



Letter from the Pastor



Greetings to everyone here at Fairview United Methodist Church, and to our community beyond in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we move from the joy of Easter into the long green season of Pentecost, the rhythms of church life begin to shift once again. Summer approaches, school schedules change, vacations are planned, and many of us look forward to a slightly slower pace of life. Yet even in these changing seasons, the faithfulness of God remains constant. Scripture reminds us that “there is a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1), and each season of the year offers us new opportunities to notice God’s presence in our lives.

One of the great blessings of the past several months at Fairview has been the beauty of worship we have shared together. As we celebrate Choir Sunday on June 7, we give special thanks for the ministry of music that has enriched our congregation throughout the year. We are deeply grateful to Michelle Forshaw, our Director of Music, for her leadership, dedication, and countless hours of preparation. Finally, we thank the members of our Chancel Choir and Chancel Bell Choir for their commitment and hard work throughout the season. Their voices have offered praise to God, comfort to His people, and beauty to our worship life. We have truly been blessed by the music ministry of this church over these past several months.

Music has always been central to the life of the Church. The Psalms remind us again and again to “sing to the Lord a new song,” and through hymns, anthems, and congregational singing, we proclaim the faith not only with our minds, but with our hearts. Week after week, our choir and musicians help create moments of reverence, joy, reflection, and hope that draw us closer to God.

As summer begins, I encourage all of us to continue seeking those moments where God's presence can be found — in worship, in prayer, in time with family and friends, in quiet mornings, and even in the simple beauty of a warm evening or a peaceful sunrise. The slower pace of summer can become an opportunity to rest, renew, and reconnect with the Lord.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to support the life and ministry of Fairview Church. It is a joy to serve alongside you.

May God bless you richly in the weeks ahead, and may you and your loved ones have a happy, peaceful, and blessed summer.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Neil

QUESTIONNAIRE 2026



Thank you
for your
Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Church Profile Questionnaire. Your answers are very important to the Church Council as they navigate the future of Fairview United Methodist Church and its ministries.

If you haven't had the chance yet and you wish to submit your responses, the online questionnaire is open until 11:59 pm on May 31, 2026.

You may also access and submit the questionnaire online using this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

The final date for returning paper copies will be at the morning worship service on May 31, 2026.

May God continue to bless Fairview and those that worship there.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Join our Volunteer **Prayer Team**

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



WE NEED YOU!



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



OR





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.

JUNE

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9 am Pantry Bagel Delivery	2	3 6 pm Pantry	4	5 9 am Pantry	6 10 am – 2 pm PFAN Church
7 CHOIR SUNDAY 8:30 am Trustees Mtg. 11 am Worship 11 am Kids’ Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church	8 9 am Pantry 6 pm SPRC Meeting	9  10 am UWIF Leadership Team Mtg.	10 11 am Pantry Truck Delivery 6 pm Pantry	11	12 9 am Pantry	13 10 am Pantry 10 am – 2 pm PFAN Church
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28 9:45 am Sun. Sch 11 am Worship 11 am Kids’ Bible Class 1 pm – 5 pm PFAN Church BAKE SALE AFTER MORNING WORSHIP	29  UWIF 1:00 pm lunch on your own in the Arcade 2:30 pm UWIF Guided Tour of Peace Museum	30				



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Let there be PEACE on Earth And let it begin with ME

Have you ever wondered what you can do to help bring about an end to violence, and contribute to a more peaceful existence for all people? There is, right here in Dayton, a shining gem called The International Peace Museum, located at 10 N Ludlow St (on Courthouse Square).

This is an invitation to ALL friends of peace to join United Women in Faith for a guided tour of the museum on Monday, June 29, from 2:30-3:30. See what can be done, with everyone's help, to change the world into the harmonious place God intended for us. There will be no charge for the tour. Donations encouraged. If you wish, join us for lunch on your own in the Arcade at 1:00.

Questions, or to register:
Call Pam Hounshell 937-219-5377
or Judith Mathes 937-286-2233

PEACE AND JUSTICE



The Fairview Legal Clinic was started a number of years ago to provide advice for persons in our community. David Wiechel and Dick Schaefer were instrumental in this ministry by doing publicity, offering advice to people about their concerns and places to get legal help. Many of the persons who came were dealing with family concerns, housing problems, and financial issues. "Being heard" was often as important as the advice received. We offer a special thanks to Gloria White, Sandy Frederick, Dave Larson and Dave Wiechel for their volunteer ministry. Personal circumstances have led to the decision to end this ministry. Thank you to Fairview UMC for your support and prayers through the years.

Worship

A Gentle Invitation in Worship

Worship is a sacred time when we gather as a community to encounter God—through music, prayer, scripture, and proclamation. Each element of the service is offered not as a performance, but as an act of devotion, intended to draw all of us more deeply into the presence of God.

At times, it is natural to feel moved by a beautiful anthem, a meaningful message, or a powerful moment in the service. While applause is a common way in everyday life to show appreciation, in worship it can unintentionally shift the focus from glorifying God to recognizing individuals.

As a congregation, we invite you to respond in a way that keeps our hearts centered on worship. Rather than applauding, you are encouraged to offer a quiet “Amen”—a simple yet powerful expression that means “so be it” or “yes, Lord.” In this way, we affirm that what we have heard or experienced is received as an offering to God and a blessing to the community.

This shared practice helps preserve a spirit of reverence and unity, reminding us that all we do in worship is ultimately for the glory of God.

Thank you for helping us nurture a worship environment that is prayerful, meaningful, and centered on God’s presence.

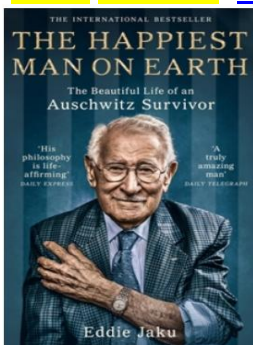
UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETING



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK REVIEW

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BOOK REVIEWED:

The Happiest Man on Earth: The Beautiful Life of an Auschwitz Survivor**Author:** Eddie Jaku, **Reviewer:** Barbara Rowlands **Category:** Education for Mission**Read Preview:** [CLICK HERE](#)

Eddie Jaku shares his powerful memoir as a Holocaust survivor, paying tribute to those lost as he offers inspiring wisdom on living one's best possible life despite the most horrible circumstances. Jaku was a teenager when Nazi soldiers sent him to a concentration camp with thousands of other Jews across Germany. Somehow, he found the will to survive and made himself a promise to smile every day in gratitude and to honor the 6 million Jews murdered by Hitler.

[Audible Sample](#) [Ctrl + Click Here](#)

**UWIF LEADERSHIP
TEAM MEETING****United Women In Faith Leadership
Team Meeting****Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 10 A.M.**

The United Women in Faith Leadership Team Meeting will be Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 10:00 in the church library and via Zoom. Members of the Team will have this last meeting before the summer break, to discuss our vision for the future and how we intend to expand our membership and to 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 Arnold and Lisa Engle, members of Nominating Committee.

FAIRVIEW PASTOR/ SPRC MEETING**Fairview Pastor/Staff Parish
Relations Committee
Meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026 6:00 P.M.**

The Fairview Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will have its regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 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. We will continue the annual pastoral assessment process.

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.

Blessings to everyone in this season of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit brings order out of chaos and uncertainty.

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 in 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!!



BAKE SALE!

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Bake Sale



**SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026
IMMEDIATELY AFTER MORNING WORSHIP
IN THE PARISH HALL**

**GET YOUR YUMMY HOME-MADE CAKES,
PIES, COOKIES AND**

AND

**HELP UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH GIVE
MORE MONEY TO MISSION PROJECTS
FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE & STATISTICS

	YTD Apr 2026	YTD Apr 2025
Offerings & Income	85,341	87,638
Expenses	111,422	109,884
Shortfall	(26,081)	(22,246)

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



As summer begins, the ministry of the Fairview Food Pantry continues to be a vital expression of compassion, hospitality, and hope in our community. Each week we welcome families, seniors, veterans, and individuals who are facing the challenges of rising food costs and financial uncertainty. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, volunteers, community partners, and the grace of God, we are able to respond to these needs with dignity and care.

During the past several months, the Pantry has continued to experience increasing demand. Every bag of groceries shared is more than food — it is a reminder that someone cares and that no one walks alone. Whether it is a parent trying to stretch a paycheck, a senior choosing between medicine and groceries, or a neighbor facing an unexpected hardship, your support makes a real difference. *Continued on next page*

FAIRVIEW FOOD PANTRY NEWS CONTINUED:

We are especially grateful for the many volunteers who give their time each month to stock shelves, pack food, greet clients, and assist with distribution. Their kindness and dedication reflect the love of Christ in meaningful and practical ways.

The Pantry also continues to benefit from partnerships with organizations such as The Foodbank, Inc. and Miami Valley Meals, whose support helps us expand our outreach and better serve our neighbors.

As we move into the summer months, donations of non-perishable food items, personal care products, and financial contributions remain greatly appreciated. Most importantly, we ask for your continued prayers for those who come through our doors and for the volunteers who serve them.

Thank you for helping Fairview Food Pantry remain a place of welcome, nourishment, and hope for our community.

2026 PANTRY STATS

Month	Total Households Served	Total People Served
January	229	739
February	207	673
March	265	866
April	270	884
May	237	728
2026 Totals	1,208	3,890
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 **June 7, 2026**. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!

JUNE IS THE TIME TO GIVE

A VARIETY OF ITEMS TO

FAIRVIEW FOOD PANTRY GUESTS

The Fairview Pantry Guests get excited when they see a variety of items on the pantry shelves from which they can make choices that add to their lives. Please help to keep miscellaneous items on the pantry shelves by buying something extra each time you go to the grocery store and donating the item to the Pantry.

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



Boxes of cake and brownie mixes, cans of frosting, instant oatmeal, large bags of potato and corn chips, salsa, cheese dips, packages of cookies, cans of soup, jars of pickles, mayonnaise, mustard, and ketchup.

Continue to bring clean and unwrinkled plastic grocery store bags and pantry donations each time you come to church!!! Thank You very much!!!

Fairview UMC June, 2026 Pantry Schedule

<p>Monday, 06/01 Cecelia Long, intake Janet Michael Shirley McBride Tina Walker</p> <p>Bagel Delivery</p>	<p>Wednesday, 06/03 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Pam & Wayne Hounshell Neil Gaiser Dave Wiechel</p>	<p>Friday, 06/05 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Rose Campbell-Blake Tina Walker Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler</p>	
<p>Monday, 06/08 Cecelia Long, Intake Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler Tina Walker Rose Campbell-Blake</p>	<p>Wednesday, 06/10 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser</p> <p>Pantry Truck Delivery</p>	<p>Friday, 06/12 Shirley McBride, Intake Barbara Wiechel Pam Hounshell Linda Payne Rose Campbell-Blake</p>	<p>Saturday, 06/13 Cecelia Long, Intake Pam Hounshell Traci Polk Amelia Boomershine</p>
<p>Monday, 06/15 Cecelia Long, Intake Tina Walker Susie Kurtz Rose Campbell-Blake</p>	<p>Wednesday 06/17 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dianne Trittschuh Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser</p>	<p>Friday, 06/19 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Shirley Mell Tina Walker Jacque Durant Rose Campbell-Blake</p>	
<p>Monday, 06/22 Cecelia Long, Intake Tina Walker Susie Kurtz Rose Campbell-Blake</p>	<p>Wednesday, 06/24 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Dianne Trittschuh Neil Gaiser</p> <p>Pantry Truck Delivery</p>	<p>Friday, 06/26 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Susie Kurtz Shirley Mell Rose Campbell-Blake</p>	
<p>Monday, 06/29 Cecelia Long, Intake Tina Walker Susie Kurtz Amelia Boomershine (?)</p>			



**JUNE
SCHEDULE**

Sunday Greeters

- 7 Debbie Arnold
- 14 John & Lilia Shoemaker
- 21 Wayne Hounshell
- 28 Shirley McBride

Worship Leaders

- 7 Gerardine Shukuru
- 14 Greg Zuber
- 21 Ed Rapp
- 28 Sherri Sutter

Kid's Bible Class

- 7 Need Help
- 14 Susie
- 21 Cecelia Long
- 28 Jackie Mergler



VAN MINISTRY

- 7 John 937 277-6387
- 14 Wayne 937-369-7040
- 21 Cornelio 937-623-7951
- 28 Greg 937-620-1472



- 7 Jan Mains
- 14 Dave Puderbaugh
- 21 Fred Poland
- 28 Mike Zuber



**COMMUNION
SERVERS**

- Sherri Sutter/Judith Mathes
- Duke & Terry Lunsford



**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.

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



Happy Birthday!

June

June Barr will be 104 years old on June 13, 2026.

To send birthday cards mail to:

June Barr
Westerwood
5675 Ponderosa Dr.
Columbus, OH 43231

Graduation News



ELENA LANE

On June 16, 2026, Elena Lane, granddaughter of Kathy and the late Dick Schaefer, will graduate from Berkley High School in Berkley, Michigan with recognition as a member of the National Honor Society, special recognition for her 130 hours of community service and a 4-year rugby player. This year she was awarded the Most Valuable Player award for rugby. Elena will complete her associates degree in a few months, and will play rugby with a Detroit Club Team.



Elena Lane



KAYLA MESSER

Kayla Messer, graduating summa cum laude from Beavercreek High School in Beavercreek, Ohio. Parents are Kim and Nathan Messer, grandparents are Bertha Messer and Wayne & Pam Hounshell Graduation date is May 23, 2026. This fall, Kayla will be attending Kent State University to study nursing.

HIGH SCHOOL



NATHAN MATHES

Nathan Mathes , grandson of Judith Mathes and late Phil Mathes graduated from Lakota West High School May 19, 2026. Nathan is planning to go to college and study nursing.



OSCAR NDAYISABA

Oscar Ndayisaba graduated from Ponitz High School in Dayton on May 18, 2026. Oscar was employed part-time by the ASPM Company since his sophomore year, and began working full-time for the company while completing his senior year in high school. The company is currently training Oscar in robotics, including offering continuing educational opportunities in robotics at Sinclair Community College. Oscar also serves the children of Fairview UMC each Sunday morning as the Attendant of our Kids Bible Class.

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE GRADUATES!



LAILA LANE

Laila Lane completed a degree in Operations Management from the College of Business Administration of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan May 2, 2026. She is currently working at Detroit Edison, a job she learned as a student intern while searching for a career that better utilizes her degree. Laila is the granddaughter of Kathy and the late Dick Schaefer.



PHYLLIS SCHAEFER

Phyllis Schaefer graduated with honors from Chapman University in California on May 24, 2026, with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Asian Studies. She will live in Brea, California and plans to continue her work for the Disney Corporation before entering graduate school. Phyllis is the granddaughter of Kathy and the late Dick Schaefer.



NORA SCHAEFER

Nora Schaefer has been employed this year by Arts Ballet Theater of Florida in Miami Beach. She was able to complete her studies online and graduates from Middlesex University in London, England on June 10, 2026, with a B.A. in Professional Arts Practice. In addition to dancing, Nora is the director of the dance company's outreach to young people as she gains skill in not-for-profit business management. Nora is the granddaughter of Kathy and the late Dick Schaefer.

2026 UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE GRADUATES!



CARRIE RADER

Carrie Rader is the daughter of Teresa Rader and granddaughter of Ed Rapp, graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a master's degree in industrial engineering.



JOSHUA RAYMOND HOUNSHELL

Joshua Raymond Hounshell graduated from Wright State University with a bachelor's degree, major in education.



COREY JACKSON

Corey Jackson graduated from Ohio State University on May 10th with a B.A. in Studio Arts.



V'SEAN PALMER

V'Sean Palmer is the nephew of Carol McDougle. V'Sean graduated on May 9, 2026, with a masters degree in business administration from Defiance College.

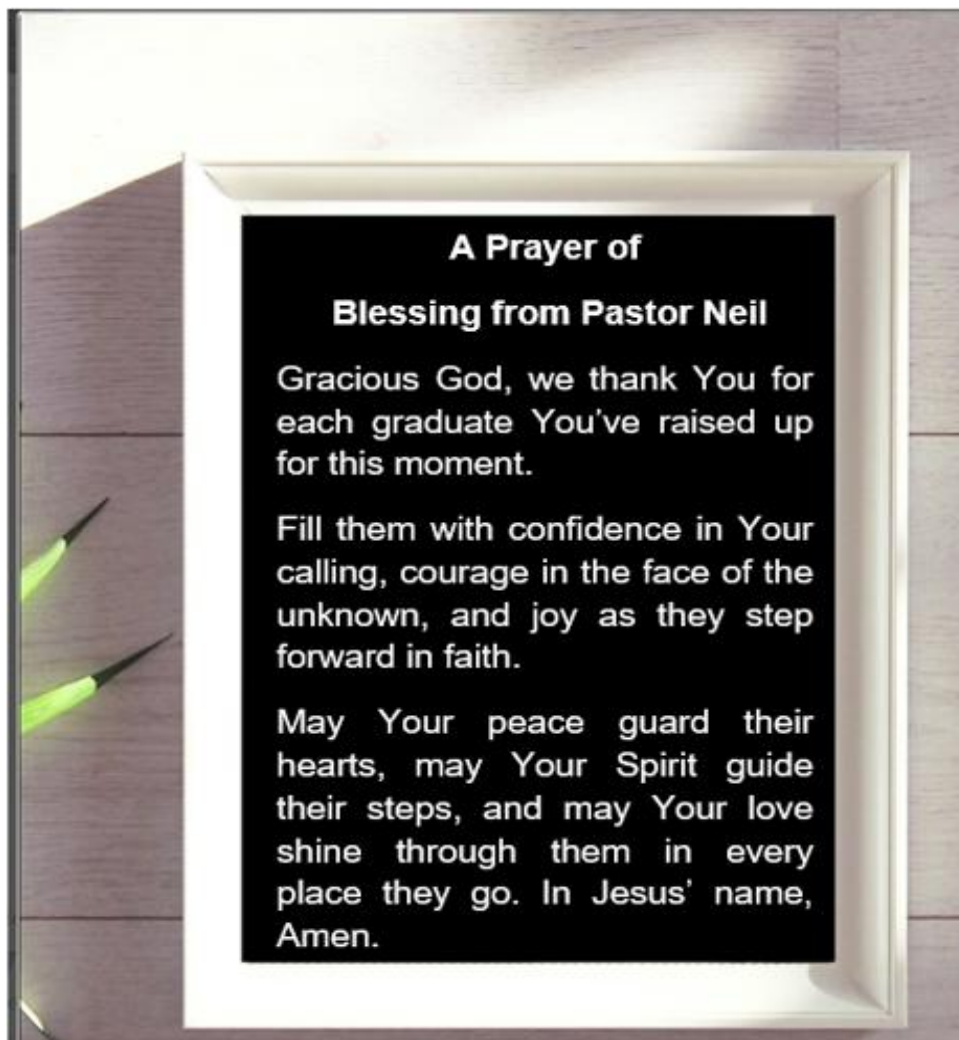


SPECIAL BLESSING AND PRAYER FOR ALL OUR GRADUATES



We celebrate **Elena, Nathan, Kayla, Oscar, Laila, Phyllis, Nora, Carrie, Alexander, Joshua, Corey, V'Sean** 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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