

Fairview United Methodist Church  
March 10, 2024



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# FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 10, 2024

11:00 A.M.

\*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

\*\*Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

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## **\*\*PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God loves us with a steadfast love.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!**

Leader: God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

**People: Let us believe and have eternal life!**

Leader: God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

**People: Let us have faith to receive this grace!**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**ALL: AMEN.**

**\*GATHERING**      “Grace Greater than Our Sin”

UMH # 365

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“A Lenten Creed”      (The Order of Saint Columba)

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,  
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,  
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God  
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,  
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,  
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,**

**and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith, and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.**

**Amen**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory Be to the Father”

UMH # 70

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

“Keep My Commandments”

Kenney Potter  
Chancel Choir

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER CHORUS**

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

TFWS # 2200

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL: God of mercy and patience, help us to remember that the gifts we give, go to help many people in need. Remind us again that our lives are meant to be gifts to others, for healing, hope, comfort, peace and love. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details of living and when we become so overwhelmed by our current economic woes that we neglect to help others. Enlighten us again with your spirit and your words of healing love. Caring and sharing are the hallmarks of discipleship with Jesus Christ. Heal and forgive us. Give us hearts for joyful caring and sharing; for it is in Jesus’ name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.**

**PRAYERS OF PETITION**

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

**PASTOR:** Lord in Your mercy,

**PEOPLE: Hear our Prayer.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

“Grace Alone”

TFWS # 2162

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Ephesians 2:1-10

**SERMON**

*Reading the Fine Print*

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

“Amazing Grace”

UMH # 378, stanzas 1-3

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## **ACTIVITIES - MARCH 10 - MARCH 17**

### **Monday, March 11**

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

### **Wednesday, March 13**

Renewal Hour 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

### **Thursday, March 14**

Pantry Food Truck Delivery 2:00 P.M.

Bell Group 2 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir 7:15 P.M.

### **Friday, March 15**

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

### **Saturday, March 16**

Men's Fellowship

Ministry 8:30 A.M.

### **Sunday, March 17**

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

#### **Pastor**

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Carol McDougale

#### **Director of Music**

Carol Chatfield

#### **Church Musician**

Michele Delduca

#### **Treasurer**

Fred Poland

#### **Pantry Resource Coordinator**

Donna McCoy

#### **Audio Visual Technician**

Roger Christian

#### **Toddler Room Attendant**

Oscar Ndayisaba

#### **Building Maintenance**

Nelson Clair

## **TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS**

### **Worship Leader**

Cecelia Long

### **Greeter**

Debbie Arnold

### **Trustee**

Dave Puderbaugh

### **Toddler Room Assistant**

Terri Hoernemann

## **VAN DRIVER FOR MARCH 17**

### **Van Request: Art-- 937- 279-0650**

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:1-12, Heb5:5-10, John 12:20-33

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

## **PANTRY FOOD TRUCK DELIVERY**

Pantry food truck delivery on Thursday, March 14. Please arrive at 2:00 P.M. to help unload & restock. Volunteers are needed.



## **REMINDER: SATURDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> MEN'S FELLOWSHIP "ATTENTION MEN OF FAIRVIEW"**

### **PLAN TO ATTEND OUR UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MTG.**

**WHERE:** BOB EVANS (MILLER LANE)  
**WHEN:** SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024  
**TIME:** 8:30 A.M.  
**PURPOSE:** TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF FAIRVIEW MEN THROUGH THE STUDY OF GOD'S WORD AND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**CONTACTS:** PASTOR NEIL GAISER 937.274.2189  
ED RAPP 937.901.6660

**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER, SCRIPTURE**

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**WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?**  
United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit [UMC.org/yourimpact](https://www.UMC.org/yourimpact)

**HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT UMCOR?**  
As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**, we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.



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## BULLETIN INSERT

### A (TRUE) PANTRY STORY By Kathy Farmer

### 2024 EASTER FLOWER FORM

### UMCOR Sunday - Envelope

## A (TRUE) PANTRY STORY

I was working at the food pantry on a Wednesday night. Three kids whom I guessed were in their early teens were waiting in the foyer for their mother to finish shopping. They were going to be carrying the groceries as they walked home. One of them spotted the black plastic sack with the sign saying "Pantry Donations" sitting on a shelf and asked me what was donated. I told them about the milk bottles that were made into laundry detergent containers, and then I said that most of the food was either donated or purchased with money donated to the pantry, and that some of us volunteered our time to help distribute it.

The oldest girl said, "Why do you do this?" And I said, "We follow Jesus, and Jesus said, 'If you love me, feed my sheep.'" She laughed and said "So, I'm a sheep?" And I said, "Jesus was known as the Good Shepherd and we're ALL his sheep." I thought the conversation was over, but a few minutes later they all came to me and said they wanted to volunteer!

The moral of this story is: if you want to show you love Jesus, volunteer to work in the pantry on Wednesday at 6:00 pm or on Monday or Friday at 9:00 am or at 10:00 am on the second Saturday of the month, when the pantry is open at the same time as the Legal Clinic. Call Vicky Wentling (937-219-4536) or Fred Poland (937-750-6336) to let us know when you want to come!

Kathy Farmer



## EASTER FLOWERS - 2024

Flowers may be purchased in honor of or in memory of loved ones, or to the glory of God. The flowers may be taken after the 11:00 a. m. Easter service on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please fill in the form below and return it to the church office with a check made payable to Fairview UMC and mark "Easter Flowers." **The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Money must accompany orders.** The names of those being honored, as well as the donors, will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin on March 31<sup>st</sup>. **PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION BELOW.**

### EASTER FLOWERS FORM

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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No. of Flowers: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$15.00 each

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of person who is ordering: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to:

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Memo: Easter Flowers

