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COLUMNS NEWSLETTER

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.” – Lamentations 3:22-23



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 turn the page to September, I pray this letter finds you well. The summer heat is beginning to give way to cooler breezes, the days are growing shorter, and the first hints of autumn are quietly arriving. There's something about this season of transition that reminds me of God's steady faithfulness. Just as the seasons change, so too do the rhythms of our lives—but through it all, the mercies of the Lord remain new every morning.

This month, we'll be **wrapping up our summer sermon series, *Flourish & Thrive***, around the middle of September. It has been such a joy to walk through these seven dimensions of flourishing together—spiritual growth, vocation, finances, health, relationships, character, and happiness. I pray that these weeks have encouraged and challenged you in your walk of faith. Following the conclusion of this series, we will return to the **Lectionary readings** for a while, grounding ourselves again in the rich rhythm of the church's calendar and the unfolding story of Scripture.

We also have much to look forward to in our worship life together. We are especially excited to welcome **Michelle Forshaw and Chancel Choir back this month!** Their return brings such joy and vitality to our services, and I know many of us have been eagerly awaiting this moment. Music has a unique way of lifting our hearts to God, and I can't wait to experience the gift of their leadership in worship once again.

Renewal Hour (Pastor's Bible Study) will be returning on **Wednesday, September 10 at 3:30 p.m.** Over the past year, Renewal Hour has grown significantly, especially since

we began offering a hybrid Zoom option. This format will continue: you are welcome to join us **in person in the church library** or **virtually on Zoom**, with weekly reminders and login information sent out via email. Whether near or far, I hope you'll take advantage of this time to study God's Word together in community.

In addition, I want to let you know that the **Pastor's Eucharist Visitations** have been ongoing throughout the summer and will continue this fall. If you have not been able to come to church for some time, but would like a visit, I would love to bring a bit of the church to you through the gift of Holy Communion. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly, or contact the church office, and we will gladly get you scheduled for a visit.

As we move into this season of change—between summer and fall, between one sermon series and the next—I encourage you to pause and take stock of the ways God has been at work in your life. Where have you seen His faithfulness? Where is He calling you to grow? And how might you take this season as an opportunity to deepen your walk with Christ?

May this September be a time of renewal for each of us, a reminder that God's mercies are indeed new every morning, and that He is with us in every season of life.

Grace and peace,

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser
Fairview United Methodist Church





United
Women
in Faith

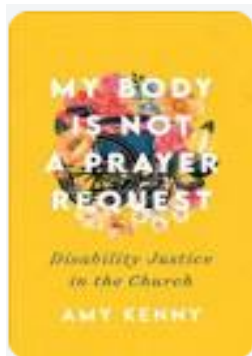
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK REVIEW

Title: My Body Is Not a Prayer Request

Mission Emphasis: Spiritual Development

Author: Dr. Amy Kenny

Reviewer: Kathy Schaefer



The author of My Body Is Not a Prayer Request, Dr Amy Kenny, has a rare ailment that impacts her walking and standing. As a disabled woman, she writes about the real issue for Christians when offering our healing prayers: Is an able-body person more valuable than another who has difficulty maneuvering in our able-ist churches and world? Do we imply that people with disabilities are broken spiritually and somehow God's mistake? Without a "cure," she wants us to know that she does not have an inferior "spirit." She *already* has the mind of Christ, and her disabled body is *already* a temple for the Holy Spirit.

[CLICK HERE to preview](#)

Dr. Kenny also describes how church buildings keep disabled people from full participation in the worship life of a congregation. I thought about our own building and how hard our trustees have worked to make it accessible. However, it is still impossible for a wheelchair user to serve at the altar. This is a challenging book about "Disability Justice" in the church.

FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLE MEETING
The UWIF Circle meeting will meet on Monday Sept. 22, 2025
At 1:30 pm in the Church library and via zoom
There will be light refreshments available.

All women of Fairview and guests are invited to: 1) Share in reconnecting after the Summer break, 2) Be spiritually uplifted, 3) Learn about the District and Annual Conference UWIF activities, 4) Find out about the current needs of women, children and youth locally and throughout the world.

The leaders for the meeting are: Program: Pam Hounshell/ Response Magazine: Suzie Kurtz/ Prayer Guide: Judith Mathes/ Devotions: Barbara Rowands.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Judith Mathes at 937-286-2233. Come and Share, be uplifted and renewed for mission outreach!!



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
WILL FILL BABY BASKETS FOR
WESLEY DAYTON
BABY READY/INFANT MORTALITY (BRIM) PROGRAM**

The Baby Ready/Infant Mortality (BRIM) Program of Wesley Dayton was organized in 2016. BRIM serves expectant mothers and families with children under age one. Family Support Specialists offer individualized Mental Health & Trauma Informed care, advocacy, safe-sleep training, practical guidance, emotional support and referrals to appropriate resources. Between July 2024 and June 2025, BRIM enrolled 116 new families and 72 babies were welcomed!!

Fairview United Women in Faith will collect items for 2 baby baskets that will be contributed to Wesley Dayton for mothers enrolled in the BRIM program. One basket will be for a girl and one basket for a boy.

The items needed for the baskets are:

- 1 pack of Sleepers (2-3 per pack)
- 1 pack onesies (3-5 per pack)
- 1 outfit (often sold as a unit, usually with pants, shirt (dress) and onesie)
- 1 pack of hats (0-3 months, 3-5 per pack)
- 1 pack of socks (4-8 pair per pack)
- 1 pack of diapers - Size 1 (soft sided pack with about 62 diapers)
- 1 pack of baby wipes (about 56 wipes)
- 1 pack of baby towels (about 3)
- 1 pack of baby wash clothes (3-12 per pack)
- 1 pack of burp cloths (3-4 per pack)
- 1 pack of bibs (newborn (little) 3-4 per pack)
- 1 large blanket (handmade is welcome)
- 1 pack of receiving blankets (4-5 per pack)
- 1 rattle/small hand toy
- 1 small or medium baby-safe stuffed animal
- 1 Mother's Gift – A \$15 Walmart Gift Card
- 1 Large plastic Laundry Basket into which everything is placed

A Literacy Kit of 3 "First Books" will be added to each baby basket. The Literacy Kits have been donated for 2025.)

A chart will be placed on the wall near the Welcome Center each Sunday through Sunday September 14 for anyone who wishes to sign up to contribute to the baby baskets. If you have questions, please contact Cecelia Long at: cealong48@gmail.com or 937/972-7045.



**FAIRVIEW STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 6:00 P.M.**

The Fairview Staff Parish Relation Committee (SPRC) will have its regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. 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, September 7, 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.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 10:00 A.M.**

The United Women in Faith Leadership Team will meet on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church library and also via Zoom. The team will discuss mission outreach for 2025 and how Fairview can be more involved in the various Great Miami River District United Women in Faith activities for 2025.

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 Arnold and Lisa Engle-Members of Nominating Committee. Everyone is urged to be present in person or via Zoom.

Please contact Cecelia Long, 937-972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com by Sunday, September 7, if you are not able to be present or need to attend the meeting via Zoom.



**WEST OHIO CONFERENCE
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
ANNUAL CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025
10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

THEME: LIFT EVERY VOICE: DIALOGUE ACROSS DIFFERENCES
PROGRAM: Immigrants' stories and answering the question: "How can we be more welcoming?"

COST: \$20.00
REGISTRATION: August 11 – September 26th
To Register go to westohiouwf.org
Questions: Contact Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com

LOCATION: West Ohio Conference Center
32 Wesley Blvd.
Worthington, OH 43085

**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.



FOOD
FELLOWSHIP
PRAYER
SCRIPTURE

“ATTENTION MEN OF FAIRVIEW”

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR UNITED METHODIST MEN’S MEETING

WHERE: BOB EVANS (MILLER LANE)
WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPT. 13, 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
ED RAPP 937.901.6660

PLEASE NOTE:
BYOB (BIBLE)





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
□	1 LABOR DAY Office and Pantry CLOSED	2 6:30 am KI	3 6:30 am KI 11:00 am Truck Delivery 6:00 pm Pantry	4 6:30 am KI 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	5 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	6 10 am-2 pm Comty. Pen. Church
7 8:30 am Trustee Mtg. 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church	8 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry 6:00 pm SPRC Mtg.	9 6:30 am KI 10:00 am UWIF Leadership Mtg	10 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6:00 pm Pantry	11 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm FROC Banquet 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	12 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	13 8:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Bob Evans 10 am Pantry 10 am-2pm Comty. Pen. Church
14 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church	15 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	16 6:30 am KI	17 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6:00 pm Pantry	18 6:30 am KI 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	19 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	20 10 am-2pm Comty. Pen. Church
21 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am- Worship 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church	22 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry 1:30pm UWIF Circle Meeting	23 6:30 am KI	24 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour Bible Study 6:00 pm Pantry	25 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	26 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	27 10 am-2pm Comty Pen. Church
28 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am- Worship 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church	29 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	30 6:30 am KI				

FINANCIAL REPORT

YTD July 2025

YTD July 2024

Offerings & Revenue	158,352	153,496
Expenses	176,883	172,927
Shortfall	(18,531)	(19,431)

ONLINE *giving*

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.

Breaking News

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The Fairview Food Pantry has just been notified that we have been awarded a Basic Human Needs Grant of \$7,500 from the Dayton Foundation to purchase food and personal care items.

SEPTEMBER



WORSHIP LEADERS



7 Jan Mains
14 Florence Carwell
21 Wayne Hounshell
28 Mike Zuber

7 Gerardine Shukuru
14 Pam Hounshell
21 Ed Rapp
28 MaryBeth Wyss

7 Kathy Schaefer
14 Jackie Mergler
21 Cecelia Long
28 Susie Kurtz



VAN MINISTRY

7 John 937-277-6387
14 Wayne 937-369-7040
21 Art 937-727-2626
28 Greg 937-620-1472



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



SEPTEMBER 7

John & Lilia Shoemaker
Duke & Terry Lunsford

PANTRY NEWS

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS WITH FAITH AND LOVE

SEPTEMBER 2025 PANTRY UPDATE



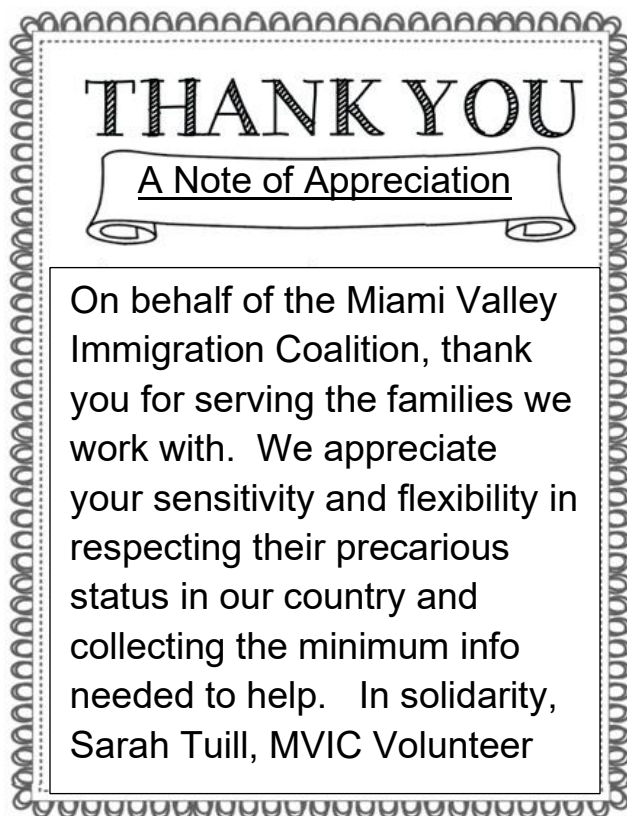
As we move into the fall season, our Fairview Church Food Pantry continues to see a steady stream of neighbors in need. Many families are facing increased grocery prices, and the pantry is often the difference that helps them put balanced meals on the table. In August alone, we welcomed more than 280 household visits, providing not only food but also personal care items to help ease the burden.

We are deeply grateful to our volunteers who faithfully serve each week with smiles, encouragement, and willing hands. We also give thanks to our congregation and community supporters whose donations make this ministry possible. Every can of food, every dollar given, and every prayer lifted makes a real difference.

As the holiday season approaches, we anticipate even greater demand. . Together, we can continue to be a beacon of hope and compassion for our neighbors.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” — Matthew 25:40

2025 PANTRY STATISTICS



MONTH	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS SERVED	TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED
January	266	852
February	252	836
March	270	926
April	264	953
May	247	854
June	270	920
July	273	955
August	287	960
2025 Total	2,129	7,233
2024 Totals	2,842	9,851

SEPTEMBER PANTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY PANTRY CLOSED	2	3 Fred Art Neil Diane Dave Barbara W -I 11:00 am Truck Delivery	4	5 Barbara W. -I Shirley Mc Janet M.	6
7	8 Cecelia - I Rev. Amelia Shirley Mc.	9	10 Fred Art Neil Diane Dave Barbara W. -I	11	12 Cecelia - I Barb R. Jackie	13 Fred -I Pam H. Tracy Polk
14	15 Cecelia - I Barb R. Jackie	16	17 Fred Art Neil Diane Dave Barbara W.- I Pam & Wayne	18	19 Barbara W. -I Susie Shirley Mell	20
21	22 Cecelia - I Tina Susie	23	24 Fred Art Neil Dave Barbara W. I	25	26 Barbara W. -I Shirley Mell Susie	27
28	29 Cecelia - I Tina Lisa	30				

HELP FAIRVIEW BY ENROLLING IN THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



DID YOU KNOW that Fairview United Methodist Church Members and Friends who shop at Kroger stores have the opportunity to help Fairview Church get money from their everyday shopping!!

Here's How: When you use your Kroger card to save money on your groceries, you can also help Fairview be rewarded as well. You may designate Fairview United Methodist Church as the organization that you would like to receive money from Kroger Community Rewards Program. (Some of you may have already designated Fairview as your community organization but others have not designated Fairview).

GO to your Kroger account on line and search through the list of organizations that are already in the Kroger data base. Enter the name of the organization you wish to support. Click "Save". **OR** Call Kroger at 800-KROGERS (800/576-4370)

Talk to a representative who can designate Fairview United Methodist Dayton Ohio as your Community Organization. After about 10 days, you will see Fairview listed on your grocery receipts each time you see information about your Community Rewards.

Based on the persons shopping at Kroger and listing Fairview United Methodist Church in Dayton Ohio as their community organization, Kroger sends a check to Fairview on a regular basis for an unspecified amount.

\$\$ Thank you for helping Fairview as you earn points while shopping at Kroger **\$\$**



Chancel choir rehearsals every Thursday
from 7:15-8:45, beginning September 4.
Bell choir rehearsal from 6:30-7:10
beginning September 25.



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 **Sept. 7**. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!



AROUND TOWN

Andrey and Juan at the Big Band concert

Big Band Night Aug 14 with The Tom Daugherty Orchestra at
the Riverscape Metro park in downtown Dayton





Happy Birthday
wishes to everyone born in the month of

SEPTEMBER

September 2	Ed Farmer
September 3	Kathy Farmer
September 11	Marcella Barrett
September 12	Pastor E. Neil Gaiser
September 12	Kayla Messer
September 12	Jerausi Ndayisaba
September 18	Michelle Forshaw
September 18	Bob Reynolds
September 19	Michael Cox
September 20	Nicole Pritchett
September 27	Tom Wright



The Free Legal Clinic will be open on
Saturday, Sept. 13, 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 bookmarks.



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