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# *THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW*

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF FAIR VIEW  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## PASTOR'S REPORT: SALE OF THE TRIPLETT PROPERTY

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

We praise God for the successful sale of the Triplett property which closed in July! Through months and years of faithful stewardship, prayer, and community support, we've finalized the sale, unlocking new resources for ministry expansion. These funds will be invested in outreach, facility upgrades, and Mission minded activities, all designed to advance our mission **To invite, to receive, and to nurture all people in our growing community to a fuller understanding and loving relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

## Dream and Visioning Team Meeting

On July 19, our Dream & Visioning Team convened to discuss and dialogue about our vision for the next season of ministry. Fourteen passionate members representing different ages, and family demographics gathered to dream big and discern God's leading. Together we:

- Clarified our core values and ministry priorities
- Established a list of different ideas to be brought back to the trustees, finance and council about possible uses for the funds from the sale of the property:
  - Chimes repairs and upgrades
  - Playground
  - Bathrooms by pavilion and playground
  - More signage
  - Ballard House restoration
  - Painting
  - AV speakers in location around the church
  - Pavilion mission events
  - Columbarium
  - Scatter garden
  - Landscaping
  - Community garden
  - Parking lot
  - Holistic programming
  - AC units

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## This Issue:

Back to School!

Pastor's Report

Pool Party

Children's  
Homes of Iredell  
County

Prayer Shawls

## CHURCH APP

We are excited to continue to utilize the features of our new web-based platform, Subsplash. Please download the church app to:



- watch or listen to past messages
- stay up-to-date with small groups announcements and notifications within the app
- share your favorite messages via Twitter, Facebook, or email, and download messages for offline listening.
- sign-up for events and service opportunities
- check your recent giving
- read the current newsletter via access to the website



Watch your inbox each Wednesday for the View from Fair View.

This weekly newsletter regularly contains upcoming events and opportunities to serve the church

and the greater Mooresville community. Not receiving church emails? Let us know by emailing us at [info@fairviewumc.org](mailto:info@fairviewumc.org).

Dates for birthdays and anniversaries come from the church database, so if there are any errors, please contact the church office.



## TXT2GIVE

Text **FVUMCgiving** to 1-888-364-4483 in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface. The code is not case sensitive.

If you already have a Subsplash giving account, you will be able to login and give immediately!

Don't have a Subsplash account? You can create one in seconds!

The privacy of your personal information is our first priority and is secure through our giving platform!

*Truly Grateful for you.*

YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS KEEP OUR CHURCH ACTIVE AND THRIVING!

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# FAIR VIEW HAPPENINGS

## Upcoming Events

July 29: Worship team at 7pm in the work room

August 5: Bereavement team at 10am in the work room

September 14: Heritage Day Sunday.  
This is always a big event and it will be here before we know it.

## Communion Servers

### August

Ann Goode, Brenda Harvey, Kathy Mazewski, and Kia Whittlesey

### September

Alan & Judy Donaldson, Todd & Matthew Danner

## Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are available from the church office for all members as well as Stephen Ministers to share with family, friends, or neighbors who need a reminder that we care about their loss or difficulty. In their time of need, a shawl says "I'm thinking of you and want to share God's love with you."

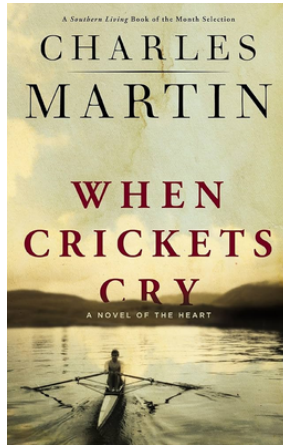
## Faith Study

Wesley 5:30 pm with study and light meal and fellowship.

We will be finishing up watching and learning the teachings of Season 5 of The Chosen. We will finish in mid August but at deadline time have not decided on our next study. Join us and help us to decide! We have discovered we have some great cooks in our group as we enjoy food and fellowship as well.

### Book Club

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month. We meet in Wesley following the Faith Study at 7pm. If you like to read, we would love for you to join us.



Our next discussion will be August 10. We will be reading Charles Martin's *When Crickets Cry* led by Carol Carman. Charles Martin is one of our favorite authors who was recommended to us by another favorite author, Robert Whitlow. *When Crickets Cry* is available from Amazon in paperback for \$8.50 or free Kindle Unlimited.

It begins on the shaded town square in a sleepy southern town. A spirited seven-year-old has a brisk business at her lemonade stand. But the little girl's pretty yellow dress can't quite hide the ugly scar on her chest. Her latest customer, a bearded stranger, drains his cup and heads to his car, his mind on a boat he's restoring at a nearby lake. The stranger understands more about the scar than he wants to admit. And the beat-up bread truck careening around the corner with its radio blaring is about to change the trajectory of both their lives. Before it's over, they'll both know there are painful reasons why crickets cry . . . and that miracles lurk around unexpected corners. With its beautiful, lyrical writing, engaging characters who stick with you, and a storyline that will touch your own heart's no wonder why so many readers adore *When Crickets Cry*.

### UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP

Join our weekly, mid-day worship and devotion time! We meet in Wesley every Wednesday morning from 11 am – noon following the Methodist Order for Morning Praise and Prayer and then read the scripture and devotional from the Upper Room. We always find room for another around our table. We meet in Wesley, the portable building nearest the highway. Join us whenever you can.

### THE VINE BIBLE STUDY

The Vine Study group meets wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30pm in the Wesley Building. Join us for an hour of prayer and study led by Pastor Nathan Finsel. All are welcome as we seek and cling to the vine.

### COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know are homebound and would like to request one of our communion servants to administer communion at your home, please call the church office to schedule a time.

Communion servants have been trained to serve communion and are Stephen Ministers and congregants. We appreciate their service to the church body.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Each Thursday, the Fair View Church volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels. Many recipients are widows or widowers, some are in ill health and dealing with disabilities or aging restrictions. We would ask you to keep them in your prayers as we have ministered to their needs and have developed friendships.

If you would like to join this ministry, contact Judy at [judithdonaldson@windstream.net](mailto:judithdonaldson@windstream.net).



## Movers & Shakers

On July 17, we went to Winston-Salem for the Van Gogh Immersive Experience. We learned lots about the painter's life. Did you know that he died at the age of 37? He suffered from mental illness. In 1889 he had himself committed to a mental health asylum for a year. During that year, he created 150 paintings. After our visit to the experience we had lunch at First Watch, then we stopped at Krispy Kreme. On the way home we delivered doughnuts to Mr. Bill, Ellar, and Christie.

On August 21 we will go to Concord Mills Mall for a day of shopping and socializing. We will gather in the workroom at 9:30 and leave for the mall at 10am. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or [MommaMary1@Windstream.net](mailto:MommaMary1@Windstream.net). Please join us. We would love to see you!



## United Methodist Men

The men continue to keep a supply of care kits for folks to offer to homeless individuals they may encounter. They can be found in the Narthex to take with you. Please log your name on the form provided when you get one to put in your car.

We cooked and served hot dogs for the final day of VBS. The roofing project on the out-building at the parsonage was completed in June. The next roadside pick-up is scheduled on Saturday July 27 at 7:00 am. Our next meeting will be on August 10 at 8:00 am

# COME JOIN US!

## SUNDAYS AT FAIR VIEW WORSHIP at 10 AM

### Fair View Kidz

*every Sunday*

Fair View Kidz meets each Sunday immediately after children's church during worship. Crafts, Bible study and fun activities!



A FULL CALENDAR OF  
EVENTS CAN BE FOUND  
AT [FAIRVIEWUMC.ORG](http://FAIRVIEWUMC.ORG)

*Youth*  
11:00AM IN CHAPIN



2nd SUNDAYS  
8:00AM IN 204A

### monday

**FAITH STUDY**  
MONDAYS  
5:30PM IN WESLEY

### wednesday

**THE VINE STUDY**  
WEDNESDAYS  
6:30PM IN WESLEY

### thursday

**STEPHEN MINISTRIES**  
2ND/4TH THURSDAY  
7 PM IN WESLEY

**BOOK CLUB**  
2ND MONDAYS  
6:30PM IN WESLEY

**UPPER ROOM**  
WEDNESDAYS  
11 AM IN WESLEY

**MOVERS &  
SHAKERS**  
3RD THURSDAYS

**M.O.M. BIBLE STUDY**  
2ND MONDAY  
6PM IN 204A

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
 WEDNESDAYS AT  
7 PM



# PASTOR'S REPORT

## Dreaming and Visioning Team Meeting

### Shaping Our Ministries: Nine Key Traits

#### **Welcoming: The Open Door**

*"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." — Romans 15:7*

Whether a seeker or seasoned believer, our doors are wide open—because His arms always are.

#### **Loving & Nurturing: Living Out the Gospel**

*"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." — 1 Peter 4:8*

To nurture is to protect, to grow, and to love relentlessly—just as we are loved by Christ.

#### **Community / Lifeline: A Place to Belong**

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... encouraging one another." — Hebrews 10:24–25*

In the heart of the Church beats the rhythm of togetherness—prayerful, powerful, and deeply personal.

#### **Connection: Knit Together in Love**

*"From Him the whole body... grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." — Ephesians 4:16*

Every relationship matters. Every gift counts. We are connected—on purpose and for a purpose.

#### **Discipleship: Walking with Purpose**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." — Matthew 28:19–20*

We grow not only by learning, but by walking in faith with others—teaching, guiding, and modeling a life surrendered to Christ.

#### **Care & Compassion: Seeing and Serving**

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2*

We are a church that steps into suffering, listens with grace, and lifts those who are weary.

#### **Generosity: Giving as We've Been Given**

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Generosity mirrors the abundant love of God—an open-handedness in our time, our treasures, and our hearts.

#### **Feeding: "Feed My Sheep"**

*"Jesus said... 'Feed my sheep.'" — John 21:17*

We take this commission seriously—physically through meals, spiritually through the Word, emotionally through presence.

#### **Mission Minded: Reaching Beyond**

*"You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth." — Acts 1:8*

Being mission-minded means living boldly, praying fervently, and serving wherever God leads us.

As we implement these nine traits as our baseline, we hope to not only review and hone our existing ministries but envision new ones furthering our calling to make disciples for the transformation of the world. I ask you all to be in prayer for God's direction as well as to volunteer for the new teams and ministries as they start to take shape.



# PASTOR'S REPORT

Dreaming and Visioning Team Meeting

## Shaping Our Ministries: Nine Key Traits cont.

Trait	Tagline	Scripture
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Loving & Nurturing	Living out the Gospel	1 Peter 4:8
Community/Lifeline	A Place to Belong	Hebrews 10:24–25
Connection	Knit Together in Love	Ephesians 4:16
Discipleship	Walking with Purpose	Matthew 28:19–20
Care & Compassion	Seeing and Serving	Galatians 6:2
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Feeding	"Feed My Sheep"	John 21:17
Mission Minded	Reaching Beyond	Acts 1:8

Happy  
Anniversary

August 14  
Brenda & Doug Agan

## Prayer for the First Day of School

As I start my day and new school year, oh Lord, I pray that everything will be okay. I ask for your guidance as I face the day with new classmates, new teachers, new environment. Use me as an instrument to spread your goodness. Keep me away from the foolish and bring forth towards me the spirit of love and abundance. This I ask, in Jesus' name. Amen.

[praywithconfidence.com](http://praywithconfidence.com)

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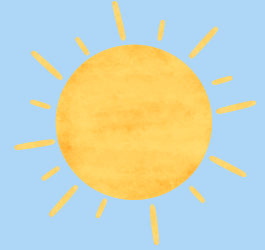
David Caldwell

Lucas Finsel

Brooklynn Williamson & Ollie Stapleton

Mandy Wright

Tom Gray





# MISSION OUTREACH



## JULY OUTREACH OVERVIEW

During the month of July we collected school supplies for the teachers of Coddle Creek Elementary School. Items like hand sanitizer, tissues, markers, pens, etc., are oftentimes provided by the teachers themselves. With your physical and monetary donations, we are able to assist our countries hardest workers with tools to make the upcoming school easier for the students and teachers.

## MISSION OUTREACH for AUGUST

During the month of July, we will be collecting school supplies for the children of Children's Homes of Iredell County. The beginning of the school year can be tough for many families and children, especially those without access to items like scissors, paper, glue sticks, notebooks, etc. With your help we can help the children all over Iredell County have a great start to the school year!

## MISSION STATEMENT OF CHILDREN'S HOMES OF IREDELL COUNTY

"Children's Homes of Iredell County, Inc., envisions a world where all at-risk children and young adults are unwaveringly seen, supported, cherished, and empowered so they can heal from trauma and reach their full potential. By providing multidimensional care, resources, and community, we are committed to ensuring everyone in our care is allowed to create a brighter, healthier future."

Mission statement provided by [chomesofiredell.com](http://chomesofiredell.com)







# FAIR VIEW KIDZ



Promotion Sunday is just around the corner. Please let Krystal know by Sunday August 10 if your child is going into kindergarten, third or sixth Grade this coming school year so we can recognize them on Sunday, August 24.

All kidz and youth are invited to join us at 9am on Sunday, August 10, for a Back-2-School Bagel Breakfast in room 304.

All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to the altar on Sunday, August 10, to have them prayed over during our Blessing of the Backpacks service.



Fair View Kidz and their families are invited to the home of Kathy Schilling on Sunday, August 24, from 12-3pm of an end-of-summer pool party! Please let Krystal know by August 21 if you will be able to attend.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Minister - Krystal Davis  
Contact: fairviewkidz@yahoo.com



# FAIR VIEW YOUTH



Thank you to all who came out and supported our youth at the 5th Sunday Luncheon! We had an amazing time and raised a total of \$478. We have set out a change jar in the narthex and would love your spare change. This will all go directly towards the fall retreat we have planned in November. At the request of the group, we will be traveling to Pigeon Forge again this year for the Hearts on Fire Youth Conference.

July was a busy month for us! We helped the Mooresville Exchange Club set up the Field of Flags for July 4th. This was an amazing opportunity for our youth, and they all seemed to enjoy it. We had several youth helping out with VBS by leading sessions, leading a group, and participating in the skits. These youth did an amazing job that week!

We are starting a new Bible study series on Right Now Media titled *Reckless Love*. This study was picked by the youth and we are looking forward to getting started.

Do you have a talent or a resource you think the youth should learn about? Please contact me. We would love to have you join us one Sunday to share your wisdom with the youth of our church.







A big  
THANK YOU goes  
to Fair View from  
Pack #173, Troop  
#173 and Troop  
#4173 for facility  
use.

# SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173

By Bill Hicks



Last month the Cub Scouts along with all their family members enjoyed a great time at the Lake Norman State Park when a fishing derby was held. Great teaching and assistance in fishing was shared by an Iredell County Sheriff Deputy with the lake division, two park rangers and two park and recreation volunteers. Every scout and sibling fishing was presented a participation medal. Trophies were presented to scouts for the shortest fish caught, longest fish caught and the most fish caught.

The August summertime activity will be an outdoor movie night in Fair View's Harrison Pavilion. A great children's movie will be shown on a "wide screen" erected on one end of the pavilion. In keeping with our annual movie night, the usual popcorn popping machine will be there.

Anyone who is aware of a girl or boy entering kindergarten thru 5th grade this fall who is interested in joining Scouting can do so now. Contact Bill Hicks at 704-650-1026 or any of the Pack #173 leaders for more information. There will be a Cub Scout Fall Roundup at the Coddle Creek Elementary





Be sure to pass this month's newsletter on to a friend. You never know, that might inspire them for a visit!

### *The Power of an Invitation*

6-8% *Walked in by own initiative*

2-3% *Liked a program offered*

8-10% *Liked the pastor*

3-4% *Had a need met by the church.*

1-2% *Were Evangelized*

3-4% *Attracted by Sunday School*

70-85% *Invited by a relative or friend!*

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