

COLUMNS NEWSLETTER



A Letter from the Pastor – August 2022



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 I write these words, I know it is a busy time for everyone in the waning days of summer. We find ourselves planning last minute vacations, getting ready for the new school year, and finishing up all of our summer projects. I am excited myself as Amelia and Rochelle are preparing to head to school for the first time; Amelia will be off to Pre-K and Rochelle will be off to pre-school. These were things we simply couldn't do because of the pandemic. Watching them attend summer camp at Dayton Christian was our preview of this, and it was great to see how much fun they had! My in-laws Virgie and Alejandro are also back here with us, so it is a time of great blessings in our family.

I am also grateful to be serving this amazing church family. It's hard to believe it has been one year (!) since my appointment to Fairview, and I thank God every day for the continued opportunity to be here with all of you. As such, I'm looking forward to everything picking back up into full gear in September and the fall. I'm looking forward to hearing our incredible choir again. I'm looking forward to starting the Renewal Hour Pastor's Bible Study next month, and I'm pleased to say I'm *almost* finished with its lesson plan and curriculum. We will have some exciting things in store, so please stay

tuned! And then over the next few months, I'm looking forward to working with the leadership of the church and ultimately ALL OF YOU as we begin to cast vision for the future of our church. God has great things in store for us, and I trust that the Holy Spirit will be with us as we plan for tomorrow.

But for now, I pray that you will all enjoy these final days of summer and that the blessings of our Lord will ever be with you.



Important Announcement



Effective immediately, masks will be required in the Fairview building until further notice. We will continue to monitor the notices from Montgomery County and the state of Ohio.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 6:30 am KI 9am–Food Pantry | 2 6:30 am KI | 3 6:30 am KI | 4 6:30 am KI 5:30pm Hope Road Radio | 5 6:30 am KI 9am–Food Pantry | 6 1pm Hope Road Radio |
| 7 9th Sun. after Pentecost 9:45am–Sunday School 11am–Worship 1pm Cmty Pen. Church | 8 6:30 am KI 9am–Food Pantry | 9 6:30 am KI | 10 6:30 am KI | 11 6:30 am KI 5:30pm Hope Road Radio | 12 6:30 am KI 9am–Food Pantry | 13 10am–Legal Clinic & Food Pantry 1pm Hope Road Radio |
| 14 10th Sun. after Pentecost 9:45am–Sunday School 11am–Worship 1pm Cmty Pen. Church | 15 6:30 am KI 9am–Food Pantry | 16 6:30 am KI | 17 6:30 am KI | 18 6:30 am KI 5:30pm Hope Road Radio | 19 6:30 am KI 9am–Food Pantry | 20 1pm Hope Road Radio |
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| 28 12th Sun. after Pentecost 9:45am–Sunday School 11am–Worship 1pm Cmty Pen. Church | 29 6:30 am KI 9am–Food Pantry | 30 6:30 am KI | 31 6:30 am KI | | | |



Learn to be a Peacemaker in Sunday School during August

Children of all ages are welcome to join us every Sunday at 10:00-10:45 on the third floor as we learn about Peacemakers in the Bible. We'll meet David and Abigail, Amos, and Micah. Then we will discuss how WE can be Peacemakers in our lives.

We hope to see you every Sunday in August!

Free childcare is available during the 11:00 worship service.

RECOGNIZING JUNE BARR'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

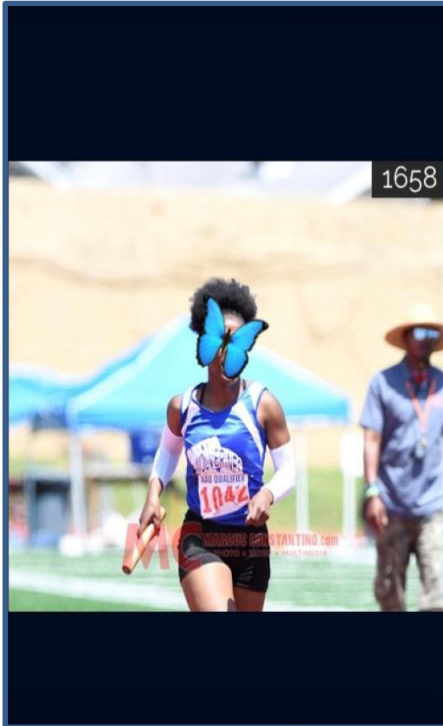
Photos from the centennial celebration in fellowship hall. Thanks to Judith Mathes for organizing this *very special* event, and to Cecelia Long, Lisa Engle and Suzy Kurtz for their valued assistance. Happy Birthday, June!



Pastor Neil's mother and father-in-law from the Philippines.







BIG NEWS!

Gerardine Shukuru and her teammates with the Dayton Wolverines Track Club are traveling to Greensboro, NC July 29-Aug 7 to compete at the Junior Olympics!!

With generous gifts from many Fairview family members, we were able to raise money for her to go- with new shoes, shorts, and a travel bag. We also were able to donate \$450 to the team.

Please keep all the competitors in your prayers as they travel and compete.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

| | YTD June 2022 | YTD June 2021 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Offerings & Income | \$128,437 | \$115,895 |
| Expenses | \$136,515 | \$120,751 |
| Shortfall | (\$8,078) | (\$4,855) |

Contribution statements for the first sixth months of 2022 have been emailed or mailed. Please contact Fred Poland if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued loyal support of Fairview and it's many ministries.



A Word From Endowment

If you have driven into the Fairview Church lot at Fairview and Rugby you surely noticed that our parking lot has been rebuilt and completely resurfaced. It is smooth, and will no longer be treacherous with ice patches in the winter or deep puddles on rainy days.

This parking lot improvement was made possible by a generous lead gift of \$50,000. Fairview's Endowment Fund covered the remainder of the cost at \$65,000.

Expenses such as this \$115,000 parking lot rehab are possible because of a generous donor offering the lead gift and many previous gifts to the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is separate from the budget; this is money set aside, and invested, for needs beyond the yearly operating expenses of our church. While this expense has been met, your gift to the Endowment Fund will make money available for future needs of our congregation.

FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



It's August! Where Did Our Summer Go?

During the month of July, we welcomed 10 new guests in our pantry. We were able to serve 68 people a total of 37 families.

Many of our guests are in need of hygiene products. We are asking for any of those and suggesting shampoo and deodorant for men and women. Anything in the hygiene family is very much appreciated by our guests.

We are so thankful for our caring, faithful Fairview Family. Our volunteers and workers as we work together to serve in Jesus' name.

Blessings, Barb and Vicky

AUGUST PANTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE



MON. 1ST PAM HOUNSHELL
LINDA PAYNE

FRI. 5TH KATHY FARMER
DEB ARMOLD

MON. 8TH SHIRLEY MCBRIDE
JANET MICHAEL

FRI. 12TH BARB ROWLANDS
BONNIE MALONEY

MON. 15TH TINA WALKER
VICKY WENTLING

FRI. 19TH TINA WALKER
BARB ROWLANDS

MON. 22ND JACKIE MERGLER
MARLA REYNOLDS

FRI. 26TH SUSIE KURTZ
PATRICIA WHITE

MON. 29TH INGRID TARTAGLIA
LESA WINBORN

SAT. 13TH PAM HOUNSHELL
BARB ROWLANDS

AUGUST SCHEDULE



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| AUGUST | 7 | Bertha Messer |
| | 14 | Richard & Shirley McBride |
| | 21 | Barbara Rowlands |
| | 28 | Debbie Arnold |

FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fairview United Women in Faith Leadership Team will NOT meet in August but will meet on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. It is hoped that all the team members will have some quality time to rest and re-group during August. September will be the month when regular church activities and meetings will restart. Enjoy the remainder of summer and remember to stay hydrated as much as possible.

FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The Fairview United Women in Faith will not have a meeting in August but will have a Salad Carry-In on Monday, September 26, 2022. The leaders for the meeting will be: Program—Lisa Engle; Prayer Guide --- Cecelia Long; Devotions---Barbara Rowlands and Response Moment—Vicky Wentling. All women on Fairview are invited to come and bring friends who are from Fairview or other churches to the United. Women in Faith meeting and Salad Carry-In. We look forward to seeing as many women as possible. After a summer break, we pray that all are re-energized and ready to serve in every way possible.

TAKE ACTION FOR GUN SAFETY

Once again, we are heartbroken by the news of yet another mass shooting in Highland Park, IL. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a total of 45,222 people died from gun-related injuries of all causes during 2020, the last year for which complete data is available. In a statement by Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society, we are urged as United Methodists to "recognize that gun violence has become an all-too-frightening phenomenon. Now more than ever, let's stand together in "Our Call to End Gun Violence. (2016 Book of Resolutions, #3428)." We must remain hopeful. With conviction, we must do everything in our power to stop the violence. Let our prayers turn into action for women, children, and youth.

Here's what YOU can do:

- Go to our [national website](#) and search "gun violence" to find out more action you can take to help the schools in our community.
- [A message on gun violence from UWF General Secretary Harriett Jane Olson](#)
- Call or write your state representatives and ask them to advocate for more legislation to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, requiring the safe storage of firearms and further strengthen background checks.

Not sure who represents you at the State House? Go [here](#).

To leave a telephone message for your State Representative or State Senator, call 1-800-282-0253.

Contact Senator Portman's and Senator Brown's Office through the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask them to advocate for more gun safety legislation.



Virtual Book Club



Settling down with a great book allows you an escape—and the space to contemplate ideas that might have never crossed your mind had you not chosen the book in the first place. And sometimes you just want to discuss what you've read with another who loves to read just like you.

Sharing a book helps us to bring ideas off the page and into the world. That's why we have created *OUR BOOK CLUB*. This will be a great space to connect in community, make some new friends, and open your world to greater possibilities. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Hosted by
Marcia Florkey
Sunday, September 11
4:00-5:15 pm ET**

Save the date to join us for this discussion of the Spiritual Growth selection from the United Methodist Women's Reading Program: *Right Here Right Now*.

Registration will open on September 1.

CHOIR FOR THE YEAR (2022–2023)



Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 8th, at 7:15pm in the choir room. We will start singing in church services, beginning Sunday, September the 11th. I am really looking forward to making music with you all once again! Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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| August 2 | Shirley McBride, Nelson Clair |
| August 6 | Jerry Gribler |
| August 7 | Candice Sweet |
| August 10 | Kim Messer, Barbara Wiechel |
| August 14 | Wauneta Howe |
| August 16 | Barbara Buttram |
| August 17 | Rene' Steuve |
| August 21 | Greg Zuber |
| August 22 | Vicky Wentling, David Wyss |
| August 24 | Larry Gebhart |
| August 28 | Oscar Ndayisaba |
| August 29 | Joyce Grillmeier |



KIDS INSTITUTE

SWEET SWEET SUMMER at THE KID'S INSTITUTE!

Our 2022 Summer Camp theme has lived up to it's hype! Enrollment is UP! We FINALLY have become a FAMILY!

We had a rocky start with LOTS of Chiefs and not many "Indians" haha..and so not so sweet moments (smile), but we finally learned to embrace the many large personalities and live together in a just community!

In the last 71 days, we have created artistic masterpieces, many earned their "yellow belts" in Karate, the new students began the journey of aspiring to this goal, we have served over 3700 meals, drank 187 gallons of milk, eaten undisclosed amounts of cake, ice cream, cookies, and candy. We have worked hard in Math and Social Studies, we are taking classes in mindfulness, we have explored music of different cultures, we have laughed, giggled, helped our fellow classmates, and thru activities that are disguised as PLAY BASE, we have explored algebra, chemistry, reasoning and logic. we have planned and sequenced, discovered that actions bring consequences, we have discovered the power of prayer, the importance of forgiveness.



We are blessed to call Pam Hounshell and Dr. Art Mehaffey mentor/teacher/friend. We zoom gardens of my friends and Plant Doctors who stop by to give us tips..

We continue to nurture our souls by our monthly commitment to the FOOD PANTRY, and our Garden. The tiny seeds started in the Parish Hall under the grow lights are beginning to bring us carrots/tomatoes/ zucchini/corn/ beets/broccoli/ green beans. The WONDER GARDEN is one of their FAVORITE daily activities the ownership is AMAZING. The Kid's have been great resources of how to grow from seed, what each plant requires, disease control, and they have fed themselves TWICE already from their bounty of squash and green beans.



We have bowled, rolled, danced, played in the rain, prayed on our knees, been too dirty to wash, grown and changed.

All with intent
All with God's grace
All because you share with us, this space.
Blessings abundantly,
Mrs. Ivory and Staff



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