

COLUMNS NEWSLETTER



A Letter from the Pastor – July 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. I hope this letter finds all of you well and enjoying your summer.

I write this in the midst of a heat wave, with temperatures pushing the mid to upper 90s virtually every day, but frankly I'll take this warmer weather over the colder winter months! It's still a wonderful time to be outside, to be traveling, and to be spending time with friends and family.

In the midst of that, much has been happening both in the Annual Conference and at the District levels. We just wrapped up another virtual Annual Conference last month and we're especially pleased to announce that Candace Sweet has become our new Lay Delegate representing the church at the Annual Conference. She and I attended those LONG Zoom sessions from the comfort of our own homes, and next year we hope that the Annual Conference will once again be able to meet in person. Along those lines, it was announced that the Annual Conference will be moving from Lakeside to the campus of Otterbein College in Columbus. And while I'll miss the ambiance of being up at Lakeside, I'm nevertheless grateful for the move...it is more practical and a lot closer to home! If you are interested in seeing the summary of the

2022 Annual Conference, you can find it here by clicking on this link:



<https://www.westhioumc.org/ac/2022>

Also, we will be welcoming our new District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Jim Wilson II (who was most recently serving as the Senior Pastor at Church of the Messiah in Westerville) to Dayton this month as he begins his new charge of overseeing the great Miami Valley District. Please pray for him and his family in this time of transition, and for wisdom and discernment in leading our District into a great and new chapter!

Finally, I just want to reiterate that I'm always here for you, even in the midst of these busy summer months for spiritual direction, counseling, or any other needs that you may have. I am almost always in the office Monday-Thursday from 1-6pm (my days off are Friday and Saturday), and I am also *always* available by appointment if you'd like to reach out to me by phone or email to set something up. You can also contact our Administrative Assistant if you don't already have my cell phone number or email and additionally, we have my business card available for you in the church office. As always, I greatly welcome your visits and making connections with all of you. Last but not least, if YOU have any gatherings, events, or celebrations that you'd like me to be a part of, please don't hesitate to reach out to me for that as well.

I hope all of you have a happy and blessed 4th of July!!



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | 9am–Food Pantry | 1pm Hope Road Radio |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 4th Sun. after Pentecost 9:45am–Sunday School 11am–Worship |  HOLIDAY Office Closed Pantry - Closed | 6:30 am KI | 6:30 am KI | 6:30 am KI 5:30pm Hope Road Radio | 6:30am -KI 9am–Food Pantry | 10am Food Pantry 1pm Hope Road Radio |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 5th Sun. after Pentecost 9:45am–Sunday School 11am–Worship | 6:30 am KI 9am–Food Pantry | 6:30 am KI | 6:30 am KI | 6:30 am KI 5:30pm Hope Road Radio | 6:30am -KI 9am–Food Pantry | 1pm Hope Road Radio |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 6th Sun. after Pentecost 9:45am–Sunday School 11am–Worship | 6:30 am KI 9am–Food Pantry | 6:30 am KI | 6:30 am KI | 6:30 am KI 5:30pm Hope Road Radio | 6:30am -KI 9am–Food Pantry | 1pm Hope Road Radio |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 7th Sun. after Pentecost 9:45am–Sunday School 11am–Worship | 6:30 am KI 9am–Food Pantry | 6:30 am KI | 6:30 am KI | 6:30 am KI 5:30pm Hope Road Radio | 6:30am -KI 9am–Food Pantry | 1pm Hope Road Radio |
| 31 |  The Circle and Leadership Team for United Women In Faith (UWIF) will not meet in the month of July. We will resume our meetings in September. | | | | | |
| 8th Sun. after Pentecost 9:45am–Sunday School 11am–Worship | | | | | | |



Come to Sunday School in July and Meet
**People of Faith
in the Old Testament**

Deborah

Gideon

Esther

Daniel

Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego

Children of ALL ages are WELCOME!

Come to the third floor, every Sunday 10:00 - 10:45

(Free childcare is available during the 11:00 service)

FAITH CLASS MEMBER BAPTISM

Faith Class member Roger Caywood received his long-awaited baptism on Sunday morning, June 26. Pastor Neil Gaiser officiated and led the baptismal covenant, assisted by Faith Class teacher Art Mehaffey.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

| | YTD May 2022 | YTD May 2021 |
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| Offerings & Income | \$102,213 | \$93,994 |
| Expenses | \$117,160 | \$104,316 |
| Shortfall | (\$14,947) | (\$10,332) |

Thank you for your continued faithful giving to Fairview. Just as in your personal life, our expenses continue to increase as well. We trust God will help us to continue our important ministries during these ever-changing times.



HOPE ROAD RADIO AND FUMC

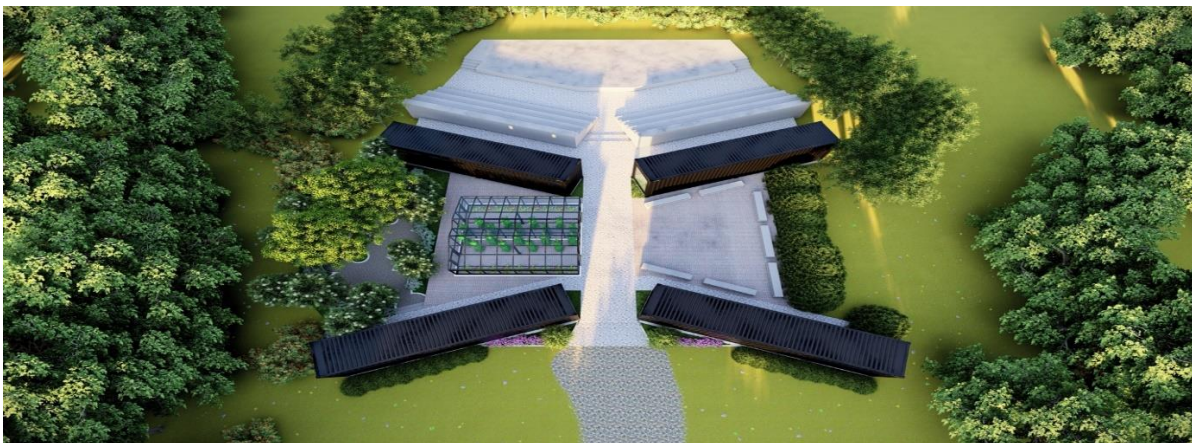
In October of 2021 we began building the station for Hope Road Radio at Fairview United Methodist Church. Our first youth participant, Maria Engle, worked for months, learning, connecting, and helping to create a warm space for the youth to come. In April, we began recording. It was an exciting time to see the youth grow and stretch outside of their comfort zone to learn technology and communication. On June 25, our very first season came to a close.





We thank Fairview United Methodist Church for partnering with our grassroots organization to provide quality programming to underserved youth. Without the space on the third floor, our first season could not have gone as well. We thank you Fairview.

So, what's next? Hope Road Organization has been awarded the ARPA grant to purchase land. Our dedicated community partners have provided land and space for youth programming and now Hope Road is expanding. For over ten years Hope Road Organization has erected three community gardens and held countless Arts engagements to help underserve youth develop into valuable citizens. With over one-thousand youth served in this ten-year span, we are prepared for service to the next generation. Our goal is to acquire an acre (or more) of land to begin development of our arts and garden space for youth and their families. Our next step in our ARPA process is the assignment of the project manager (so exciting). This space is Our Greatest Hope. Visit the Hope Road website, <http://hoperoad.org> to learn all about us.



FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



As we move into the month of July, we want to share some news from our pantry with you.

For the month of June we served a total of 109 people. This includes 69 Adults and 40 Children.

The Food Bank has given us so many boxes of toothpaste and we are grateful! Alas, we are very low on toothbrushes right now!! So, we are asking for toothbrushes and we can always use Jiffy Muffin Mix!

We continue to be open from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. We do need extra help on these days. Please let one of us know when you may be available.

Thank you, Fairview Family! Barb and Vicky

JULY PANTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

FRI. 1ST KATHY FARMER
DEBRA ARMOLD

MON. 4TH **CLOSED**

FRI. 8TH TINA WALKER
BARBARA BUTTRAM

MON. 11TH LINDA PAYNE
PAM HOUNSHELL

FRI. 15TH BARBARA ROWLANDS
BONNIE MALONEY

MON. 18TH SHIRLEY MCBRIDE
JANET MICHAEL

FRI. 22ND LESA WINBORN
INGRID TARTAGLIA

MON. 25TH JACKIE MERGLER
MARLA REYNOLDS

MON. 29TH SUSIE KURTZ
PAT WHITE

SAT. JUNE 9TH TINA WALKER
VICKY WENTLING

JULY SCHEDULE



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| JULY 3 | Bertha Messer |
| 10 | Debbie Arnold |
| 17 | Lisa Engle |
| 24 | Florence Carwell |
| 31 | Barbara Rowlands |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| JULY 2 | SUSIE KURTZ |
| JULY 3 | WILLOW GREAR |
| JULY 4 | MARLA REYNOLDS |
| JULY 7 | NATHAN MESSER |
| JULY 15 | BECKY MCDANIEL |
| JULY 29 | LEE KREIDER |
| JULY 30 | AMELIA GAISER |
| JULY 30 | AMANDA GREAR |
| JULY 31 | GERARDINE SHUKURU |



VICTORIA LYNN HULL
 Graduated from Kettering Fairmont High School on May 19, 2022. Victoria plans on exploring a career with animals. She is the granddaughter of Bruce Hull and the niece of Jason and Susan Hull.



COREY JACKSON,
 grandson of deceased member Betty Jackson, graduated from Ponitz Career Technology Center in May 2022. His future plans are indefinite.



MASON MALICOTE
 Graduated from Middletown High School. Mason will attend the Engineering Program at University of Cincinnati this Fall. Mason is the grandson of Richard & Shirley McBride.



ALEXANDER JOSEPH
 Alex graduated from Dayton Early College Academy (DECA). He will attend University of Dayton on a full scholarship – 4 years! Alex is the son of Bernard & Tieni he has a his little sister, Susan, and grandson of Florence Carwell.



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