

COLUMNS NEWSLETTER



A 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. With great joy in my heart, I announce to you: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" This ancient greeting sums up what we celebrate this Easter Sunday, the joy of Christ risen and alive in our midst.

"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118). This then is the Joyful Good News: Christ by his death

and resurrection has conquered sin so we may live. The Resurrection is the foundation and cornerstone of our faith.

On Easter, we recall God's story – in our story of salvation. The liturgy of Easter reenacts that story and we joyfully celebrate the risen Lord in our midst as He offers Himself anew to each of us. We do this in a spirit of thanksgiving to God who gives His own Son to die in order to rescue us from slavery to sin and death. May we live as people deeply touched by the resurrection and proclaim: Christ is risen, Alleluia! May our encounter with the risen Lord on our journey of faith touch us deeply and transform us as He did for His Disciples. May the resurrection lead us to be the best version of ourselves; committed to live out our Baptismal covenant.

And we of course remember that Easter is a season in the life of the church, and to that end we've got some exciting things coming. Following Easter Sunday, we're going to begin a 5 week sermon series that I'm calling "Easter Encounters."

For the next five weeks we're going to be looking at the encounters that Jesus had with people after the resurrection and how the stories of these post-Easter encounters speak to us in our present time. We'll see how they can actually change our lives today and deepen our walk with God.

I'm also blessed to say that Fairview United Methodist Church is growing! Over the past year we've welcomed several new folks into our loving congregation, and the Easter Season is the perfect time to welcome everyone officially! On the Third Sunday of Easter, April 23rd we'd like to invite everyone who is interested in becoming a member to participate in a special worship service that will feature the Reception into the United Methodist Church Liturgy. If you're interested in becoming an official member of our church, please see or contact me in the days ahead because we'd love for you to be a part of this memorable event!!

When we live the new life of the resurrection, we become the best version of ourselves. We become what St Augustine referred to as an "Easter People", a people transformed into disciples and stewards who commit to give their time, talent and treasure in witness. Let us strive together to be an Easter People!

Free Legal Clinic

The Free Legal Clinic will be open on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at Fairview United Methodist Church, 828 West Fairview Avenue Dayton. Legal Clinic will be **open 10:00 AM to 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. We request that clients of the Clinic wear a mask.

The Legal Clinic provides "triage services" to our clients who are not sure where to go with issues for which they think are candidates for the justice system. We look forward to welcoming those who wish to take advantage of these services. Be safe and well.



United Women in Faith Leadership Team

Fairview United Women in Faith Leadership Team will meet on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 10 a.m. in person or via Zoom if meeting in person is not possible. The team will focus on focus on planning for mission outreach. Members of the Team are asked to contact Cecelia Long, 937/972 -7045 or cealong48@gmail.com by April 7th to say whether you will be able to attend the meeting or if you will need Zoom access. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April 11th meeting.

Fairview United Women in Faith Meeting on April 24, 2023

The Fairview United Women in Faith Circle will meet on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. The leaders for the meeting are: Devotions – Pat White, Response Magazine Moment –Kathy Schaefer, Prayer Guide –Lilia Shoemaker and Program –Joyce Barrier. Very light refreshments will be served. All women are encouraged to attend the meeting of United Women in Faith. The monthly meeting provides an opportunity for spiritual growth and sharing information about the mission outreach of United Women in Faith. Please call Judith Mathes, Coordinator of United Women in Faith, 937 286-2233, to confirm your attendance at the meeting. All women ae encouraged to come and bring a friend with you. The meeting will provide uplifting support and spiritual nourishment for all.

\$5 on the 5th for United Methodist Children's Home (UMCH) Family Services

UMCH Family Services' mission is to help families stay together, reunify, or become new permanent families. To do this, their team must embody clients' experiences and backgrounds. UMCH Family Service knows that our differences make us stronger, and an inclusive culture is where differences are valued, supported, and celebrated.

United Women in Faith supports UMCH Family Service by asking Fairview members and friends to give \$5 on the 5th Sunday of each month. **April 30th will be the opportunity to give your special offering of \$5 or more on the 5th for UMCH Family Services.** Our offerings will help UMCH Family Services continue to benefit families and children who need assistance. Checks may be made payable to Fairview United Methodist Church and designated for \$5 on the 5th UMCH Offering.

West Ohio United Women in Faith and West Ohio Conference 2023 MISSION u Living the Good News: Reflecting God's Love In-Person Session and Virtual Sessions via Zoom

Mission u reflects the theology of the United Methodist Church and the practice of joining personal holiness with social holiness. Through worship, in-depth study, music, prayer, sharing and exploring, we invite you to grow with us in understanding the mission of the church.

In-Person Session check-in at 5:00p.m. Friday, June 16 Virtual Sessions: via Zoom

Closing session ending Sunday, June 18 at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, 12, 19, 26 7-9 p.m.

Location: Bergamo Center for Life Long Learning OR

4400 Shakertown Road, Dayton, OH 45430 Thursdays, July 6, 13,20, 27 10am-noon

Registration: April 1-June 1, 2023 Cost: \$25/person

Zoom Link will be provided 7/3 & 7/6

Single Room w/ lodging + meals \$200/person \$15/youth Includes off-site lodging & food

Double Room w/ lodging + meals \$160/person ** \$65/Commuter includes lunch and dinners

Registration: https://www.westohioumw.org/mission-u

Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045, cealong48@gmail.com may be contacted for more information.

**Persons in the Dayton metropolitan area are encouraged to commute to allow the limited overnight accommodations to be used by those outside the Dayton area.

SPECIAL PROJECT: All participants will be invited to help create a Mission u 2023 quilt.

Adult Curriculum: "Living the Kingdom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation". The Lord's Prayer as recorded in Matthew 6:9-13 will be explored. The invitation is to take a deeper look at the prayer and the role it plays in our faith journey. Book may be purchased at www.umwmissionresources.org cost is \$14.99.

United Women in Faith Reading Program Book Review of <u>The Moment of Lift</u> by Melinda Gates

The United Women in Faith has a list of books that are in the Reading Program for each year. The Reading Program includes books that are geared for adults, youth and children. The main categories of books are: Social Action, Spiritual Growth, Nurturing for Community, Leadership Development and Education for Mission.

Empowering Women Changes the World which is listed under Leadership Development. The book was written in 2019 by Melinda Gates who shares lessons she has learned from the inspiring people she has met during her work and travel around the world. She explains that she wants everyone to see the ways we can lift women up where we live and thereby lift up humanity.

Ms. Gates talked with women about their hopes and dreams for their families as well as for themselves. She found that each woman spoke of one of the ways she could make her own hopes come true was to be with others who respected her and supported her desire to make life meaningful. In every walk of life, women had similar aspirations. They all wanted the best for their children, for their own lives and for their communities.

Ms. Gates believes that as women face their fears, it is primarily the support of other women that helps them to walk through doors that may have been closed in their faces. There will be resistance to seeing women as equal contributing members of our societies. However, all of us must persist to insure that women are included at every level in order to have societies that are addressing the needs of all.

The book is on the United Women in Faith book shelves in the Fairview Library and can be checked out by anyone who wants to read an inspiring book on leadership.

Reviewed by Cecelia Long



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YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE & STATISTICS

Feb 2023

Feb 2022

Offerings	43,049	39,193
Expenses	48,538	44,739
Shortfall	(5,489)	(5,546)

EASTER FLOWERS - 2023

Flowers may be purchased in honor of or in memory of loved ones, or to the glory of God. The flowers may be taken after the 11:00 a. m. Easter service on Sunday, April 9th.

Please fill in the form below and return to the church office or place in the offering plate with a check made payable to Fairview UMC and mark "Easter Flowers." The deadline for orders is Sunday, April 2nd. Money must accompany orders. The names of those being honored, as well as the donors, will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin on April 9th. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY YOUR INFORMATION BELOW.

EASTER FLOWERS FORM

Given by:		
	(Please print)	
In Honor of:		
	(Please print)	
In Memory of:		
	(Please print)	
No. of Flowers:	Cost \$15.00 each	* 90
Total Enclosed:	_	
Phone number of person	on who is ordering:	_
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APRIL SCHEDULE FOR GREETERS

2nd Bertha Messer 9th Debbie Armold 16th Ed & Kathy Farmer 23rd Richard & Shirley McBride 30th Wayne Hounshell

Spring arrived at the corner of Fairview and Catalpa



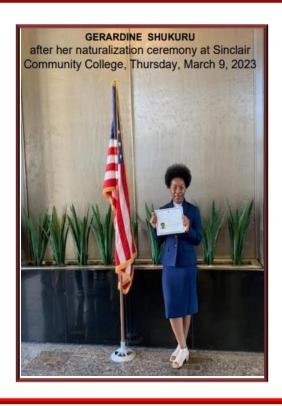


Fairview UMC is starting a Prayer Ministry Team. Our first goal is to reinstate prayer time after the worship service for anyone who wants to meet with someone to pray for their specific needs and requests. There is so much that we can do! It is an exciting time and we encourage your input and ideas. If God is leading you to be a part of this team, contact Joyce Barrier. Our first meeting will be in April.



Everyone's Invited

All are invited to a Performance of "Mary: Her Stories," a dramatic presentation written and performed by Joyce Barrier. Come on Good Friday (April 7th) at 7PM to the first floor Youth Lounge and hear from 3 women who were eye-witnesses to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This is a 45-minute free program that all in the community are invited to attend. It will enrich your understanding of Good Friday and your celebration of Faster.





Gerardine was one of almost 100 people from 44 different countries to be naturalized. Citizenship is reserved for those who present all needed documents to the U. S. State Department, pass the necessary tests, and take the Oath of Loyalty to America. Several members of Fairview United Methodist Church attended the ceremony to witness this monumental event.





Flowers are blooming and the joy of Springtime has come! In the pantry we are so excited about all the new improved possibilities for serving our neighbors. We thank everyone who has made these improvements for us and a big well-done to Dave and Fred for all their work.

Our pantry volunteers were treated to a very special luncheon on Tuesday, March 14th. Rev. Barbara Wiechel, our former pastor, invited us to observe their pantry workings on that day, then followed up with a tasty luncheon.

Since we are in the process of remodeling and upgrading our own pantry, it was quite interesting to see how others serve. We visited with volunteers at Memorial United Methodist Church and shared information on contacts which can further aid needy people. Their pantry facilities are filled with all kinds of donated foodstuffs, with many volunteers from the community, who are not members of MUM. (Continued on next page)

(Pantry News Continued)

Our visit gave us many ideas to better serve our own pantry clients. A particular idea that I liked was packaging cake mix, frosting, candles and a card to give to people celebrating a birthday. We are truly grateful to the folks at Memorial for this sharing time.

Stop by and check out our pantry and get a tour. We are there Monday and Friday from 10 -12 and also on Sunday before Sunday School.

When you are shopping this month, why not pick up an extra can or two of fruit or vegetables for our pantry.

Have a blessed Easter and Wonderful Spring Love Barb and Vicky



TO OUR NEW PANTRY MANAGER



We are thrilled to welcome our new Pantry Manager, Cori Fletcher to the Fairview Family.

She has worked for Habitat for Humanity and Amerisource in other parts of the country. She relocated back to her Ohio roots last year with her husband who works at WPAFB. They have two children and are living in Eaton.

Cori will be working on finding grant opportunities to provide food and funds for the pantry. Additionally, she will be recruiting volunteers to work in the pantry from other churches and area groups.

PANTRY EXPANSION

Work has been completed on the former Christmas Store space to transform it into increased pantry storage. The wall and door opening in the pantry have been removed and finish work is being completed to open up this space for increased use. Feel free to stop by and see these renovations.





2023 PANTRY STATISTICS

Month	Total Households		
	Served	Served	
Jan	51	141	
Feb	64	161	
Total	115	302	

Thank you for your support and donations!

In addition to the food we receive from The Foodbank and other donations, your contributions to the pantry have allowed us to purchase \$3,063 in additional food this year. Donations to the pantry are welcomed any time. You can make automatic monthly donations through our website.

THANK YOU & REMINDER

Please be sure to thoroughly wash your used milk containers that are donated for Memorial United Methodist Church. We thank you for your donations and really appreciate this addition to our food pantry ministry.



PANTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

MON.	3 RD	JANET MICHAEL SHIRLEY MCBRIDE	MON. 17 TH	KATHY FARMER DEBBIE ARMOLD
FRI.	7 TH	GOOD FRIDAY PANTRY CLOSED	FRI. 21 ST	BARBARA BUTTRAM TINA HOWARD
MON.	10 TH	JACKIE MERGLER	MON. 24 TH	INGRID TARTIGULA LESA WINBORN
FRI.	14 TH	BARBARA ROWLANDS	FRI. 28 TH	TINA HOWARD
			SAT. 8 TH	BERTHA MESSER



Daily Devotion and Prayer link at the top of our website at www.fairviewunitedmethodist.org. This is provided by the Upper Room. Check it out.

You can access it from your phone thru Safari (or your browser) and save it as a favorite in your bookmarks. The link is at the top of the screen on your phone.



April 1 Michele Delduca
April 4 Barbara Rowlands
April 5 Joyce Barrier
April 14 James Washington
April 15 Judith Mathes
April 21 David Puderbaugh
April 21 Bob Larsen
April 24 Brooklynn Messer
April 28 Marie Messer
April 29 Tonya Ivory



Jesus in Jerusalem

The youth and children's Sunday School unit, *Jesus in Jerusalem*, will conclude Sunday, April 2.

Due to zero attendance to date, there are no plans for Sunday School for children or youth after April 2.

Childcare for children pre-school through kindergarten will be provided during worship.



Gerald David Nelson

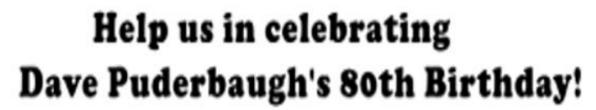
Fairview United Methodist Church

MAY 20, 2023

VISITATION WILL BE AT 1PM,

WITH CHURCH SERVICES

STARTING AT 2PM.



Join us at an OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, APRIL 22 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Dean and Sherri Sutter's home 241 Charlie Court Brookville, Ohio

ABSOLUTELY NO GIFTS PLEASE!!!

SAVE THE DATE

CLEAN



The Trustees are requesting your help at the Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 6th from 9 AM - 12:30 PM. Our project this spring is cleaning and repairing our folding chairs and banquet tables.

Bring your buckets, and we'll meet in the Parish Hall. We will have all necessary supplies. Many hands make light work!



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