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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 step into the month of June, we look ahead to several meaningful and powerful Sundays in the life of the Church. We will soon celebrate the Ascension of our Lord—Christ exalted at the right hand of God, reigning in glory. We will rejoice in the gift of Pentecost—God's Spirit poured out on all people, empowering the Church for witness and service. And on Trinity Sunday, we will stand in awe of the mystery of our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— One in Three and Three in One.

Each of these Sundays reminds us that we are part of a much larger story: one of power, promise, and deep love. The risen Christ ascends not to leave us, but to fill the world with His presence through the Spirit. The Spirit descends not to dazzle us, but to dwell in us, making us one Body. And the Trinity gathers us into divine life, where love is eternal and ever giving.

In the spirit of this season, I want to offer a special word of thanks to those who help lead us in worship and draw us deeper into the beauty of God's presence. This month we look forward to Choir Sunday on June 1st, a time to recognize and give thanks for the ministry of music in our church. I want to express deep gratitude to Michelle Forshaw, our faithful and talented Choir Director, and to Michele Delduca, our gifted accompanist, for their leadership and dedication. And to each member of the Fairview UMC Chancel Choir—thank you for your commitment, your voices, and your spirit. Your music has lifted our souls and helped us experience the joy and mystery of God! I should also note that as we prepare for Choir Sunday, we are also preparing to say goodbye to Michele Delduca, who will be concluding her time with us this June. Michele has served our congregation with incredible faithfulness, warmth, and musical excellence over the years. Her accompaniment has not only supported our choir and greatly enhanced our worship, but also blessed our hearts in countless quiet, beautiful ways. Though we are all sad to see her go, we are deeply grateful for her time among us and send her off with our love. May God guide her steps, grant her peace, and continue to use her gifts for His glory wherever she goes.

Finally, as summer begins, I pray this season brings each of you a chance to slow down, rest, and find renewal—whether in time with family, in the beauty of nature, or in quiet moments with God. Wherever this summer takes you, may the Spirit go before you, Christ walk beside you, and the Father's love surround you.

With Gratitude and Love,

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser



It's Summertime! Save those pull tabs!!

Donate Aluminum Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Dayton.

There will be a collection box near the Parking lot entrance on Sunday mornings for your pull tabs. Soup/Soda/Pet Food – etc-ALL kinds of aluminum pull tabs are accepted.

Thank you for helping this local charity.



FAIRVIEW STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 6:00 P.M.

The Fairview Staff Parish Relation Committee (SPRC) will have its regular meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. All members of the Committee are urged to be presented so that care for the Pastor, Staff and the Congregation is provided in helpful ways.

If members of SPRC are not able to attend the meeting, please notify Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 or <u>cealong48@gmail.com</u>. If anyone needs the meeting to be zoomed, please advise Cecelia by Sunday, June 8, 2025.

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.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 10:00 A.M.

The United Women in Faith Leadership Team will meet on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church library and also via Zoom. The team will discuss mission outreach for 2025 and how Fairview can be more involved in the various Great Miami River District United Women in Faith activities for 2025.

Members of the UWF Leadership Team are: Cecelia Long-Chairperson, Kathy Farmer-Vice Chairpeson, Kathy Schaefer-Secretary, Judy Gebhart-Treasurer, Vicky Wentling-Spiritual Growth, Pam Hounshell-Program Resources, Barbara Rowlands-Nominating Committee Chair, Bertha Messer-At Large Member, Judith Mathes-UWF Circle President, Deb Armold and Lisa Engle-Members of Nominating Committee. Everyone is urged to be present in person or via Zoom.

Please contact Cecelia Long, 937 972-7045 or <u>cealong48@gmail.com</u> if you are not able to be present or have items for the agenda.

FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SALAD LUNCHEON AND CIRCLE MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025 AT 12:30 P.M.

The Fairview United Women in Faith (UWF) Salad Luncheon and Circle Meeting will be Monday, June 23, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. in the Church library and via zoom. ALL WOMEN OF FAIRVIEW ARE INVITED TO COME AND BRING A SALAD OR SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE. This is the last gathering of UWF before summer break. ALL women of Fairview are invited to come and bring a friend to:1) share in a time of gathering for a meal; 2) be spiritually up-lifted; 3) learn about the District and Annual Conference UWF activities; and 4) learn about the needs of women, children and youth locally and throughout the world.

The leaders for the meeting are: Program- Judy Gebhart Response Magazine- Kathy Schaefer, Prayer Guide -Joyce Martin and Devotions- Cecelia Long

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Judith Mathes at 937/286-2333.

COME!! BE INSPIRED !! BE UPLIFTED!! BE RENEWED FOR MISSION AND OUTREACH!!

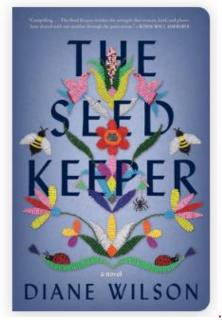


UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK REVIEW

Title:	The Seed Keeper: A Novel		
Author:	Diane Wilson		
Reviewer:	Kathy Schaefer		
Category:	Education for Mission		

This is a fictionalized account of generations of a Dakhota (Dakota) family and how caring for the seeds of native food plants preserves the family. The book moves across the years from the 1860's to the present, by focusing on a woman of each generation. These women are amazing in their resilience, each caring for the seeds that represent their traditions, even when they are persecuted and denied other ways to hold on to Dahkota life, language, and homeland. While the characters are "crafted" by the author, the situations they experience are historical. This beautiful novel reminds us of the blessing of supporting our own family and community and the joy of caring for the natural world around us.

To review The Seed Keeper: A Novel CLICK HERE (click + ctrl)







RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES TO HELP WESLEY EDUCATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



The Great Miami District United Women in Faith supports the Wesley Education Center for Children and Families in Cincinnati. Recently Pam Hounshell and Cecelia Long from the Fairview United Women in Faith visited the Center as part of a Mission Day on the District.

Pam and Cecelia learned that The Wesley Education Center's

mission is to educate, strengthen and nurture children through creating a loving and safe environment for them while building a foundation for learning.

The Wesley Director, Carla Butler, invited us to help raise money for Wesley by doing something very simple----

RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES!!

YOU are invited to help the Fairview United Women in Faith collect used tennis shoes to send to a recycle location that only recycles tennis shoes. For each pair of used tennis shoes that is donated, the Wesley Education Center will receive more than one \$ per pair! Thus far, Fairview members have filled one bag of tennis shoes!! We have several more bags to fill since Fairview members and friends have said they will bring their old tennis shoes to recycle!!

Please bring your USED TENNIS SHOES or GYM SHOES, no matter what condition, size, shape or color to Fairview Church and put them in the bag that will be used to ship them to the Recycle location. The bag will be in the Welcome Center <u>on Sunday</u> mornings and in the library during the week. When the bag is full it will be taken to a UPS location. Any questions may be directed to Pam Hounshell 937/219-5377 or Cecelia Long 937/972-7045. Help Wesley to continue to nurture pre-school children.

RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES !!!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH INVITING HELP TO FILL HYGIENE KITS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

Each year hundreds of people are affected by disasters that strike their communities and leave them without essentials for day-to-day living. Everyone deserves to have access to essential items that bring comfort and dignity in their time of greatest need. Many people live in temporary shelters or are on the move and need some items to carry with them.

The Fairview United Women in Faith decided to prepare **Hygiene Kits** to give to programs that supply them to people who have lost so much. We will collect items for the kits in June, July and August and prepare the kits at the September meeting of United Women in Faith.

Anyone who wishes to contribute items for the Hygiene Kits is encouraged to do it. A poster will be available in the Hallway outside the Welcome Center beginning after June 15th where people may sign up for the various supplies needed for the kits. Items may be returned to the church by August 10th.

Supplies Needed for Each Hygiene Kit are:

- 1 Gallon Resealable Plastic Bags (new)
- One Washcloth (new)
- One Fingernail or Toenail Clipper (removed from its packaging)
- One Toothbrush in original package
- One bath-sized bar of soap (in original package—not lvory or Jergens)
- Travel Size Deodorant (3.4 oz or less, non-aerosol New)
- Travel Size Lotion (3.4 oz or less, fragrance free New)
- Travel Size Shampoo (3.4 oz or less, New)
- Travel Size toothpaste (3.4 or less, expiration date of 1 yr)
- Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6 inches minimum teeth, no pocket combs, NEW)
- \$2 to ship each kit to disaster relief area

Monetary donations will also be accepted by United Women in Faith. Please contact Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 or <u>cealong48@gmail.com</u> for additional information. Thank you in advance for your help with this vital ministry project.

\$5 ON THE 5TH SUNDAY OFFERING For UM CHILDREN'S HOME FAMILY SERVICES

June 29, 2025 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 <u>cealong48@gmail.com</u>. Thank you for your faithfulness!!!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The head ushers for the church usher every 3 months. Due to health problems, Marla Reynolds will be giving up her position as one of the head ushers, and we need a replacement. The job is not difficult and easy to learn, and it would be a nice service to the church. Interested? Contact Sam Kurtz at <u>sandskurtz@gmail.com</u> or 937-681-6278. Thank you.



HELP FAIRVIEW BY ENROLLING IN THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW that Fairview United Methodist Church Members and Friends who shop at Kroger stores have the opportunity to help Fairview Church get money from their everyday shopping!!

Here's How: When you use your Kroger card to save money on your groceries, you can also help Fairview be rewarded as well. You may designate Fairview United Methodist Church as the organization that you would like to receive money from Kroger Community Rewards Program. (Some of you may have already designated Fairview as your community organization but others have <u>not</u> designated Fairview).

GO to your Kroger account online and search through the list of organizations that are already in the Kroger data base. Enter the name of the organization you wish to support. Click "Save". **OR** Call Kroger at 800-KROGERS (800/576-4370)

Talk to a representative who can designate Fairview United Methodist Dayton Ohio as your Community Organization. After about 10 days, you will see Fairview listed on your grocery receipts each time you see information about your Community Rewards.

Based on the persons shopping at Kroger and listing Fairview United Methodist Church in Dayton Ohio as their community organization, Kroger sends a check to Fairview on a regular basis for an unspecified amount.

\$\$ Thank you for helping Fairview as you earn points while shopping at Kroger \$\$



June 15, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ascension & Choir Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church	2 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	3 6:30 am KI	4 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6:00 pm Pantry	5 6:30 am Kl	6 6:30 am Kl 9 am Pantry	7 10 am-2 pm Comty. Pen.Church
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\$5 on the 5 th 29 9:45 am Sunday School 11am-Worship 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church	30	\$5 on the	e 5th May 29 - Give Hope			

FINANCIAL REPORT

	YTD April 2025	YTD April 2024
Offerings & Revenue	87,639	85,026
Expenses	109,884	102,867
Shortfall	(22,244)	(17,862)

ONLINEgiving

Contributions to Fairview can be made at:

<u>https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZK/home</u> 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.







- 1 Shirley McBride
- 8 John & Lilia Shoemaker
- 15 Barb Rowlands
- **25 Florence Carwell**
- 22 Pam & Wayne Hounshell
- 29 Barbara Buttram



- 1 John 937 277-6387
- 8 Art 937-727-2626
- 15 Wayne 937-369-7040
- 22 Greg 937-620-1472
- 29 Art 937-727-2626



1 Art Mehaffey 8 Florence Carwell 15 Greg Zuber 22 Marla Reynolds 29 John Larsen



- 1 Jan Mains 8 Dave Puderbaugh 15 Fred Poland
- 22 Mike Zuber

29 Jan Mains



1 Kathy Schaefer

8 Susie Kurtz

- 15 Terri Hoernemann
- 22 Cecelia Long
- 29 Susie Kurtz



JUNE 1

Sherri Sutter/Judith Mathes Duke & Terry Lunsford

PANTRY NEWS



Feeding Our Neighbors:

Supporting the Food Pantry Through the Summer

As the school year ends and summer begins, many families look forward to a season of rest, travel, and time together. But for some in our community, summer brings added challenges, especially when it comes to putting food on the table.

Our church's food pantry remains a vital lifeline for individuals and families throughout the year. During the summer months, the need often increases. Children who rely on school meals are home, and many working families face higher food costs with children out of school.

That's why your continued support is so important.

Even during vacation season, we ask that you remember those who depend on the pantry. Whether through food donations, financial gifts, or volunteering your time, every act of generosity makes a difference

How You Can Help This Summer:

- **Donate non-perishable staples like** ketchup, mustard, mayo, sugar, salt, pepper, hot sauce or spices.
- Give financially to help us purchase fresh produce and other essentials.
- **Volunteer** to help with sorting, stocking, or distributing food.
- **Pray** for the families we serve and the volunteers who show up every week.

Let's keep the shelves full and hearts hopeful this summer. Together, we can ensure that no one in our community goes hungry—even when the rest of the world seems to slow down.

If you'd like to get involved or learn more, please contact Fred or Cecelia.

"Let us not grow weary in doing good..." — Galatians 6:9

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNER 1	2 Cecelia L (I) Shirley Mc. Janet	3	4 Barbara W. (I) Neil Art Dave W.	5	6 Barbara W. (I) Susie K. Barb R Jackie	7
8	9 Cecelia L (I) Barbara R. Jackie	10	11 Barbara W. (I) Neil Art Dave W. 11 am Pantry Truck Delivery	12	13 Barbara W. (I) Pam H Rose Lisa	14 Barbara W. (I)
15	16 Cecelia L (I) Lisa	17	18 Barbara W. (I) Fred Neill Pam & Wayne Art Dave W.	19	20 Barbara W. (I) Rose Lisa	21
22	23 Cecelia L (I) Lisa	24	25 Barbara W. (I) Fred Neil Art Dave W. Pantry Truck Delivery Time TBD	26	27 Barbara W. (I) Shirley M. Rose Lisa	28
29	30 Cecelia L (I) Lisa					

2025 PANTRY STATISTICS

Month	Total Households Served	Total People Served
Jan.	266	852
Feb.	252	836
Mar.	270	926
Apr.	264	953
May	264	920
2025		
Total	1,316	4,487
2024		
Totals	2,842	9,851







ABIGAIL THERESE BUESCHER Graduated from Columbus Grove High School. Future plans: Kent State University Granddaughter of Pam and Wayne Hounshell



KELLAN WYNN CORNETTE

Graduated on May 18th from Olentangy Berlin High School. Kellan is the grandchild of John & Lilia Shoemaker. He'll be attending Miami University in the fall.

SLOAN KENDALL PASSERINI grandchild of John and Lilia Shoemaker, graduated from Smokey Row Children's Center

preschool and will enter Kindergarten in the fall.



BECKHAM TROY HOUNSHELL Graduated from Westerville North High School Future plans: Ohio University Grandson of Pam and

Wayne Hounshell

PRE-SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



ANDREW ROBINSON

son of David Robinson and grandson of Kathy Schaefer graduated from Beavercreek High School on May 17, 2025. Andrew has joined the Navy and will begin his basic training at Great Lakes Naval Base near Chicago this summer.



TALAN MALICOTE Graduated from Middletown High School with a high school diploma. (See more about Talan under college graduates)

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Graduation News

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES!





RYAN C. IVORY, (Kids Institute Staff Person) received her Doctor of Social Work degree from University of Kentucky College of Social Work on May 9, 2025. She is the daughter of Tonya and Rick Ivory.



Art Mehaffey and Cecelia Long, Fairview members, are with Dr. Ryan C. Ivory at a luncheon held at Sinclair College celebrating Ryan receiving the Doctor of Social Work degree. It was a spirit filled and joyous occasion. Congratulations Ryan!!



SPENCER MANDZAK Graduated from Miami University in Oxford Ohio with a Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning. Grandson of Shirley McBride



TALAN MALICOTE

Graduated from Middletown High School with a high school diploma & from Miami University in Oxford Ohio with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts. He will continue his education at Miami University studying Cybersecurity. Grandson of: Shirley McBride

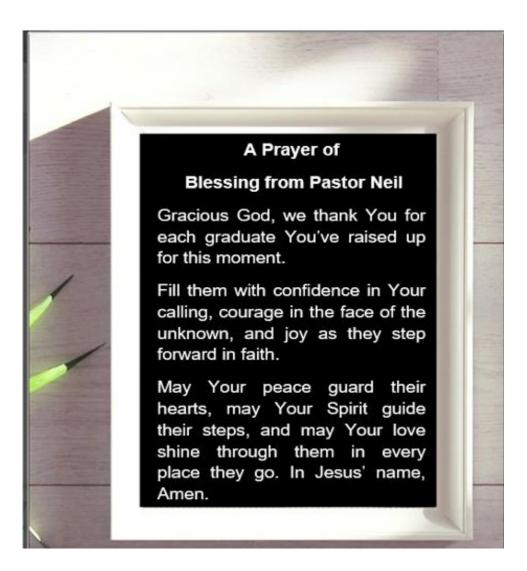


A SPECIAL BLESSING AND PRAYER FOR ALL OUR GRADUATES



We celebrate **Ryan**, **Abigail**, **Kellan**, **Sloan**, **Beckham**, **Andrew**, **Talan**, **Spencer** and all other graduates during this exciting season of accomplishment and transition. Your hard work, perseverance, and faith have brought you to this meaningful milestone. As a church family, we are proud of you and grateful to God for the journey He's taken you on so far. Whether you're stepping into further studies, a new career, or an unknown next chapter, know that God goes before you and walks beside you.

May you carry with you not only the knowledge you've gained, but the wisdom, character, and faith that will sustain you through every challenge and opportunity ahead. We believe God has great plans for you—plans to bless others through your life, your gifts, and your example.





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On the first Sunday of every month, we at Fairview United Methodist 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 vour own croceries, please buy an extra loaf of bread and bring it with you on June 1, 2025. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!



PASCASCIA NDAYISHIMIY	June 01
TERRI HOERNEMANN	June 02
DEBBIE DAY	June 12
JUNE BARR	June 13
CAROL MCDOUGLE	June 14
BETTY FORBUS	June 16
MADO MEHAFFEY	June 16
SAM KURTZ	June 21
DIONNA HALL	June 30



The Free Legal Clinic will be open on Saturday, June 14, 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.



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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