



## A Letter from the Pastor



Resurrection Greetings to everyone here at Fairview United Methodist Church as well as our community beyond!

What an exciting time of year it is, especially for those of us who have put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior! A portion of scripture in the Bible shows the tremendous victory Christ won over death as He arose from the grave in power and authority..

1 Corinthians 15:55–57 (NRSVUE) — “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

As I read this passage, it almost seems that the Apostle Paul is taunting death because He knows the resurrection of Christ was then and *continues to be* the ultimate testimony to the truthfulness of the claims of Christ.

In a world of decaying values and shifting “truths,” we as believers know there is One who has never changed and never will change!

From the moment Jesus breathed his final breath on Friday, it seemed death would win, and life would lose. But when Jesus emerged from the tomb on that first Easter Sunday, death itself was defeated and ultimately emptied of its power. Thus, it is in this Easter season that we celebrate this victory of Christ, and we reaffirm our blessed hope that death is not the end of our stories.

Friends, we have a reason to celebrate and worship! In a world that seems overwhelmed with strife and despair, we as Christians should be shining our light MORE and not less! And our light *is* shining brightly here at Fairview, and I will highlight just a few things.

First, our United Methodist Men’s Ministry successfully launched last month. We were blessed to have eleven men in attendance for that first breakfast meeting. There was some wonderful devotions, conversation, and prayer and I’m especially grateful for Ed Rapp’s leadership of this new ministry. Our next steps will be officially chartering, and our next meeting will take place on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM at the Bob Evans on Miller Lane. If you weren’t able to join us for our first outing, we hope you’ll consider joining us this month for a time of fellowship and spiritual formation for men!

Next, as cold and flu season begins to wane in the Miami Valley, we will return to Holy Communion via intinction on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> as I know many of us have been missing this. For those of you who prefer pre-packaged elements or are in need of a gluten free option, we will still have those available as well, rest assured! This is also United Women in Faith Sunday where we will recognize and honor their amazing contributions to the life of our church and community, so we hope you will be there for this important service. My dear friend and colleague Rev. Dr. Nitos Dobles will be serving as our guest preacher.

Finally, we will be spending the Easter Season this year going on a deep dive through the Book of Acts\* in Worship through a sermon series called “In the Name of Jesus...By the Power of the Holy Spirit.” In this series we will be looking at Acts as our model for living in to the reality of the resurrection and claiming the gifts of the Spirit for our ministry as Christ’s disciples to the world.

Death has been defeated, the darkness of the tomb is on retreat, and the light of resurrection life is shining ever brightly here at Fairview. Join us and be a part of it!

\*Please note the readings for Acts will be one week behind in the Lectionary due to my being out of town the first Sunday after Easter.

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**“ATTENTION MEN OF FAIRVIEW”**

**PLAN TO ATTEND OUR UNITED METHODIST MEN’S MEETING**

**WHERE:** BOB EVANS (MILLER LANE)  
**WHEN:** SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024  
**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

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United  
Women  
in Faith

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024 AT 1:30 P.M.

The Fairview United Women in Faith will meet on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at Fairview Church. You may contact Judith Mathes at 937/286-2233 for further information. United Women in Faith takes the time to be in prayer, to support missions that work for the well-being of women, children, and youth, and to share fellowship with each other as love in action is demonstrated regularly.

The April Program is being planned by Judy Gebhart, Devotions – by Kathy Schaefer, Prayer Guide- by Pam Hounshell, and the Response Moment – by Lilia Shoemaker.

Cecelia Long plans to provide a Zoom link for those who cannot attend in person. Contact Cecelia at [cealong48@gmail.com](mailto:cealong48@gmail.com) or 937/972-7045 if you wish to receive the Zoom link.

We look forward to having great fellowship getting to know one another better, enlightening Bible Study, sharing information about United Women in Faith around the globe and having light refreshments. Invite and bring a friend and be part of this vital ministry of Fairview that enriches your life!! See you on April 22<sup>nd</sup>!!

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### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK REVIEW

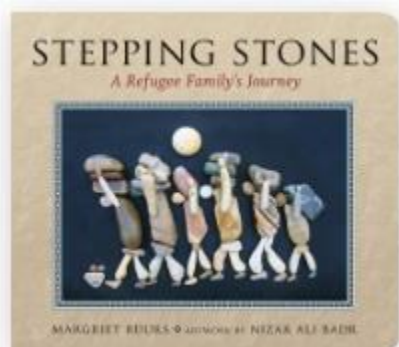
**Title:** Stepping Stones / A Refugee Family's Journey

**Author:** Canadian Margriet Ruurs

**Reviewer:** Judith Mathes

**Illustrated by:** Syrian Nizar Ali Bader

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#### *Stepping Stones – A Refugee Family's Journey*

Illustrated by Syrian Nizar Ali Badr with pictures of his stone art and written by Canadian Margriet Ruurs, that tell the story of refugees fleeing Nizar's war-torn country of Syria. Pictures and story on each of the 22 pages. Easy to read for all ages.

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**FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 AT 10 A.M.**

The Fairview United Women in Faith Leadership Team Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 10 a.m. The Mission Statement: United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

All members of the team are urged to attend to plan the emphases for 2024 and to decide how to best to respond to issues that affect women, children and youth throughout the global community. The meeting will be in person and via Zoom. Please contact Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 if you wish to connect via Zoom or unable to attend.

**FAIRVIEW STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETS ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Members of the Fairview Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet on Monday, April 15, 2024 in the Fairview Library at 6:00 p.m. We will continue to work on issues that affect the staff and the members of Fairview as we work together to share God's love with our church community. The meeting will be in person and via zoom. Please contact Cecelia Long at 937/972-7045 if you are unable to attend. Continue to pray for our staff and for our congregation.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry  3:10 pm Total Solar Eclipse	9 6:30 am KI UWIF Ldrshp Mtg.10:00 am 11 am Food Pantry Truck	10 6:30 am KI 2:15 pm Prayer Ministry Mtg. <b>3:30 pm Renewal Hour</b> 6:00 pm Pantry	11 6:30 am KI  7:15 pm Chancel Choir	12 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	13 10 am-2pm Comty.Pen. Church  10 am Legal Clinic & Pantry  4 pm Open Door MCL
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**YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE & STATISTICS**

**February YTD 2024**

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<b>Offerings &amp; Income</b>	<b>40,283</b>	<b>43,049</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>49,904</b>	<b>48,538</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(9,621)</b>	<b>(5,489)</b>



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.

**NOTES FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR**



Kitchen sinks have specific purposes. The sink to the left of the refrigerator is for hand washing only. No other liquids should be poured into it. Coffee and other drinks should be poured into the bar sink in the parish hall. The three-compartment sink is for dishwashing, rinsing, and sanitizing only. Pre-rinsing dishes or containers should be done over the garbage disposer. Signs will be posted as a reminder. As a licensed commercial kitchen now, we are all responsible for the proper use of the kitchen area.

**FAIRVIEW PRAYER TEAM SAYS, "YOU'RE INVITED!"**

As a TEAM, we are getting creative when we pray at our monthly Prayer Team Meetings. Everyone is invited to join us! Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 10th at 2:15 PM in the church library**. We're trying out different methods to pray. So far, there have been two unique prayer times.

<In February> We used Lego-like building blocks as we prayed for ourselves, our group, and our church. It was a meditative prayer time. At the end we had built a strong tower/building that represents how we work together. It helps to have a visual depiction of what God says and who we are in Christ.

<In March> We each wrote out brief prayer requests in seven different areas and prayed together. We used "Popcorn Prayer" which is where we take short turns to talk to God about those requests (like how kernels of corn pop quickly to make popcorn). Then we each took some of the papers with us and continued praying at home afterwards.

We will do something else in April... you are invited to join us... it is a wonderful way to reinvigorate your prayer time with God! There is a power in coming together for a time of prayer.

You don't need to RSVP, just show up.

If you have any questions, contact Joyce at [gowdye@verizon.net](mailto:gowdye@verizon.net)

And may you experience the Abundant Blessings of living in relationship with the Great God of the Universe!-- What Joy Divine!



**Daily Devotion and Prayer Link at the top of Fairview UMC website**  
[www.fairviewunitedmethodist.org](http://www.fairviewunitedmethodist.org).

You can access it from your phone through Safari (or your browser) and save it as a favorite in your bookmarks.





### GREETERS SCHEDULE

April 7 Bertha Messer      April 14 John H. Larsen  
 April 21 Shirley McBride      April 28 John & Lilia Shoemaker



### WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

April 7 Kathy Schaefer  
 April 14 Duke Lunsford  
 April 21 Florence Carwell  
 April 28 Pam Hounshell



### TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

April 7 Debbie Arnold  
 April 14 Jackie Mergler  
 April 21 Kathy Schaefer  
 April 28 Susie Kurtz



### VAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Need A Ride To Church?**

You **must call** the driver for the Sunday you want to come to church the **day before** or you will **not** be picked up!

April 7 John 937 - 277-6387  
 April 14 Jerry 937 - 689-3176  
 April 21 Art 937 - 279 0650  
 April 28 Greg 937 - 620-1472



### TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

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



### APRIL COMMUNION SERVER SCHEDULE 2024

April 7, 2024 Barbara Rowlands/Jan Mains  
 Kathy Schaefer/Shirley McBride





**PANTRY**

Amazing things are continuing to happen in our Food Pantry. We have moved our Food Bank trucks to every other Tuesday so that we can better supply our clients on Wednesday night which is our busiest time.

One recent Wednesday was an international night. Thanks to Kathy Farmer, our lists have been translated in Spanish and we had an opportunity to put that to the test. A Spanish speaking woman came with her daughter that did speak English. The mother was able to read the list along with her daughter and it was very easy to give them the food that they needed. Additionally, we have been blessed to have the Ndayisaba children and one of their friends helping us on Wednesday night. They were able to assist a couple of our African refugee families and had a great time doing it.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with all different types of tasks. If you are interested, just come at one of the times we are open and we will put you to work.


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**2024 PANTRY STATISTICS**

Month	Total Households Served	Total People Served
Jan.	203	683
Feb.	168	544
Mar.	169	490
<b>2024 Total</b>	540	1,717
<b>2023 Totals</b>	1,536	6,172

**Thank you for your support and donations!**

In addition to the food, we receive from The Foodbank (29,040 pounds YTD) and other donations, your contributions to the pantry and grant funds we have received have allowed us to purchase \$6,744 in additional food this year. Donations to the pantry are welcomed any time. You can also make automatic monthly donations through our website.

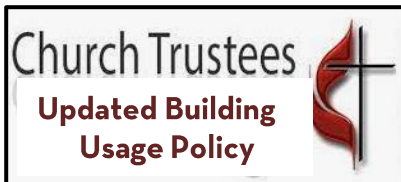
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>PANTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE APRIL 2024</b>	<b>1</b> 9 am-Pantry C. LONG (I) S. MCBRIDE J. MICHAEL	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6 pm Pantry B. WIECHEL (I) F. POLAND K. FARMER E. FARMER D. ARMOLD D. TRITTISCHUH Volunteer Needed	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9 am Pantry B. WIECHEL(I) P. HOUNSHELL LINDA P.	<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 am-Pantry C. LONG (I) T. WALKER J. MICHAEL	<b>9</b> 11 AM Food Pantry Truck	<b>10</b> 6 pm Pantry B. WIECHEL(I) F. POLAND REV. N. GAISER P. HOUNSHELL W. HOUNSHELL D. TRITTISCHUH	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9 am Pantry B. WIECHEL(I) B. ROWLANDS B. MALONEY	<b>13</b> 10 am-Legal Clinic & Pantry B. WIECHEL(I) T. POLK T. WALKER
	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9 am-Pantry C. LONG (I) B. ROWLANDS J. MERGLER	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6 pm-Pantry B. WIECHEL(I) F. POLAND REV. N. GAISER P. HOUNSHELL W. HOUNSHELL D. TRITTISCHUH	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9 am Pantry B. WIECHEL(I) B. BUTTURM S. KURTZ	<b>20</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9 am-Pantry C. LONG (I) T. WALKER M. REYNOLDS	<b>23</b> 11 AM Food Pantry Truck	<b>24</b> 6 pm-Pantry B. WIECHEL(I) F. POLAND REV. N. GAISER K. FARMER E. FARMER D. ARMOLD A. BOOMERSHINE D. TRITTISCHUH	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 am-Pantry B. WIECHEL(I) K. FARMER D. ARMOLD	<b>27</b>
	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9 am Pantry C. LONG (I) T. WALKER Volunteer Needed	<b>30</b>	 <p><b>CONTAINER REMINDER</b></p> <p>Remember to thoroughly wash your used milk containers that are donated to Memorial United Methodist Church. We thank you for your donations and appreciate this addition to our food pantry ministry.</p>			

## FAIRVIEW TRUSTEES

According to the United Methodist Book of Discipline “the board of trustees shall have the supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the local church and of all property and equipment acquired directly by the local church”. At Fairview, we have 9 trustees that have this responsibility. Our trustees wear many hats and work countless hours to maintain and preserve our building and grounds. They perform maintenance, cut grass, clean, review insurance, service computer systems, sponsor semiannual workdays.... the list goes on and on. The savings alone amount to thousands of dollars, and we all appreciate the work they do.

There is currently an open seat on the Board. We are looking for someone who would like to volunteer to help us continue the long legacy of service to Fairview. Is that you? If you would like to be considered, please contact the Pastor.

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The Trustees have updated the Building Usage and Safety Policies.

Click on the desired link to access the documents on google drive.

[EMERGENCY PLAN](#)

[FIRE PLAN](#)

[BUILDING USE POLICY](#)

[WIND PLAN](#)

If you need a hard copy, please contact Carol McDougle in the office at 927-274-2189.



- April 1            Michele Delduca**
- April 4            Barbara Rowlands**
- April 5            Joyce Barrier**
- April 14           James Washington**
- April 15           Judith Mathes**
- April 21           Bob Larsen**
- April 21           David Puderbaugh**
- April 24           Brooklynn Messer**
- April 25           Tina Walker**
- April 28           Marie Messer**
- April 29           Tonya Ivory**



The Free Legal Clinic will be open on Saturday, April 13, 2024 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.



Native American Ministries Sunday is **April 14, 2024**



## COLUMNS

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