



COLUMNS NEWSLETTER

A Letter from the Pastor

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." – Ecclesiastes 3:1



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 the leaves turn and the air grows crisp, November offers us a season rich in meaning for our life together as the Church. This month, our worship takes us on a journey through remembrance, gratitude, and anticipation.

We begin with **All Saints' Day** on Nov. Nov 2nd, when we pause to give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in faith. Their lives remind us that we do not walk this

path alone; we are surrounded and strengthened by those who lived faithfully and now rest in God's eternal care.

Then we mark **Stewardship Sunday** on Nov. 9th, a time to reflect on the gifts God has entrusted to us. Stewardship is not just about budgets or pledges—it is about gratitude, generosity, and offering ourselves to God's work in the world. It is a chance to remember that all we have comes from God's hand, and we are invited to return it in joyful service.

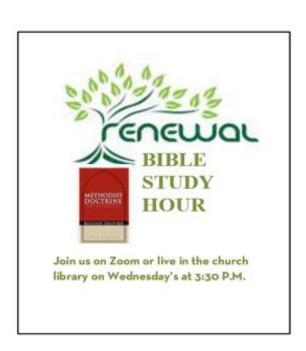
As the Church year draws to a close, we celebrate **Christ the King Sunday** on November 23rd. In a world often filled with uncertainty and division, we proclaim the good news that Christ reigns above all powers and principalities. His kingdom is not one of force or fear, but of love, peace, and justice—a kingdom into which we are called daily to live.

And then, with hearts open, we begin again on the **First Sunday of Advent**. This holy season of waiting prepares us for the coming of Christ. We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering that even in the darkest nights, the light of Christ shines and will not be overcome.

Amid all these holy days, November also brings us the chance to pause for **Thanksgiving**. As we gather around tables with family and friends, may our hearts overflow with gratitude for the blessings of community, the gift of faith, and the steadfast love of God that carries us through every season.

Wishing you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!
In Christ's love,

Pastor Neil









"ATTENTION MEN OF FAIRVIEW"

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETING

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

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

The Fairview Staff Parish Relation Committee (SPRC) will have its regular meeting on Monday, NOVEMBER 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the church library and via Zoom. All members of the Committee are urged to be presented so that care for the Pastor, Staff and the Congregation is provided in helpful ways.

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, November 19, 2025.

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

UWIF BOOK REVIEW

Click here to Preview Start with Hello



Title: Start with Hello (And Other Simple Ways to Live as Neighbors) **By:** Shannan Martin **Category:** Nurturing for Community **Reviewer:** Judith Mathes

This book, <u>Start with Hello</u>, shares how to begin connecting with others by reaching out in simple ways. One chapter: "Tender is greater than Tough", shares how to reach out in positive expectation. Start by looking in their direction and smiling and then even chatting with them. You will surprise yourself and others of the positive results. Another chapter, "A

open door is better than a perfect décor". When we invite people to come and share with us, they are there to visit us, and not our place. We offer hospitality where we are. This book draws you in with hopeful possibilities and words you can live by.



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

The United Women in Faith Leadership Team will meet on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church library and also via Zoom. The team will finalize mission outreach financial distributions for 2025 and discuss the ways Fairview can be involved in the various activities of Great Miami River District United Women in Faith in 2026.

Members of the UWF Leadership Team are: Cecelia Long-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 Armold and Lisa Engle-Members of Nominating Committee. Everyone is encouraged to be present in person or via Zoom.

Please contact Cecelia Long, 937-972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com by Sunday, November 9, if you are not able to be in attendance.

FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LUNCHEON AND 'WHITE ELEPHANT' CHRISTMAS AUCTION MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

Fairview United Women in Faith unit meeting will be on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. beginning with a luncheon in which those attending may bring anything they wish to bring to eat. It would be helpful to bring enough to serve 10-12 people. Beverages will be provided.

The facilitators for the meeting will be: Prayer Guide: Pam Hounshell, Devotions: Cecelia Long, Response Magazine: Susie Kurtz. The Program will be the 'White Elephant' Christmas Auction of Presents. The funds raised from the Auction will be used for mission outreach projects of United Women in Faith.

There is no November UWIF meeting.

ALL WOMEN OF FAIRVIEW ARE INVITED TO COME AND BRING A FRIEND!!! This will be a great time to share wonderful food, uplifting fellowship and renewal for your heart and soul as you bring presents that will be auctioned for mission outreach. COME AND ENJOY!!!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ASSEMBLY 2026 HOLD THE DATES MAY 15-17, 2026 Indianapolis, Indiana

WHY YOU SHOULD REGISTER: There has never been a more important time for women of faith to come together, tap into our strength, and unite to change the world. Assembly 2026 is that moment---a once-every-four-year gathering of women committed to faith, empowerment, and making a difference. Just picture a weekend that uplifts your soul, strengthens your faith, and brings you together with an unstoppable sisterhood.

At United Women in Faith's 2026 Assembly, you can DREAM IT! BELIEVE IT! DO IT!

Early registration of \$365 runs from September 1 through November 30, 2025. For registration Information: uwfaith.org/assembly Questions: Cecelia Long, 937/972- 7045 or cealong48@gmail.com

Keep the dates open because there will be a Zoom option for portions of Assembly! Plan to be present for some of the worship services or to hear keynote address by Stacey Abrams, Georgia State Legislator, daughter of United Methodist pastors and long-time United Methodist Woman.

RECYCLE USED TENNIS SHOES

Thanks to all who have already contributed your used tennis shoes to The 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!! 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 November 2025. <u>Please bring your USED TENNIS SHOES OR GYM SHOES</u>, no matter what condition, size, shape or color to Fairview. There will be a designated place to put your donation <u>beginning the first Sunday in November</u>.

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!!! THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO 2025 DAYTON AREA CROP Hunger Walk

THANK YOU EVERYONE who contributed to the CROP Hunger Walk!! Cecelia Long, your Fairview United Methodist Church representative, turned in \$310.00 and then received \$155 after the walk!!! The Dayton Foodbank will receive 25% of the proceeds from the Dayton Area CROP Hunger Walk to end hunger in the Miami Valley. Church World Service will receive the remainder of the proceeds for international hunger relief.

The CROP Hunger Walk was on Sunday, October 12, 2025 at the Shiloh Church UCC in Dayton (5300 Philadelphia Drive at North Main Street). Cecelia Long walked four times around the cemetery that is across the street from Shiloh Church. On a beautiful autumn day, the walkers walked one step at a time to end hunger!!

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! For your support and care of those who are hungry!!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 9:45 am Sunday School 12:30 am Church Council Meeting 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY	6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry 6:00 pm SPRC	6:30 am KI 10:00 am UWIF Ldrshp. Team Mtg.	6:30 am KI 6:00 pm Pantry	6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	14 6:30 am Kl 9 am Pantry	15 10 am-2pm Comty. Pen. Church 9:30 am check-in Day of Thanksgiving and Unity in Coshocton, Ohio
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YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE & STATISTICS

Sept. YTD 2025

Sept. YTD 2024

Offerings & Income	207,999	201,605
Expenses	223,887	219,065
Shortfall	(15,888)	(17,460)



Easy Access:

Ctrl and click the button to make your online donation

Contributions to Fairview can be made at:

<u>https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZK/home</u> 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.



NOVEMBER 2025 PANTRY NEWS

Feeding Our Neighbors in Challenging Times

Our church food pantry continues to be a vital source of help and hope in our community. Each week, we see more individuals and families turning to us for assistance—many for the very first time.

Recently, the ongoing **government shutdown** has made life even harder for those already struggling. Many households will lose or seen delays in their **SNAP** (**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**) benefits, leaving them without the resources they depend on to put food on the table. This has placed additional pressure on food pantries across the region, including ours.

Thanks to your continued generosity—through food donations, financial gifts, and volunteer service—we are able to meet this growing need. Every contribution helps ensure that no one who comes to our doors is turned away hungry.

As we approach **Thanksgiving**, we are collecting **holiday staple items** to share with families in need.

The list of items for the Month of November are:

Canned pumpkin, canned sweet potatoes, brown sugar, cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing mix, Jiffy cornbread mix, french fried onions, chicken or turkey gravy mix, marshmallows, and vegetable oil or other items that you would serve at your Thanksgiving meal.

You might consider bringing the items as follows:

- November 2 Loaves of bread (Sandwich bread is popular)
- November 9 Canned pumpkin, canned sweet potatoes, brown sugar, Jellied cranberry sauce
- November 16 Boxed stuffing mix, Jiffy cornbread mix, french fried onions, marshmallows
- November 23 Chicken or Turkey gravy, canned milk, Vegetable oil.

Together, we can make sure every family in our community has something to be thankful for this season.

"Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." — Luke 3:11

Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ to our neighbors in need.

FOODBANK UPDATE

We recently passed our annual inspection with a representative from The Foodbank. During the visit, we discussed the many large-scale food distributions that have been featured in the news. The distributions sponsored by CareSource are fully funded by CareSource, while The Foodbank provides the resources and tracking support. In addition, The Foodbank is required to conduct three mass distributions each year—one in each of Preble, Montgomery, and Greene Counties.

Our representative also reminded us that The Foodbank does not purchase food directly. All the food we receive comes to them through distribution networks such as Feeding America. Unfortunately, some of those federal channels have recently been eliminated.

The Foodbank currently supports 112 pantries across the region and is not accepting new sites at this time. We are proud to be one of the larger partners, serving three times a week, including one evening distribution. The Foodbank staff expressed deep appreciation for the work we do to serve our neighbors with dignity and compassion.

2025 PANTRY STATISTICS

	TOTAL	TOTAL	
MONTH	HOUSEHOLDS	PEOPLE	
	SERVED	SERVED	
January	266	852	
February	252	836	
March	270	926	
April	264	953	
May	247	854	
June	270	932	
July	273	920	
August	284	948	
September	286	1053	
October	342	1,118	
2025 Total			
	2,754	9,392	
2024			
Totals	2,842	9,851	



DONATIONS and SUPPORT



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

Fairview UMC November Pantry Schedule

Monday, 11/3 Cecelia Long, Intake Janet Michael Shirley McBride Cathleen Roswurm	Wednesday 11/5 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Chris Jones Neil Gaiser Dave Wiechel	Friday, 11/7 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Shirley Mell Rose Campbell-Blake Susie Kurtz	Saturday, 11/8 Barbara Wiechel, Intake Tracy Polk Pam Hounshell
Monday, 11/10 Cecelia Long, intake Pam Hounshell Linda Payne Cathleen Roswurm	Wednesday, 11/12 Barbara Wiechel, intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Dianne Trittschuh Chris Jones Dave Wiechel	Friday, 11/14 Barbara Wiechel, intake Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler Rose Campbell-Blake	THE PANTRY IS CLOSED
Monday 11/17 Cecelia Long, intake Tina Walker Jackie Mergler Barbara Rowlands	Wednesday, 11/19 Barbara Wiechel, intake Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Dianne Trittschuh Chris Jones Dave Wiechel Neil Gaiser Il am Pantry Truck Delivery	Friday 11/21 Barbara Wiechel, intake Shirley Mell Janet Michael Rose Campbell-Blake	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!
Monday 11/24 Cecelia Long, intake Rose Campbell-Blake Tina Walker Susie Kurtz	Wednesday, 11/26 CLOSED for the Thanksgiving Holiday	Friday, 11/28 WE ARE CLOSED THANKSGIVING	**

Pantry Shoppers Needed!



Our Food Pantry needs a few volunteers willing to make small grocery purchases to help keep our shelves stocked. Items like **25 packages of margarine** or **20 packs of bologna or hot dogs** make a big difference to our guests.

You don't have to buy a lot — just adding a few extra items to your regular grocery trip helps more than you know! We're happy to **reimburse you** for any purchases made for the Pantry.

Please contact **Fred** to find out what items are most needed this week and how you can help. With Foodbank supplies decreasing and demand increasing, **your support is essential.**





2 WAYNE HOUSHELL

9 FLORENCE CARWELL

16 SHIRLEY MCBRIDE

23 JOHN & LILIA SHOEMAKER

30 MIKE ZUBER



2 GREG ZUBER

9 DUKE LUNSFORD

16 WAYNE HOUNSHELL

23 BARBARA ROWLANDS

30 FRED POLAND



2 SUSIE KURTZ

9 KATHY SCHAEFER

16 TERRI HOERNEMANN

23 JACKIE MERGLER

30 CECELIA LONG



2 WAYNE 937-369-7040

9 JOHN 937-277-6387

16 CORNELIO 937-623-7951

23 GREG 937-620-1472

30 GREG 937-620-1472



2 JAN MAINS

9 DAVE PUDERBAUGH

16 FRED POLAND

23 MIKE ZUBER

30 FRED & JAN



JAN MAINS CECELIA LONG

KATHY SCHAEFER JUDITH

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*NAME CHANGE TODDLER ROOM IS NOW - KID'S BIBLE CLASS

Our Kid's 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.

FAITH CLASS



Sunday afternoon October 26,2025



















Our Faith Class celebrated Halloween on Sunday, Oct. 26 after church. Art Mehaffey & Suzie Kurtz organized a delightful gathering with suitable decorations, spooky disguises, delicious food and fun filled games. Friends of the class were also invited.



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Photos by Igor Golovcsenko

October 12 video of Art Mehaffey (Worship Leader) and Chris Jones as they were reading the Gospel Lesson for that Sunday. Art is one of the Faith Class teachers and Chris is a class member. Thank you. /Igor

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDNz33W58zU







Choices receives largest grant in our history



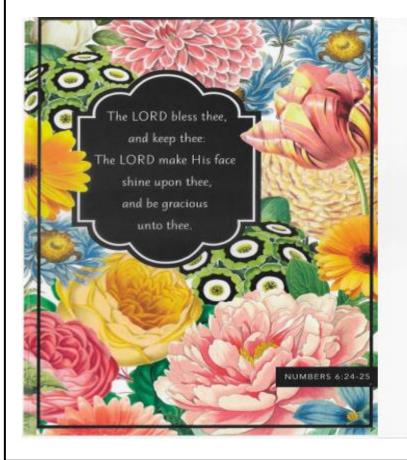
A member of our extended Choices family since 1987, 67-yearold Maurice Hollingsworth celebrated our 40th anniversary by welcoming the two newest vans to our vehicle fleet. In addition to services be receives, Maurice is an bonored member of our staff, serving as a part-time janitor at our Needmore Road office. He is also a recipient of a regional Erin Ritchey Memorial Award. (photo by Tamis Manigo)

"We are very pleased to share that Choices has received our largest grant since we began services in 1985." Choices' Chief Executive Officer Trent Grooms made the announcement that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has confirmed a grant in the amount of \$545,000 for the purchase of five vans, with those vans to be purchased and added to our vehicle fleet in 2026. According to Trent, this follows the purchase of two new vans in 2025 that were made possible through a \$115,000 grant from ODOT.

Choices operates one of the largest vehicle fleets in the Miami Valley, with a total of 52 vans with the addition of the two new vans in 2025, providing Non-Medical Transporation Services for those served directly by Choices, as well as community participants in our Adult Day Services programs, including Fun-Fit and Choices Champions. This door-to-door accessible transportation is also available for individuals to and from jobs in the community. Each home owned and/or operated by Choices also has a designated van to assure access and integration in the community, as required by rules and regulations of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, as well as by Choices' mission-focused commitment to inclusion and independence.

"We are grateful for the support of ODOT for playing such a critical role in support of those we serve," continues Trent. "We are equally grateful for the work of Amy Fansher in preparing and submitting our application that made these grants possible. While she fulfills her primary responsibilities as Program Director for our Adult Day Services and Non-Medical Transportation program at an exceptional level on a daily basis, it is her skills in understanding and preparing grants of this magnitude that will have life changing impact on the lives of those we serve for years to come. A truly remarkable accomplishment!"





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New Church Fave 14,

Know that you

are thought of

in a special way today

and wished God's

abundant blessings.

Thank you for being so

Important is Lynne's life and

for continuing to reach out to
her by phone. We love

you all as our first UMC

family. Birssings, gangebeling





You are invited to join laity and clergy from across Ohio to celebrate the second annual **Day of Thanksgiving & Unity** on **Saturday, November 15 at Roscoe UMC in Coshocton.** The theme for our time together will be "Christ Holds All the Parts Together" grounded in the words from Ephesians 2:21-22.

Bishop Lanette L. Plambeck, resident bishop of the Minnesota Conference and the Dakotas Conference, will preach and lead a one-hour plenary in the morning. Rev. Dr. Beth Stroud, assistant professor of History at Methodist Theological School in Ohio, will present in the afternoon. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will preach the closing worship service.

If you'd like to carpool with others from your area, if possible, reach out to Lesley Moore, lmoore@wocumc.org, for assistance by Tuesday, November 4th.

Roscoe UMC MAP

475 High Street Coshocton, Ohio 43812

SCHEDULE:

- Check-in (9:30 10:00 a.m.)
- Opening Worship (10:00 a.m.)
- Bishop Lanette L. Plambeck presents (11:00 a.m.)
- Lunch (12:00 p.m.)
- Rev. Dr. Beth Stroud presents (12:45 p.m.)
- Bishop Hee-Soo Jung leads Closing Worship with Communion (2:30 p.m.)
- Dismissal (3:15 p.m.)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10, which includes lunch

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, November 7, 2025

REGISTRATION LINK





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



The Free Legal Clinic will be open on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Fairview United Methodist Church

828 W. Fairview Avenue Dayton, Ohio 45406 **10:00 AM until Noon**.

Please bring paperwork related to the reason that you will be using the Clinic. We will be observing the latest CDC and Ohio Health Dept. regarding COVID-19 protocols.

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







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