



COLUMNS NEWSLETTER



A Letter from the Pastor



I write these words just days away from our gathering of the Annual Conference right here in Dayton. It will be the first time that we've gathered fully in person since the beginning of the pandemic. Because of that, I'm optimistic and excited. While I will certainly miss the convenience of doing it on Zoom, it will be great to once again connect with friends and colleagues all over West Ohio and to worship and praise God together and in person as we set about to do the work of the Church.

But I also realize this gathering comes at a time of tension and uncertainty in the life of the United Methodist Church. A number of churches all over the state have already disaffiliated, and we anticipate that many more will also follow suit at the gatherings of the East and West Ohio Annual Conferences, as well as in the months ahead. In this sense, it is certainly a time of lament and grief. It will be painful to hear of still more churches leaving.

In the midst of all this, however, it is also a time for action. I am pleased to announce to all of you, that the West Ohio Conference has launched a new initiative called North Star Congregations. The following is the mission and Covenant for North Star Congregations: "The North Star is the anchor of the northern sky. It can be a helpful guiding light to those who are looking for a purposeful direction. Historically, the North Star has always provided a beacon of hope in times of uncertainty. North Star Congregations are local churches in the West Ohio Conference that are prepared to welcome and care for anyone whose church has closed or disaffiliated. North Star Congregations are United Methodist faith communities that provide a haven of peace and grace. **There is a place for all in the United Methodist Church.**"

I am also pleased to announce to all of you that I've been working with Kathy Farmer, our church council chair on becoming a North Star Congregation. After speaking with representatives from the Conference, it is with great joy that I can report back to all of you that we have indeed been approved to become a North Star Congregation! In the days and weeks ahead, we will be receiving materials to help spread the word about Fairview as a North Star Congregation.

This couldn't be happening at a more important time. Right now we know that there are many United Methodists who suddenly find themselves cast adrift and without a church home. This in turn makes OUR efforts all the more important. I would gently encourage all of you to start spreading the word that Fairview is a welcoming and safe place to land. If any of you happen to talk to someone whose church has either disaffiliated or is in the process of it, and they want to remain United Methodist, please tell them about our church and invite them to come visit us or speak with me.

In my communications with the Conference representative, I told them that Fairview already embodies these principles; that "I'm blessed to be serving a church that welcomes anyone and loves everyone." This is a time to let that light shine!





United
Women
in Faith

**Fairview United Women in Faith
Salad Carry-In and Meeting
June 26, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.**

The Fairview United Women in Faith Circle will meet on Monday, June 26, 20223 at 12:30 p.m. This is the last meeting before taking a summer break. Everyone who attends should bring a salad or a dessert to be shared at the luncheon. The leaders for the meeting are: Program – Kathy Farmer, Prayer Guide – Shirley McBride, Devotions – Judy Gebhart, and Response Moment – Judith Mathes.

Everyone is encouraged to bring items for the Daybreak Wishlist. Items include deodorant, mouthwash, ChapStick/Lip Balm, body lotion, combs/hairbrushes, laundry baskets, hand sanitizers, hand soap, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, and umbrellas.

All women of Fairview are encouraged to attend and to bring a friend who may not be connected with any women's mission group. The meeting will provide uplifting support, spiritual nourishment and fellowship for everyone. Please call Judith Mathes, Coordinator of United Women in Faith Circle, 937/286-2233 to confirm your attendance or for information. The meeting will be in-person and also zoomed. Please contact Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045, or email cealong48@gmail.com by June 24 if you want the Zoom link.

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**Baby Shower Gifts
Being Collected during June and July 2023
For Wesley-Dayton Baby Ready/Infant Mortality Program**

The Wesley-Dayton Baby Ready/Infant Mortality (BRIM) Program serves West Dayton families with children under age 1. During 2022, over 90 families were enrolled in the program. Each day case managers offer individualized, in-home services, advocacy, safe-sleep training, practical guidance, emotional support, and secure pertinent referrals. A certified Doula, who is a pregnancy/delivery/nursing coach, meets with each expectant mother at 34 weeks and continues to do so until the family settles into life with their newborn. Baby shower baskets are given to each expectant mother during a fun, educational baby shower or delivered individually. Most importantly, young mothers and fathers become more confident in their parenting skills as they participate regularly in the Baby Ready/Infant Mortality Program. Fairview United Women in Faith has committed to giving 2 shower baskets to the Wesley-Dayton BRIM Program. We are requesting the help of our Fairview Church family to help with providing the items that are needed for each basket.

Beginning on Sunday, June 11th, posters listing the baby items along with the amount and size of the item will be on the walls near the entrance to the Welcome Center. YOU are asked to read the lists and sign up to bring items for the 2 Baby Shower Baskets.

One will be for a boy and one for a girl and a gift for each expectant mother will also be listed. Each Sunday, there will be a collection place for the baby shower items. Final collection will be on Sunday, July 30th. United Women in Faith will accept monetary contributions if you wish to make a contribution toward the Baby Shower items rather than shopping for the items. Monies may be given to Judy Gebhart, Treasurer of United Women in Faith or Cecelia Long, President.

The Baby Shower baskets will be gathered and taken to the Miami Valley District United Women in Faith Annual Gathering in September where they will be blessed before being delivered to Wesley- Dayton. THANK YOU in advance for helping with the 2 Baby Shower Baskets for Wesley-Dayton.



**Pantry Appeal for Gifts and Service
by Cecelia Long
The announcement made at
Fairview May 28, 2023 Worship Service**

Good morning, Fairview family. I come to you today to tell you how the Fairview pantry needs your help.

We recently expanded the storage and shopping space for the pantry to accommodate a larger number of pantry guests. On the first Wednesday of May, we increased the number of hours that the pantry is open. Thus far In May, we have served 116 Households with a total of 330 individuals. **This is a record number for our pantry.**

We get most of the food items from the Dayton Foodbank. However, with the larger number of pantry guests, we order food more often. We also run out of toiletries and food more often than we have to purchase from the grocery stores. Now we face the dilemma of having little to no money in our church account to buy items from the grocery stores.

This is why I am here today asking for your help. We need you to give financially each month to the pantry. Every contribution of \$5 will be of help in buying the food and toiletries that we strive to stock in our pantry. You can give in the Sunday offering plate or give online and designate your offering for the pantry.

Another way you can be of help to the pantry is to volunteer your time and energy for the extra hours that the Fairview pantry is open to serve the public. Barbara Rowlands and Cecelia Long will be happy to speak with you about helping in the pantry on Wednesdays from 5:45 pm–8:15 pm and on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:45 am–12:15 pm.

On this Pentecost Sunday, we pray that the Holy Spirit will move everyone to do what you can to help us keep the pantry open to serve the larger number of households who have no food. The numbers are growing!!

Our pantry guests always say how grateful they are that Fairview is available to help them in their time of need. THANK YOU in advance for your generous support!!!



NW Dayton Community Movie Night July 14, 2023

Fairview United Methodist Church, AGAPE Fellowship Church, Five Rivers Health Center, and FROC Priority Board are planning a Movie Night for the Northwest Dayton Community. In years past, this is the same group that sponsored the Community Health Festival that included community health organizations and food distribution from the Food Bank.

The NW Dayton Community Movie Night is planned for Friday, July 14, 2023, from 4 pm–8 pm at Fairview Commons, 2262 Elsmere Avenue (open space close to Fairview Elementary School). A family friendly movie will be shown on a very large screen and refreshments will be served. Plans are to have food trucks sell favorite food and some community organizations to be on hand with activities for children of elementary to middle school ages before showing the movie. Everyone will be asked to bring their own chair.

Fairview members and friends are asked to SAVE the DATE: Friday, July 14, 2023, from 4 pm–8 pm. Volunteers will be needed to help with preparing the Goody Bags, and distributing Popcorn, and to work the Hospitality Booth. Questions may be directed to Cecelia Long 937/972-7045, cealong48@gmail.com, who is serving on the Planning Committee.



2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 am KI	2 6:30 am KI 9 am–Food Pantry	3 8:30 am Parish Hall floor refinishing 4 pm Open Door
4 8:30 am TTE Mtg 9:45 am–Sunday School 11 am–Worship Prayer Min. 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church	5 6:30 am KI 9 am–Food Pantry	6 6:30 am KI	7 6:30 am KI 6 pm–Food Pantry	8 6:30 am KI	9 6:30 am KI 9 am–Food Pantry	10 10 am-2 pm Comty. Pen. Church 10 am–Legal Clinic & Food Pantry
11 9:45 am–Sunday School 11 am–Worship Prayer Min. 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church	12 6:30 am KI 9 am–Food Pantry	13 6:30 am KI	14 6:30 am KI 6 pm–Food Pantry	15 6:30 am KI	16 6:30 am KI 9 am–Food Pantry	17 10 am-2 pm Comty. Pen. Church
18 FATHER'S DAY 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am–Worship Prayer Min. 1 pm Comty. Pen.	19 6:30 am KI 9 am–Food Pantry	20 6:30 am KI	21 6:30 am KI 2:15 pm Prayer Ministry Mtg. 6 pm–Food Pantry	22 6:30 am KI 6:00 pm Youth Financial Lit. Night	23 6:30 am KI 9 am–Food Pantry	24 10 am-2 pm Comty. Pen. Church
25 9:45 am – S. School 11 am–Worship Prayer Min. 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church.	26 6:30 am KI 9 am–Food 12:30 pm UWIF Salad Carry-In & Meeting	27 6:30 am KI	28 6:30 am K 6 pm–Food Pantry	29 6:30 am KI 6:00 pm Youth Financial Lit. Night	30 6:30 am KI 9 am–Food Pantry	

YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE & STATISTICS

	April YTD 2023	April YTD 2022
Offerings	91,870	81,123
Expenses	101,898	96,150
Shortfall	(10,028)	(15,027)

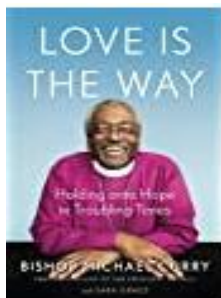
Free Legal Clinic

Dear Community:
Free Legal Clinic on June 10, 2023

10am to Noon

[BOOK REVIEW Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times](#)

by Bishop Michael Curry and Sara Grace



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Pam Hounshell and I have both read LOVE IS THE WAY, Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Bishop Michael Curry and Sara Grace. We both agree that it is an excellent read. Bishop Curry is the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church who is the descendent of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist. His message of the redemptive power of love is one that we can and should embrace in order to live in the world today. He addresses the challenges facing the world: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, and competing claims to speak for God. He has a message of hope for living the way of love. He says that the world changes for the better, one life at a time. So don't give up on love. Love can help and heal when nothing else can.

Submitted by Judy Gebhart

“WE HAVE A SEAT FOR YOU!”

Greeters

June 4 Bertha Messer	June 18 Barbara Rowland
June 11 Debbie Arnold	June 25 Wayne Hounshell

JUNE WORSHIP Leaders

June 4 Art Mehaffey	
June 11 Sonia Jackson	
June 18 Greg Zuber	
June 25 Duke Lunsford	



JUNE TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

June 4 Bertha Messer	June 18 Jackie Mergler
June 11 Debbie Arnold	June 25 Kathy Schaefer



VAN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 4 John 937-277-6387	June 18 Art 937-279-0650
June 11 Jerry 937-689-3176	June 25 Greg 937-620-1472

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



I am so very thrilled to announce that the Prayer Ministry Team at Fairview is up and running! We have a lot of ideas on how Fairview UMC, through prayer, can grow spiritually and strengthen its mission to the world. (Wesley's goals for prayer) We began our first brainstorming meeting with Ephesians 1:16-19a. And so, our prayer for you is:

1. for a thankful heart that praises God
2. for spiritual understanding
3. for you to know the hope of all that God has promised
4. for you to experience all that God has given to you as a child of God
5. for you to have the power to believe and follow Christ

This is a great example of how we can pray for each other.

The Team was commissioned on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. Someone will be available after each worship service to pray with you. **All you need to do is meet us in the Narthex (back of the church) and ask that day's pray-er to pray with you.**

You can even ask for prayer for an "unspoken request" since God knows your needs. No need is too small to bring it to the Lord or too big for God to handle. We would love to pray with you about anything that is on your mind and your heart.

You can still join the team. If you are interested in learning more, contact Joyce B at (270) 889-7720 or gowdye@verizon.net

May the eyes of your heart be enlightened (Eph 1:18), Amen!



Our next Prayer Ministry Team Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 21st at 2:15** in the Chapel.



JUNE



Welcome June! We all welcome the warmer days and look forward to the upcoming summer activities!

Children are excited for the freedom and fun. They will welcome snacks and treats our Fairview Family can provide.

We have begun an extra day to be open each week. We will be open from 6:00 pm–8:00 pm each Wednesday to serve those who need to come at a later hour.

*Blessings and Love To All
Barb and Vicky*

2023 PANTRY STATISTICS

**Thanks for
Donating!**

Month	Total Households Served	Total People Served
Jan	51	141
Feb	64	161
March	48	121
April	100	224
May	122	325
Total	764	972

In addition to the food we receive from The Foodbank and other donations, your contributions to the pantry have allowed us to purchase \$7,657 in additional food this year. Donations to the pantry are welcomed any time. You can make automatic monthly donations through our website.



LOADS OF LOVE REMINDER



Please be sure to thoroughly wash your used milk containers that are donated to Memorial United Methodist Church. We thank you for your donations and really appreciate this addition to our food pantry ministry.

PANTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

FRI.	2 ND	PAM HOUNSHELL PAT WHITE	MON.	19 TH	INGRID TARTIGULA LESA WINBORN
MON.	5 TH	JANET MICHAEL SHIRLEY MCBRIDE	WED.	21 ST	BERTHA MESSER DEBBIE ARMOLD PAULA (COLLEGE HILL)
WED.	7 TH	BERTHA MESSER DEBBIE ARMOLD PAULA (COLLEGE HILL)	FRI.	23 RD	KATHY FARMER DEBBIE ARMOLD
FRI.	9 TH	BARB ROWLANDS BONNIE MALONEY	MON.	26 TH	TINA WALKER PAM HOUNSHELL
SAT.	10 TH	SUSIE KURTZ	WED.	28 TH	BERTHA MESSER DEBBIE ARMOLD PAULA (COLLEGE HILL)
MON.	12 TH	JACKIE MERGLER KATHY FARMER	FRI.	30 TH	SUSIE KURTZ SHIRLEY MCBRIDE
WED.	14 TH	PAULA (COLLEGE HILL)			
FRI.	16 TH	BARBARA BUTTRAM TINA WALKER			



- JUNE 1 PASCASCIA NDAYISHIMIYE
- JUNE 2 TERRI HOERNEMANN
- JUNE 7 LESA WINBORN
- JUNE 12 DEBBIE DAY
- JUNE 13 JUNE BARR
- JUNE 14 CAROL MCDOUGLE
- JUNE 16 BETTY FORBUS,
MADO MEHAFFEY
- JUNE 21 SAM KURTZ
- JUNE 26 RICHARD MCBRIDE



A graphic with the words "THANK YOU" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letters have a sparkling, glittery texture. The background is a light gray.

Dear Fairview Family and Friends:

I thank each of you for helping me celebrate my 75th Birthday in a special way on May 20th at the University of Dayton Marriott Hotel. The birthday cards, special messages and monetary contributions given in my Honor to the Fairview Pantry, United Women in Faith Legacy Fund or are so very much appreciated. Your contributions will make a difference!!

Fairview has been my church family for over 21 years. I am very grateful to each of you for your support of me and the ministries that matter to me. I feel strongly that being active in the church and community is what we must do while we are able.

Thank You!! Thank You!!!

In Christian Love,

Cecelia M. Long



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