



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. I hope this letter finds all of you well and enjoying your summer.

As has happened many times before, I find myself writing this letter in the midst of a heatwave. Just the other day, we *attempted* a family outing at the Dayton Air Show. This was something we'd taken the girls to in the past and they really enjoyed it, but this year it was in the mid-90s, so naturally it wasn't long before they were justifiably complaining about the heat, and we had to call it a day.

I am also grateful to have served with our Director of Music, Carol Chatfield. I'm truly blessed to have called her both a friend and colleague. God has blessed her with the unique gifts to direct our choir all these years, and she has blessed all of us with her leadership. We also know that it hasn't always been easy. Any time that God places a calling on our lives, and we actually heed it, we know there will be challenges and difficult seasons. Ministry never comes easy. But one of the things that I've always admired about Carol since getting to know her is her perseverance.

Nevertheless, I'm always grateful for the summer months. I get to spend more time with my daughters since they're home from school. I like to take long prayer walks in the evenings when the weather has finally cooled down a bit. Just recently, in fact, I was walking in a nearby park just after night had fallen and I saw hundreds of fireflies taking flight in the field. It was so beautiful and captivating that I just sat down on a bench nearby and watched them silently for several minutes. This scene brought an overwhelming feeling of peace and tranquility.

It reminds me that summer presents us with opportunities to slow down, to get away from the human made world, and step into nature, which can be such a healing and revitalizing force for us spiritually.

Ancient spiritual traditions of the world certainly understood the value of the transformative power of nature, and I think our sense of that is being lost in this modern world with our overly busy schedules and our screens. So I'd urge everyone to find your own fireflies in the field moments this summer. Let it ground you and bring you back to the presence of God through God's majestic creation.

Turning our attention back to the church, I just want to briefly underline a couple things I mentioned on recent Sundays. First, as we think about the future and aim for growth, I remind all of you that I'm specifically looking for your insight. Your voices are every bit as important as my own. What do you see here? What is going well? What needs to be changed as we seek to become a more invitational and welcoming congregation? Do you have ideas for this or do you see areas where we need to improve? Please inform both myself and other leadership....all your comments are welcome.

Secondly, I'm grateful that our United Women in Faith is taking the lead on creating an ice cream social event for our neighborhood. We are hoping to make it happen sometime this month. This is a great way to connect and raise our visibility right here in the community. If you're interested in helping out with the planning, promotion of the event, or even helping out on the day of, do let us know. There will be more information to come soon.

Finally, I wish you all a happy and blessed 4th of July! Let us, on that day, remember the concluding words of the Declaration of Independence: "With a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."



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FOOD
FELLOWSHIP
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FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST MEN

Purpose: To encourage and support the spiritual growth through the study of God's Word and Christian Fellowship. Come join us in September when we return to our monthly meeting.



United
Women
in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH AND UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEADERSHIP TEAM WILL NOT MEET IN JULY AND AUGUST 2024

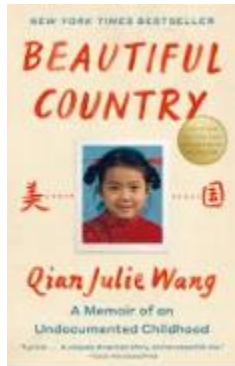
During the months of July and August, the United Women in Faith and the United Women in Faith Leadership Team will take a break from their regular meetings. Meetings for both groups will resume in September. We believe that you can still nurture your spirit while enjoying the warmer temperatures and while traveling with family and friends.

Everyone is encouraged to continue to READ the wonderful books that are in the Reading Program for United Women in Faith. The books that are reviewed each month in the Fairview Columns are available from the Dayton Public Library.

Please see the September Columns for Meeting Information for both groups.

Thank you.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH BOOK REVIEW



Title: Beautiful Country
Author: Qian Julie Wang
Reviewer: Cecelia M. Long

[CLICK HERE TO PREVIEW BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY by Qian Julie Wang](#)

In Chinese, the word for America, Mei Guo, translates directly to “Beautiful Country”. But when the seven year-old Qian arrives in New York City in 1994 as an undocumented child full of curiosity, she is overwhelmed by crushing fear and scarcity. In China, Qian’s parents are professors. In America Qian’s family is ‘illegal’ and must work in sweatshops. It takes all the determination and short moments of joy for them to survive.

This beautifully written and heart rendering memoir will make you stop and think what it is must be like for a child to never be called the correct name by the Americans who are her teachers, her classmates, or her landlord. They don’t take the time to listen to her pronounce her own name and to repeat what they hear her say. Qian and her family are undocumented after their initial visa expires. In Chinese, undocumented means being the dark, being blacked out (becoming invisible)

This book helped me to understand a different side of immigration and how hard it is to be in a place which offers hope to so many, yet makes it extremely difficult to be accepted as human beings. I found myself crying when ‘Americans’ of every race, were demeaning and cruel to persons who come from very different cultures. This is a painful reminder that this America that we call home, does not extend a welcome for many people who come looking for a new start and find doors closing in their faces over and over again.

Beautiful Country rings with deep passion and shares truthfully how Qian and her family are forced to navigate a brand new country that has many gaps in the ‘American Dream’. The author, Qian Julie Wang, is a graduate of Swarthmore College and of Yale Law School. She is dedicated to advocating for education and civil rights of all.

BABY SHOWER BASKETS FOR WESLEY CENTER DAYTON**SIGN UP TO CONTRIBUTE BABY ITEMS****BEGINNING SUNDAY JULY 14, 2024**

The United Women in Faith is asking your help to fill baby shower baskets for The Wesley Center Dayton for the Baby Ready Infant Mortality Program. The program trains Mothers-to-Be to learn how to take care of their new babies and to help them live longer and healthier lives. There are regular baby showers for Mothers-to-Be and a basket of baby items is given to each of the program graduates.

Fairview United Women in Faith would like to fill at least 2 baskets, one for a girl and one for a boy. Sign-up Sheets will be posted in the Welcome Center of the Church beginning on Sunday, July 14, 2024. The items listed will have a space for persons to sign up to bring the item. Items can be purchased in the summer and brought to the church by Sunday, September 8, 2024. We were able to fill 2 baskets in 2023 and would like to do the same this year or even to do additional baskets. All items are very much needed and appreciated. Contact Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com as needed.

Items Needed are sizes 3 and 9 months as follows:

Long sleeved sleepers (2-3 per pack)

Onesies (3-5 per pack)

Boy outfit / Girl Outfit (pants-shirt, dress-pant)

Hats (3-5 per pack size 0-3 month)

Socks (4-8 per pack)

Diapers (size 1 soft sided pack with about 62 diapers)

Baby wipes (about 56 wipes)

Pack of 3 baby towels

3-4 pack of Burp Cloths

Large blanket (homemade is fine)

Receiving Blankets (4-5 in pack)

Baby Bibs (4-6)

Small hand Toy /Rattle

Small-Medium Baby-safe stuffed Animal

Walmart Gift Card for Mother (\$20)

Sturdy Laundry Basket to hold Baby Items

JULY

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	2 6:30 am KI 10:00 am Pantry Food Truck Delivery	3 6:30 am KI 6:00 pm Pantry	4 Church Office Closed 	5 6:30 am KI Pantry Closed	6 10 am-2 pm 1 Comty. Pen.Church
7 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church	8 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	9 6:30 am KI	10 6:30 am KI 6:00 pm Pantry	11 6:30 am KI	12 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	13 9 am Pantry & Legal Clinic 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 6:00 pm Pantry	18 6:30 am KI	19 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry	20 10 am-2pm Comty. Pen. Church
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YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE & STATISTICS

May YTD 2024

May YTD 2023

Offerings & Income	108,279	113,227
Expenses	127,147	125,129
Shortfall	(18,867)	(11,902)



ONLINEgiving

Contributions to Fairview can be made at:

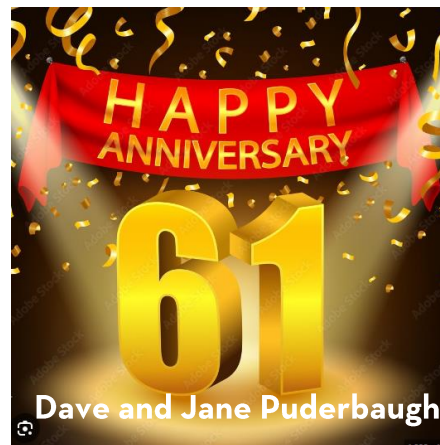
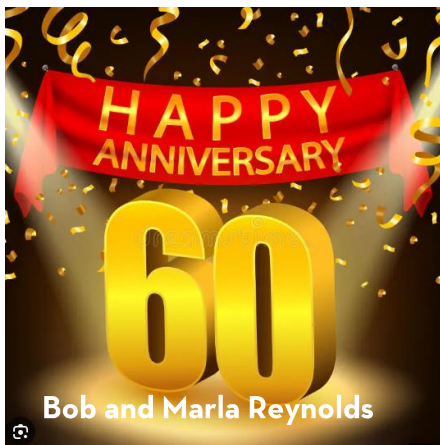
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZK/home> You can use this link to make donations, support the pantry, order altar flowers, and make other gifts. Please contact the treasurer if you have any questions.

A summer evening with five church members and Igor Golovcsenko

Marla & Bob Reynolds, Matt Adams, Juan Peters and Andrey Golovcsenko enjoyed a recent summer evening of Big Band music at Riverscape MetroPark. The Tom Daugherty Orchestra entertained an appreciative crowd of spectators and dancers under the park's pavilion. Did you know that Marla and Bob first met each other at a ballroom dance class?



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



GREETERS SCHEDULE



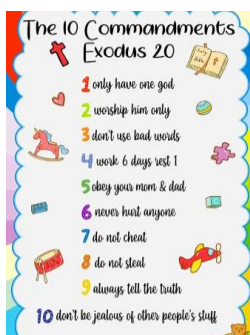
July 7	Bertha Messer	July 21	Wayne Hounshell
July 14	Debbie Arnold	July 28	Sherri Sutter

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE



July 7	Cecelia Long
July 14	Duke Lunsford
July 21	Barbara Rowlands
July 28	Jerry Gribler

TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE



July 7	Jackie Mergler
July 14	Bertha Messer
July 21	Kathy Schaefer
July 28	Terri Hoernemann

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!

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

TRUSTEES SCHEDULE



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

COMMUNION SERVER TEAM

JULY COMMUNION SERVERS SCHEDULE 2024

JULY 7	Jan Mains/Sherri Sutter Barbara Rowlands/Shirley McBride
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PANTRY PARTYLINE

The numbers don't lie.... there are lots of people buzzing about our food pantry. June was another busy month as our hardy group of volunteers unloaded trucks, stocked shelves and helped our clients make the choices of the food they like and need. The children of Kid's Institute are stocking our miscellaneous shelves and learning how a grocery store works.

The stories we hear show that circumstances change for our clients. A man suddenly is caring for his 3 children for the summer. Another grandmother has taken in grandchildren and great grandchildren unexpectedly. On one Wednesday night, we served 38 households....to quote our volunteer watching the door "I just couldn't turn anyone away". We are doing the work that we have been put here to do for our neighborhood.

Thank you Kathy Farmer for becoming our volunteer scheduler. She is starting with the July schedule. Please contact Kathy if you need to make any changes or cannot serve on your day. Your presence is essential on the day scheduled. We will soon be implementing a public facing schedule so you can look during the month and see when you are working. Watch for details on that in the near future.

Donna and Fred are busy wrapping up reports on our ending grants and applying for new funds including Wright Patt Credit Union Sunshine Fund.



We have several persons from outside our congregation that are working with us. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors. It's a great experience!

2024 PANTRY STATISTICS

Month	Total Households Served	Total People Served
Jan.	203	683
Feb.	168	544
Mar.	169	490
Apr.	210	692
May	231	811
June	252	846
2024 Total	1,233	4,066
Annual 2023 Totals	1,536	6,172

Thank you for your support and donations!

In addition to the food we receive from The Foodbank (almost 50,000 pounds YTD) and other donations, your contributions to the pantry and grant funds we have received have allowed us to purchase over \$14,000 in additional food this year. Donations to the pantry are welcomed any time. You can also make automatic monthly donations through our website.

SUN	MON (9am – 12)	TUE	WED(5:30-8pm)	THUR	FRI(9am – 12)	SAT(10am – 12)	
JULY PANTRY SCHEDULE	1 C. Long (I) S. McBride J. Michael	2  10:00 am Food Pantry Truck	3 (I) B. Wiechel F. Poland D. Trittschuh L. Lovelace A. Mehaffey N. Gaiser		5 PANTRY CLOSED	6	
	7	8 C. Long (I) Susie Kurtz Deb Dunlap A. Boomershine	9	10 (I) K. Farmer E. Farmer D. Trittschuh L. Lovelace A. Mehaffey D. Arnold	11	12 B. Wiechel (I) B. Rowlands B. Maloney T. Walker	13 B. Wiechel (I) Tracey Polk Deb Dunlap
	14	15 C. Long (I) B. Rowlands J. Mergler	16	17 (I) B. Wiechel F. Poland D. Trittschuh L. Lovelace A. Mehaffey N. Gaiser	18	19 B. Wiechel (I) K. Farmer D. Arnold T. Walker	20
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	28	29 C. Long (I) T. Walker Volunteer needed	30	31 (I) B. Wiechel F. Poland D. Trittschuh L. Lovelace A. Mehaffey N. Gaiser			



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



- July 2 Susie Kurtz
- July 3 Willow Gear
- July 4 Marla Reynolds
- July 15 Becky McDaniel
- July 18 Lilia Shoemaker
- July 30 Amanda Gear
- July 30 Ameilia Gaiser
- July 31 Gerardine Shukuru

We'd love to hear from you!

If you have feedback or suggestions for our next edition, please go to our church website, scroll down to contact us.



CONTACT US



The Free Legal Clinic will be open on Saturday, July 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



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.

Birthday card & flowers





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