



## 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 this holy season of Advent, we step once again into that sacred rhythm of waiting, watching, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. Advent reminds us that even in the hurried pace of December, God invites us to slow down, breathe deeply, and pay attention to the quiet ways His light begins to dawn in our lives. It's a season of hope, expectation, and renewal—when we remember that God comes to us not only in the celebrations of Christmas, but in the ordinary moments of each day.

This year, our Advent worship series is titled “**The Waiting Room of God.**” Over three Sundays we will reflect on what it means to be people who wait faithfully for the Lord. On **Week 1**, we meet *The Watchers*—those who choose to stay awake to God's presence in a distracted world. On **Week 2**, we become *The Preparers*—those who make room for Christ in the cluttered places of our hearts. And on **Week 3**, we sit alongside *The Questioners*—those who struggle honestly with doubt and learn that God meets us even in our uncertainty. I hope these messages will encourage you deeply during this beautiful season.

On the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, we will celebrate our **Christmas Cantata**, a special morning of music, worship, and praise led by our choir. This service is always a highlight of the season, and I hope you will join us and invite a friend to share in the joy.

Then, we invite you to join us for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** on **Wednesday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m.** This is one of the most meaningful services of the whole year—a night filled with Scripture, carols, candlelight, and the proclamation that *the Light has come into the world*. Please consider inviting your family members, neighbors, and friends. Christmas Eve is a beautiful opportunity to share the hope of Christ with those around you.

May this Advent season draw you closer to the One who comes to bring peace to the anxious, comfort to the weary, and joy to every seeking heart. From my family to yours, I wish you a blessed holiday season and a very **Merry Christmas!**

In Christ's love,

**Pastor Neil**

Please return your Commitment Card either placing it in the Offering Plate on Sunday morning or by mailing it to Fairview.

<p><b>FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>          Because of God's generosity, there is more than enough for all; I/we will give          PER WEEK: \$ _____          PER MONTH: \$ _____          PER YEAR: \$ _____          to support the ministries of the Fairview congregation and the United Methodist Church.</p> <p>My support of the Fairview UMC Pantry \$ _____ per _____          This represents a tithe of our income.</p> <p>Please charge my monthly pledge to my credit card:          Account # _____          Expiration Date ____/____/____ Code on back of Card _____          My card is already on file.</p>	<p><b>RENEWED FAITH. RENEWED VISION. GREATER GLORY.</b></p> <p><b>2026 Covenant of Financial Giving</b></p> <p>Name _____ <b>Please return your</b> _____          Address _____ <b>Pledge Cards as soon as</b> _____          City/State _____ <b>possible so we can</b> _____          Phone _____ <b>complete planning for</b> _____          Email _____ <b>2026 - Thank you</b> _____</p>
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## YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE & STATISTICS

	Oct. YTD 2025	Oct. YTD 2024
<b>Offerings &amp; Income</b>	<b>230,961</b>	<b>222,751</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>250,550</b>	<b>245,584</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(19,589)</b>	<b>(22,833)</b>



Easy Access:

Ctrl and click the button to make your online donation

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.



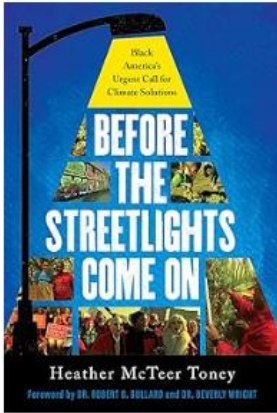
You can make charitable contributions from an IRA through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This option allows individuals age 70½ or older to donate up to \$108,000 in 2025 directly to a qualified charity. A QCD is a highly tax-efficient way to give because the distribution is excluded from your taxable income and can also count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

To qualify, the donation must be a direct transfer from your traditional IRA to Fairview. If you are interested in using this method of giving, please contact your financial advisor for more details.



We were blessed in November to receive a generous \$3,000 donation for our Pantry from Wright-Patt Credit Union. This gift came at a crucial time, as our Pantry saw record numbers of guests at every opening throughout the month. We are deeply grateful for this support, which helps us continue meeting the growing needs of our neighbors.

We also received 300 pounds of food from a recent Wright Patt Credit Union community food drive, generously donated to help stock our shelves for December.



[Click Here to Preview \*Before the Streetlights Come On\*](#)

**Title:** BEFORE THE STREET LIGHTS COME ON - printed in 2023

**Author:** Heather McTeer Toney

**Reviewer:** Cecelia Long

**United Women in Faith Reading Program Category:**  
*Social Action*

Climate change affects all of us. However, climate change does not affect everyone equally. Heather McTeer Toney is an attorney, environmentalist, a sought-after speaker and a writer. She explains the necessity of educating ourselves and each other about how climate impacts various communities thus empowering us all to find solutions that work.

Ms. Toney says that those most affected by climate change are best suited to lead the movement for climate justice. She says that Black Americans are 13% of the US population but breathe 40% dirtier air and are hospitalized and die from climate related health issues than the white population. Therefore, Black Americans need to be part of the solution.

Ms. Toney gives climate change basics and how to begin making changes that will have a positive impact on our earth. She uses humor, storytelling and common sense for everyday people to understand the topic of climate change. To understand the way forward--- read *Before the Streetlights Comes On*.





FOOD  
FELLOWSHIP  
PRAYER  
SCRIPTURE

## “ATTENTION MEN OF FAIRVIEW”

### PLAN TO ATTEND OUR UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETING

**WHERE:** BOB EVANS (MILLER LANE)  
**WHEN:** SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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



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**Friday Dec 12 at 2:00. Meet inside door 1 Assisted Living around 1:45. Address is 1 Country Lane, Brookville OH 45309. Please wear Christmas outfits, Santa hats-whatever you have, and your joyful face.**





**ALL WOMEN !!!!**  
**FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH UNITED**  
**WOMEN IN FAITH**  
**INVITES YOU & A FRIEND TO OUR**  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & 'WHITE ELEPHANT'**  
**GIFT AUCTION**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025**  
**12:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**  
**828 W. Fairview Avenue Dayton, OH**

Please come to our annual Christmas Luncheon and 'White Elephant' Gift Auction where the proceeds from the Auction will support women and children locally and throughout the world.

Plan to come and join us in sharing Christmas joy. If you can, bring tasty food or dessert that will serve at least 10 people. Beverages will be provided.

'White Elephant' Gifts should include the following items that will be given to the Fairview Pantry afterwards: *hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, deodorant, body lotion, chapsticks, or other items for the winter months.*

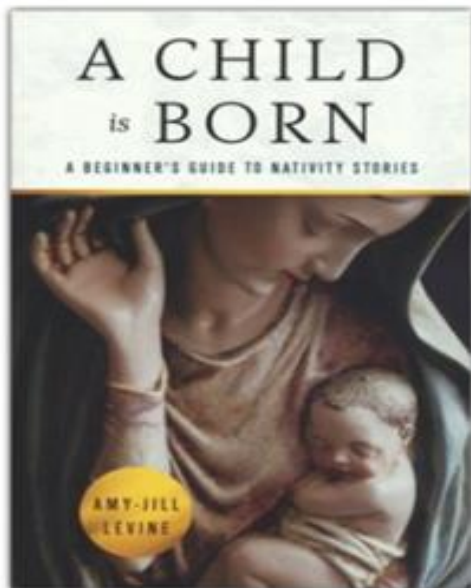
'White Elephant' Gifts should be wrapped or covered in some festive way so that the gift is a secret until it is opened by the highest bidder. The bidding time is a fun time to raise money for projects that could use some extra help especially at the end of the year. SO, please come and bring a friend. And, bring some money to bid on gifts to be shared with others.

**PLEASE RSVP TO THIS INVITATION BY CONTACTING**  
**JUDITH MATHES AT 937 286-2233**  
**OR**  
**CECELIA LONG AT 937 972-7045 OR [cealong48@GMAIL.COM](mailto:cealong48@GMAIL.COM)**  
**By November 29, 2025**

We want YOU, YOU, AND YOU to be with us this Christmas time!!!  
Help us spread lots of Christmas love and joy during this holiday season.



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in Faith



**WEST OHIO UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
INVITES YOU TO OUR  
VIRTUAL ADVENT STUDY  
Sundays Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21  
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

**Book being covered is  
A CHILD IS BORN  
By Amy-Jill Levine**

*A Child is Born* is a masterclass book that explores the ancient and often turbulent roots of nativity stories. Amy-Jill Levine invites us to eavesdrop on the conversations between Old Testament narratives and their Gospel echoes, revealing raw, human stories of longing, rivalry, and divine interventions. Prepare to have your assumptions challenged, your imagination ignited, and your understanding of the divine profoundly deepened.

**Book is available at Cokesbury, Amazon, and Thriftbooks.**

**November 30<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 1: The Conception and Birth of Isaac and Ishmael**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 2: The Conception and Birth of Samson**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 3: The Conception and Birth of Samuel**

**December 21<sup>st</sup>– Chapter 4: Jesus: Heir to Traditions**

**Please contact:**

**Cecelia Long, 937 972 7045 or [cealong48@gmail.com](mailto:cealong48@gmail.com) for ZOOM information.**

# DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry 12:30 UWIF White Elephant - Luncheon	2 6:30 am KI	3 6:30 am KI 11 am Food Truck Delivery 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6 pm Pantry	4 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	5 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	6 1:30 pm Church Women United Christmas Fellowship MCL  4 pm <b>Open Door Class</b> Christmas Open House at Dave & Jane Puderbaugh's home
7 8:30 am Trustee Mtg. 9:45 am Sun. Sch 11a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Kid's Bible Class 4p.m. Virtual Advent Study	8 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	9 6:30 am KI	10 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6 pm Pantry	11 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	12 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry  2 pm Caroling at Brookhaven	13 8:30 am Men's Meeting at Bob Evans  10 am Pantry & Legal Clinic
14 9:45 am Sun. Sch 11a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Kid's Bible Class 4 p.m. Virtual Advent Study	15 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	16 6:30 am KI	17 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6 pm Pantry	18 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	19 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	20
21 9:45 am Sun. Sch 11a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Kid's Bible Class 4 p.m. Virtual Advent Study	22 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	23 6:30 am KI	24 7 pm <b>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE</b>	25 	26 <b>PANTRY CLOSED</b>	27
28 9:45 am Sun. Sch 11a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Kid's Bible Class	29 <b>PANTRY CLOSED</b>	30	31 <b>PANTRY CLOSED</b>	January 2026 1 	January 2026 2 <b>PANTRY &amp; CLOSED</b>	January 2026 3





## DECEMBER PANTRY NEWS

As we enter the Advent and Christmas season, our food pantry is seeing both an increase in need and an increase in opportunities to serve our neighbors with Christ's love. December is traditionally one of our busiest months, and this year is no exception. Rising food costs, seasonal layoffs, and the lingering effects of reduced household benefits have placed additional strain on many families in our community. More guests are turning to the pantry for help—some for the first time.

Thanks to your faithful generosity, we have been able to meet these growing needs with compassion and dignity. Every can of vegetables, every bag of groceries, and every dollar offered makes a real difference. We continue to provide pantry staples as well as holiday items to help families enjoy a meaningful Christmas meal. Donations of shelf-stable foods, proteins, and personal-care items are especially appreciated this month.

As you prepare your own celebrations, please consider adding a few extra items to your shopping cart for the pantry. Your support helps ensure that no one in our neighborhood goes without food—or hope—during this holy season.

Thank you for being a church that embodies Christ's light in the world. May God bless each of you in this season of giving and grace.


## 2025 PANTRY STATISTICS

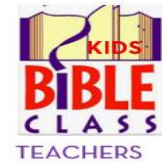
Month	Total Households Served	Total People Served
Jan.	266	852
Feb.	252	836
Mar.	270	926
Apr.	264	953
May	247	854
June	270	932
July	273	920
Aug	284	948
Sept.	286	1,053
Oct.	348	1,167
Nov.	329	1,136
Dec.		
<b>2025 Totals</b>	3,089	10,577
<b>20234Totals</b>	2,842	9,851

**Thank you for your support  
and donations!**

Donations to the pantry are welcomed any time. You can also make automatic monthly donations through our website.

## FAIRVIEW UMC DECEMBER PANTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Monday, Dec. 1</b> Cecelia Long, Intake Janet Michael Susie Kurtz Shirley McBride Jacqueline Durant	<b>Wednesday, Dec. 3</b> Barbara Wiechel, Intake Dianne Trittschuh Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Neil Gaiser Dave Wiechel <b>11 a.m. Pantry Truck Delivery</b>	<b>Friday, Dec. 05</b> Barbara Wiechel, Intake Shirley Mell Cecelia Long	
<b>Monday, Dec. 8</b> Cecelia Long, intake Tina Walker Susie Kurtz Jacque Durant	<b>Wednesday, Dec. 10</b> Barbara Wiechel, intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Dianne Trittschuh Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser	<b>Friday, Dec. 12</b> Barbara Wiechel, intake Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler Tina Walker Shirley Mell Cecelia Long	<b>Saturday, Dec. 13</b> Barbara Wiechel, Intake Traci Walker Pam Hounshell
<b>Monday, Dec. 15</b> Cecelia Long, intake Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler Jacque Durant	<b>Wednesday, Dec. 17</b> Barbara Wiechel, intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser	<b>Friday, Dec. 19</b> Barbara Wiechel, intake Tina Walker Shirley Mell Susie Kurtz Cecelia Long	
<b>Monday Dec. 22</b> Cecelia Long, intake Barbara Wiechel Tina Walker Amelia Boomersshine S. Kurtz	<b>Christmas Day – Dec. 25</b> <b>Pantry Closed.</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday – Dec. 26</b> <b>Pantry Closed.</b>	
<b>Mondy, Dec. 29</b> <b>Closed for Holidays</b>	<b>Wednesday, Dec. 31</b> <b>Pantry Closed for New Year's</b>		



7 JOHN & LILIA SHOEMAKER	7 ART MEHAFFEY	7 SUSIE KURTZ
14 SHIRLEY MCBRIDE	14 JERRY GRIBLER	14 TERRI HOERNEMANN
21 WAYNE HOUNSHELL	21 GERARDINE SHUKURU	21 KATHY SCHAEFER
28 MIKE ZUBER	28 ED RAPP	28 JACKIE MERGLER
	24 DAVE WYSS - Christmas Eve	



7 JOHN 937 - 277-6387	7 JAN MAINS	JOHN & LILIA SHOEMAKER
14 WAYNE 937- 369-7040	14 DAVE PUDERBAUGH	FRED POLAND
21 ART 937-623-7951	21 FRED POLAND	PAM HOUNSHELL
28 GREG 937-620-1472	28 MIKE ZUBER	



REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR

**Bread**

EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 **Dec. 7**. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!



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**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN GREATER DAYTON  
INVITES YOU**

**TO SHARE CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025**

**1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

**AT MCL RESTAURANT**

**4485 FAR HILLS AVE., KETTERING**

**Come enjoy Fun Activities, Door Prizes, and Joy-filled  
Moments**

**With other Women**

**This is a Dutch Fellowship –Lunch is on your own.**



**2025 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FORM**

Fairview Church will again be decorated with poinsettias during the 2025 Advent/Christmas season. We will be using large pots of poinsettias again this year. To participate in this ministry, please return the form below with a check for \$12.00 for each plant ordered, **no later than Monday, December 15.** Poinsettias may be removed from the church on Wednesday, December 24 following Christmas Eve worship. The names of those being remembered, as well as the donors, will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 21.

**THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

**POINSETTIAS**

No. of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$12.00 each

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**

Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to:

Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Fairview United Methodist Church

Memo: Poinsettias 2025





The Free Legal Clinic will be open on Saturday, December 13, 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.

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## DECEMBER

<b>December 7</b>	Maurice Hollingsworth
<b>December 16</b>	Nancy Collins
<b>December 20</b>	Doug Kneisly
<b>December 23</b>	David Thompson
<b>December 26</b>	Bertha Messer
<b>December 26</b>	Jennifer Messer
<b>December 29</b>	Sonia Kreider
<b>December 31</b>	Jane Puderbaugh



**Daily Devotion and Prayer Link at the top of Fairview UMC website**  
[www.fairviewunitedmethodist.org](http://www.fairviewunitedmethodist.org).

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

Merry  
Christmas  
and  
Happy  
New Year



## COLUMNS

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