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COLUMNS NEWSLETTER



A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,



Greetings to everyone here at Fairview United Methodist Church, and to our community beyond in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There is something about November that invites us to remember. Perhaps it is the familiar recipes coming out of the cupboard, the photographs we find while preparing for family gatherings, or the stories that seem to surface around the Thanksgiving table. Ordinary things can carry extraordinary memories. A favorite hymn brings someone's voice back to us. A familiar expression reminds us of a parent or grandparent. We begin to recognize how much of our lives has been shaped by the love and faithfulness of others.

Remembering can become a form of prayer. As we recall the people who encouraged us, taught us, or stood beside us through difficult seasons, we can give thanks for the ways God's grace reached us through them. We can also consider how that same grace might reach someone else through us. November offers several opportunities to reflect on these connections as a church family.

On **All Saints' Sunday, November 1**, we will remember those who have gone before us in faith and give thanks for the lives that continue to shape our own. This can be a tender day. Gratitude and grief often sit beside one another, and worship gives us room to bring both into God's presence. Whether a loss is recent or many years behind us, the absence of someone we love can still be deeply felt.

Our Scripture that morning, **1 John 3:1–3**, holds together two beautiful promises: we are God's children now, and our future rests in God's love. As we remember the saints, we will reflect on the hope that sustains us when we cannot see what lies ahead. We will also consider what it means to live today as people who already belong to God. I hope you will join us for this meaningful time of remembrance, worship, and encouragement.

Then, on **Stewardship Sunday, November 15**, our theme will be **"Entrusted: Faithful with What God Has Given,"** based on **Matthew 25:14–30**. This theme invites us to look thoughtfully at the gifts placed in our care: our resources, our time, our abilities, our relationships, and the opportunities we have to serve. What does it mean to receive these gifts gratefully and use them faithfully?

Our financial giving is an important part of that response. As we prayerfully consider our support for Fairview's ministry in the coming year, I encourage each household to reflect on how its giving can express gratitude, commitment, and care for others. Our gifts help sustain the worship, pastoral care, fellowship, and outreach through which this congregation serves. Every thoughtful commitment helps us plan responsibly and continue the work entrusted to us.

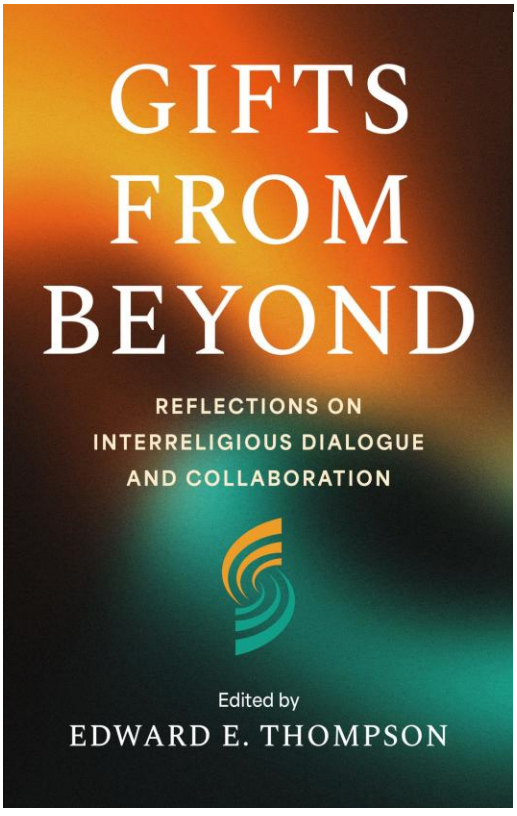
I also want to express my gratitude for the many ways you already put your faith into practice. Thank you for the calls and visits, the prayers offered quietly, the work of preparing worship, the service given through our food pantry, and the countless tasks that help our church function. Much of this happens without an audience. Yet these acts matter deeply to the people who receive them. Together, they help make Fairview a community where people can experience Christ's love.

As Thanksgiving approaches, consider a simple spiritual practice: each day, name one person through whom you have experienced God's goodness. If that person is still living, perhaps send a note or make a call. If that person has died, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their life. Then ask God to help you extend that same kindness to someone else. A few grateful moments can turn our attention toward blessings we might otherwise overlook.

My prayer for us this November is that remembrance will deepen our gratitude, gratitude will inspire generosity, and generosity will become a blessing to our neighbors. May God comfort those who grieve, encourage those who are weary, and help each of us recognize the opportunities for love that are already within our reach.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Neil



I'm grateful to share that a chapter I contributed is now published in *Gifts from Beyond: Reflections on Interreligious Dialogue and Collaboration*, available from Friendship Press. This collection brings together Christians reflecting on the friendships, discoveries, and opportunities for service that grow through relationships with people of other faiths.

Interreligious engagement is a major part of my calling into ministry—work close to my heart and deeply rooted in my Christian faith. If you've ever wondered why I devote time to this ministry, this book offers a personal window into that calling: why I do it, what I have learned, the theological lens with which I approach the work, and the fruit these relationships can bear. I hope you'll consider reading it and discovering how listening to our neighbors and working together can deepen our faith and help us share God's love in the world.

Purchase *Gifts from Beyond* from Friendship Press

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"ATTENTION MEN OF FAIRVIEW"

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETING

WHERE: BOB EVANS (MILLER LANE)
WHEN: SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 14**
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

FOOD FELLOWSHIP PRAYER SCRIPTURE

PLEASE NOTE:
BYOB (BIBLE)



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United Women in Faith

FAIRVIEW PASTOR/STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Fairview Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will have its regular meeting on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the church library and via Zoom. All members of the Committee are urged to be present so that we can take care of matters that cover the Pastor, Staff, and the Congregation.

Members of SPRC are: Wayne Hounshell, Susie Kurtz, Cecelia Long, Art Mehaffey, Ed Rapp, Sherri Sutter, Greg Zuber, Lilia Shoemaker, Lay Member to West Ohio Annual Conference, Florence Carwell, Fairview Lay Leader, and Pastor E. Neil Gaiser.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

The United Women in Faith Leadership Team Meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 10:00 in the church library and via zoom. Members of the Team will evaluate our mission outreach and how we can do more to respond to the needs of women, children and youth in the community and throughout the world.

Leadership Team Members are: Cecelia Long,- President, Kathy Schaefer- Secretary, Judy Gebhart,- Treasurer, Pam Hounshell- Program Resources, Vicky Wentling – Spiritual Growth, Barbara Rowlands – Nominating, Judith Mathes – Chair of UWF Circle, Deb Armold and Lisa Engle, members of Nominating Committee.

United Women in Faith

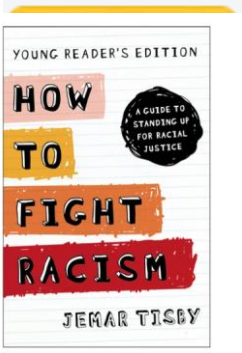
FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026, AT 12:30 P.M.

UWIF, United Women in Faith, will be having a Christmas luncheon and auction for the benefit of the Food Pantry on Monday, November 30, 2026, at 12:30 PM. It will be held in the Youth room at Fairview United Methodist Church. Please bring gifts wrapped to be auctioned off that will supply our pantry guests with much needed food, personal items for women, also scarves, hats, gloves, kitchen towels, bath towels, and washcloths, etc. Come enjoy the luncheon, bring your favorite dish to share and experience the great holiday spirit as Santa's helper will be the auctioneer for this event.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK REVIEW

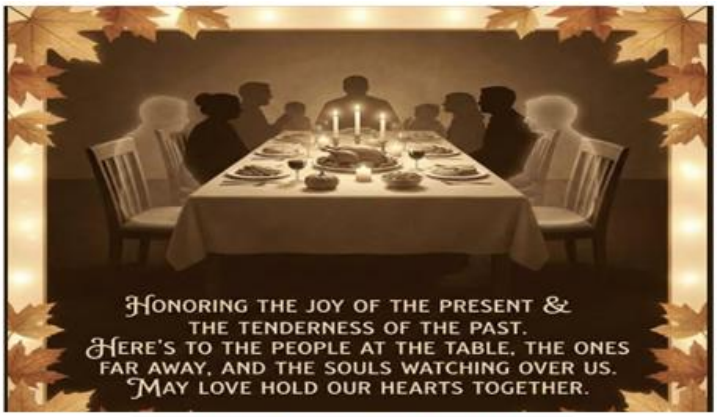
Title: How to Fight Racism: A Guide to Standing Up For Racial Justice
Author: Jemar Tisby
Reviewer: Pam Hounshell
Category: Social Action

CLICK HERE TO PREVIEW - How to Fight Racism: A Guide to Standing Up For Racial Justice



This book is aimed at youth, but appropriate for everyone. Dr. Tisby structured this book around a model, the ARC of racism, which stands for Awareness, Relationships and Commitment. An easy read, jam-packed with questions for reflection and ways to confront racism using Biblical principles.

NOVEMBER 2026



THANKSGIVING

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Trustee Mtg. **ALL SAINTS DAY** **9:45 am Sunday School** **11 am Worship** **11 am** Kids' Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	**2** 9 am Pantry	3	**4** 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6 pm Pantry	**5** 6:30 pm Chancel Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	6 9 am Pantry	7 10 am PFAN Church
8 **9:45 am Sunday School** **11 am Worship** 11 am Kids' Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	9 9 am Pantry 6 pm SPRC Meeting	10 10 am UWIF Leadership Team Meeting **1 pm Pantry Truck Delivery**	**11** **VETERANS DAY** 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6 pm Pantry	12 6:30 pm Chancel Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	13 9 am Pantry	14 8:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Bob Evans 10 am Pantry 10 am PFAN Church
15 **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY** **9:45 am Sunday School** **11 am Worship** 11 am Kids' Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	16 9 am Pantry	17	18 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6 pm Pantry	19 6:30 pm Chancel Bell Rehearsal 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	20 9 am Pantry	21 10 am Pantry 10 am PFAN Church
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FINANCIAL REPORT

	YTD September 2026	YTD September 2025
Offerings & Revenue	199,255	207,999
Expenses	236,5652	223,887
Shortfall	(37,307)	(15,888)

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.

FAIRVIEW OPENS ITS DOORS TO CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT



On October 24, Fairview United Methodist Church was honored to host the graduation ceremony for In His Name Bible College, a nonprofit, tuition-free university. Graduates received bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, with more than 300 family members and friends gathering to celebrate their accomplishments. A celebratory luncheon followed the ceremony.

We are pleased that Fairview could provide a welcoming space for this special occasion. Opening our doors to organizations that educate, encourage, and serve others is another way we live out our mission to serve our community. We give thanks for the opportunity to share our church with others and to be part of such a meaningful celebration.

The Children's Bible Class if offered every Sunday during the worship hour for children up to, and including, the 4th grade. Bible Class is held on the 3rd floor of the Education Wing. Children and youth in grades 5 and higher are encouraged, and welcome, to attend worship in the sanctuary.

Children's Moments are provided on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month for all God's children in the Sanctuary. Children will be dismissed from the sanctuary to the Kids' Bible class after the Sharing of the Peace every Sunday. All children should sit with their parents or responsible adults each Sunday. Children's Moments are provided on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month for all God's children in the Sanctuary. Children will be dismissed from the sanctuary to the Kids' Bible class after the Sharing of the Peace every Sunday. All children should sit with their parents or responsible adults each Sunday.



Greeters

1 Wayne Hounshell

8 Shirley McBride

15 Mike Zuber

22 John & Lilia Shoemaker

29 Mike Zuber

WORSHIP LEADERS

1 Duke Lunsford

8 Fred Poland

15 Barbara Rowlands

22 Greg Zuber

29 Art Mehaffey

Kids' Bible Class

1 Jan Mains

8 Terri Hoernemann

15 Susie Kurtz

22 Cecelia Long

29 Jackie Mergler



VAN MINISTRY

1 John	937-277-6387
8 Wayne	937-369-7040
15 Cornelio	937-623-7951
22 Greg	937-620-1472
29 Greg	937-620-1472

Church Trustees For the Day

1 Jan Mains

8 Dave Puderbaugh

15 Fred Poland

22 Mike Zuber

29 Jan Mains

Children's Moment

1 ----------

8 Jan Mains

15 ----------

22 Susie Kurtz

29 Pastor Gaiser



COMMUNION SERVERS

Jan Mains/Shirley McBride
John & Lilia Shoemaker

PANTRY NEWS

Feeding Our Neighbors with Faith and Love

November 2026 Pantry Update

Honoring the Saints Through Service

November is a special time in the life of the church as we celebrate **All Saints' Day**, remembering those who have gone before us and whose faith, love, and service have helped shape our lives and our church. We give thanks for the saints who taught us the importance of loving our neighbors, caring for those in need, and putting our faith into action.

At Fairview, one way we continue that legacy of faith is through the **Fairview Food Pantry**. For more than 40 years, our pantry has been an important outreach ministry, serving individuals and families throughout the Dayton area, especially in Northwest Dayton. Each month, we welcome hundreds of households who depend on this ministry to help provide food and personal care items for themselves and their families.

The work of the pantry reminds us that being a saint is not simply about remembering those who came before us. It is also about living out our faith today. When volunteers unload deliveries, stock shelves, organize food, assist our clients, and offer a friendly smile, they demonstrate the love of Christ in very practical ways. Every can of food shared, every bag filled, and every kind word offered can make a difference in someone's life.

As we remember the saints this November, we also give thanks for the many people who make this ministry possible. We are grateful for our Fairview volunteers, volunteers from other churches and our community, and the generous donors and organizations that help us keep our shelves stocked. Their gifts of time, resources, and compassion allow us to continue serving our neighbors with dignity and care.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25 that when we feed the hungry, we are serving Him. This teaching is at the heart of our pantry ministry. We may never know the full impact of a simple act of kindness, but we can trust that each act of service reflects God's love and continues the work of those faithful servants we honor on All Saints' Day.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, may we remember that gratitude is more than a feeling—it is an invitation to share our blessings with others. Thank you for helping Fairview Food Pantry continue its mission of feeding our neighbors and offering hope to those who need it most.

May we honor the saints who came
before us by becoming a blessing to others today.

GOOD NEWS FOR FAIRVIEW FOOD PANTRY!

We are pleased to announce that Fairview has been awarded a **$5,000 grant for our 2027 Pantry Ministry** from the Mission Foundation of the Great Miami River District.

This generous support will help Fairview Food Pantry continue its mission of serving individuals and families facing food insecurity in Northwest Dayton and the surrounding community. As the need for food assistance continues to grow, this grant will help us provide essential food and personal care items to our pantry clients.

We are grateful to the Mission Foundation of the Great Miami River District for recognizing and supporting our ministry. This award is another reminder that, through God's blessings and the generosity of others, Fairview can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors.


Mission Foundation of the Great Miami River District.

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Date November 1, 2026

Pay to the Order of Fairview UM Church Pantry $ 5,000.00

Five Thousand Dollars ---------- Dollars

For 2027 Pantry Ministry

Mission Foundation of the Great Miami River District

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Thank You

to everyone who supports our Pantry Ministry through donations, financial contributions, and volunteer service. Together, we are putting our faith into action by sharing God's love with our community.

2026 PANTRY STATISTICS

Month	Total Households Served	Total People Served
January	229	739
February	207	673
March	265	866
April	270	884
May	229	718
June	250	791
July	279	916
August	298	899
September	288	823
October	252	740
2026 Totals	2,567	8,049
2025 Totals	3,288	11,198



REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR

Bread

EVERY 1ST 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 Nov. 1. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!

GIVE VARIETY ITEMS TO FAIRVIEW PANTRY

FOR HOLIDAY GIFTING

Fairview Pantry Guests enjoy selecting from a variety of miscellaneous items on the pantry shelves. To help prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons of gifting and sharing, please buy something extra when you get items from the grocery store and donate these items to the Pantry.



Suggested items to bring are: shower gel in all fragrances, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, shaving cream, and deodorant.



Boxes of cake and brownie mixes, cans of frosting, sugar, nutmeg, cloves, allspice, baking powder, baking soda, cooking oil, Mrs. Dash products, instant oatmeal, bags of potato and corn chips, packages of cookies, jars of pickles, pickle relish, mayonnaise, and gravy mixes or jars of gravy.



PLEASE STOP BRINGING USED GROCERY BAGS!!! We have a very large supply of new unused plastic bags for guests to bag their pantry donations. **PLEASE Recycle** your grocery bags at the grocery store or give to other organizations that may need plastic bags. **THANK YOU**!!

Please bring your pantry donations any time you come to church!!
Make this a season of Gifting to share God's love to pantry guests!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

NOVEMBER 2026 PANTRY SCHEDULE

Monday, 11/2 Cecelia Long, Intake Shirley McBride Rose McCoy	**Wednesday, 11/4** Barbara Wiechel, Intake Dave Wiechel Fred Poland Chris Jones Dianne Trittschuh Art Mehaffey Neil Gaiser	**Friday, 11/6** Barbara Wiechel, Intake Shirley Mell Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler	
Monday, 11/9 Cecelia Long, Intake Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler Tina Walker	**Wednesday, 11/11** Barbara Wiechel, Intake Dave Wiechel Fred Poland Pam & Wayne Hounshell Chris Jones Art Mehaffey Neil Gaiser	**Friday, 11/13** Barbara Wiechel, Intake Shirley Mell Susie Kurtz	**Saturday, 11/14** Barbara Wiechel, Intake Pam Hounshell Tracy Polk
Monday, 11/16 Cecelia Long, Intake Tina Walker Susie Kurtz	**Wednesday 11/18** Barbara Wiechel, Intake Fred Poland Dianne Trittschuh Chris Jones Art Mehaffey Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser	**Friday, 11/20** Barbara Wiechel, Intake Shirley Mell Pam Hounshell Linda Payne	
Monday, 11/23 Cecelia Long, Intake Jacque Durant Susie Kurtz Rose McCoy	**Wednesday, 11/25** 	**Friday, 11/27** 	
Monday, 11/30 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Tina Walker Cecelia Long Rose McCoy	**Truck Delivery:** **Tuesday, November 10, 1 p.m. &** **Wednesday, November 25, 11 a.m.**		



Happy Birthday

wishes to everyone born in the month of

NOVEMBER

JANET MICHAEL	November 01
PAM HOUNSHELL	November 03
KATHARINE SCHAEFER	November 03
GLORIA WHITE	November 04
IGOR GOLOVCSENKO	November 07
SHARON BURDEN	November 11
VANCE GARNER	November 14
JASON HULL	November 16
DANIEL NDAYISABA	November 23
JAMES NDAYISABA	November 23
ANDREY GOLOVCSENKO	November 27
BERNARD JOSEPH	November 27
MARY BETH WYSS	November 28
ROYCE DAY	November 29

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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