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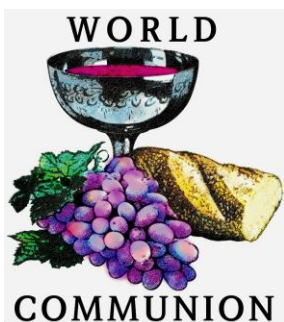
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Blessing of the Animals

Our annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please remember that animals must be caged or leashed, for their safety and the well-being of all. Rev. Katharine Schaefer will plan and lead the service. We will provide treats for our animal friends and their families following the service. We hold this service in early October to coincide with the saint day of Francis of Assisi, who is recognized as a lover and protector of animals.



World Communion Sunday



World Communion Sunday is October 7, during our 11:00 worship. Through our celebration, we recognize the unity of all Christians, in many different denominations and countries throughout the world. "Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. . . . On World Communion Sunday, your congregation's giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve." (WOC *Newsnet*)

All Saints Celebration

We will observe All Saints Sunday on November 4 during worship as we light candles and read the names of those who have died since our last observance. If there are persons you wish to remember, please notify the church office of names and the date of their passing. We will also celebrate the sacrament of communion and individuals may light candles for others whom they wish to remember.

Christmas Store

Christmas Store is once again accepting names for this season beginning September 16. If you know of any family who is in need of assistance, please submit their name and phone number to Bertha Messer or Vicky Wentling. The deadline for name submission is October 21. We thank you in advance for supporting this ministry.

Christmas Store Thanksgiving Dinner

The Christmas Store Committee will be preparing and serving a delicious holiday dinner that we may all enjoy following worship Sunday, November 11. The free will offering received for the dinner supports the Christmas Store Ministry which helps selected families celebrate Christmas. Each family receives food, clothing, personal care items, hats and gloves, books, and gifts selected by the adults for their children. Families are referred by members of the congregation and Fairview School. Hope Tree gifts are for specific members of each family and include an appropriate outfit and socks, underwear, etc. Rebecca-Naomi Circle is collecting personal care items and would appreciate donations to defray the cost. All of us are encouraged to donate hats and gloves, bringing them to the Advent Fellowship event December 2.



United Methodist Women's Sunday

Fairview United Methodist Women (UMW) will celebrate its mission work on Sunday, October 28, 2018 during the regular worship service. The focus of the service is "Children's Sabbath". A key woman in the church will be recognized for her outreach to others. This is also the time when the installation of the 2019 United Methodist Women's Leadership Team will occur. The speaker for this year will focus on the issues of children in the Dayton area.

Immediately following the service will be a Soup and Salad Mission Dinner with dessert where a free will offering will be received. The proceeds are designated for UMCOR in its ongoing work with disaster relief and UMW Mission projects dealing with children in precarious situations. Come for good food, fellowship and contribute financially to relieving serious needs in our communities. See you on Sunday, October 28th. Thank You!!

Rebecca-Naomi Circle News

We had a small number attend our first meeting of the fall season, but we are looking forward to some important work ahead of us. We thank AK Lovelace for sharing with us her call to ordained ministry and also her passion for parenting special needs animals, particularly cats.

This circle meets in Brewbaker Library on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30. Our next meeting will be held on Oct. 10. We will be planning for our Christmas Store project--collecting toiletry items for the families served by this important ministry of the church. The November meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15, at which time we will be dedicating our yearly Thank Offering. The December meeting will be held at Grace Brethren Senior Living Center on December 12. Whether we are working, eating or learning together, we always enjoy a creative, supportive fellowship with other women who share compassion for those in need around our district, conference, nation and world.

October Recommended Book from the UMW Reading Program

THE BOOK OF JOY

by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived



more than fifty years of exile and soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships---or, as they would say, because of them---they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.

In April 2015, Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala, India, to celebrate His Holiness's 80th birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their lives to answer a question:

How do we find joy in the face of suffering?

We get to listen in as they explore the Nature of True Joy and confront each of the Obstacles to Joy. They then offer the Eight Pillars of Joy, which provide the foundation for lasting happiness. Throughout the book they share their daily Joy Practices that anchor their own emotional and spiritual lives.

In the end they thank all the readers who are doing much to create a world filled with joy and love, where the future we create together will live up to our bravest and boldest dreams.

This book is available in large print in the Fairview Church Library and can be signed out by anyone who wishes to learn about the foundations for Joy.

Cecelia M. Long, Fairview UMW President

Financial Update

	YTD Aug 2018	YTD Aug 2017
Giving	166,555	159,541
Expenses	159,015	150,671
Abundance	7,540	8,870



Organ Fund Update

Total donations received September 2 through September 25, 2018 = \$20,045 toward the goal of \$40,000.

Have You Considered Volunteering?

It is no secret that Fairview United Methodist Church shows love and support to members and the community surrounding the church. The food pantry, the Fun Club for the neighborhood youth, the community festival, our partnerships with the neighborhood schools (just to name a few) are examples of showing the love of Christ in action. There are so many ways to help and be a part of something special right here at Fairview. Have you considered volunteering? We have volunteer opportunities available. By giving just a couple of hours a week you can make a world of difference to the ministry.

Data Entry Volunteer - Enter data from source documents into our FUMC database, files, and forms.

Social Media Content Creation & Management Volunteer - Help in creating a 3-month social media content calendar. Help post 3-5 times a week across multiple social media channels.

Fun Club Volunteer - Class/Activity Aid needed to help work with neighborhood youth and support Fun Club leaders in their activities. Fun Club is held on Wednesdays from 5:30pm – 7:00pm

For more information call Nicole Pritchett through the church office or email nicole@fairviewunitedmethodist.org

Altar Flowers

You are invited to check the Altar Flowers Calendar, located at the Sanctuary entrance, and select one of the remaining Sundays in 2018. You may donate flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. We order from Furst, and the cost per arrangement is \$25. Order forms are located on the left above the calendar, and may be placed in the offering plate or in the box on the church office door. On Sundays when fresh flowers have not been donated, we will use one of the new silk flower arrangements made possible by the memorial fund of Elaine Umstead.



In Sympathy

We extend our love and prayers to the family of Edith Mae Leonard, a former member of Fairview UMC, upon her passing September 17. A celebration of her life was held on September 21 at the Tobias Funeral Home-Beavercreek Chapel.

Trustees Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 20, the trustees invite us to share in the work within and around our facility that will prepare us for the winter season. Outside chores will such things as cleaning flower beds, edging sidewalks, and other end-of-season maintenance. Some inside chores will also be available for those who are willing to do them, such as changing light bulbs, air filters, etc. We will begin at 9:00, and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Dave Puderbaugh, Mike Zuber or Jan Mains. The work day projects will be finalized at the October trustees meeting on October 7.

I Believe in the Church Event

Join Bishop Gregory Palmer for an evening of inspiration, worship, testimony, and sharing at Sulphur Grove UMC on Tuesday, October 16. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. ant the program with the Bishop starts at 7:00 p.m. The event is free, but reservations are necessary. Contact Tim McCoy at tmccoy@wocumc.org.

*A Word
from
Pastor Barbara*

I purchased a new electric tooth brush recently. It has some features that my former toothbrush didn't have. If, while brushing my teeth, I apply too much pressure, a red light reminds me to back off. In addition, every thirty seconds it interrupts me to let me know that it's time to move on to the next quadrant of my mouth. I didn't buy this particular brush because of those features, but those features do help me do a better

job of brushing my teeth! In some ways, we might all wish for a red light that comes on when we are applying too much pressure to ourselves or to others. And wouldn't it be wonderful if we heard a buzzing sound that told us it was time to move on from whatever topic or concern has us in a dither? That would be especially helpful for those occasions when we wake up in the middle of the night, brain racing, with no possibility of going back to sleep!

As we follow Jesus throughout his ministry, we discover many people came to him for help when they had nowhere else to turn. Jairus has given up on saving his daughter, unless Jesus can do it. The woman with the flow of blood has endured twelve years of treatments with no improvement, and at the loss of most of her money. The Syro-Phoenician woman is willing to be called a dog in order to get the demon thrown out of her daughter. Friends carry a paralyzed man to the rooftop and lower him into Jesus' presence. Bartimaeus throws off his cloak and makes a scene to get Jesus' attention and sight. Of course, there are numerous reports of Jesus healing many unnamed persons in the crowds who thronged him, "because he had compassion on them." On the other hand, we also hear stories of those who walk away, such as the rich young man whom Jesus looked at with love, and the followers who departed when Jesus announced his suffering and death. Repeatedly, Jesus takes the pressure off of those who are suffering. He invites people to quit worrying about what they will eat or drink or wear, reminding them that God who clothes the birds will provide for their needs. He says, "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely lightly." (Matthew 11:28-30 from *The Message*).

When we watch Jesus, we see the red light come on when we're applying too much pressure. When we listen to Jesus, we hear the buzz that tells us it's time to move on. We do indeed learn the unforced rhythms of grace – grace that gives us rest, relief and new patterns of living freely and lightly. And it works just as well as my new toothbrush.

October Birthdays

- October 4** David Wiechel
- October 8** Tim Clark
- October 9** Jan Patterson
- October 10** Fred Poland
- October 13** Ray Grillmeier
- October 14** Debbie Arnold
- October 16** Dawn Cudney, Connie Copas
- October 17** Sean Wentling, Jordan Edgel
- October 18** Kristin Sutter, Michael Mehaffey
- October 19** Judy Gebhart
- October 24** Gary Noe
- October 26** Molly Wentling
- October 27** Maghan Lunsford
- October 28** Jack Hoernemann, John Kimmel, Brittany Weatherford



Legal Clinic

Legal Clinic will be available to those in need of services on Saturday, October 13 at Fairview UMC from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m

October Greeters

- October 7** Bertha Messer & Deb Arnold
- October 14** Florence Carwell
- October 21** Judy Wright
- October 28** Kathy & Dick Schaefer

October Hospitality

- October 7** Cecelia Long
- October 14** Barbara Rowlands
- October 21** Deb Arnold
- October 28** Cecelia Long

October Worship Leaders

October 7 Bob Larsen
October 14 Debbie Arnold
October 21 Kathy Farmer
October 28 Dick Schaefer

October Van Ministry

October 7 John Larsen
October 14 Jerry Gribler
October 21 Bertha Messer
October 28 Greg Zuber

October Ushers

Sheila Crane, Dick Schaefer, Ed Farmer; **Head Usher:** Sam Kurtz

Pantry Schedule

October 1 Pat White & Vicky Wentling
October 5 Pam Hounshell & Linda Payne
October 8 Barbara Buttram & Marla Reynolds
October 12 Barbara Rowlands & Bonnie Maloney
October 15 Barbara Rowlands & Jackie Mergler
October 19 Ingrid Tartaglia & Vicky Wentling
October 22 Shirley McBride & Janet Michael
October 26 Kathy Farmer & Deb Arnold
October 29 Susie Kurtz & Vicky Wentling

Panera Bread Pick-Up

October 3 Cecelia Long
October 10 Jerry Gribler
October 17 Bertha Messer
October 24 Pastor Barbara and
Dave Wiechel
October 31 Cecelia Long

Communion Servers October 7

Florence Carwell
Celia Washington
Mary Blake
Jerry Gribler

Building Trustee

Sunday, October 7 Jan Mains
Sunday, October 14 Judy Gebhart
Sunday, October 21 Fred Poland
Sunday, October 28 Mike Zuber

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Hospitality (Parish Hall)	9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School Classes	9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Worship (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01 9:30am Food Pantry 5:30pm Land Use Board	02	03 5:30 pm Eating Smart 5:30pm Fun Club 7:15pm Renewal Hour	04 6:15pm Chancel Bells 7:15pm Chancel Choir	05 9:30am Food Pantry	06 7:00pm Open Door Class
07 8:30pm Trustees	08 9:30am Food Pantry	09	10 1:30pm Rebecca- Naomi Circle 5:30 pm Eating Smart; Fun Club 6:00pm FROC 7:15pm Renewal Hour	11 9:30am UMW 6:15pm Chancel Bells 7:15pm Chancel Choir	12 9:30am Food Pantry	13 10:00am Legal Clinic
14	15 9:30am Food Pantry 6:00pm Community Festival Mtg	16	17 5:30 pm Eating Smart 5:30pm Fun Club 7:15pm Renewal Hour	18 6:15pm Chancel Bells 7:15pm Chancel Choir	19 9:30am Food Pantry	20 9:00am Trustees Work Day
21 12:00 noon Faith Class Halloween Party	22 9:30am Food Pantry 6:30pm Deborah Circle	23	24 5:30 pm Eating Smart 5:30pm Fun Club 7:15pm Renewal Hour	25 6:15pm Chancel Bells 7:15pm Chancel Choir	26 9:30am Food Pantry	27
28 UMW Sunday and Dinner	29 9:30am Food Pantry	30	31 5:30 pm Eating Smart 5:30pm Fun Club 7:15pm Renewal Hour			



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