



All the world needs is a little more of YOUR love and kindness



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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 enter February, a month often associated with love, let us turn our hearts to the greatest love of all—the love of God. The Apostle John reminds us in 1 John 4:19, “We love because He first loved us.” What a powerful truth to carry with us each day! Similarly, the Apostle Paul writes, “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). This profound truth should fill our hearts with gratitude and inspire us to reflect God’s love in every aspect of our lives.

As followers of Christ, we are called to a love that goes beyond emotions or convenience. This is a love that forgives even when it’s hard, serves without expecting anything in return, and seeks to build bridges rather than walls. It’s a love that mirrors the heart of Christ, who gave Himself fully so that we might have life.

This month, I encourage you to consider how God’s love is actively shaping your life and how you can share that love with those around you. Perhaps it’s through small acts of kindness, reaching out to someone who feels alone, or choosing patience and grace in difficult moments. Every action, no matter how small, becomes a powerful testimony of God’s work in us.

February is also an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God. Let us commit to spending more time in His Word and in prayer, allowing Him to mold us into His image. As you open your Bible each day, I challenge you to ask, “Lord, how can I show Your love today?” God is faithful to answer that prayer in ways that will surprise and bless you.

I also want to encourage us as a congregation to be intentional about strengthening our bonds with one another. Let’s take time to check in with each other, offer words of encouragement, and extend help where it’s needed. We are a family, united by the blood of Christ, and our love for one another is a powerful witness to the world.

Finally, remember that love is not just for a season; it is the very heartbeat of our faith. Jesus said in John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another." As we live out this calling, may our church shine as a beacon of hope, drawing others to the transformative power of God's love.

Know that you are deeply loved—by God, by me, and by this church family. If you're facing challenges or simply need someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to reach out. Let's walk this journey of faith together, leaning on God and on one another.

With love and prayers for a blessed February,

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser

Renewal

**BIBLE
STUDY
HOUR**

**Join us on Zoom or at church in the
library on Wednesday's at 3:30 P.M.**



United
Women
in Faith

UWF Reading Program—What is it?

Fairview's unit of United Women in Faith had a record number of ladies (7) who completed Plan I of the Reading Program for 2024. This means that they read at least one book from each of the five categories:

1. Education for Mission
2. Leadership Development
3. Nurturing for Community
4. Social Action
5. Spiritual Growth

Those who completed Plan I are Judy Gebhart, Pam Hounshell, Cecelia Long, Judith Mathes, Shirley McBride, Barbara Rowlands, and Lilia Shoemaker. Completion of the plan also includes regular reading of Response, a magazine of women in mission. Some of the "books" take other forms, such as recorded books, movies, podcasts and Mission U studies. Many are suitable for children and youth.

Others who participated in the Reading Program were Kathy Farmer, Susie Kurtz, Olivia Malicote, Bertha Messer, Marla Reynolds and Kathy Schaefer. Some of these resources are available in the library on the first floor. Most are easily found in public libraries. See Pam Hounshell or Nov/Dec issue of Response for the 2025 list.

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UWF BOOK REVIEW



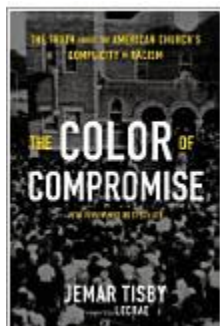
United
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Title: The Color of Compromise

Author: by Jemar Tisby

Reviewer: by Judy Gebhart

[CLICK HERE TO REVIEW The Color of Compromise](#)



This book is a must read for all Christians! It traces the history of racism in the white evangelical church in America from our very founding. Christianity in the church has been tied to the wrongful belief in white supremacy and paternalism toward darker skinned peoples. This book is not an easy read to learn how we have institutionalized race in the church. We have much to do to overcome the church's complicity in racism. We have been called to live out Christ's call to a courageous faith. The book is ultimately a work of hope. We have a copy in our church's library.



FOOD
FELLOWSHIP
PRAYER
SCRIPTURE

“ATTENTION MEN OF FAIRVIEW”

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR UNITED METHODIST MEN’S MEETING

- WHERE:** BOB EVANS (MILLER LANE)
WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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

LADIES INTERFAITH GATHERING

Thursday, February 20, 2025

11:00 A M. - 1:00 P.M.

Lunch served

David's United Church Of Christ

170 West David Road

Dayton, OH. 45429

More information, contact Cecelia Long
937/972-7045 or email cealong48@gmail.com.

**FAIRVIEW STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 6:00 P.M.**

The Fairview Staff Parish Relation Committee (SPRC) will have its regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. All members of the Committee are urged to be present so that we can continue to provide care for the Pastor, Staff and the Congregation. SPRC will insure that the Safe Sanctuary Policy is current and that training is provided as needed.

If members of SPRC are not able to attend the meeting, please notify Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com. If anyone needs the meeting to be zoomed, please advise Cecelia by Sunday, February 10, 2025. If there are weather concerns, we can have the meeting via zoom and help everyone stay safe.

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
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in Faith

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 10:00 A.M.**

The United Women in Faith Leadership Team will meet on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church library as well as by 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 projects for 2025.

Members of the UWF Leadership Team are: Cecelia Long-Chairperson, Kathy Farmer-Vice Chairperson, 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 Arnold and Lisa Engle-Members of Nominating Committee. Everyone is urged to be present in person or via zoom. If the weather does not permit meeting in person, the meeting can be zoomed for all to be safe.

Please contact Cecelia Long, 937 972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com if you have concerns.

**FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 AT 1:30 P.M.**

The Fairview United Women in Faith (UWF) Circle Meeting will meet on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Church library and via zoom. Light refreshments will be available. ALL women of Fairview are invited to come and bring a friend to: 1) share in a time of re-connecting after our holiday break; 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- Judith Mathes, Response Magazine-Judy Gebhart, Prayer Guide – Kathy Schaefer, and Devotions- Pam Hounshell.

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!!

**HOLD THE DATE FOR THE EMMA MURRAY PRAYER BREAKFAST
SPONSORED BY CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 9:30 A.M.**

Church Women United in Greater Dayton sponsors the annual Emma Murray Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Corinthian Baptist Church, 700 S. James McGee Blvd., Dayton. The cost is \$10 which is due at the time the reservation is given to the Fairview Church Women United Key Woman, Cecelia Long.

The Prayer Breakfast has been held each year to honor Emma Murray who served in many leadership roles in Church Women United in Greater Dayton. She loved the Church, Church Women United and believed that prayer was essential for our daily lives.

HOLD THE DATE: MARCH 15, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.

CONTACT: Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 to make reservations

FEBRUARY CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

						1 10 am 2pm Cmty Pen. Church 4 pm Open Door Class Mtg.
2 8:30 am TTEE Mtg. 9:45 am Sun. Schol 11 am Worship 1pm Cmty. Pen. Church	3 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	4 6:30 am KI	5 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6 pm Pantry 11 am Pantry Truck Delivery	6 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Choir	7 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	8 8:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast Bob Evans 10 am Pantry & Legal Clinic
9 9:45 am Sun. Schol 11 am Worship 12 pm Church Council Meeting 1pm Cmty. Pen. Church Faith Class to Brookhaven	10 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry 6 pm SPRC	11 6:30 am KI 10 am UWIF Leadership Team Mtg.	12 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6 pm Pantry	13 6:30 am KI 7:15 pm Choir	14 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	15 10 am 2pm Cmty Pen. Church
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23 9:45 am Sun. Schol 11 am Worship 1pm Cmty. Pen. Church	24 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry 1:30 pm UWIF Circle Mtg.	25 6:30 am KI	26 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6 pm Pantry	27 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Choir	28 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	



FAITH CLASS - FEBRUARY 9, 2025
 On February 9 the Faith Class with have service and lunch at Brookhaven Assisted Living with Vicky Wentling.

OPEN DOOR MEMBERS

**Pam and Wayne will host the Open-Door class meeting:
 Sat. Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. at church.
 Hope to see everyone there.**

YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE & STATISTICS

	Final December 2024	Final December 2023
Offerings & Income	276,068	275,728
Expenses	294,726	292,204
Shortfall	(18,658)	(16,476)
One-time gifts	18,658	16,476
Net	0	0

Thank you for your continued support of Fairview Church and its ministries. Thanks to a one-time gift from a friend of Fairview, we are able to balance our budget and not dip into our reserves.

Conference and District apportionments have been paid in full for 2024.

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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.

FEBRUARY 2025 PANTRY NEWS



2024 was a truly incredible year for our pantry and 2025 is starting off just as busy. We had to close a couple of days because of the weather but have returned to an increase in households. Just this last Wednesday, we served 48 households which was a record number. 25 of those were NEW to the pantry system.

Of course, we could not do any of this without all the hours of our volunteers, both Fairview members and those that volunteer from the community. Their commitment to this outreach ministry is truly appreciated.

Looking back at 2024,

2,842 services to households - an 85% increase over 2023

9,981 individuals served

176,000 pounds of food received from the Food Bank

4,500 frozen dinners from Miami Valley Meals

\$10,000 contributed by the Fairview congregation

\$12,500 grant from Children's Medical Center

\$10,000 grant from Wright Patt Credit Union Sunshine Fund

\$6,000 grant from Miami River District for purchase of new display freezer

\$15,000 donation from a friend of Fairview for the pantry

God has blessed us and those we serve. May God continue to bless us in 2025 so we can serve others.

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MIAMI VALLEY MEALS



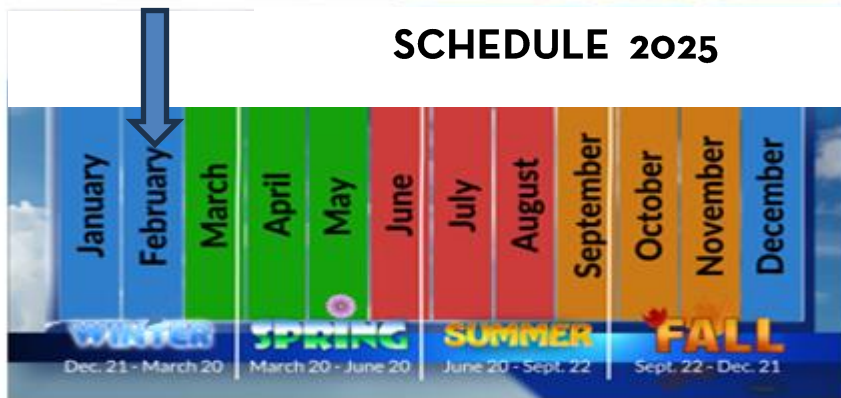
Every week, Ed Farmer picks up 90 frozen dinners from our partner, Miami Valley Meals for the pantry. They recently announced that the organization will reach its one-millionth meal. Founded in 2020, by furloughed hospitality professionals seeking to help their city in the pandemic, MVM has grown into a vital resource for addressing food insecurity in Greater Dayton, currently producing over 4,000 meals weekly. We are one of 129 nonprofit partners. 90% of the meals they produce use donated or rescued food.

FEBRUARY PANTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY (9am-12)	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY (5:30-8pm)	THURSDAY	FRIDAY (9am-12)	SATURDAY (10am-12)
						1
2	3 Cecelia Long (I) Shirley McBride Ed Farmer	4	5 Barbara Wiechel (I) Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Neil Gaiser Diane Trittschuh Pantry Truck Delivery 11 a.m.	6	7 Barbara Wiechel (I) Pam Hounshell Rose Campbell-Blake	8 Barbara Wiechel (I) Amelia Boomershine Tracy Polk
9	10 Cecelia Long (I) Shirley Mell Susie Kurtz	11	12 Barbara Wiechel (I) Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Neil Gaiser Wayne Hounshell Pam Hounshell	13	14 Barbara Wiechel (I) Barbara Rowlands Hope Grandy	15
16	17 Cecelia Long (I) Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler	18	19 Barbara Wiechel (I) Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Neil Gaiser Diane Trittschuh	20	21 Barbara Wiechel (I) Shirley Mell Susie Kurtz	22
23	24 Cecelia Long (I) Shirley Mell Ed Farmer	25	26 Barbara Wiechel (I) Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Neil Gaiser Diane Trittschuh	27	28 Barbara Wiechel (I) Susie Kurtz Rose Campbell-Blake	



Food Truck Delivery February 5 Time: 11 A.M.



SCHEDULE 2025



- 2 Wayne Hounshell
- 9 John Larsen
- 16 Ed & Kathy Farmer
- 23 John & Lilia Shoemaker



- 2 Jerry Gribler
- 9 MaryBeth Wyss
- 16 Ed Rapp
- 23 Duke Lunsford



- Toddler Room
- 2 Susie Kurtz
 - 9 Cecelia Long
 - 16 Volunteers are needed
 - 23 in the toddler room if interested please contact Susie Kurtz.



VAN MINISTRY

- 2 John 937 277-6387
- 9 Art 937-727-2626
- 16 Wayne 937-369-7040
- 23 Greg 937-620-1472



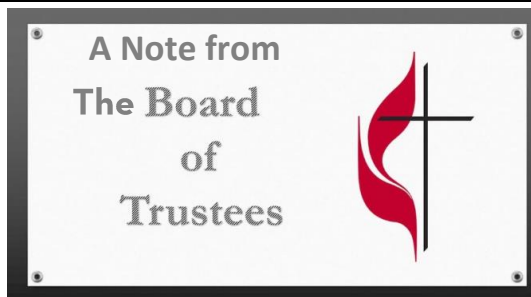
- 2 Jan Mains
- 9 Dave Puderbaugh
- 16 Fred Poland
- 23 Mike Zuber



- Pam Hounshell/Sherri Sutter
- Judith Mathes/Judy Gebhart



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 **February 2, 2025**. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!



The Building Usage Policy has been revised to reflect legislative changes in Ohio and the Building Usage Agreement has been revised to improve communication when outside groups are using our building.

The electronic files are included; paper copies are available upon request from the Office.

Thank you,
The Board of Trustees

2025 FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING USE POLICY

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Fairview United Methodist Church Building Use Policy

The Fairview United Methodist Church, as a congregation of the United Methodist Church, exists for the worship and service of God, in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. All resources, including our building and the property surrounding it, are entrusted to us to use and maintain for the work to which we are called. We use these gifts for worship, faith formation, Christian fellowship, and for ministries with, and for the well-being of, the community.

The Fairview United Methodist Church reserves the right to evaluate requests for building usage on the basis of theological, moral and ideological considerations. In general, compatibility with the church's goals and values is expected of users, as well as compliance with our rules.

The following types of activities will be given priority in descending order.

1. Worship services, including weddings and funerals (plus visitations and repasts related to such events held in our sanctuary).
2. Faith formation and Christian fellowship events (including visitations and repasts related to services held outside our facility).
3. United Methodist-related, interdenominational and interfaith events.
4. Government organizations (city, county, Dayton Public Schools (DPS), library, etc.).
5. Church partner organizations (Fair River Oaks Council (FROC), Hope Road, etc.).
6. Non-church related usage by members:
 - a. Civic or educational organizations, etc.
 - b. Family events (bridal and baby showers, reunions, etc.).
7. Non-church related civic or educational organizations.

Scheduling

1. Regular and special worship services, faith formation activities for adults, children and youth, plus administrative needs (meetings, trainings etc.) are established by the pastor and church council. These activities will always take priority over other scheduled or requested building usage.
2. All other requests will be considered on a first come, first served basis. Requests may be made by phone or e-mail through the church office. Thirty (30) days notice is required for events involving significant set-up or cleaning by church staff (with the exception of funerals). If additional information is required before approval, the administrative assistant will contact potential users.
3. Approved users will receive an email confirmation from the church office. The church office must be notified of any changes in schedule or usage twenty-four hours prior to the event.
4. All fees for usage or staff must be received by the church office or appropriate coordinator one week prior to the event, except for funerals.
5. Schedule conflicts will be resolved according to the priorities stated above. Every attempt will be made to honor scheduled requests; however, we reserve the right to

close the building due to hazardous weather or safety conditions, community or congregational emergencies, etc.

General Guidelines

The use of alcoholic beverages and recreational drugs on church property is always prohibited. No smoking or vaping is permitted inside the church building or within thirty feet of any entrances; smoking or vaping of marijuana is not permitted on church property. Failure to comply with these rules is grounds for immediate cancellation of the event and removal from the premises, without refund of any fees.

Activities that may be construed as gambling (raffles, lotteries, games of chance for prizes, etc.) are strictly prohibited. Door prizes that do not require buying a chance, silent auctions where money is collected only from the person who acquires the object or service, or drawings "for fun" are acceptable when no money is collected.

The building may be used by a for-profit group whose purpose in using the building is to make money through the sale of tickets, services, or commodities with approval of the Board of Trustees.

The church building or property shall not be used to promote political candidates or party affiliated events. Voter information or registration events, statements or presentations on issues compatible with United Methodist social principles, are acceptable activities. Any signage related to such issues must be approved by the pastor and/or church council.

General Requirements

1. All groups involving children, youth or other vulnerable populations must comply with the Safe Sanctuary Policy of Fairview United Methodist Church. A copy of the policy will be provided by the church office.
2. Groups must use only the space and equipment approved at the time of request. Any changes must be approved by the church office. One member of the group shall be designated to supervise, clean up, and close up following the activity, in cooperation with the church office or designated representative.
3. Equipment belonging to Fairview United Methodist Church (tables, chairs, dishes, transporters, etc.) is not to be removed from the church property. If items are needed for church-related functions held off-site, permission should be sought from the church office or trustee representative. Some special needs equipment (wheel chair, walkers, crutches, bath chairs, etc.) is available to be loaned out to persons with temporary needs. Please check with the church office or a trustee about these items.
4. A limited amount of audio-visual equipment is available, with the approval of the church office. Requests for projection screens, projectors, microphones, etc. should be noted at the time of scheduling.
5. If changes are made in room arrangements, the room is to be returned to the state in which it was found, unless prior arrangements are made with church staff or representatives. The facility should be left as clean as it was upon arrival.
6. Light refreshments may be served in most meeting areas. Full meals are to be served only in the Parish Hall, George Clark Room, Burtner Lounge, or the Youth Lounge. This

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includes meals for children in childcare while events are taking place. All food and trash must be removed to the dumpster at the close of the activity.

7. Childcare spaces and restrooms must be reserved in advance. All toys are to be picked up, and the room is to be left as it was found.
8. Inspect all restrooms within the area of use at the end of the activity. Check that toilets and urinals have been flushed, that no water is running, and turn lights off.
9. Unless instructed otherwise, turn off all lights and lock any doors to restricted areas. If no one in your group has a code to set the security system, notify the designated trustee or staff person that you are leaving the building. Any events that extend beyond 10:00 p.m. must call the security company to notify them that the building is still in use.

Specific Uses

1. The sanctuary may be used for religious or cultural events only. The chapel may be used for religious or educational events only.
2. The Parish Hall is not a gymnasium. No activities involving throwing balls or other athletic equipment is permitted.
3. The stage curtain must remain open at all times, unless the stage is being used for a performance.
4. If a kitchen (main kitchen or George Clark kitchen) is to be used for food preparation or serving, the designated person shall be responsible for turning off all stoves, ovens, steam tables, etc.; for removal of all trash to the dumpster; and cleaning of spills from floors, counters and tables. Any church pans, utensils or equipment must be washed, dried and put away at the end of the event. Any food scraps, peelings, grease, etc. must be placed in the trash. Nothing can be disposed of in the sinks other than water and liquid beverages. No food shall be left in the refrigerator or freezer, and all containers and paper goods provided by the group should be removed. Any items left will become the property of the church to use or dispose of as appropriate. A trustee or staff representative will instruct the responsible person in the use of any kitchen equipment prior to the event.
5. Organizations that use the kitchen regularly (hospitality, United Women in Faith , etc.) should mark all food left in the refrigerator or freezer with name and date. Any items not marked with a name or for Public Use and with a date will be thrown away.
6. Towels, aprons, table cloths, pot holders, etc. must be laundered and returned to the church within one week.

Fees

As trustees on behalf of the church universal, we will make every effort to accommodate the use of our building for religious purposes by members, friends or associates of Fairview United Methodist Church. We will limit our fees to those that reflect the costs associated with use of the facility or staff. Donations are appreciated and accepted with gratitude.

1. There will be no fees for funeral services, visitations or repasts for members and associates of Fairview UMC. An honorarium for the church organist of at least \$75.00 is requested.
2. Non-members who wish to schedule a funeral service, visitation or repast, in consultation with the pastor, will be expected to pay for the church organist (\$75.00).

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custodial services (\$100.00) and use of [parish hall/kitchen](#) (\$150.00). All other conditions of this policy apply.

3. Weddings will be accommodated as the schedule permits, in consultation with the pastor. Policies and fees are noted in the wedding policy booklet.
4. Other religious organizations who wish to schedule a worship service or cultural event in our sanctuary or parish hall, in consultation with the pastor, will be accommodated as our schedule permits, with no fees required for use of the sanctuary, unless a charge is made for admission. If admission is not free and open to the public, a fee will be negotiated by a representative of the trustees. Use of the parish hall/kitchen will be charged \$100.00. United Methodist district, conference or national events will be hosted at no charge, as part of our connectional system.
5. No fees will be charged to community partners or civic organizations for meetings and events that benefit our congregation or community. Organizations that charge fees for educational or informational events will be charged based upon the space used and the level of fees they collect, to be negotiated by a representative of the trustees. All other policy requirements apply.
6. There will be no fee for members and associates hosting a family event, although donations are appreciated. All other policy requirements apply.

Organizations from within the Fairview United Methodist Church (United Women in Faith, Sunday School classes, etc.) are exempt from the fees listed above, but are expected to comply with the general usage regulations. A Quick Check list is provided below for the church to plan appropriately. Any requests for building usage that do not fit into the above parameters will be discussed and negotiated in consultation with the pastor and the trustees.

Quick Check List

1. Confirm times for use including deliveries (flowers) and set up.
2. Review needs for Parking Lot Security and confirm responsibility to secure and compensate.
3. Confirm needs for room(s) such as additional tables, table clothes, chairs. Note that the church does not provide flower stands.
4. Confirm audiovisual needs, including outlets, microphones, projection or TV screens.
5. Explain restrictions for food and beverages; the church does not provide coffee or tea.

Fairview United Methodist Church Building Usage Agreement

Name of organization or function _____

Purpose of function _____

Date of Function _____

Start Time _____ End Time _____ (include set up and clean up)

Name of Responsible Person of organization or function who is designated to supervise, clean up and close the activity in cooperation with the church office or designated church representative _____

Responsible Person's Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Address _____

Room Request (check all that apply)

_____ Parish Hall

_____ Sanctuary

_____ Main Kitchen

_____ Narthex

_____ George Clark Rom

_____ Burner Lounge

_____ George Clark Room Kitchen

_____ Youth Lounge

_____ Library

_____ Other _____

Name of church representative or responsible person with building access _____

I acknowledge that I have received:

- The Building Usage Policy The Emergency Fire Plan The Emergency Wind Plan
- The Safe Sanctuary Policy

Signature of Responsible Person for Function

Date

Church Office Notes

- Church has identified a church representative or Building Trustee.

If no church representative or Building Trustee can be available, the church cannot be used.

- Confirm times for use including deliveries (flowers) and set up.
- Review needs for Parking Lot Security; confirm responsibility to secure and compensate.
- Confirm needs for room(s) such as additional tables, table clothes, chairs. Note that the church does not provide flower stands.
- For funerals, will there be a casket present?
- Confirm audiovisual needs, including outlets, microphones, projection or TV screens, or projector. Note that the church does not provide audiovisual support or trouble shooting.
- Discuss restrictions for food and beverages; the church does not provide coffee or tea.

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UD offered free tickets through the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services.



Watch the video click the button

Photos of Juan and Andrey at the game.





WHO WAS MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE?

Perhaps you never heard of her. She was an African American pioneer of women's leadership, civil rights, and a devoted Methodist who founded a school that continues in her name to this day.

In 1904, at age 29, Mary McLeod Bethune financed a dream by baking sweet potato pies. With five girls and \$1.50 she started a school that eventually became a Methodist institution. At first it was a boarding school, the Daytona Beach Literary and Industrial School for Training Negro Girls. Later in 1931, the Methodist Church helped it to merge with the Cookman Institute for Men, forming the Bethune-Cookman College, a coeducational school with Bethune as president. She invited influential white men to sit on her school board of trustees, gaining participation by James Gamble (of Procter & Gamble) and Thomas H. White (of White Sewing Machines). As she traveled, she was fundraising. A

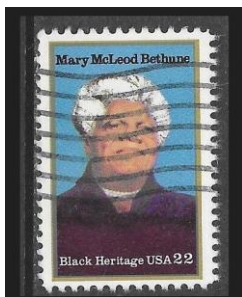
donation of \$62,000 by John D. Rockefeller helped. By 1941, the school had developed a 4-year curriculum and achieved full college status. (The school choir once sang at our church when we still lived in Florida.)



Mrs. Bethune became a member of the Methodist Church and a delegate to four Methodist General Conferences. But the church was segregated in the South and two organizations operated in the Methodist denomination. While she worked to integrate the mostly white Methodist Episcopal Church, she protested its plans for integration that proposed separate jurisdictions based on race.

A champion of racial and gender equality, Bethune founded many organizations and led voter registration drives after women gained the vote in 1920. In 1936 she became the highest-ranking African American woman in government when President Roosevelt named her Director of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration, a post at which she remained until 1944. In 1945, President Truman appointed her a delegate to the founding conference of the United Nations.

Honored by many awards, Bethune's life was celebrated with a memorial statue in Washington, D.C. in 1974, a postage stamp in 1985, and her final residence a National Historic Site. Every state has two figures in the Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol in Washington. In 2018, the Florida state legislature voted to replace one of two statues representing Florida with an image of Mary McLeod Bethune.



Submitted by Igor Golovcsenko



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