

— MAY 10, 2026 —

# Fairview United Methodist Church

— SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —



*Happy  
Mother's Day*



*Honor her for all that her hands  
have done, and let her works  
bring her praise at the city gate.*

— Proverbs 31:31

A wooden sign for Fairview United Methodist Church. The sign is dark brown with white text. It reads: "FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH", "LOVE GOD. LOVE NEIGHBOR. SERVE OTHERS. GROW IN FAITH.", and "WORSHIP WITH US! - JOIN US!". The sign is positioned in front of the church building, which is a large brick structure with a steeple and a portico with columns. There are green bushes and flowers in the foreground.

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METHODIST CHURCH  
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FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2026

11:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

\*\*Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for  
worship.

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**\*\*PRELUDE**

Gloria

J. Simon

**WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Gather us in, O God.

**People: Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.**

Leader: Bring us into your presence, Holy One.

**People: From suffering and pain, save us.**

Leader: Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.

**People: On the highways of life, guide us.**

Leader: Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.

**People: As we worship this day, lead us home.**

**ALL: AMEN.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** My Hope Is Built Verses 1,2,4 UMH # 368

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** An Easter Creed

I believe in the God of Easter morning who awakes us from our darkest dreams and leads us into the light of a new day, who meets our pessimism with stunning hope of angelic proclamation. I believe in the God of Easter Day who beats us to the obstacles in our lives and empties the dark tomb for us; who appears in surprising ways when we least expect it; walking with us on our detours. I believe in the God of Easter evening who breaks into our closets and prisons, bringing peace and crushing our fear. I believe in the risen Lord who meets us with wounds on his hands and feet; who grants us his spirit, Sending us out to bring Shalom to the world. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

UMH # 70

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

Whisper to My Heart

(Angerman/Martin)

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## PRAYER CHORUS

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH # 334

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Fulfiller of our lives, we yearn to embody your commandment of love and pursue what we know is right. We long to ease the plight of others, even as we seek our own comfort. Nurture our hope this day, as we fulfill your commandment of love, that we may live as your children and abide in your Spirit. Amen.

## MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our Prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## \*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION

For the Beauty of the Earth Verses 1,2,4 UMH # 92

## \*GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

## SERMON

*Closer Than You Think*

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

## OFFERTORY

Praise to Thee

F. Johnson

**\*DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 94

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**\*SENDING HYMN** Blessed Assurance Verses 1 and 3 UMH # 369

## **\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: Once we searched and stumbled for God in darkness.

**People: Now we reside with Christ in glorious light.**

Leader: Once we lived as if God was far from us.

**People: Now we rejoice each day in God's presence.**

Leader: Once we strove for God's acceptance.

**People: Now we rest secure in God's love.**

**ALL: AMEN.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Fanfare

G. Peters

## **MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS**

***The carnations presented to our mothers today were lovingly given by Fred Poland in memory of his mother, and in honor of Erin Poland, Adrienne Shonkwiler, and all mothers.***

## **ACTIVITIES - May 11 - May 17**

### **Monday, May 11**

Pantry - 9 A.M.  
SPRC Meeting 6 P.M.

### **Tuesday, May 12**

UWIF Leadership Team Mtg. 10 A.M.

### **Wednesday, May 13**

Food Truck Delivery 11 A.M.  
Volunteers are needed to help unload.  
Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.  
Pantry 6 P.M.

### **Thursday, May 14**

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

### **Friday, May 15**

Pantry 9 A.M.

### **Saturday, May 16**

Church Spring Cleaning  
Workday 9 A.M.

### **Sunday, May 17**

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.  
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.  
Kids' Bible Class 11:00 A.M.

## **TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS**

### **Worship Leader**

Barbara Rowlands

### **Greeter**

Shirley McBride

### **Trustee**

Dave Puderbaugh

### **Kids' Bible Class Teacher**

Cecelia Long

## **VAN DRIVER FOR MAY 17**

### **Van Request: Cornelio-- 937-623-7951**

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47 or Ps 93 Eph 1:15-23, Luke 23:44-53

Acts 1:6-14, Ps 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Pet 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

## **KIDS' BIBLE CLASS**

Our *Kids' Bible Class* is a meaningful time where children ages 1-9 learn to listen, and connect with God, through Bible stories, prayer, and fun activities linked to the lesson. After the lesson, they enjoy play that helps them build friendships, practice sharing, and grow in kindness—all in a safe and loving environment led by a Teacher and Attendant.

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

## **Church Staff**

### **Pastor**

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

### **Administrative Assistant**

Carol McDougle

### **Director of Music**

Michelle Forshaw

### **Church Musician**

Nancy Collins

### **Treasurer**

Fred Poland

### **Audio Visual Technician**

Roger Christian

### **Church Custodian**

Vance Garner

### **Kids' Bible Class**

### **Attendant**

Oscar Ndayisaba

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