



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 the month of July, I pray that this letter finds you well and enjoying the many blessings of summer. For many of us, this season brings opportunities to spend time with family and friends, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and perhaps slow down just enough to catch our breath from the busyness of everyday life. Whether you are traveling, attending family gatherings, or simply enjoying a quiet evening on the porch, I encourage you to take time to notice the many ways God continues to bless us each day.

Summer also reminds us that growth often happens gradually. We do not always notice a garden growing day by day, but over time the fruits and flowers become impossible to miss. The same is often true in our spiritual lives. Through prayer, worship, acts of service, and faithfulness in the ordinary moments of life, God continues to nurture and shape us into the people He calls us to be. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

I would also like to take a moment to sincerely thank everyone who participated in our recent congregational survey. Whether you are a longtime member of Fairview or one of our newer friends and visitors, we greatly appreciate the time, thought, and care you put into sharing your feedback. Your voices matter, and your input will help guide important conversations as we continue to discern how God is leading our congregation into the future.

The Church Council met this past Sunday and carefully reviewed the survey results. We have included the results within this newsletter. Thank you for the time, thought, and honesty you invested in sharing your feedback. As we continue to prayerfully discern what God is calling Fairview to become, we invite every member of our church family to spend time in prayer and reflection over these results. Consider not only what hopes you have for the future of our church, but also how God may be calling you to use your own gifts, talents, and passions to help shape that future together.

Additionally, I would like to make a special appeal for volunteers to assist with our new Children's Moments during worship. One of the greatest joys at Fairview is the growing number of children who are part of our church family. Their presence brings energy, hope, and life to our congregation, and it is important that they remain actively connected to the worshiping life of the church.

Children's Moments provide a wonderful opportunity to help nurture the faith of our youngest disciples while also reminding all of us of the simple yet profound truths of the Gospel. We would love to have a variety of voices and personalities participate in this ministry. No previous experience is necessary, and church leadership is happy to assist volunteers with lesson ideas, planning, and preparation. If you have ever considered becoming more involved in worship leadership, this is an excellent place to begin.

If you are interested in serving in this important ministry, please speak with Jan Mains, Sherri Sutter, Cecelia Long, or me. We would be delighted to answer any questions and help you get started. This ministry has already been a tremendous blessing, and we hope many more members of our church family will choose to be a part of it.

As we continue through these summer months, let us remember that God is always at work among us. Even in seasons that feel ordinary, the Holy Spirit continues to move, to guide, and to strengthen the Church. May we remain attentive to God's presence, faithful in worship, generous in service, and joyful in hope.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Fairview family. I look forward to worshiping with you throughout the summer and seeing all that God has in store for us in the months ahead.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Neil

SURVEY RESULTS 2026

Church Council

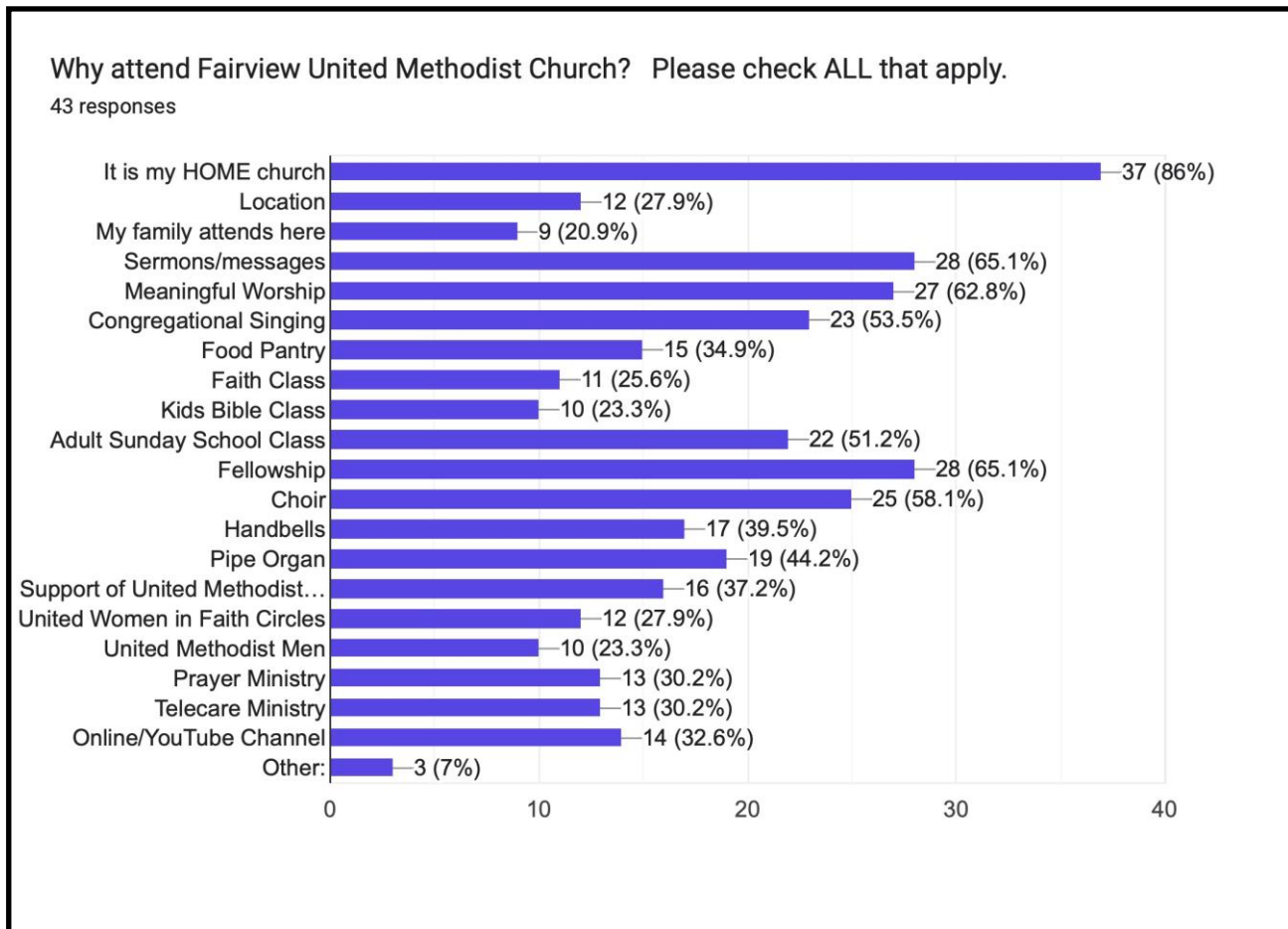
The Church Council is pleased to share the results of our recent congregational survey. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to participate and share their thoughts.

The survey showed that, by an overwhelming margin, the aspects of our church family that are most valued are meaningful worship and our music ministry. These strengths continue to be at the heart of our congregation's life together.

The Council will use the survey results to help guide its planning and decision-making as we look to the future. Thank you for your thoughtful feedback and for helping shape the next chapter of our ministry together.

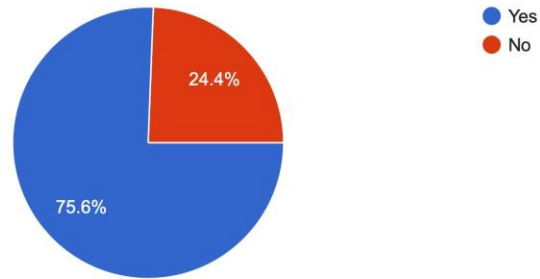
Church Questionnaire Summary

June 11, 2026



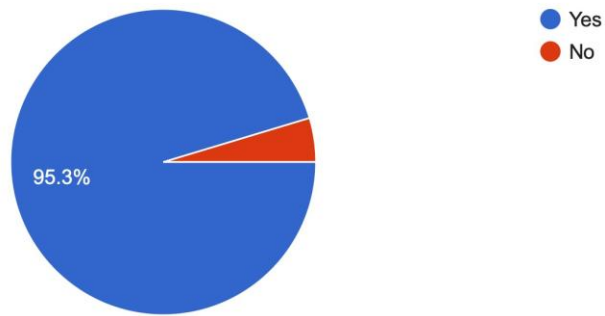
Do you invite people to come to Fairview?

41 responses



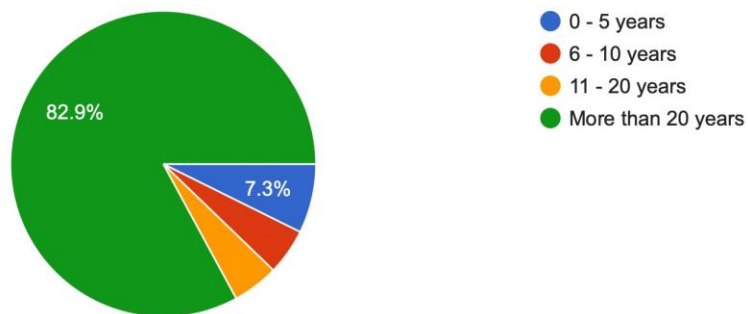
I am a current member of Fairview UM Church.

43 responses



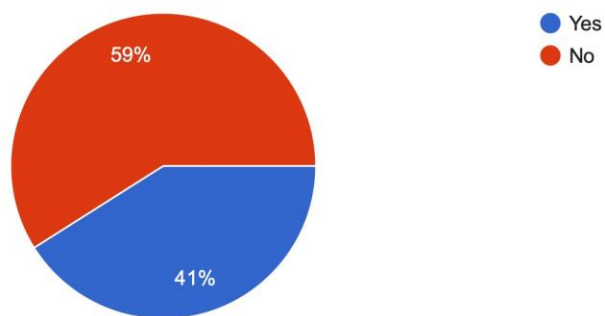
IF YES- How many years have you been a member?

41 responses



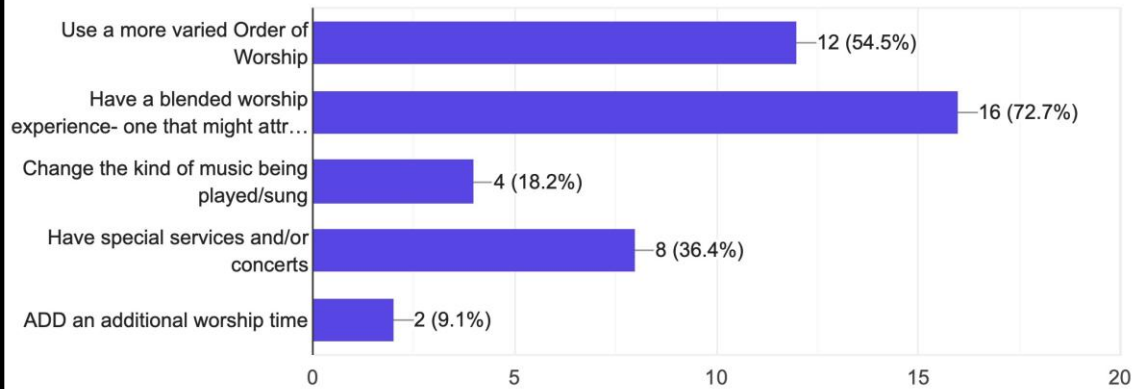
Should the worship experience at Fairview be different?

39 responses



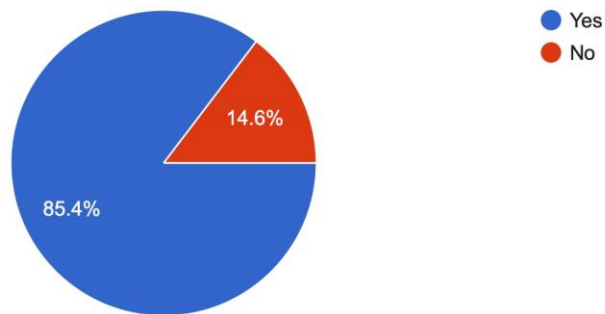
IF you answered YES - different in what way?

22 responses



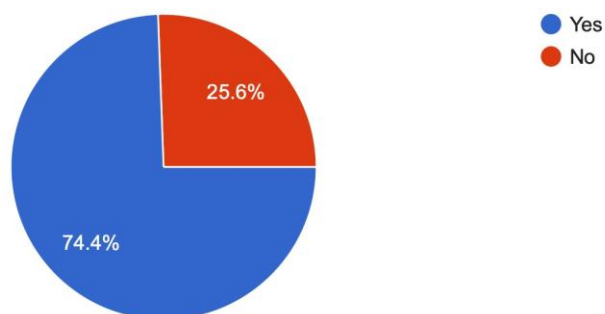
Would you approve of Fairview United Methodist Church merging with any other church?

41 responses



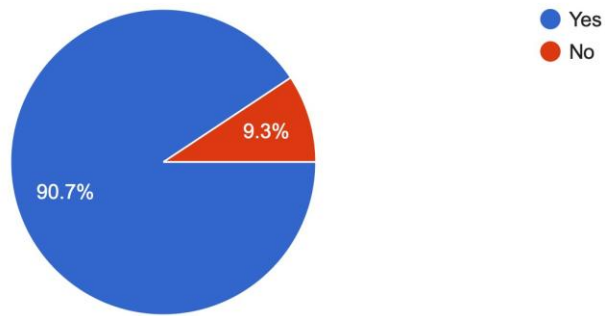
Would you attend Fairview if a Part-time Pastor is assigned?

43 responses



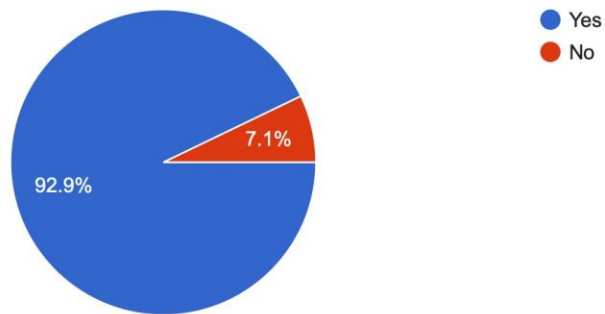
Do you support the rental of the building to other organizations, businesses, etc?

43 responses



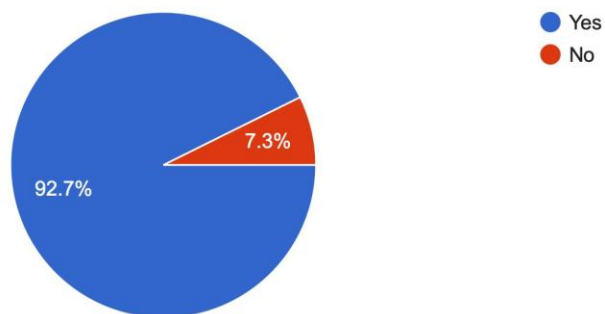
In addition to being a United Methodist Church, would you support the building becoming a Community Outreach Center offering a Day Care Cent.../adults, Job resource center, or other services?

42 responses



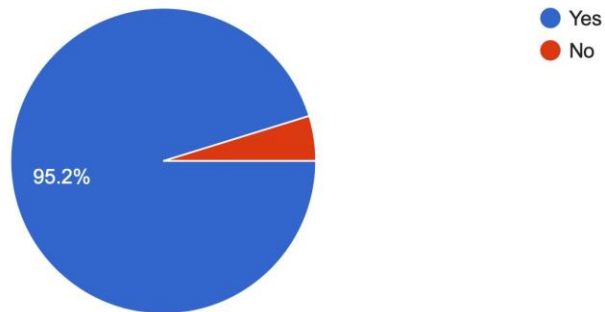
Would you support outreach to handicapped individuals of all ages?

41 responses



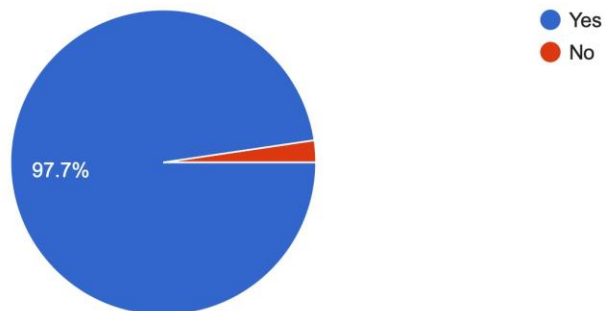
Would you support events geared toward attracting young families such as 'Messy church' (a weekly evening event for families), Night out for parents, Mom support groups, etc?

42 responses



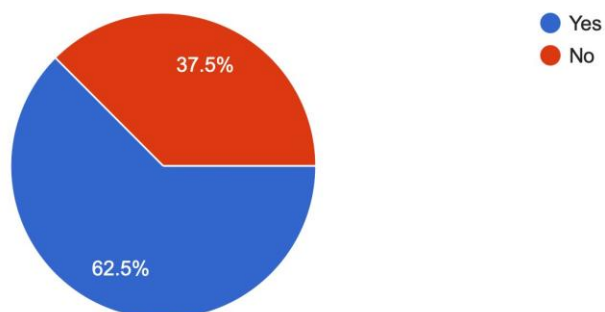
Would you support more outreach to teens/youth?

43 responses



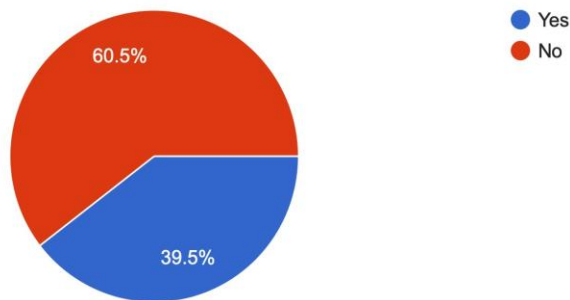
Would you attend social events that might include small bible studies, hobby nights, game nights, concerts on the parking lot or other locations, etc?

40 responses



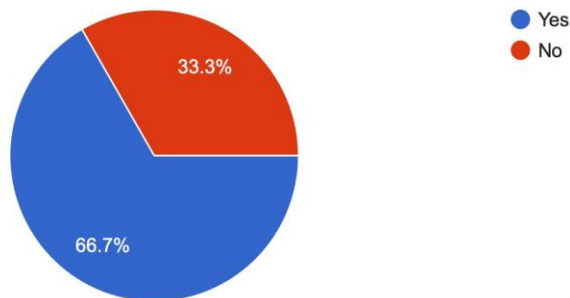
Do you see YOURSELF becoming involved in any NEW ministries in the next five (5) years?

43 responses



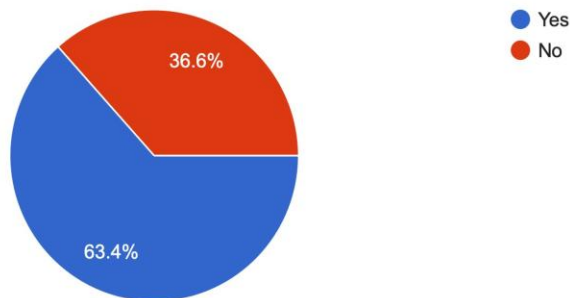
Do you see Fairview United Methodist Church thriving in the next five (5) years?

39 responses



Would you attend Fairview if it moved from this building into a smaller space?

41 responses



2026 WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE (RECAP)

Lilia Shoemaker, our Lay Member Representative for the 2026 Annual Conference, shared her report with the congregation on June 14. To read a summary of the conference, simply click the link below, or feel free to contact the church office 937.274.2189 and request a printed copy. [Annual Conference 2026: Abundant Grace | West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church](#)

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

2026 AT-A-GLANCE LOOK! UPCOMING COURSES!!



August 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 2026	August 21 & 22, 2026	October 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 2026	October 30 & 31, 2026	November 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 2026
<u>Leading Public Prayer</u> (Deadline 8.07.2026)	<u>Basic Course</u> (Deadline 8.10.2026)	<u>Social Justice in Everyday Life</u> (Deadline 9.28.2026)	<u>Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Group Bible Studies</u> (Deadline 10.17.2026)	<u>United Methodist Heritage</u> (Deadline 10.26.2026)

November 6 & 7, 2026

[Come! I Will Tell You a Story - An Introduction to Biblical Storytelling](#)
(Deadline 10.30.2026)

[Sign-Up Here](#)



West Ohio Conference
The United Methodist Church

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



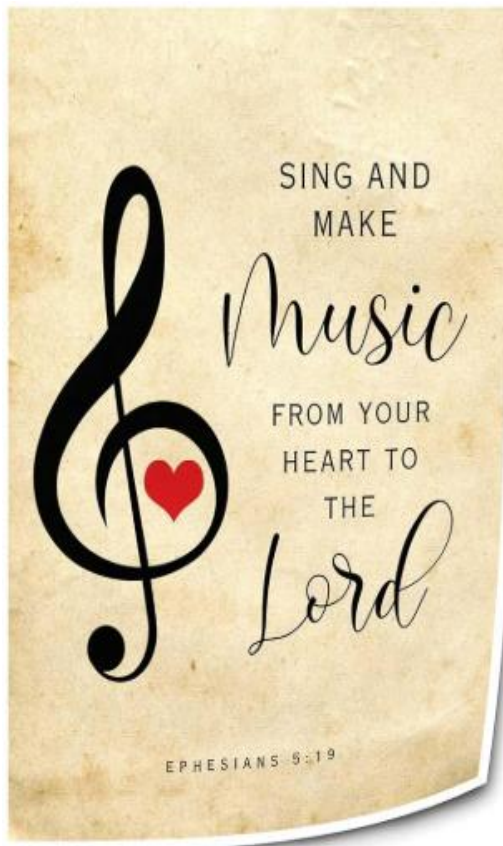
Join our Volunteer
Prayer Team

Contact: Pastor Neil 937-274-2189 or Ed Rapp 937-901-6660.



Join our Telecare Ministry Contact: Judy Gebhart
for additional information 937-665-0537.





**Are you ready
to play
your part?**

Would you like to share your
gift during our summer
worship season?



Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? Would you like to share that gift during our summer worship season?

The choir takes a break, and this leaves an opportunity for anyone to take a part in the worship service. You do not have to be a member of this church or any church to share the gift of music. If you are interested, please contact: Sherri Sutter at sherri.sutter@gmail.com or (937)620-9946.



Children's Moment

SUNDAY MORNINGS DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

Interested in serving in this important ministry?

Please contact Jan Mains, Sherri Sutter, Cecelia Long, or Pastor Neil.

We would be delighted to answer any questions, and we will help you get started.



JULY

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6 pm Pantry	2	3 9 am Pantry	4 Independence Day 
5 11 am Worship 11 am Kids' Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	6 9 am Pantry	7	8 11 am Pantry Truck Delivery 6 pm Pantry	9	10 9 am Pantry	11 10 am Pantry 10 am – 2 pm PFAN Church
12 9:45 am Sun. Sch 11 am Worship 11 am Kids' Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	13 9 am Pantry 6 pm SPRC Meeting	14	15 6 pm Pantry	16	17 9 am Pantry	18 10 am – 2 pm PFAN Church
19 9:45 am Sun. Sch 11 am Worship 11 am Kids' Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	20 9 am Pantry	21	22 Pantry Truck Delivery Time tbd 6 pm Pantry	23	24 9 am Pantry	25 10 am – 2 pm PFAN Church
26 9:45 am Sun. Sch 11 am Worship 11 am Kids' Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	27 9 am Pantry Bagel Delivery	28	29 6 pm Pantry	30	31 9 am Pantry	



United
Women
in Faith



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR A SUCCESSFUL BAKE SALE!!

Special Thanks to the bakers of the goodies, all who bought the goodies, everyone who helped with setting up and selling the goodies, and all who cleaned up afterwards.

EVERYONE made the Bake Sale a big success!!!

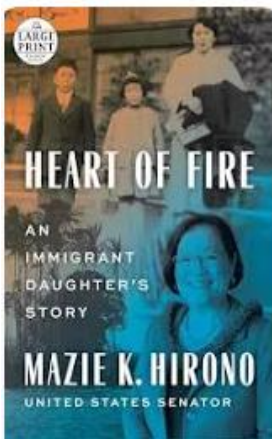
GOOD NEWS. . .

Judy Gebhart, Treasurer of United Women in Faith, excitedly reports

\$379 was collected at the Bake Sale. Hip, Hip, Hoorah!!!

United Women in Faith will give the money to missions that help women, children and youth.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK REVIEW

United
Women
in Faith**BOOK REVIEWED:** Heart of Fire**Author:** Mazie Hirona, **Reviewer:** Shirley McBride[CLICK HERE TO PREVIEW](#)

This is an intimate and inspiring life story of the first Asian American woman elected to - an only immigrant serving in the US Senate, Mazie Hirona.

Mazie Hirona was raised on a rice farm in rural Japan. She was seven years old when her mother Laura, left her abusive husband and sailed with her two elder children to Hawaii, searching for a better life.

In the deeply moving memoir Hirona traces her remarkable life from her earliest days in Hawaii, when her family lived in a single room in Honolulu boarding house while her mother worked two jobs to keep them afloat.

Mazie tells the story of how she was elected to serve five decades in several public services. She became Hawaii's first female to senator in 2013 and was reelected in 2018.

She had schooled herself to bite her tongue as her male colleagues continuously underestimated her. In the face of the 2026 dangerous administration, Senator Hirona was called to give voice to Fire that had always been inside her.

I highly recommend reading this true story of Mazdie Hirona.

UWIF LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING



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FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Leadership Team and

United Women in Faith Circle

will not meet in July and August 2026.

Continue to be spiritually fed and inspired by reading books from the Reading Program and the Daily Prayer Guide.

Take time to get rest and be filled with the beauty around us.

FAIRVIEW PASTOR/ SPRC MEETING

Fairview Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting on Monday, July 13, 2026 6:00 P.M

The Fairview Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will have its regular meeting on Monday, July 13, 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.

Thanks to all members of SPRC for successfully completing the Pastor's Annual Assessment. It has been submitted to the District Superintendent Suzanne Allen.

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.

DONATE USED TENNIS SHOES



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Recycle Used Tennis Shoes



Thanks to all who have already contributed your used tennis shoes to Fairview United Women in Faith's project to **RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES!!** The proceeds from each pair of tennis shoes will support the mission of Wesley Education Center for Children and Families in Cincinnati. We filled **THREE** bags full of tennis shoes in 2025!! The shoes will be melted and made into useful items such as playground equipment, park benches, school desks, etc. The organization is 'GotSneakers—A Sneaker Recycling

Organization'.

We will continue this worthwhile project through the summer of 2026. **Please bring your USED TENNIS SHOES OR GYM SHOES**, no matter what condition, size, shape or color to Fairview. There will be a designated place to put your donation as you enter the Welcome Center at Fairview. **WE ARE CLOSE TO FILLING A BAG.** Do not throw away your used and worn tennis shoes but bring them for recycling instead.

Thank you again for your support and faithfulness in helping others as we show our love as Christ wants us to do. Questions: Cecelia Long 937/972-7045 or Pam Hounshell 937/219-5377.

RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES IN 2026!!



YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE & STATISTICS

	YTD Apr 2026	YTD Apr 2025
Offerings & Income	109,636	109,295
Expenses	136,651	130,100
Shortfall	(27,015)	(20,805)

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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.

FAIRVIEW FOOD PANTRY NEWS**Fairview Food Pantry Continues to Serve**

Summer is often thought of as a season of vacations and family gatherings, but for many of our neighbors it is also one of the most difficult times of the year. With children home from school and the loss of school meal programs, many families find it even harder to put nutritious food on the table.

Thanks to your generous support, the Fairview Food Pantry continues to be a place of hope. Week after week, volunteers' welcome individuals and families with compassion, respect, and the opportunity to choose the foods that best meet their needs. Every bag of groceries, every smile, and every conversation reminds our guests that they are loved by God and cared for by this congregation. During these summer months, we are especially grateful for the faithful volunteers who sort food, stock shelves, shop for needed items, greet our guests, and help with distribution. Their dedication makes this ministry possible.

You can help in several ways:

- Pray for the families we serve and for our volunteers.
- Donate non-perishable food items, especially peanut butter, canned meats, cereal, pasta, soup, and canned fruits and vegetables.
- Consider making a financial contribution so we can purchase fresh milk, eggs, meat, and other high-demand items through the Dayton Foodbank and local suppliers.
- If you have a few hours to share each month, we'd love to welcome new volunteers.

Jesus reminds us, "I was hungry and you gave me food." Every act of generosity helps us live out that calling. Thank you for making the Fairview Food Pantry a ministry that shares not only food, but also hope, dignity, and the love of Christ with our community.

FAIRVIEW FOOD PANTRY NEWS *continued*:

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
2026 Totals	1,450	4,671
2025 Totals	3,288	11,198

SHARING IS CARING



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 **July 5, 2026**. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!

GIVE A VARIETY OF ITEMS TO FAIRVIEW PANTRY



**WE CARE
and
WE SHARE**

Fairview Pantry Guests like selecting from a variety of miscellaneous items on the pantry shelves. Please continue to buy something extra each time you go to the grocery store and donate these items to the Pantry.

Suggested items to bring are: Shower Gel in all fragrances, Shampoo and Conditioner, Body Lotion, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Household cleaning supplies, and Laundry Detergent.

Boxes of cake and brownie mixes, cans of frosting, sugar, salt, pepper, instant oatmeal, large bags of potato and corn chips, packages of cookies, jars of pickles, mayonnaise, mustard, hot sauce, and ketchup.



PLEASE STOP BRINGING GROCERY BAGS!!! We have a very large supply of bags for pantry donations. **You may Recycle** your grocery bags at your grocery store or for other purposes. Please bring your pantry donations each time you come to church!! Pantry guests appreciate all that is available at the pantry!!

Fairview UMC

July, 2026 Pantry Schedule

 Pantry Truck Delivery Dates: July 8 & July 22 11:00 A.M.	Wednesday, 07/01 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dianne Trittschuh Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser	Friday 07/03 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Rose Campbell-Blake Tina Walker Shirley Mell	
Monday, 07/06 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler Rose Campbell-Blake	Wednesday, 07/08 Cecelia Long, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Pam and Wayne Hounshell Neil Gaiser Dianne Trittschuh Pantry Truck Delivery	Friday, 07/10 Cecelia Long, Intake Barbara Rowlands Jackie, Mergler Shirley Mell Rose Campbell-Blake	Saturday, 07/11 Cecelia Long, Intake Pam Hounshell Traci Polk Amelia Boomershine
Monday, 07/13 Cecelia Long, Intake Shirley McBride Janet Michael Susie Kurtz Rose Campbell-Blake	Wednesday 07/15 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dianne Trittschuh Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser	Friday, 07/17 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Shirley Mell Tina Walker Rose Campbell-Blake Jacque Durant	
Monday, 07/20 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Rose Campbell-Blake Tina Walker Hope Grandy	Wednesday, 07/22 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Dianne Trittschuh Pantry Truck Delivery	Friday, 07/24 Cecelia Long, Intake Shirley Mell Rose Campbell-Blake Susie Kurtz	
Monday, 07/27 Cecelia Long, Intake Tina Walker Susie Kurtz Bagel delivery	Wednesday, 07/29 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Christ Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser	Friday, 07/31 Barbara Wiechel Shirley Mell Rose Campbell-Blake Pam Hounshell Linda Payne	



JULY SCHEDULE

Sunday Greeters

5 Pam Hounshell
12 Barbara Rowlands
19 Wayne Hounshell
26 Mike Zuber

Worship Leaders

5 Art Mehaffey
12 Judith Mathes
19 TBD
26 Pam Hounshell

Kid's Bible Class

5 Cecelia Long
12 Susie Kurtz
19 Terri Hoenermann
26 Jackie Mergler



VAN MINISTRY

5 John 937 277-6387
12 Wayne 937-369-7040
19 Cornelio 937-623-7951
26 Greg 937-620-1472

Church Trustees For the Day



5 Jan Mains
12 Dave Puderbaugh
19 Dave Puderbaugh
26 Mike Zuber



5 Jan Mains
12 Susie Kurtz
19 Sherri Sutter
26 Pastor Gaiser



COMMUNION SERVERS

Judy Gebhart/Art Mehaffey
John & Lilia Shoemaker



July 2	Susie Kurtz
July 3	Willow Grear
July 4	Marla Reynolds
July 7	Nathan Messer
July 13	Carlos Reece
July 15	Becky McDaniel
July 18	Lilia Shoemaker
July 29	Lee Kreider
July 30	Amelia Gaiser
July 30	Amanda Grear
July 31	Andy Jomantas
July 31	Gerardine Shukuru



**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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