



FAIRVIEW
United Methodist Church

its the most
DECEMBER
wonderful time of the year

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. The Christmas season has always been one of my favorite times of the year. It calls to mind happy memories of my childhood. I need but close my eyes and I'm transported to another time when my parents are smiling and laughing as I run down the stairs and tear into my presents on Christmas morning.

Now, of course, the joy has shifted to celebrating Christmas with my own family, especially my daughters Amelia and Rochelle. They are so excited for Christmas, and so I always try to bring them the same joy that my parents once gave me. And when I see that joy reflected in their eyes, as I'm sure my parents once saw in mine, my heart is full.

But this season also calls to mind the joys of being a minister during the Advent and Christmas seasons with the beautiful church decorations, the sounds of our organ, our choir, and the Cantata, and all those timeless Christmas Carols, things that remind me of the promise of God's nearness.

Now of course Advent and Christmas are two distinct seasons in the Christian Year, each with its own purpose. By observing Advent, the church begins the Christian Year by focusing on the promises for the culmination of all things in Jesus Christ. We anticipate Christ's second coming to fulfill all things as a means to prepare ourselves for the celebration of His first coming during the Christmas season. For the first three Sundays in Advent, we will be exploring these key themes in our Gospel readings each week, followed by the joy of the Cantata on the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Then, as we look ahead to the wonder of our Christmas Eve service, I want all of us in the Fairview Family to be thinking about spreading the light and the hope of the Christmas story to all those around us. To that end, I've been working with outreach.com, a United Methodist organization whose mission is to help churches build bridges to their communities in order to share the Gospel more often and more effectively. With their assistance, I have designed a beautiful Christmas Eve Invitation Card that we will be inserting in the bulletins and handing out before and after worship over the next several weeks. I would like all of us to be inviting others to join us for our inspiring Christmas Eve service and to spread this joy far and wide. Think of inviting family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors....even the cashier at Walmart or your waitress at Bob Evans. Simply hand them the card and say, "I'd like to invite you to join us on Christmas Eve!" This is but one way that we can focus on spreading the light of our Incarnate Savior wherever we go, and show others what an amazing, welcoming, and loving church we are. I hope you'll join me in spreading these invitation cards all over Dayton!

Finally, after much prayerful discussion, your Worship Planning Committee and I have decided that after you spend Christmas Eve with us live and in person for our most beautiful service of the year, we'd like to ensure that all of you have the time that you need with your family and friends on Christmas Day. Because of this, rather than having an in-person worship service at 11:00 a.m., we will instead make use of our streaming capabilities and offer a FULLY ONLINE Christmas Day worship experience on our YouTube page; which will be a beautiful Festival of Lessons and Carols that you can feel free to tune into at any part of the day that is convenient for you! Spend that time that you'd normally be in church with God's gift of friends and family and catch our Christmas Day service online!

It is a joy to be spending my second Advent and Christmas season with the Fairview Family. I love all of you and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!!



CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Our Christmas Day Service will be on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.
Go to YouTube.com and search for Fairview United Methodist Dayton.

[Click here to go to our YouTube Page!](#)

[Fairview United Methodist Church Dayton - YouTube](#)



Bishop Palmer Calls Special Session Of The West Ohio Annual Conference



Or use Control and Click → [Special Session](#) to go to the webpage.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				6:30 am KI 1 6:30 pm Chancel Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	6:30 am KI 2 9 am—Food Pantry	10am-2 pm 3 Comty. Pen. 4:00 pm Open Door Class
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2nd Sun. of Advent 9:45 am—Sunday School 11am—Worship Comty. Pen. 1:00pm	6:30 am KI 9 am—Food Pantry	6:30 am KI	6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour	6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Chancel Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	6:30 am KI 9 am—Food Pantry	10 am-2pm Comty. Pen. 10:00 am—Legal Clinic & Food Pantry
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3rd Sun. of Advent 9:45 am—Sunday School 11am—Worship Comty. Pen. 1:00pm	6:30 am KI 9 am—Food Pantry 6:00 pm SPRC	6:30 am KI 10am UWF Leadership Mtg.	6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour	6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Chancel Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	6:30 am KI 9 am—Food Pantry	10 am-2pm Comty. Pen. 10 am Cantata Rehearsal
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4th Sun. of Advent 9:45 am—Sunday School 11 am Cantata Bethlehem's Child	6:30 am KI 9 am—Food Pantry	6:30 am KI	6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour	6:30 am KI	6:30 am KI 9 am—Food Pantry	10 am-2pm Comty. Pen. 7:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29	30	31
 Comty. Pen. 1:00pm	Food Pantry Closed		3:30 pm Renewal Hour	9 am—Food Pantry		NEW YEARS EVE

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	2022 October YTD	2021 October YTD
Offerings & Income	216,734	187,136
Expenses	222,498	212,635
Shortfall	(5,764)	(8,076)

A Note From the Board of Trustees

Hello Fairview Church!

The December Work Project this month is cleaning the George Clark Room kitchen! Jan Mains is leading this project on Tuesday, December 6, 9:30 – 11:30 AM.

Thank you!! Thank you!!

Work has been completed on closing one parking lot entrance on Rugby Rd. Thanks for your patience during this project.

Equipment has been ordered and HVAC work has been completed on our pantry renovation and expansion. Thank you to the Food Bank and the Northwest Dayton Partnership for a \$26,000 grant towards funding this project.



Beginning in January, we will begin looking toward the future of Fairview Church. Strategic Planning Associates will be guiding us through a strategic direction assessment. This will involve meeting with members of the Church Council, Trustees, the Open Door Class, and other interested members. The process will take about 3 months and help us focus on a plan moving forward. Please see Fred Poland if you have any questions.



A Christmas Cantata, presented by the Chancel Choir, Soloists, Organ, Brass, and Bells. Please join us in worship. This would be a good Sunday to invite friends and family!

PLEASE JOIN US IN WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 11:00 A.M.
BETHLEHEM'S CHILD



YOU'RE INVITED!

Christmas Eve Worship

DECEMBER 24TH, 7PM

*CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Join our welcoming community as we celebrate the simple joys of Christmas.



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You are invited to join us as we celebrate Christmas Eve here at **Fairview United Methodist Church**, where you will be warmly greeted by friendly people, festive Christmas music, and the splendor of our beautifully decorated church. You will experience some of the most uplifting traditional worship in the city of Dayton with our full Chancel Choir lifting high in the praise of our Incarnate Savior, the deep, resonant sound of our beautiful pipe organ, and an inspiring holiday message from Rev. Neil Gaiser. Bring the whole family and invite a friend for this very special night of worship honoring the birth of our Lord and Savior, you won't want to miss it! No matter who you are, no matter where you've been, we have a seat for you at Fairview United Methodist Church!!

FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GREETERS



DECEMBER SCHEDULE

4	Bertha Messer
11	Debbie Arnold
18	Wayne Hounshell

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DECEMBER 2022

Santa was in a Jiffy (Mix) preparing for his big day. He thought maybe I can treat my elves by serving them Saltine (Crackers) with their Chicken Noodle (Soup). Our little story could have a very happy ending if we could help the pantry elves with the items this month.

In November we served a total of 49 families. 10 of the 49 families were new to the pantry.

We served a total of 131 people. 90 of the 131 were adults. 68 of the 90 adults were ages 18-59. 22 were seniors ages 60 and over. 41 were children ages 0-17 years. As we prepare to welcome the Christ child once again into our hearts, we want to wish each of you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas Love Barb & Picky

2022 PANTRY STATISTICS

Month	Total Households Served	Total People Served
Jan	38	84
Feb	42	90
Mar	39	88
Apr	59	136
May	51	123
Jun	53	137
Jul	55	110
Aug	60	137
Sep	53	126
Oct	51	112
Nov		
Dec		
Total	488	1,109

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 \$10,946 in additional food.

Donations to the pantry are welcomed at any time.

DECEMBER PANTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

FRI. 2ND	PAM HOUNSHELL PATRICIA WHITE	MON. 19TH	INGRID TARTAGLIA LESA WINBORN
MON. 5TH	JANET MICHAEL SHIRLEY MCBRIDE	FRI. 23RD	SUSIE KURTZ PATRICIA WHITE
FRI. 9TH	BARBARA ROWLANDS BONNIE MALONEY	MON. 26TH	CLOSED
MON. 12TH	JACKIE MERGLER TINA HOWARD	FRI. 30TH	KATHY FARMER DEBBIE ARMOLD
FRI. 16TH	BARBARA BUTTRAM TINA HOWARD	SAT 10TH	PAM HOUNSHELL BARBARA ROWLANDS VICKY WENTLING



CHRISMON TREE IN THE FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SANCTUARY

Each year beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, the Chrismon tree is placed at the front of the Fairview United Methodist Church Sanctuary. The Chrismon tree was first used by North American Lutherans in 1957. Catholics, Anglicans, United Methodists, and Reformed are some churches that use the Chrismon tree as a symbol of the true meaning of Christmas.

The word Chrismon is a contraction of the two words – Christ and Monogram. It is traditionally a Christmas tree that is decorated with symbols from Christian history that tell the story of the true spiritual meaning of Christmas. Christian monograms or Chrismons have been used throughout the ages as signs of Christian faith. The evergreen tree is decorated with clear lights and symbolizes the eternal life Jesus Christ provides. Chrismons are made of white and gold material which were the liturgical colors of the Christmas season. The Chrismons that decorate the Fairview tree were made by the Fairview women as they worked many hours to create the beautiful symbols of Christ.



DECEMBER

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| December 3 | Melodie Larsen |
| December 7 | Maurice Hollingsworth |
| December 20 | Doug Kneisly |
| December 23 | David Thompson, Denise Zuber |
| December 26 | Bertha Messer, Jennifer Messer |
| December 29 | Sonia Kreider |
| December 31 | Jane Puderbaugh |

2022 Christmas Poinsettias Form

Fairview Church will again be decorated with poinsettias during the 2022 Advent/Christmas season. We will be using large pots of poinsettias again this year. To participate in this ministry, please return the form below with a check for \$12.00 for each plant ordered, **no later than Sunday, December 11.** In addition to poinsettias,



contributions may be made to one of our mission projects listed on the form below. **Poinsettias may be removed from the church on Saturday, December 24** following Christmas Eve worship. The names of those being remembered, as well as the donors, will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18.

THE DEADLINE DATE IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

Given by: _____

(Please print)

In Honor of:

(Please print)

In Memory of:

(Please print)

POINSETTIAS

No. of Plants ____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____

MISSIONS:

- 1. \$ _____ Fairview/Fairview Partnership
- 2. \$ _____ Christmas Store
- 3. \$ _____ Food Pantry

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR POINSETTIAS AND MISSIONS \$ _____

**Please make checks payable to:
Fairview United Methodist Church**

Memo: for Christmas Poinsettias/Missions Project (See above missions list)





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