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A NEW ADVENT BEYOND THE HORIZON

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

Beloved Friends in Christ,

As we stand on the edge of another Advent season, I invite you to lift your eyes toward the horizon. There, just beyond the shadows of our present moment, a new dawn is stirring. The sky, though still heavy with night, carries the faint blush of morning. It is the promise of light breaking through our darkness, the whisper of hope that refuses to be silenced.

Advent is not merely a countdown to Christmas—it is a holy waiting, a posture of expectation. We wait not for a vague dream or distant ideal, but for the One who has already come and who promises to come again. We wait for Emmanuel, God with us, who stepped into the world's midnight and lit it with the brilliance of divine love.

The incarnation is the miracle at the heart of our faith: the eternal Word made flesh, dwelling among us. In Jesus Christ, heaven bent low to touch earth, and the Creator walked among His creation. This is no abstract theology—it is the living truth that God has chosen to be with us in every valley, every shadow, every uncertainty.

As we journey through Advent, let us remember:

The horizon is not the end of our vision, but the beginning of God's promise. What looks like a boundary line to our eyes is, in truth, the threshold of new creation. Advent teaches us to lean forward, to trust that beyond what we can see, God is already preparing renewal. The horizon reminds us that our story is still unfolding, and that God's future is rushing toward us with grace.

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The light we await is not fragile, but fierce enough to pierce the deepest night. This is no flickering candle that trembles in the wind, but the radiant glory of Christ who shines into every shadow. His light exposes what is broken, heals what is wounded, and guides our steps when the path feels uncertain. Advent is the season when we dare to believe that even the darkest corners of our lives cannot resist the brilliance of God's love.

The manger and the cross, the cradle and the tomb, remind us that God's love is both tender and triumphant. In the manger, we see humility—God choosing to dwell among us in vulnerability. On the cross, we see sacrifice—love poured out to redeem the world. And in the empty tomb, we see victory—death defeated and hope restored. Advent gathers all these truths together, pointing us toward the Christ who comes to dwell with us, suffer for us, and reign over us.

So we wait—not passively, but with hearts awake and hands ready. We wait as those who know the story does not end in darkness. We wait as those who believe that the Christ who came as a child will come again as King.

May this Advent be for us a season of holy anticipation, where we lean forward into the horizon, trusting that the dawn is near. And when the light breaks, may we be found ready to welcome Him—Emmanuel, God with us.

With hope and joy,

Rev. Nathan Finsel

UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to a midweek opportunity to join others in time of worship, scripture reading, prayer. Join the Upper Room Group any Wednesday at 11:00 – noon. Would love for you to join this faith-filled group as we grow in our relationship with our Lord and Savior. We meet in Wesley for this worship time. We will not meet on December 24 or 31. Heartfelt wishes for a most Merry Christmas and that you have a Joy filled New Year 2026.

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.

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

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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.

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!

connect:  



Happy Anniversary

Dec. 31
Clayton & Cheryl Rogers

Dec. 31
Carl & Elaine Willeford

YOUTH

5th
Sunday Lunch

Sunday December 28th
Following Service



SOUP, SALAD,
ROLLS, &
DESSERT

RSVP BY NOV 27th
Proceeds to be split
between youth retreat &
Angel Tree Event

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



ASPIRE WOMEN'S NIGHT

is coming back to Fair View
Saturday, March 7, 2026

HAPPY birthday

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4 DIETER HORSTKOTTE

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6 BJ TESTERMAN

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8 DAISY SOLANO

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10 LEIGH FLETCHER

11 SHELIA GIBSON

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13 KRISTI RICHARDSON

14 BILL HICKS

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24 HOLLY GLAZE & ANNE GOODE

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26 TERRY HONEYCUTT

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30 NATHAN FINSEL

31 BETTY BRAWLEY

FAIR VIEW HAPPENINGS

Book Club

December 8 @ 7pm
We meet the second Monday
following Faith Study in Wesley

Christmas Gathering – Bring a wrapped book for exchange. Bring ideas for books you would like to read next year. All book lovers welcome to join this group of faithful readers. We primarily read fiction but sometimes historical or biographical. Sara McMinn has some fun things planned for us to celebrate the season.



Communion Servers

December 7
Peggy Jones, Krystal Davis,
Vicki Gurley, Brenda Harvey

Christmas Eve
Todd & Matthew Danner
Susan & Judy Donaldson

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."

Church Directory

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

Church directory photos are being taken December 2 through December 3. Sign ups are available through our online platform or in person Sunday mornings.

Online sign ups are available through email blasts or the website.

Movers & Shakers



On November 20th, we visited the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC. We all enjoyed learning more about the man who grew up on a dairy farm in Charlotte and became known worldwide for preaching God's word. After our visit there, we went to Cracker Barrel for a yummy lunch. We had a great server by the name of Vivian. Amy Boling, Vivian said she misses her brownies.

On December 18th at 11:00 am, we'll gather in Wesley for our annual Christmas party. This is a time change, so that it puts it closer to lunchtime. Bring some type of food to share. Water and coffee will be provided. If, you would like to participate in the Dirty Santa game, where gifts are chosen and can be stolen, bring a \$20 gift. Participation in the game is not required. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMary1@windstream.net. We hope you will join us!

Faith Study

Faith Study meets every Monday night, 5:30 – 7:00 in Wesley for study, fellowship and a meal.

We will not meet on December 1 but hope you will join the Moravian Feast in worship Sunday evening November 30 to kick off the Advent season

We will be doing Advent study by Derwin Gray through the Right Now Media on Dec. 8 and 15

Who exactly is Jesus? What kind of God would come to earth as a human? As Christmas approaches, the season of Advent offers us a chance to reflect on our savior, his purpose, and the surprising ways he invited people near to him. Join Pastor Derwin Gray in this five-session Advent study as he unveils King Jesus—the God-man who defied expectations, the king of all creation who humbled himself to serve and die, the friend to sinners who wants to lift us up.

We will take a break and not be meeting December 22 and 29. We will begin a new study January 5, TBD. Prayerfully consider joining this group in 2026 for growing a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior, some food and fellowship. Christ called us to live and worship in community.



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW?

Finance Committee Notes

As the Finance Committee works on the budget for 2026, we have found a few accounts that could be grouped into a larger, more general account. By combining the accounts, it would provide a more streamlined way of accounting for these funds. The Finance Committee recommends that the following accounts be included into the Missions Fund: Angel Tree, Book Bags, Iredell Children's Home.

We have also identified a few Designated Accounts that are no longer active in the church. The recommendation from the Finance Committee is to place these funds for the needs of Fairview. The total amount of these 5 accounts are \$1,116.04. All attempts with given contact information to connect with those that gave individual funds has been exhausted. We are now giving this public notice that the following funds will be reallocated barring any objections.

Account Name	Account Amount
Softball	\$33.25
Prayer Breakfast	\$73.86
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	\$30.93
Organ Fund	\$878.00
Tutoring	\$100.00

If anyone has any concerns regarding this simplification of our accounts or the closing of said designated funds, please reach out to Heather Gray at (812)-760-0975. If there are no objections, these accounts will merge with our 2026 Budget.

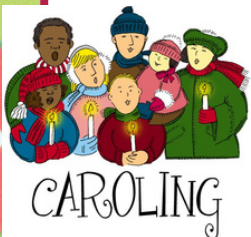
Thank you for your generous giving to our church!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AND CAROLING



THE FAIR VIEW CHOIR WILL BE PRESENTING: CHRIST HAS COME AN ADVENT CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 DURING REGULAR WORSHIP TIME, 10:00 AM. PLAN NOW TO COME AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. MANY OF THE MOST FAMILIAR CHRISTMAS CAROLS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS MUSICAL PRESENTATION. PLUS, OUR MUSIC MINISTER, ISAIAH CORNELIUS, HAS INVITED OUR PREVIOUS MUSIC MINISTER, JOEL EVERETTE, TO BE THE ACCOMPANIST AND SEVERAL VISITING CHOIR MEMBERS.

THE CHOIR WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM ON DECEMBER 21 AS THEY VISIT OUR SHUT-INS TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND FAMILIAR SONG FAVORITES. THE BUS WILL BE LEAVING FAIR VIEW AT 2:00 PM AND RETURNING NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM. CAROLING IS ONE WAY TO SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE DURING THIS SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR.

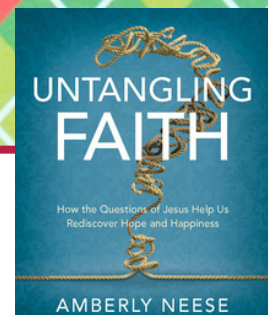


WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW?

United Methodist Men

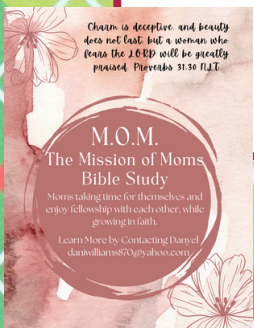
Please join the UMM of Fair View for their church
wide Christmas Dinner
Sunday December 11th at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner will be at Mooresville Family House located at
668 River Hwy, Mooresville

M.O.M.S BIBLE STUDY



The M.O.M.S Bible Study will resume with their monthly meetings starting January 12th at 6:00 p.m. We meet the 2nd Monday of every month.

January we will be starting the study Untangling Faith by Amberly Neese.
This 6 session study, we will discover how to trust God, grow in faith, and find meaning in prayer.



MISSION OUTREACH



MISSION OVERVIEW

By Kathy Schilling

We continue to provide weekend food support for students at Coddle Creek Elementary who may otherwise go without. As of November 12, we are serving 23 children through this ministry. In addition, we provided each of their families (17 total) with Thanksgiving meal fixings along with a Food Lion gift card to help cover the cost of turkey and other groceries.

We also supported 10 families connected with Hope of Mooresville by providing Food Lion gift cards to assist them in obtaining meat during the period when SNAP benefits were unavailable.

Financial donations were made to Feed NC, the Christian Mission, and the Children's Home during this time as well. Not only did we contribute what was allocated in our outreach budget, but we also provided additional support through the Knox Fund and outreach funds from the sale of the Triplett property.

We collected 72 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, many of which were lovingly prepared by our youth. We are currently gathering gifts through the Prison Ministry Angel Tree Program and will distribute these shortly before Christmas.

In December, we will be collecting winter coats for the residents of the Children's Homes of Iredell County in Statesville. Additionally, we are partnering with them to host an informational meeting on fostering children, which will be held at Fair View on December 6th. We are reaching out to other area churches to make this a community-wide event.

As winter break approaches, we will also be sending additional backpack food bags and a Food Lion gift card home with students at Coddle Creek to help support them during the extended time away from school.





FAIR VIEW KIDZ



November was a busy month in Children's Ministry. We finished up our Bible Chef lessons and began a Bible Cookies series, ask the kids how God is compared to Oreo's or the Prodigal Son is related to Animal Crackers.

On November 9th Kidz alongside Youth hosted our annual Veterans Day Luncheon to honor and thank those in our congregation who served our country.

On November 16th we hosted our annual Friendsgiving. Despite a little wind, we had 22 members of the Fair View community enjoy a spaghetti lunch and fellowship on the porch of Wesley.

Looking forward to December will be hosting our Breakfast with Santa in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 6th from 9 to 11am. This is a free event for the community, so please invite all of your friends and neighbors! There will be no Children's Church on Sunday December 14th so children can enjoy the special Cantata service from the Choir with their families.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

FAIR VIEW YOUTH

November has been a busy month for youth. We have packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We had our annual Friendsgiving with children's ministry. We had our trip to Hearts on Fire Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN. We enjoyed an amazing weekend of worship, the gospel, and fun with each other. We heard from speakers Shane Pruitt & Algernon Tennyson aka Big Al. We worshipped with Tauren Wells, Passion Music, & Maverick City Music. We enjoyed a fun scavenger hunt in our beautiful cabin that was decorated for Christmas and some meaningful talks about the weekend.

A big thank you to everyone who has prayed for our youth and donated toward our fundraisers to help make this trip possible!

We love you all very much!!





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

Scouting Around With Cub Scout Pack # 173

The month of November was a busy time for the Cub Scouts with placing over 100 American flags on the graves of Veterans at Centre Presbyterian and at Fair View. One of the leaders in the pack who is a veteran gave a great talk. The scouts along with their leaders marched in the Mooresville Veterans Day Parade as well as in the Mooresville Christmas Parade.

Several groups of scouts made a trip to the Mooresville Fire Department where they had an exciting adventure. The scouts learned about fire safety, got a close-up view of the fire trucks and equipment and learned the importance of smoke alarms and fire escape plans. The scouts even have the chance to try on some firefighting gear.

The monthly pack meeting for the scouts and all their family members was held at the Coddle Creek Elementary School where the scouts were recognized for all their achievements and advancements since the last pack meeting.

The Cub Scouts along with scouts from Troop #173 and Troop #4173 collected two pickup loads of food in the Coddle Creek School District area as part of the annual National Scouting for Food drive. All the food collected was presorted by the Scouts in the Harrison Pavillion and then delivered to the Mooresville Christian Mission.

December will have the usual den meetings and pack meeting. The scouts will enjoy shopping and presents for children in need for their age and gender.

Bill Hicks

November 23, 2025

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



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 for crafts, Bible study and fun activities!



A FULL CALENDAR OF
EVENTS CAN BE FOUND
AT 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

Advent



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

2-8% Liked a program offered

8-10% Liked the pastor

8-4% Had a need met by the church.

1-2% Were Evangelized

8-4% Attracted by Sunday School

70-85% Invited by a relative or friend!

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