



MAY

Letter from the Pastor



Greetings to everyone here at Fairview United Methodist Church, and to our community beyond in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope everyone is having a blessed Easter season!

What a remarkable and grace-filled few weeks it has been in the life of our church. Our joint Holy Week services with Grace UMC were a tremendous success, with very strong attendance at both gatherings. It was a powerful witness to what God can do when congregations come together in unity for worship. We are deeply grateful for our partnership with our friends at Grace, and we look forward with joy to future collaboration—especially as they prepare to welcome their new pastor, Rev. John Wagner, who is already a dear friend to Fairview.

Easter Sunday itself was such a blessing. From the wonderful meal before worship—thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy, and love to make that possible—to a powerful and spirit-filled service, it was truly a morning to remember. Christ is risen indeed, and that good news was alive and present among us!

The celebrations have continued throughout the Easter season. On the Second Sunday of Easter, we had the joy of celebrating the baptism of Carlos Reese—a beautiful reminder of new life in Christ and the promises of God at work among us. Then, on the Third Sunday of Easter, we marked the 60th anniversary of the Open-Door Sunday School Class. What a testimony to faithfulness, fellowship, and the enduring work of God through generations. It is truly a time of celebration and renewal at Fairview!

As we continue through this Easter season, our hearts now begin to turn toward Pentecost Sunday on May 24. Pentecost is the day we remember the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church—the day when fearful disciples were transformed into bold witnesses, and when the Church was set ablaze with the presence and power of God.

In many ways, Easter and Pentecost belong together. Easter proclaims that Christ is risen; Pentecost proclaims that Christ is present. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is the Spirit who dwells within us, guides us, strengthens us, and sends us out into the world.

So in these weeks ahead, I invite you to begin preparing your heart. Pray for a fresh movement of the Holy Spirit in your life. Ask God to renew your faith, to deepen your love, and to give you courage to follow where Christ leads. Just as those first disciples were changed, we too are being transformed—day by day—into the people God has called us to be.

May this Easter season continue to fill you with hope, and may we arrive at Pentecost ready to receive anew the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Neil



Trustees



The Trustees are hosting a Spring Workday on Saturday, May 16, 2026, starting at 9 AM. We appreciate your help and service as we work to maintain our building and property

(Projects Include (But Are Not Limited To 😊)):

- Sweeping outdoor stairwells and window wells
- Sweeping indoor stairwells
- Washing the outside windows of the East Foyer
- Weeding and mulching flower beds
- Mowing and edging the lawn
- Hanging a new television in the East Foyer





Join our Volunteer **Prayer Team**

Contact: Pastor Neil 937-274-2189 or Ed Rapp 937-901-6660.

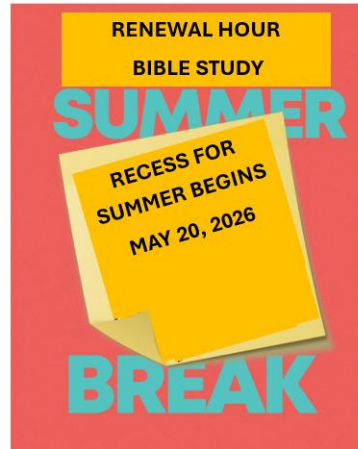
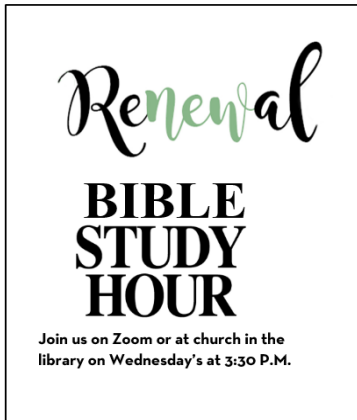


WE NEED YOU!



Join our Telecare Ministry Contact: Judy Gebhart for additional information 937-665-0537.

**JOIN ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION
FOR RENEWAL HOUR BIBLE STUDY**



<https://zoom.us/j/97779125069?pwd=QUJXaGFHeFM5b2F0VXA3cklwNXdxQT09>

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To sign in on your phone, you go to the email invite on your phone, highlight that first phone number, 1.305.224.1968, and the phone icon will appear prompting you to call it. You then call that number, and it will ask you to enter the meeting ID, which is listed above. Then it will ask a second question, which you can skip by just hitting # or pound. Finally, it will ask you to enter the meeting passcode followed by #, which is also listed above. Then you will be connected to the meeting via your cell phone!

MAY

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	2 10 am – 2 pm PFAN Church 3:30 pm Open Door Progressive Dinner at MCL
3 8:30 am Trustees Mtg. 11 am Worship 11 am Kids’ Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	4 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	5  6:30 am KI	6 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour 6 pm Pantry	7 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Choir	8 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	9  8:30 am Fairview Men’s Mtg. at Bob Evans 10 am Pantry 10 am – 2 pm PFAN Church
MOTHER’S DAY 10 8:30 am Church Council Mtg. 9:45 am Sun. Sch 11 am Worship 11 am Kids’ Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	11 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry 6 pm SPRC Meeting	12 6:30 am KI  10 am UWIF Leadership Team Mtg.	13 6:30 am KI 11 am Truck Delivery 3:30 pm Renewal Hour 6 pm Pantry	14 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Choir	15 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	16 10 am – 2 pm PFAN Church  9 am Spring Workday
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THE KID'S INSTITUTE



It is with mixed emotions that we share that May 22nd will be the last day for students at The Kid's Institute. The Kid's Institute has provided care for children for more than 22 years, and we are grateful that they have been with us at Fairview for over 5 years.

We extend our deepest thanks to the dedicated staff for their commitment and all the student families for their trust, partnership, and support throughout this journey.



*HANDBELL
& CHOIR
REHEARSALS*



Bells: 6:30-7:10
May 7
May 21
May 28 TBD

Choir: 7:15-8:45
May 7
May 14
May 21
May 28 TBD

Worship

A Gentle Invitation in Worship

Worship is a sacred time when we gather as a community to encounter God—through music, prayer, scripture, and proclamation. Each element of the service is offered not as a performance, but as an act of devotion, intended to draw all of us more deeply into the presence of God.

At times, it is natural to feel moved by a beautiful anthem, a meaningful message, or a powerful moment in the service. While applause is a common way in everyday life to show appreciation, in worship it can unintentionally shift the focus from glorifying God to recognizing individuals.

As a congregation, we invite you to respond in a way that keeps our hearts centered on worship. Rather than applauding, you are encouraged to offer a quiet “Amen”—a simple yet powerful expression that means “so be it” or “yes, Lord.” In this way, we affirm that what we have heard or experienced is received as an offering to God and a blessing to the community.

This shared practice helps preserve a spirit of reverence and unity, reminding us that all we do in worship is ultimately for the glory of God.

Thank you for helping us nurture a worship environment that is prayerful, meaningful, and centered on God’s presence.



FOOD
FELLOWSHIP
PRAYER
SCRIPTURE

“ATTENTION MEN OF FAIRVIEW”

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR UNITED METHODIST MEN’S MEETING

WHERE: BOB EVANS (MILLER LANE)
WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026
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



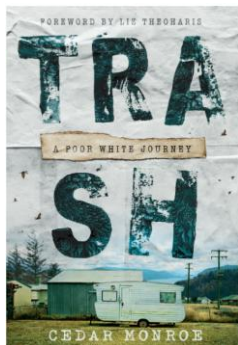
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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK REVIEW

BOOK REVIEWED: TRASH, A Poor White Journey

Author: Cedar Monroe, **Reviewer:** Judy Gebhart

Preview: [CLICK HERE](#)



Cedar Monroe writes about people who are poor and unhoused in a small town in Washington, who eke out a living on land that once provided timber for the nation. Their’s is the largest homeless encampment in the country. Monroe introduces us to people hammering out survival strategies and hope where capitalism and colonialism have stolen land from Indigenous people, forced workers into dangerous jobs, and then left them to die when their labor was no longer needed. TRASH asks us to see anew the peril in which poor white people live and the choices they and all of us must make.



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FAIRVIEW STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026 6:00 P.M.

The Fairview Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will have its regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the church library and via Zoom. All members of the Committee are urged to be presented so that we can take care of matters that cover the Pastor, Staff, and the Congregation.

If members of SPRC are not able to attend the meeting, please notify Cecelia Long, via text or phone call 937/972-7045 or via email to 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.

Blessings to everyone as we honor our Risen Lord and Savior.

UWIF LEADERSHIP TEAM

Meeting Date

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEADERSHIP TEAM WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026 AT 10 A.M.

The United Women in Faith Leadership Team will meet on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 10 a.m. Our agenda will be focused on Mission Outreach projects and planning for Book Reviews during the summer months. Members of the Leadership Team are: Kathy Schaefer, Judy Gebhart, Pam Hounshell, Barbara Rowlands, Debbie Arnold, Lisa Engle, Vicky Wentling, Judith Mathes and Cecelia Long. The meeting will be in person in the church library and via zoom for anyone who is not able to be present at the church.



FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLE MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 AT 1:30 P.M.

The Fairview United Women in Faith Circle Meeting will meet on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. in the church library and via zoom. The leaders for the meeting are to be determined at the April Circle meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

WE MISS SEEING MANY OF OUR UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLE ATTENDEES AND WANT YOU TO MAKE PLANS TO BE PRESENT WITH US ON MAY 19TH. YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO US!!!

PLEASE contact Judith at 937/286-2233 if you want up-to-date information that is shared at Circle meetings.

Come to Circle meetings and be spiritually uplifted through the Fellowship with your Sisters in Christ, through the Devotions, The Overview of some great books in The Reading Program and the Discussion on many different topics that gives everyone a chance to chime in and share how a subject affects them. It is a time for learning what United Women in Faith are experiencing throughout the world.

During the May Circle meeting, Cecelia Long will share what happened at the United Women in Faith Assembly in Indianapolis, IN where thousands of women will gather May 14-17. There is always something exciting to share after Assembly!!!

See YOU on May 19th!!



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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 in 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



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON

CELEBRATES MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

11:00 A.M. AT CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

700 S. JAMES H. MCGEE BLVD.

DAYTON, OHIO 45402

CECELIA LONG, FAIRVIEW MEMBER, WILL BE HONORED AS ONE OF THE VALIANT WOMEN, (WOMAN WHO IS RECOGNIZED FOR GIVING OF HER TIME, ENERGY AND LOVE TO HER CHURCH, CHURCH WOMEN UNITED AND TO THE COMMUNITY)

THERE WILL BE DELICIOUS FOOD, A PROGRAM RECOGNIZING FRIENDSHIP AMONG CHRISTIAN WOMEN, INSTALLATION OF CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON OFFICERS FOR 2026-27, RECEIVING OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN OFFERING, AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP TO BE ENJOYED BY ALL.

COME AND REJOICE WITH WOMEN OF FAITH

IN GREATER DAYTON AREA



YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE & STATISTICS

	March 2026	March 2025
Offerings & Income	58,881	64,468
Expenses	82,164	81,163
Shortfall	(23,283)	(16,695)



Easy Access:

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.

FAIRVIEW FOOD PANTRY: MAY 2026 UPDATE



May is a season of growth and renewal, and in our church pantry that spirit takes practical form every week. As we move through the spring, we’re reminded that small acts of care—like a bag of groceries, a box of diapers, or a kind word—can brighten a family’s week. Our pantry exists to honor the dignity of every guest while sharing God’s abundance with our neighbors in need. Thank you for walking this journey with us, in prayer and in service.

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord.” — Proverbs 19:17 (NIV)

May we be inspired by generosity that flows from faith into action. Help us see Christ in every guest, every volunteer, and every donor. May our pantry be a beacon of hope, a place where needs are met with dignity, and where God’s love is shared in practical, tangible ways. Amen.

2026 PANTRY STATS

Month	Total Households Served	Total People Served
Jan.	229	739
Feb.	207	673
Mar.	265	866
April	270	884
2026 Totals	971	3,162
2025 Totals	3,288	11,198

**DURING MAY 2026
HELP PANTRY GUESTS
SPRUCE UP FOR SPRING BY
BRINGING CLEANING SUPPLIES**

SPRING IS IN THE AIR AND SPRING-CLEANING FEVER IS HITTING EVERYONE!

Everyone is invited to bring cleaning supplies of all kinds to help our pantry guests who get spring cleaning fever but need the supplies to get their cleaning done.

Suggested items to bring are:

Disinfectant
Bleach
Tub and Tile Cleaner
Window Cleaners
Comet
Ajax
Dish Liquid
Liquid Soap
Laundry Products
Furniture Polish
Scum removers
Spic "n Span
Cleaning Cloths (rags) ETC,



Let's bring products that will help our pantry guests take care of SPRING cleaning!!!
Bring items on Sundays or any time you come to Fairview. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance!!

Fairview UMC May, 2026 Pantry Schedule

		Friday, 05/01 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Rose Campbell-Blake Tina Walker Jacque Durant	
Monday, 05/04 Barbara Wiechel, intake Janet Michael Shirley McBride Tina Walker	Wednesday, 05/06 Cecelia Long, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Pam & Wayne Hounshell Neil Gaiser Dave Wiechel	Friday, 05/07 Shirley McBride, Intake Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler Shirley Mell Rose Campbell-Blake	Saturday, 05/08 Cecelia Long, Intake Pam Hounshell Traci Polk Amelia Boomershine
Monday 05/11 Cecelia Long, intake Tina Walker Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler Susie Kurtz	Wednesday, 05/13 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser	Friday, 05/15 Shirley McBride, Intake Pam Hounshell Linda Payne Shirley Mell Rose Campbell-Blake	
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Monday, 05/25 Closed for Memorial Day	Wednesday, 05/27 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Dianne Trittschuh Neil Gaiser	Friday, 05/29 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Susie Kurtz Shirley Mell Rose Campbell-Blake	



MAY SCHEDULE

Sunday Greeters

- 3 Debbie Arnold
- 10 Shirley McBride
- 17 Wayne Hounshell
- 24 Mike Zuber
- 31 Dave Puderbaugh

Worship Leaders

- 3 Dave Wyss
- 10 Barbara Rowlands
- 17 Judy Gebhart
- 24 Art Mehaffey
- 31 Cecelia Long

Kid's Bible Class

- 3 Terri Hoernemann
- 10 Cecelia Long
- 17 Terri Hoernemann
- 24 Jackie Mergler
- 31 Susie Kurtz



VAN MINISTRY

- 3 John 937 277-6387
- 10 Wayne 937-369-7040
- 17 Cornelio 937-623-7951
- 24 Greg 937-620-1472
- 31 John 937 277-6387



- 3 Jan Mains
- 10 Dave Puderbaugh
- 17 Fred Poland
- 24 Mike Zuber
- 31 Jan Mains



COMMUNION SERVERS

- Jan Mains/Fred Poland
- Shirley McBride/Pam Hounshell



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 **May 3, 2026**. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!



AMY JOMANTAS	May 04
RICK IVORY	May 05
SONIA JACKSON	May 09
DEAN SUTTER	May 09
ART MEHAFFEY	May 13
CECELIA LONG	May 16
MICHAEL ROETH	May 16
JOHN H LARSEN	May 22
KAREN ADCOCK	May 23
KEN BURDEN	May 26
DARLENE SNELL	May 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.



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