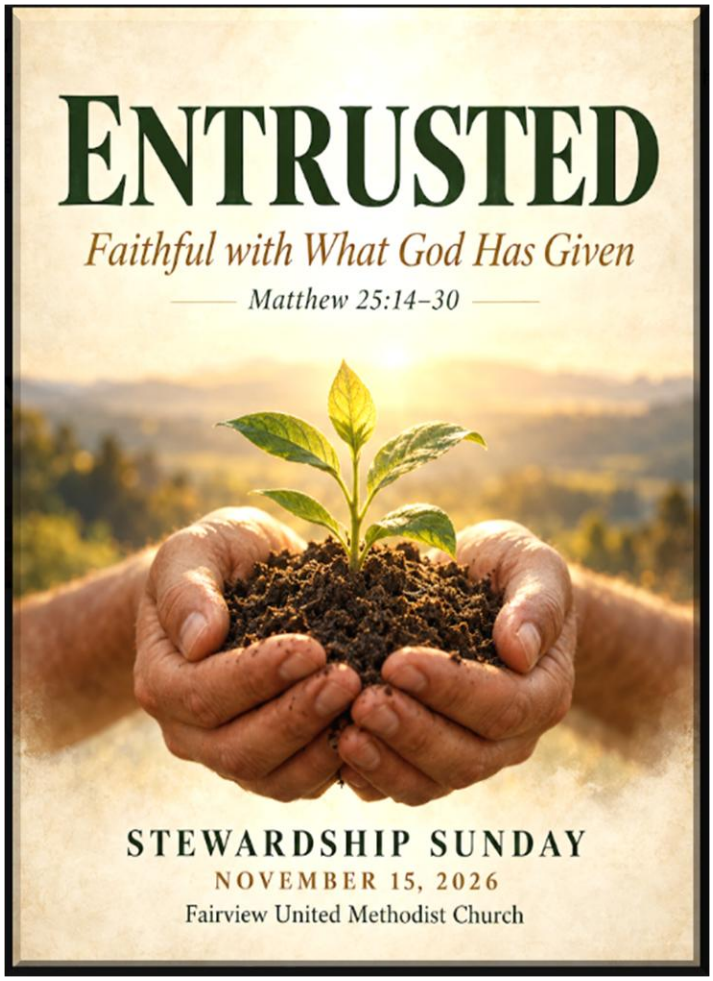
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Stewardship Sunday

November 15, 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.

****PRELUDE** For the Beauty of the Earth Frizzle – Chancel Bells

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come with thanksgiving for the gifts of God.

People: All that we have is held in God's grace.

Leader: God entrusts us with gifts to share and opportunities to serve.

People: We come to offer our lives in faithful love.

Leader: When fear holds us back, God calls us forward.

People: We will trust God's grace and respond with courage.

Leader: With grateful hearts and willing hands, let us worship God.

People: May our worship inspire generosity, and our giving become a blessing.

ALL: AMEN.

CHORAL RESPONSE

***GATHERING HYMN** What Gift Can We Bring UMH # 87

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

An Affirmation of Faith for Stewardship Sunday

by Rev. E. Neil Gaiser

We believe in God Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, the Giver of every good gift, who entrusts us with the blessings of creation and calls us to use them with gratitude and care. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who gave Himself for the life of the world, who teaches us to put our gifts to work, to love our neighbors through generous service, and to live in readiness for His coming. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who awakens gratitude within us, strengthens us when we are afraid, and gives us courage to respond in faith; who joins our gifts together for the building up of Christ's Church and the blessing of the world. We believe we are

stewards of God's gifts, called to be faithful with what we have received: to offer our time, our abilities, and our resources, to give thoughtfully and serve willingly, and to answer God's trust with lives of love.
We await the fulfillment of God's Kingdom, when Christ will gather His servants into the joy of His presence. Until that day, we will trust His grace and seek to be faithful with what God has given. This is our faith, and in this faith, we will live, to the glory of God Almighty. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** Glory Be to the Father UMH # 70

CHOIR ANTHEM We Are the Church Besig

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS Give Thanks TFWS # 2036

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Generous God, You have entrusted us with gifts to share, yet we confess that fear sometimes closes our hands. We hold back our resources, overlook opportunities to serve, and doubt that what we offer can make a difference. Forgive us. Renew our trust in Your grace, and give us grateful hearts and willing hands, that we may be faithful with all You have given. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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** Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH # 399

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON *"Entrusted: Faithful with What God Has Given"*
Rev. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY Father, I Adore You

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING & FOR 2027 PLEDGE CARDS**		Rev. Neil Gaiser
***SENDING HYMN**	A Charge to Keep I Have	UMH # 413
***BENEDICTION**		
POSTLUDE	Grand March	by Paul Fey

ACTIVITIES – November 16 – November 22

Monday, November 16
Pantry 9 A.M.
Wednesday, November 18
Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.
Pantry 6 P.M.
Thursday, November 19
Chancel Bell Rehearsal 6:30 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.
Friday, November 20
Pantry 9 A.M.
Sunday, November 22
Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship Service 11 A.M.
Kids' Bible Class 11 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADER
Barbara Rowlands
GREETER
Mike Zuber
TRUSTEE
Fred Poland
KIDS' BIBLE CLASS TEACHER
Susie Kurtz

VAN DRIVER FOR NOVEMBER 22

Van Request: -- Greg 937-620-1472
To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR WEEK NOV. 22

- Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
- Psalm 100
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Matthew 25:31-46

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Fred Poland
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Roger Christian
Church Custodian
Vance Garner
Kids' Bible Class Attendant
Oscar Ndayisaba

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.

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.