal note, I will be traveling briefly to Boston this month for the annual Christian Unity Gathering of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. There I will continue my work with the United Methodist Council of Bishops as their representative on the Interreligious Relations Convening Table. Out of this work, I'm humbled to share some good news: next year Friendship Press will be publishing a book on the Interreligious Dialogues of the National Council of Churches, and I was asked to contribute a chapter to that volume. I wrote the chapter over the Labor Day holiday weekend, and it is now in the hands of the editors. Once the editing process is completed, I look forward to sharing it with you all as a companion to a future edition of *The Columns*.

As we move through this season of turning leaves and shorter days, may we be reminded that our lives too have seasons—times of growth, times of letting go, and times of new beginnings. God's Spirit is at work in all of it, guiding us, shaping us, and drawing us deeper into His love. My prayer for you this October is that you will find joy in the small gifts of the season—a walk among the changing trees, a cool morning sunrise, or a quiet evening with loved ones—and in those moments, be reminded of the steadfast presence of our Creator.

Grace and peace, Rev. E. Neil Gaiser

Opening Remarks for the 2025 Peace March



Good afternoon, brothers and sisters, neighbors and friends. My name is Rev. Neil Gaiser and I'm the Pastor of Fairview United Methodist Church.

We gather here today with one voice and one purpose — to declare that the violence tearing at the heart of our neighborhoods has no place on our streets, in our homes, or especially in the lives of our young people. We come to say it clearly, boldly, and prophetically: we condemn all gun violence in the strongest terms.

We are here because too many tears have been shed, too many young lives have been cut short, and too many families in West Dayton have been left grieving. But today we march, not only in lament, but also in hope. We

march to say: another way is possible, another day is coming.

We believe that all human life is sacred, that every life is precious. We believe that all people, without exception, are made in the image of God — and no one reflects that image more beautifully than our children and our youth. No child should ever have to fear the sound of gunshots piercing the night air. No child should have to fear bullets tearing through our homes, our apartments, our cars, our bodies. No child should ever have to wonder if they are safe. As image-bearers of God, our children deserve to have joy in their hearts and smiles on their faces, not fear in their eyes.

The Bible says in the book of Isaiah that the day will come when we "beat our swords into ploughshares and our spears into pruning hooks." Today, we claim that same vision for our streets. We believe with the prophet that violence will not have the last word.

And let it be clear: *ALL of our Northwest Dayton churches stand as a united front.* From Baptist to Methodist, from fellowships to temples — we are together in this call. We are not divided by denomination, but united by Christ's call to justice, mercy, and peace. Together we lament the lives lost, and together we rise up to call for peace and a better future for every child in Northwest Dayton.

I want to give thanks for the pastors and leaders who stand in solidarity today:

- Pastor Newkirk of Fellowship Baptist Church
- · Bishop Craig High of Bethesda Temple
- Pastor Rockney Carter of Zion Baptist Church
- Pastor Leroy Cothran of United Baptist Church
- Pastor Karl Penn of Fort McKinley United Methodist
- Pastor John Maze of Agape Bible Fellowship
- Pastor Jimmy Mann of All Nations Bible Fellowship
- Pastor Steve Putka of Grace United Methodist
- Pastor Joshua Ward of Omega Baptist Church
- And Pastor Emeritus Daryl Ward, whose legacy continues to inspire.

Though some could not be physically present, they are with us in spirit — and all of us together form one voice, one witness, one prophetic cry: **Peace in Dayton! Peace in our neighborhoods! Peace for our youth!**

So let us march today not in fear, but in faith. Not in despair, but in determination. And may our presence here send a message loud and clear — that West Dayton is choosing life over death, unity over division, peace over violence.

Let us pray:

O God of life and love,

We gather here today in Dayton, in the heart of our neighborhoods, with heavy hearts. We remember the young lives taken by gun violence this summer and in times past, whether it's been weeks, months, or years. We remember the families who grieve, the mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters whose absence leaves holes in our homes and in our community.

We cry out in lament for the senseless bloodshed that has pierced our streets. Too many of our children have heard the sound of gunfire when they should have heard the sound of laughter. Too many families live in fear when they should be living in peace.

God of peace, you have promised that one day swords will be beaten into ploughshares, that violence will cease, and that your children shall not learn war anymore. Today we march holding on to that promise.

Until that day comes, make us strong to be peacemakers. Unite our churches, our families, and our neighbors as one front against violence. Give us courage to act, wisdom to lead, compassion to comfort, and faith to keep believing that peace is possible.

Receive into your eternal care those whose lives have been stolen by gunfire in our city. Hold close the grieving families. Stir your Spirit among us, until Dayton's streets resound not with gunshots but with songs of joy, laughter, and peace.

In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.







UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK REVIEW

Title: Miracles and Other Reasonable Things

Mission Emphasis: Spiritual Growth

Author: Sarah Bessey Reviewer: Pam Hounshell



The subtitle of this lovely book is A Story of Unlearning and Relearning God. That may sound confusing at first, but what she really conveys is the ways in which her faith and relationship with Jesus, and ours, evolve over time. We reorient toward God over and over, as the Holy Spirit points us in new directions.

As you read, you will feel Ms. Bessey whispering her story directly into your heart. I loved this feeling,

and you will too. The book ends with a benediction prayer for the reader. Nice touch.

CLICK HERE to Preview Miracles and Other Reasonable Things

FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLE MEETING The UWIF Circle meeting will meet on Monday October 27, 2025 At 1:30 pm in the Church in the Youth Lounge and via zoom There will be light refreshments available.

All women of Fairview and guests are invited to attend.



The speaker will be Alice Young-Basora. Alice is the Executive Director of the International Peace Museum, Dayton, Ohio.

The leaders for the meeting are: Program: Pam Hounshell/Response Magazine: Judith Mathes/ Prayer Guide: Shirley McBride/ Devotions: Barbara Rowands.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Judith Mathes at 937-286-2233. Come and Share, be uplifted and renewed for mission outreach!!



FAIRVIEW STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025 6:00 P.M.

The Fairview Staff Parish Relation Committee (SPRC) will have its regular meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. All members of the Committee are urged to be presented so that care for the Pastor, Staff and the Congregation is provided in helpful ways.

If members of SPRC are not able to attend the meeting, please notify Cecelia Long, 937-972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com. If anyone needs the meeting to be zoomed, please advise Cecelia by Sunday, October 19, 2025.

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 LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 10:00 A.M.

The United Women in Faith Leadership Team will meet on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church library and also via Zoom. The team will discuss mission outreach for 2025 and how Fairview can be more involved in the various Great Miami River District United Women in Faith activities for 2025.

Members of the UWF Leadership Team are: Cecelia Long-Chairperson, Kathy Schaefer-Secretary, Judy Gebhart-Treasurer, Vicky Wentling-Spiritual Growth, Pam Hounshell-Program Resources, Barbara Rowlands-Nominating Committee Chair, Bertha Messer-At Large Member, Judith Mathes-UWF Circle President, Deb Armold and Lisa Engle-Members of Nominating Committee. Everyone is urged to be present in person or via Zoom.

Please contact Cecelia Long, 937-972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com by Sunday, October 12, if you are not able to be present or need to attend the meeting via Zoom.



WEST OHIO CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ANNUAL CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

THEME: LIFT EVERY VOICE: DIALOGUE ACROSS DIFFERENCES
PROGRAM: Immigrants' stories and answering the question: "How can
we be more welcoming?"

COST: \$20.00

REGISTRATION: August 11 – September 26th

To Register go to www.westohiouwf.org

Questions: Contact Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com

LOCATION: West Ohio Conference Center 32 Wesley Blvd.
Worthington, OH 43085

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ASSEMBLY 2026 HOLD THE DATES MAY 15-17, 2026 Indianapolis, Indiana



WHY YOU SHOULD REGISTER: There has never been a more important time for women of faith to come together, tap into our strength, and unite to change the world. Assembly 2026 is that moment---a once-every-four-year gathering of women committed to faith, empowerment, and making a difference. Just picture a weekend that uplifts your soul, strengthens your faith, and brings you together with an unstoppable sisterhood.

At United Women in Faith's 2026 Assembly, you can DREAM IT! BELIEVE IT! DO IT!

Early registration of \$365 runs from September 1 through November 30, 2025. For registration Information: uwfaith.org/assembly Questions: Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com.



RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES



Donate Your Gently Worn Used Tennis Shoes or Gym Shoes. Thank you for your donations.

TO HELP WESLEY EDUCATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Thanks to all who have already contributed your used tennis shoes to The Fairview United Women in Faith's project to RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES!! The proceeds from each pair of tennis shoes will support the mission of Wesley Education Center for Children and Families in Cincinnati. We filled THREE bags full of tennis shoes!! The shoes will be melted and made into useful items such as playground equipment, park benches, school desks, etc.

We want to continue this worthwhile project into October 2025. <u>Please bring your</u> <u>USED TENNIS SHOES OR GYM SHOES</u>, no matter what condition, size, shape or color to Fairview. There will be a designated place to put your donation <u>beginning the first Sunday in October.</u>

Thank you again for your support and faithfulness in helping others as we show our love as Christ wants us to do. Questions: Cecelia Long 937/9727045 or Pam Hounshell 937/219-5377.

RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES!!!



DAYTON AREA CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 12, 2025

The CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday, October 12, 2025 at the Shiloh Church UCC in Dayton (5300 Philadelphia Drive at

North Main Street) beginning at 1:30 p.m. Fairview United Methodist will be represented by Cecelia Long who will walk the easy path of a reasonable length through the cemetery that is across the street from Shiloh Church.

YOU are encouraged to help the CROP Hunger Walk raise the funds needed to end hunger at home and abroad. Our Dayton Foodbank receives 25% of the Walk proceeds and Church World Service receives 75%. Last year's Walk raised \$16, 189.30. So our goal is to exceed that in our CROP Hunger Walk 2025.

You may write a check to CWS/CROP or donate cash and give your contribution to Cecelia Long who will turn in the contributions made by Fairview members and friends. If you want to give on the website: www.crophungerwalk.org/daytonoh where payment may be made by Visa, Discover, American Express, Master Card or by PayPal. Donations of any size would be greatly appreciated as we help to end hunger ONE STEP AT A TIME!!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR GIVING TO CROP HUNGER WALK!!



FOOD FELLOWSHID PRAYER SCRIPTURE

"ATTENTION MEN OF FAIRVIEW"

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETING

WHERE: BOB EVANS (MILLER LANE)

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCT. 11, 2025

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PURPOSE: TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

OF FAIRVIEW MEN THROUGH THE STUDY OF GOD'S

WORD AND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

CONTACTS: PASTOR NEIL GAISER 937.274.2189

ED RAPP 937.901.6660

PLEASE NOTE: BYOB (BIBLE)







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2, 2025 Please submit the name of your loved one who has passed away in the past year to the church office. Each name will be read aloud and a candle lit in their memory as we give thanks for their life. We will also celebrate the Holy Sacrament of Communion.			6:30 am KI 11:00 am Pantry Truck Delivery 3:30 pm Renewal Hour 6:00 pm Pantry	6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	4 10 am-2 pm Comty. Pen.Church 4:00 pm Open Door Class: GAME NIGHT
8:30 am Trustee Mtg. 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church	6 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	7 6:30 am KI	8 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6:00 pm Pantry	9 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	10 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	8:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Bob Evans 10 am Pantry 10 am West Ohio UWIF Annual Conf. 10 am-2pm Comty.Pen. Church
9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church 1:30 pm CROP Hunger Walk	6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	6:30 am KI 10:00 am UWIF Leadership Mtg	15 10 am Sr. Resource Fair NW Partnership Pantry Truck? 6:30 am Kl 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6:00 pm Pantry	16 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	17 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	18 10 am-2pm Comty. Pen. Church
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To the Open Door Class, it is time to resume our Saturday meetings THIS WEEK. Saturday, Oct. 4 at 4 pm in the Youth Lounge: GAME NIGHT. We will hold this event without a designated host. The officers will bring snacks and beverages, and anyone can bring their favorite game or card deck. Please come if you are able, as we remember our favorite euchre player, Bob Reynolds.

FINANCIAL REPORT

YTD August 2025

YTD August 2024

Offerings & Revenue	183,471	176,580
Expenses	202,072	194,836
Shortfall	(18,601)	(18,306)



Contributions to Fairview can be made at:

<u>https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZK/home</u> 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.

FREE Northwest Dayton Senior Resource Fair!

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Join us at the Northwest Dayton Senior Resource Fair! This FREE event is focused on connecting seniors in Northwest Dayton with resources to make life easier! The event will have various vendors with resources specific to seniors, health screens for vision, blood pressure, and A1C, cooking demonstrations, presentations, fun physical activities, hourly raffle drawings, and a FREE box lunch for the first 100 registrants.

For more information and to preregister: Scan the QR Code, call (937) 281-5948 or email info@frhc.org







WORSHIP LEADERS



- 5 Wayne Hounshell
- 12 Chris Jones
- 19 John & Lilia Shoemaker
- 26 Mike Zuber

- 5 Florence Carwell
- 12 Art Mehaffey
- 19 John Larsen
- 26 Sherri Sutter

- 5 Terri Hoernemann
- 12 Kathy Schaefer
- 19 Jackie Mergler
- 26 Cecelia Long



5 Wayne 937-369-7040 12 John 937-277-6387 19 Art 937-727-2626 26 Greg 937-620-1472

WE NEED A CHURCH VAN DRIVER

-ONCE A MONTH: We are urgently looking for a driver to assist with transporting the church van. If you are available and willing to help, please contact Art Mehaffey (937) 727-2626 or Carol in the church office as soon as possible.



- 5 Jan Mains
- 12 Jan & Fred
- 19 Fred Poland
- 26 Mike Zuber



OCTOBER 5

Sherri Sutter/Art Mehaffey

Barbara Rowlands/Judy Gebhart

PANTRY NEWS

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH FAITH AND LOVE OCTOBER 2025 PANTRY UPDATE



As we move into the crisp days of October, our Food Pantry continues to be a vital source of hope and nourishment for many families in our community. With the change of seasons, we often see an increase in need, and your continued generosity makes it possible for us to meet that demand.

So far this year, we have seen a 20% increase in the number of households that we are able to provide with a

variety of food and personal care items. Every bag of groceries represents not just a meal, but the reminder that neighbors care for one another.

Looking ahead to the holidays, we are especially mindful of the extra expenses families face. Monetary gifts are always welcome as well, allowing us to purchase the most-needed items directly that we cannot obtain from the Food Bank.

As we serve, we are reminded of the words from Matthew 25:35: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." Together, we are living out this call and ensuring that no one in our neighborhood goes hungry.

2025 PANTRY STATISTICS

	TOTAL	TOTAL	
MONTH	HOUSEHOLDS	PEOPLE	
	SERVED	SERVED	
January	266	852	
February	252	836	
March	270	926	
April	264	953	
May	247	854	
June	270	920	
July	273	955	
August	284	948	
September	286	1053	
2025 Total			
	2,412	8,274	
2024			
Totals	2,842	9,851	

OCTOBER PANTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Wednesday, 10/1 Barbara Wiechel, intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Dianne Trittschuh Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser TRUCK 11 AM	Friday, 10/3 Barbara Wiechel, intake Susie Kurtz Rose Campbell-Blake Shirley Mell	
Monday, 10/6 Cecelia Long, intake Shirley McBride Janet Michael	Wednesday, 10/8 Barbara Wiechel, intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Dianne Trittschuh Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser	Friday, 10/10 Barbara Wiechel, intake Rose Campbell-Blake Jackie Mergler Barb Rowlands	Saturday, 10/11 Barbara Wiechel, intake Tracy Polk Pam Hounshell
Monday, 10/13 Cecelia Long, intake Jackie Mergler Barb Rowland Rose Campbell-Blake	Wednesday, 10/15 Barbara Wiechel, intake Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Pam & Wayne Hounshell Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser TRUCK ??	Friday, 10/17 Barbara Wiechel, intake Rose Campbell-Blake Janet Michael	
Monday 10/20 Cecelia Long, intake Susie Kurtz Rose Campbell-Blake	Wednesday, 10/22 Barbara Wieche, intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Dianne Trittschuh Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser	Friday 10/24 Barbara Wiechel, intake Shirley Mell Pam Hounshell Linda Payne	
Monday 10/27 Cecelia Long, intake Tina Walker Susie Kurtz	Wednesday, 10/29 Barbara Wiechel, intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser TRUCK ??	Friday, 10/31 Barbara Wiechel, intake Shirley Mell	

Fairview Church Food Pantry United Methodist REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR Bread EVERY 1ST SUNDAY

helping people

On the first Sunday of every month, we at Fairview 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 your own groceries, please buy an extra loaf of bread and bring it with you on Oct. 5. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!

In videos and photographs:

https://youtu.be/49r4m7dtTEI



50 Years of Faith: The Inspiring Story of the Fairview UMC Faith Class

FAITH CLASS - 50 Years of Faith: The Inspiring Story of the Fairview UMC Faith Class -video produced by Fairview member Lee Kreider

In videos and photographs:



Faith Class on Sunday Morning September 14, 2025.



Rene and Willie rang the church bell at 10:40 am. Faith Class members have been doing this for years each Sunday.





Happy-Birthday

wishes to everyone born in the month of

OCTOBER

DAVID WIECHEL	October 04
FRED POLAND	October 10
RAY GRILLMEIER	October 13
DEBRA ARMOLD	October 14
BOB LYBARGER II	October 14
ALVIE GAISER	October 16
JUDY GEBHART	October 19

JACK HOERNEMANN



The Free Legal Clinic will be open on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 at Fairview United Methodist Church

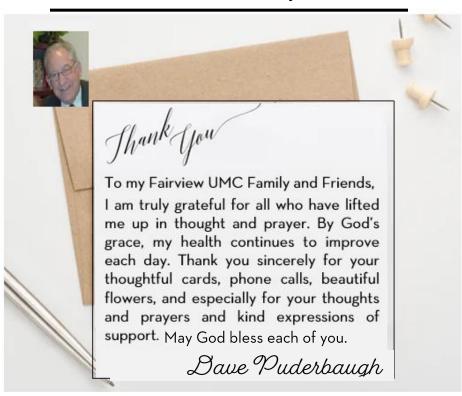
828 W. Fairview Avenue Dayton, Ohio 45406 **10:00 AM until Noon**.

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.



October 28



COLUMNS

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