



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 write this letter having just returned from Nashville and the Christian Unity Gathering of the National Council of Churches. A number of you have expressed interest in learning more about the work I do there, so I thought I'd take just a little time to share more about that. Call it an *informal* report!

In 2019 I was appointed to serve as an Ecumenical and Interreligious Representative of the Council of Bishops; to engage in ecumenical and interreligious work on their behalf and on behalf of our denomination. Following this, they nominated me to serve as the United Methodist representative on the Interreligious Relations Convening Table of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. The NCC is the largest ecumenical organization in the United States, consisting of 38 member communions or denominations. The various convening tables are essentially like steering committees, guiding the work, policies and focus of the NCC. Thus, the work I do with my convening table is to help shape and directly participate in the interreligious engagement of the National Council of Churches on behalf of the United Methodist Church. In addition to that yearly meeting at the Christian Unity Gathering Conference, I serve as the United Methodist representative as a Co-Convener of the National Sikh-Christian Dialogue, and as a participant in the National Hindu and Buddhist-Christian Dialogues.

There were some exciting developments out of our recent gathering that I'll share here. Friendship Press is going to publish a book highlighting our work on the Convening Table and on the importance of interreligious engagement as a whole, and I have been asked to contribute a chapter to the book!

I also received word that the Council of Bishops has nominated me to serve another 4 year term on the Convening Table, so I'm especially blessed to continue in this great work!

But one thing I really want to share with all of you is to pray for our Jewish and Muslim friends and neighbors. One of the things that always happens in our yearly meetings is reports from the various dialogues, and it emerged from the Jewish and Muslim dialogues that there is so much pain over the raging conflicts abroad. Local communities of both Abrahamic traditions have been deeply impacted by this. Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia are both on the rise again, in this country and around the world, as a result of the Israel-Palestine war. As Christians, we can truly demonstrate that we love our neighbors by praying for them and praying for peace, regardless of their beliefs.

And speaking of neighbors, let me come back to the home front! I'm pleased to report that the Omega CDC Asset Based Training Event held at our church on October 11th was a great success! I am *immensely grateful* for all the people who worked behind the scenes here at Fairview to make this happen! The focus of this training was how churches and organizations can collaborate and pool their resources for the good of the communities they serve. And it has been my privilege to work with Pastor Daryl Ward, Pastor Joshua Ward, and several other Pastors in our local area on making these ideas a reality! We were all inspired by this training, and that work will continue in earnest!

There are also a few things I'd like to highlight going on in the church over the next month. We will be observing All Saint's Day on Sunday November 3rd, where we honor those, we've lost in the past year. We will finish the month with Christ the King Sunday, a celebration worship that brings the Season after Pentecost to a close.

Finally, Renewal Hour, the Wednesday Pastor's Bible Study is going HYBRID. We've been blessed to have some folks join us via Zoom, so if you'd like to attend Renewal Hour but can't make it in person, please let me know and we can have you join us virtually!

I'll leave you all with a picture of all the United Methodist representation at the Christian Unity Gathering. Every year, we have a meeting and debrief at the conference to discuss the work we're doing on the various convening tables and committees, and we always make sure to get a group photo! It was a blessing to once again be with friends and colleagues, old and new!



A Bit of History

As we celebrate All Saints Day, did you know?

On June 1, 1895, Fairview Church of the United Brethren in Christ was incorporated.

The name was changed to The Fairview Church of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio on December 14, 1953.

On May 14, 1969, we became The Fairview Church of the United Methodist Church in Dayton, Ohio which is still our legal name today.



During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, you probably notice an increase in “giving opportunities” filling your inbox and mailbox. Charities realize we are more generous when we think of the needs of others during this season. So, some groups try to “guilt” us into contributing, often by giving a small gift in return. This is not why Christians support the church with our financial offerings. “Giving to Get” is not Christian Stewardship.

Christian Stewardship is about more than money. It's an expression of our commitment to the work of the whole church: here in Dayton, throughout Ohio, across our nation and around the world. Christian Stewardship is how we stay involved in the ministry of Fairview United Methodist Church. It's above all, our *spiritual response* to what God is calling each of us to do.

During our yearly Stewardship/Commitment Sundays, some of us will make a first time pledge to give to the work of our church. Other people have been giving, but in prayer, find it possible to give a bit more each week. Many members of our congregation will offer a tithe, which is the biblical definition of stewardship represented by offering 10% of our resources. Because this is a spiritual gift, no one decides for you if that 10% comes before all other obligations, or is a gift made after necessities are covered. Stewardship is looking at your Christian life and asking, how can I make an offering of faith? How am I being a good steward of what God has given me? Stewardship cannot be defined for you—what you give is entirely a matter of how you feel called to respond to the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Of, course, Fairview needs your help. You see our monthly financial statement. You see how much it takes to support our ministries, to keep the Pantry shelves stocked, to pay building expenses and give modest salaries to our staff. We are careful managers of your money because that is also Stewardship.



Jamaal Jackson



Michael Roeth



Patrick Patterson

Pastor Neil and new members to Fairview United Methodist Church Family



Carla Hall



Dionna Hall



**Betty Wiseman &
Grand daughter Rose**



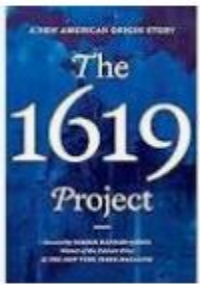
Dionna Hall and Son Fred Jr.

UWF THANK OFFERING

For years the women of the world wide United Methodist Church, now our United Women in Faith, have collected an annual *Thank Offering* supporting programs benefiting women and children. Nearly a million dollars a year is collected for programs addressing our four initiatives: Economic Inequality; Criminalization of Communities of Color/ Mass Incarceration; Climate Justice and Maternal and Child Health.

In November, as we remember all we are grateful for in our lives, let us give to help others. Please give generously. A Thank Offering envelope will be available in Circle or give directly to our Treasurer, Judy Gebhart, by November 25th. Make checks to **Fairview UWF**.

UWF BOOK REVIEW



[CLICK HERE TO REVIEW: The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story](#)

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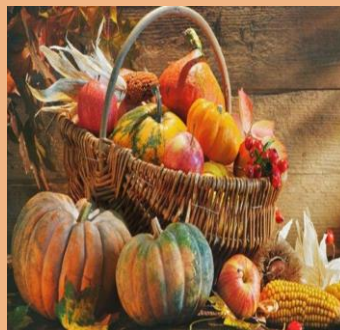
Editors: Nikole Hannah-Jones, Caitlin Roper, Ilena Silverman, Jake Silverstein

Reviewer: Katherine Schaefer

In 2019, *The New York Times Magazine* published a series of articles reframing our understanding of American history. The project began with a startling essay declaring that the first British slave ship arrived in Virginia in 1619 carrying 20-30 African enslaved people. Preceding the Mayflower's arrival in 1620, this origin story caused an uproar in American schools and legislative bodies.

Following the original series in the *New York Times Magazine*, a book was published which is essentially thirty-six essays, each of which is accompanied by historical data and a poem by a modern African American. The essays discuss most aspects of American society: politics, music, diet, traffic, citizenship, religion and our democracy itself. The essays are challenging to our understanding of how our nation grew from a few small outposts to our current cities and states. It is a very disturbing study of how racism and inequality has undergirded American wealth and our national history.

You may read this book in sections as each essay stands alone. It is not an easy read because of the subject matter. However, we cannot resolve our current struggle with inequality and discord among races and immigrant communities until we know the true history of race in America. The book is available in public libraries.





FOOD
FELLOWSHIP
PRAYER
SCRIPTURE

“ATTENTION MEN OF FAIRVIEW”

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR UNITED METHODIST MEN’S MEETING

WHERE: BOB EVANS (MILLER LANE)
WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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



United
Women
in Faith

FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LUNCHEON AND ‘WHITE ELEPHANT’ CHRISTMAS AUCTION MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

Fairview United Women in Faith unit meeting will be on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. beginning with a luncheon in which those attending may bring anything they wish to bring to eat. It would be helpful to bring enough to serve 10-12 people. Beverages will be provided.

The facilitators for the meeting will be: Prayer Guide: Susie Kurtz, Devotions: Joyce Barrier, Response Magazine: Marla Reynolds. The Program will be the ‘White Elephant’ Christmas Auction of Presents. The funds raised from the Auction will be used for mission outreach projects of United Women in Faith.

There is no November UWIF meeting.

ALL WOMEN OF FAIRVIEW ARE INVITED TO COME AND BRING A FRIEND!!! This will be a great time to share wonderful food, uplifting fellowship and renewal for your heart and soul as you bring presents that will be auctioned for mission outreach. COME AND ENJOY!!!

**FAIRVIEW STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The Fairview Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will have its regular meeting on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. All members of the Committee are urged to attend so that we can focus on tasks related to caring for the Pastor, Staff and the Congregation.

If members of the SPRC are not able to attend the meeting, please notify Cecelia Long, 937/972-7045 or cealong48@gmail.com. If anyone needs the meeting to be zoomed, please advise Cecelia by Saturday, November 9, 2024.

**FAIRVIEW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

Fairview United Women in Faith Leadership Team will meet on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 10 a.m. in the church library. The agenda for the meeting will be to finalize mission outreach plans for the remaining of 2024. All members of the team are urged to be present. If anyone needs the meeting to be zoomed, please advise Cecelia by Sunday, November 10, 2024.

**SPECIAL THANK FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE
DAYTON HUNGER CROP WALK**

Pam Hounshell and Cecelia Long formed the team that represented Fairview at the Dayton Area Hunger CROP WALK on October 13, 2024. The total contributed to the two of us was **\$471.00**. We thank EVERYONE who contributed to the walk!!! Your support meant more than you will ever know.

The Dayton Foodbank will receive 25% of the proceeds from the Dayton Hunger CROP Walk to fight hunger in the Dayton metropolitan area. The other 75% of the proceeds will help to Fight Hunger throughout the world.



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| | | | | | 1 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry | 2 10 am-2 pm Comty. Pen.Church |
| 3 Daylight Savings Ends 8:30 am TTEE Mtg 9:45 am Sun. Sch. 11 am Worship 1 pm Comty. Pen Ch. ALL SAINT'S DAY | 4 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry | 5  Election Day | 6 11:00 am Pantry Truck Delivery 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour 6:00 pm Pantry | 7 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir | 8 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry | 9 8:30 am Men's Meeting at Bob Evans 10 am Pantry & Legal Clinic 10 am-2pm Comty.Pen. Church |
| 10 9:45 am Sunday School 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY | 11  6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry 6:00 pm SPRC | 12 6:30 am KI 10:00 am UWIF Ldrshp Team Mtg. | 13 6:30 am KI 3:30 pm Renewal Hour 6:00 pm Pantry 6:15 pm FROC Mtg. | 14 6:30 am KI 6:30 pm Bells 7:15 pm Chancel Choir | 15 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry | 16 10 am-2pm Comty. Pen. Church |
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| 24 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 1 pm Comty. Pen. Church | 25 6:30 am KI 9 am Pantry | 26 6:30 am KI | 27 | 28 THANKSGIVING  | 29 Church Office Closed | 30 10 am-2pm Comty Pen. Church |

YEAR END FINANCIAL UPDATE & STATISTICS

| | Sept. YTD 2024 | Sept. YTD 2023 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Offerings & Income | 201,605 | 205,157 |
| Expenses | 218,931 | 216,335 |
| Shortfall | (17,326) | (11,178) |



Easy Access:

Ctrl and click the button to make your online donation

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.

NOVEMBER PANTRY NEWS



WOW! October was a record month for our Pantry serving over 300 households. That's more than 6 times the number of households from October 2022. When the Foodbank asked us if we could expand to meet the growing need in our community, WE REPONDED. With grant and Fairview Endowment Fund money and many, many hours of volunteer labor, we are feeding people in need every week.

In addition to all the food we receive from the Foodbank, we are spending grant funds from Wright Patt Credit Union to purchase additional food items. This is primarily pasta sauce, pasta, peanut butter and toilet paper at a cost of over \$500 a week. Thank you, David Wiechel, for picking up these items every week. Additionally, we are purchasing bar soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste and razors.

We can always use more volunteers to help us. Kathy Farmer is doing our monthly scheduling so contact her if you want to volunteer. We have volunteers helping us from all over the city. our own Kid's Institute and many of our members. Special shout out to Oscar, Frank and Gerardine Ndayisaba who are helping to translate on Wednesday nights for our Swahili speaking clients.


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 | 249 | 852 |
| July | 266 | 1076 |
| Aug | 266 | 889 |
| Sept. | 272 | 1040 |
| Oct. | 303 | 1062 |
| Nov. | | |
| 2024 Totals | 2,337 | 8,139 |
| 2023 Totals | 1,536 | 6,172 |

Thank you for your support and donations!

In addition to the food, we receive from The Foodbank (102,228 pounds YTD) and other donations, your contributions to the pantry and grant funds we have received have allowed us to purchase over \$21,000 in additional food this year. Donations to the pantry are welcomed any time. You can also make automatic monthly donations through our website.

November Pantry Schedule

| SUNDAY | MONDAY (9am-12) | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY (5:30-8pm) | THURSDAY | FRIDAY (9am-12) | SATURDAY (10am-12) |
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|  | Our next truck from the Food Bank will be delivered on Wednesday, November AM. Volunteers are always welcome to help us unload. | | | | 1 Barbara Wiechel (I) Pam Hounshell Susie Kurtz | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Barbara Wiechel (I) Shirley McBride Janet Michael | 5 | 6 Barbara Wiechel (I) Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Neil Gaizer Ed Farmer Kathy Farmer 11 am Pantry Truck | 7 | 8 Barbara Wiechel (I) Barbara Rowlands Bonnie Maloney Tina Walker | 9 Barbara Wiechel (I) Tracy Polk Susie Kurtz |
| 10 | 11 Kathy Farmer (I) Barbara Rowlands Jackie Mergler Hope Grandy | 12 | 13 Barbara Wiechel (I) Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Neil Gaizer Diane Trittschuh | 14 | 15 Barbara Wiechel (I) Susie Kurtz Tina Walker | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Cecelia Long (I) Tina Walker Shirley Mell | 19 | 20 Barbara Wiechel (I) Fred Poland Art Mehaffey Pam Hounshell Wayne Hounshell Diane Trittschuh | 21 | 22 Cecelia Long (I) Tina Walker Shirley Mell | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Cecelia Long (I) Marla Reynolds Tina Walker Shirley Mell | 26 | 27 PANTRY CLOSED | 28 THANKSGIVING | 29 PANTRY CLOSED | 30 |



The Dayton Foodbank visited our Pantry to present us with a ceremonial check that represented the dollar value of the food we received in 2023.

\$153,195.32 Several of our volunteers and clients were there to accept the check and thank the Foodbank for our partnership to provide food for the community we serve.



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| 3 JOHN & LILIA SHOEMAKER | 3 GREG ZUBER | 3 TERRI HOERNEMANN |
| 10 ED & KATHY FARMER | 10 DUKE LUNSFORD | 10 JACKIE MERGLER |
| 17 SHIRLEY MCBRIDE | 17 SONIA JACKSON | 17 DEBBIE ARMOLD |
| 24 JOHN & LILIA SHOEMAKER | 24 BARBARA ROWLANDS | 24 SUSIE KURTZ |

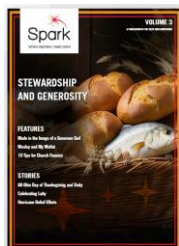


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| 3 JOHN 937 - 277-6387 | 3 JAN MAINS | JAN MAINS |
| 10 WAYNE 937 369-7040 | 10 DAVE PUDERBAUGH | KATHY SCHAEFER |
| 17 ART 937-727-2626 | 17 FRED POLAND | SHIRLEY MCBRIDE |
| 24 GREG 937-620-1472 | 24 MIKE ZUBER | JUDITH MATHES |



RESOURCE LINK AND INFORMATION FROM:
West Ohio Conference
 The United Methodist Church

News from The United Methodist Church



[Click here to read SPARK Magazine Vol. 3](#)

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR



Fairview Church
Food Pantry
 United Methodist

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 **Nov. 3**. We would like to make the first Sunday of every month a John 21:15-17 occasion!

Thank you 

Dear Fairview Church, I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome that you showed to me and my family! I am excited to be here and looking forward to sharing God's glory through the music of our talented choirs. ~~~Michelle Forshaw

An Invitation from Bishop Jung

Bishop Jung encourages clergy and laity to attend the Day of Thanksgiving and Unity on Saturday, November 23 at Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High Street, Worthington, Ohio.

For more information and to register for this event, please click [here](#).

Please click on the photo below to view his message

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DECEMBER
2024

FAIRVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Located in FROC Priority Board area of NW Dayton

Issue
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Boundaries are from Salem Avenue to W. Hillcrest, Catalpa to W. Fairview, Wabash to W. Norman, to Emerson to Salem Ave.

- HOUSING INSPECTION
937-333-3988
- BULK WASTE 937-333-4800 BULK & TIRES, MUST BE AT ALLEY OR CURB TRASH PICKUP
- STREET LIGHT REPAIR
937-333-3850
- FAIR HOUSING 937-223-6035
- ABLE 937-228-8104
- FAIRVIEW POLICE OFFICERS 937-333-8523 DEREK SWIGER, BRIAN ROLFES
- Join email
vv.lynn.2012@gmail.com or for questions 9378182223

DAYTON DELIVERS APP

Download the app or go to the website
www.daytondelivers.daytonohio.gov

- To turn in bulk waste
- Turn in abandoned vehicles.
- Turn in housing complaints/boarding.
- Long grass
- Abandoned properties

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Neighborhood monthly meetings are held each 4th Monday at 6 pm in the Northwest Library with guest speakers and information
**call for exact time and day
Subject to library availability

City Commission meetings:

- 6:00 pm on the first, third, and fifth Wednesday of the month
- 8:30 am on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month
- 101 W. Third St.
Second Floor
Dayton, OH 45402
- Must arrive early to sign in

CAN WATCH ON YOUTUBE

Fairview United Methodist Church offers daycare, a legal clinic and also has a pantry every Mon and Fri morning at 9am, also Wed evenings and Sat of everything month, please call 937-274-2180 for information

NW Library has homework help from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on Monday to Thursday

Helpful housing websites

City of Dayton Housing Tracker website
Daytonohio.gov/housing/tracker

City of Dayton enforcement
www.daytonohio.gov/201/online-permit-system

www.mcrealestate.org
for help with unknown/vacant addresses, please contact me

make sure you own address has proper owner occupied credit

Home Repairs:
Area Agency on Aging 937-341-3000
Community Action 937-341-5000
Rebuilding Dayton Together 937-223-4893
Habitat for Humanity Critical Repair program 937-586-0860

A group working on police reform, if interested please contact Ms Mary Sue at msgmeiner@yahoo.com

A group is working on tenants rights and adding legislation for renters, if interested please email daytontenantunion@gmail.com

for help with unknown/vacant addresses, please contact daytonblight@gmail.com

Seven Seed Sowers will be running the garden at Catalpa and Fairview, please contact if interested in volunteering
www.sevensedsowers.org

Fairview is on the Next Door site and on **facebook** at The New Fairview Neighborhood Association Dayton.Ohio

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| JANET MICHAEL | November 01 |
| PAM HOUNSHELL | November 03 |
| KATHARINE SCHAEFER | November 03 |
| GLORIA WHITE | November 04 |
| IGOR GOLOVCSENKO | November 07 |
| JASON HULL | November 16 |
| INGRID TARTAGLIA | November 16 |
| DANIEL NDAYISABA | November 23 |
| JAMES NDAYISABA | November 23 |
| ANDREY GOLOVCSENKO | November 27 |
| BERNARD JOSEPH | November 27 |
| MARY BETH WYSS | November 28 |
| ROYCE DAY | November 29 |



The Free Legal Clinic will be open on Saturday, November 9, 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.





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Roger Christian

Building Maintenance

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