



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. As we enter the month of August, summer begins its slow transition toward autumn. The days are still warm, children prepare to return to school, vacations begin to wind down, and many of us find ourselves wondering where the summer has gone. Every season has its own unique beauty, and late summer reminds us to pause and appreciate the blessings that God has placed before us. Sometimes we become so focused on what comes next that we forget to give thanks for what God is doing right now.

One of the greatest gifts God has given us is the Book of Psalms. For nearly three thousand years, these sacred songs and prayers have helped God's people express every emotion imaginable. They teach us how to praise in times of joy, how to trust in moments of uncertainty, how to seek forgiveness when we have fallen short, and how to find hope when life feels overwhelming. They remind us that no matter what season of life we are experiencing, God hears our prayers and walks beside us.

Throughout the month of August, I invite you to join us each Sunday as we begin a new worship series entitled **"Godsong: A Study in the Psalms."** Together we will explore some of the Bible's most beloved psalms and discover how these ancient words continue to speak to our lives today. Whether you have worshiped at Fairview for decades or are looking for a church home, this series is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and grow closer to God. I hope you will make worship a priority this month and invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to come with you.

As summer slowly gives way to the changing seasons, may we remember that while the seasons of life come and go, the faithfulness of God never changes. The same Lord who has guided us through yesterday will walk with us into tomorrow. May these final weeks of summer be filled with moments of rest, gratitude, and renewed faith as we gather each week to worship the One whose love endures forever.

With love and grace,

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser,
Fairview United Methodist Church

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The **Kid's Bible Class** will continue to meet weekly on the 3rd floor of the Education Building at 11 AM for a Bible short lesson, an activity or craft, and time for play. Starting in September, the Kid's Bible class will include children up to and including the 4th Grade. Children in 5th grade and above are welcomed and encouraged to attend worship in the sanctuary.

Children's Moments were re-introduced this summer on a weekly basis. Children have been worshipping with the entire Fairview Family in the sanctuary for the Call to Worship and Gathering Hymn before coming forward to share "God's word, prayer and song" specifically prepared for our children. Starting in September, Children's Moments will be provided on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. All children are invited to come forward in the Sanctuary for Children's Moments, and children up to and including 4th grade are dismissed so they can attend Kid's Bible Class. Children in grade 5 and above will remain in the sanctuary.

If you have interest in helping with the Kid's Bible Class or Children's Moment, please contact Jan Mains at 937-474-3382 or tuxford@aol.com



United
Women
in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK REVIEW

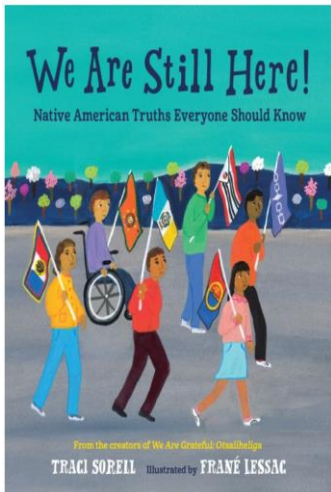
Title: We Are Still Here!

Subtitle: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know

Author/Illustrator: Traci Sorell/Frane Lessac

Category: Social Action (Children's)

Reviewer: Pam Hounshell



Twelve Native American kids from various tribes make individual presentations at their school on the evening of Indigenous People's Day. Their reports deal with historical and current laws, policies, struggles and victories. Each presentation is beautifully illustrated, and ends with "WE ARE STILL HERE!"

This charming book can be read in a few minutes, but is packed with information everyone should know, especially in the notes that follow the story. Here one can find a detailed timeline from 1871 to the present, explaining the interactions between the Native Nations and the U.S. government.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH REQUESTS ITEMS FOR 2 BABY BASKETS FOR WESLEY DAYTON

Fairview United Women in Faith has given 2 Baby Baskets to the Wesley Dayton for several years. The baskets, filled with essential baby items, are given to the women who are enrolled in a training program to aid them in taking care of their newborn children.

Fairview United Women in Faith is requesting help to fill a basket for a girl and a basket for a boy. There will be a Sign-up Chart at the church where people can indicate what they would like to give. The Sign-up Chart will be in the Welcome Center from Sunday, August 9 through Sunday, August 30, 2026. Items should be brought to the church by Sunday, September 20, 2026.

The items needed for the baskets are:

- 1 Pack of Sleepers (2-3 per pack)
- 1 Pack of onesies (3-5 per pack)
- 1 outfit (often sold as a unit, usually with dress or pants with shirt and onesie)
- 1 pack of hats (0-3 months, 3-5 per pack)
- 1 pack of socks (4-8 pair per pack) size new born or 3 month
- 1 pack of diapers Size 1 (soft sided pack with about 62 diapers)
- 1 pack of baby wipes (about 56 wipes)
- 1 pack of baby towels (about 3)
- 1 pack of baby wash cloths (3-12 per pack)
- 1 pack of burp cloths (3-4 per pack)
- 1 pack of bibs (newborn, little, 3-4 per pack)
- 1 large blanket (handmade is welcome)
- 1 pack of receiving blankets (4-5 per pack)
- 1 rattle/small hand toy
- 1 small or medium baby-safe stuffed animal
- 1 Mother's Gift Card to Walmart (\$15)
- ! Large Laundry Basket into which everything is placed

If you have questions, please contact Cecelia Long at cealong48@gmail.com or 937/972-7045.

Thank you in advance for your help in filling 2 baby baskets with much needed items!!



RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES



Thanks to all who have already contributed your used tennis shoes to 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 in 2025!! The shoes will be melted and made into useful items such as playground equipment, park benches, school desks, etc. The organization is 'GotSneakers—A Sneaker Recycling Organization'.

We will continue this worthwhile project through the summer of 2026. **Please bring your USED TENNIS SHOES OR GYM SHOES**, no matter what condition, size, shape or color to Fairview. There will be a designated place to put your donation as you enter the Welcome Center at Fairview. WE ARE CLOSE TO FILLING A BAG. Do not throw away your used and worn tennis shoes but bring them for recycling instead.

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 937/972-7045 or Pam Hounshell 937/219-5377.

RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES IN 2026!!



\$5 ON THE 5TH SUNDAY OFFERING

For UM CHILDREN'S HOME FAMILY SERVICES

August 30, 2026, is the 5th Sunday when an offering of \$5 or more can be given to support UM Children's Home Family Services in Columbus, Ohio.

Fairview United Methodist Church has been faithful in sending an offering to the Children's Home for several years.

You may give at any time by placing your offering in the offering plate on Sunday morning designating it for the UM Children's Home Family Services, by giving online, or by mailing your offering to Fairview United Methodist Church.

Your contributions help support foster parent training, adoption services, mental health services, parenting support groups, and persons with serious emotional behavioral difficulties. Questions or concerns may be directed to Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com Thank you for your faithfulness.





AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church
2 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	3 9 am Pantry	4	5 11:00 am Truck Delivery 6:00 pm Pantry	6	7 9 am Pantry	8 Pantry Closed  1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church
9 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 11 am Kids' Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	10 9 am Pantry	11	12 6:00 pm Pantry	13	14 9 am Pantry	15 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church
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FINANCIAL REPORT

YTD June 2026

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Offerings & Revenue	131,208	134,569
Expenses	161,853	151,862
Shortfall	(30,645)	(17,293)

ONLINE *giving*

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.





Sunday Greeters 2 Pam Hounshell 9 Florence Carwell 16 Wayne Hounshell 23 Sherri Sutter 30 Pam Hounshell	Worship Leaders 2 Cecelia Long 9 Dave Wyss 16 Pam Hounshell 23 Judy Gebhart 30 John Larsen	Kid's Bible Class 2 Terri Hoernemann 9 Jackie Mergler 16 Jan Mains 23 Susie Kurtz 30 Cecelia Long  2 Art Mehaffey 9 Judtih Mathes 16 Pastor Neil 23 Susie Kurtz 30 Ed Rapp
 VAN MINISTRY 2 John 937 277-6387 9 Wayne 937-369-7040 16 Cornelio 937-623-7951 23 Greg 937-620-1472 30 Wayne 937-369-7040	Church Trustees For the Day  2 Jan Mains 9 Dave Puderbaugh 16 Fred Poland 23 Mike Zuber 30 Jan Mains	 COMMUNION SERVERS Barbara Rowlands/Jan Mains Judith Mathes/Shirley McBride

PANTRY NEWS
FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH FAITH AND LOVE
AUGUST PANTRY UPDATE



As summer winds down and families prepare for a new school year, the need at our Food Pantry remains steady. Rising grocery costs continue to make it difficult for many of our neighbors to provide enough food for their households, and your generosity is making a real difference.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food, made financial contributions, or volunteered their time. Every can, box, and dollar helps ensure that local families have access to nutritious food when they need it most.

During August, we especially welcome donations of shelf-stable items such as peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats, pasta, rice, cereal, soup, macaroni and cheese, and personal care products like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toilet paper. These items are always in high demand.

If you would like to become involved, volunteers are always welcome to help sort donations, stock shelves, and assist on distribution days. Whether you can give an hour of your time or make a donation, your support helps us share Christ's love in practical ways.

Thank you for helping our church continue to be a source of hope and compassion in our community. Together, we are making a meaningful difference—one family at a time.

2026 PANTRY STATISTICS

Month	Total Households Served	Total People Served
January	229	739
February	207	673
March	265	866
April	270	884
May	229	718
June	250	791
July	TBD	TBD
2026 Totals	TBD	TBD
2025 Totals	3,288	11,198



AUGUST PANTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Monday, 08/03 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Shirley McBride Janet Michael	Wednesday, 08/05 Cecelia Long, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dianne Trittschuh Neil Gaiser Pantry Truck Delivery	Friday, 08/07 Cecelia Long, Intake Rose Campbell-Blake Shirley Mell Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler	Saturday, 08/08 Pantry Closed
Monday, 08/10 Cecelia Long, Intake Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler Rose Campbell-Blake Tina Walker	Wednesday, 08/12 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Pam and Wayne Hounshell Neil Gaiser Dianne Trittschuh	Friday, 08/14 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Shirley Mell Rose Campbell-Blake Jacque Durant Susie Kurtz	
Monday, 08/17 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Cecelia Long Rose Campbell-Blake Tina Walker	Wednesday 08/19 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser Pantry Truck Delivery	Friday, 08/21 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Shirley Mell Rose Campbell-Blake	
Monday, 08/24 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Rose Campbell-Blake Tina Walker Susie Kurtz	Wednesday, 08/26 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser	Friday, 08/28 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Shirley Mell Rose Campbell-Blake Pam Hounshell Linda Payne	
Monday, 08/31 Cecelia Long, Intake Tina Walker Susie Kurtz Rose Campbell-Blake			

FAIRVIEW PANTRY NEEDS MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS



When you shop for your home, please buy an item for the Fairview Pantry. Items that are very much appreciated are: Bags of Potato Chips, Corn Chips, Popcorn, Cookies, cake and brownie mixes, cake frostings, toiletries such as body lotion, deodorant, dog and cat food, cleaning supplies, etc.

Miscellaneous items are very much appreciated by the Pantry Guests who come regularly to the pantry for food. Please bring items on Sunday morning or any time you are at Fairview Church.

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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 **August 2**. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!



LAY SERVANT MINISTRY

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this equipping and empowering system, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.

Check out the new classes that have been added to the schedule. Most are offered online via Zoom unless indicated. Click each link to learn more and sign up:

Great Miami River District –

CELEBRATING AND GROWING LAITY IN WESTERN LAKES District

"It was up to the laity to maintain, lead, and grow the local church. The laity are not part of God's church - the laity ARE God's church! Church is not some place to go. Church is who we are called to be." (<https://umc.org>)

[Rediscover Wesley's vision of a lay-led church](#)

[How did John Wesley empower lay people?](#)

How can you serve your church?

How do you feel you have been equipped?

What equipping/training/assistance do you want/need now?

How might you help others in living into their Call to serve God & neighbor?

PATHS TO LAY LEADERSHIP IN YOUR CHURCH

Laity learning from clergy and/or laity through mentorships, study, teach/learn opportunities.

[Lay Ministry certification](#) as a Lay Servant, Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Minister

Licensed Local Pastor or Deaconess/Home Missioner

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

[Lay Servant Ministries courses](#) across the conference (many available virtually)

Begin preparing for [Laity Sunday](#) (October 18, 2026)

[Subscribe](#) to West Ohio Conference newsletter for information on Laity Convocations in 2026 and 2027 (*scroll to the bottom of the home page*)

Take a [Spiritual Gifts Inventory](#) and discuss the results with your pastor.

Contact Karen Grube - District Lay Leader ksg7766@aol.com for more information.



Happy Birthday

wishes to everyone born in the month of

AUGUST 2026

SHIRLEY MCBRIDE	August 02
JERRY GRIBLER	August 06
CANDICE SWEET	August 07
FRED HALL, JR.	August 08
KIM MESSER	August 10
BARBARA WIECHEL	August 10
WAUNETTA HOWE	August 14
BARBARA BUTTRAM	August 16
RENE' STEUVE	August 17
GREG ZUBER	August 21
VICKY WENTLING	August 22
DAVE WYSS	August 22
OSCAR NDAYISABA	August 28
JOYCE GRILLMEIER	August 29
FRED HALL, SR.	August 31



**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.



Note: The office is closed from
July 29 – August 9. Please contact
Pastor Neil on this cell number
614.353.2664 for assistance.



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