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THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LIVING WITH PURPOSE: A WITNESS IN EVERY SEASON

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

Reflections from Titus Chapter 2 for the New Year

As we step into a new year, many of us feel the pull of fresh beginnings—new goals, new rhythms, new opportunities. Titus chapter 2 reminds us that the call to live with purpose and bear witness to the kingdom of God is not bound by age, circumstance, or calendar. Instead, it is a lifelong invitation to let God's grace shape us in every season.

Purpose Beyond Age or Stage

Paul's words in Titus 2 highlight that each generation has a role in God's mission:

- **Older men** are called to be steady and sound in faith.
- **Older women** are invited to mentor and encourage.
- **Younger believers** are urged to live with self-control and integrity.
- Even daily work and service become opportunities to glorify God.

This new year is a reminder that no matter where you find yourself—young or old, beginning or seasoned—you carry a divine purpose. Every stage of life is a chance to live out the gospel.

Witness in Ordinary Life

The turning of the calendar often inspires us to dream big, but Paul reminds us that witness begins in the ordinary. The way we speak, love, work, and serve becomes a testimony to God's kingdom. As Titus 2:10 says, our lives can "make the teaching about God our Savior attractive." What better resolution could we embrace than to let our daily faithfulness point others to Christ?

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Grace as Our Teacher

The new year often brings lists of resolutions, but Paul directs us to something deeper: grace. "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people" (Titus 2:11). Grace is our teacher, guiding us to say "no" to what distracts us and "yes" to lives filled with hope and expectation. This year, let grace—not guilt—be the force that shapes our witness.

New Year, New Possibilities

With each January comes the gift of possibility. What new ways might God be calling you to live out your witness? Perhaps it's mentoring someone younger in faith, recommitting to prayer, serving in a ministry, or simply being more intentional in your daily relationships. The kingdom of God is not waiting for perfect conditions—it is breaking in through the ordinary faithfulness of God's people, right now.

Encouragement for Today

As we embrace this new year, let us remember: our purpose is not seasonal, but eternal. Every day is a chance to live with intention, to embody grace, and to bear witness to Christ. May this year be marked by fresh courage, renewed hope, and faithful living that makes the beauty of God's kingdom visible to all.

With hope and joy,

Rev. Nathan Finsel

THE VINE BIBLE STUDY

The Vine Study group meets wednesday evenings beginning at 5:30pm 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.

A Note from SPRC

If you've visited the church office recently you probably saw a familiar face in a new setting. We are happy to announce that Danyel officially stepped into the role of Office Manager in mid-November! She has made a seamless transition, and we are truly grateful for the energy and dedication she brings to our church. Even better—she will continue serving as our Youth Minister and is excited to keep building on the incredible work she's been doing with our Fair View youth. Join us in celebrating Danyel and all the wonderful ways she blesses our community.

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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Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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!

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Grateful
for you.*

YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS KEEP OUR CHURCH ACTIVE
AND THRIVING!

connect:  



Happy Anniversary

Jan 8th

Wayne & Tammy Glaze

Jan 26th

Larry & Joyce Correll

Jan 27th

Tim & Shelia Gibson

NO REGRETS MEN'S CONFERENCE

"...OFFER YOUR BODIES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE."
ROMANS 12:1

SURRENDER

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Aspire

WOMENS EVENTS

MARY SHANNON



Author & Bible Teacher

MICHELLE MILLER



Comedian

JAIME JAMGOCHIAN



Singer/Songwriter

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 • 6PM
HERE AT FAIR VIEW UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

HAPPY birthday

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2 MELIA RICHARDSON & TIFFANY STUTTS

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5 LISA COYLE & JC STUTTS

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7 CHUCK BASS, PATTY BROTHERTON, & ELLAR HICKS

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14 MONTERAI ADAMS

15 GAYE DUNSMORE

16 AMY BOILING

17 ISAIAH CORNELIUS

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22 LILLY STUTTS

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24 MATTHEW DANNER

25 CYNTHIA BELL

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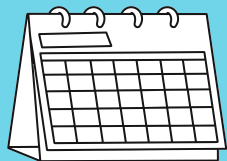
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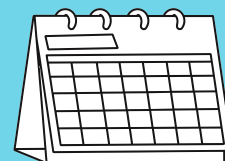
29 ANNA DUNSMORE & COLESON KISTLER

30 GABRIEL MCDANIELS & KATHY SCHILLING

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Dates to add to your calendar now.

EVENT

DATES & TIMES

NO REGRETS MEN'S CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 7TH 8:00 A.M.- 1:30 P.M.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 18TH 6:30 P.M.

STEPHENS MINISTERS "DEALING WITH ANGER"

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S ASPIRE EVENT

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH 6:00-9:00 P.M.

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29TH 10:00 A.M.

KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 29TH 12:00 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2ND 6:30 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3RD 6:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNRISE

APRIL 5TH 7:00 A.M.

EASTER SERVICE

APRIL 5TH 10:00 A.M.

UNITED METHODIST MENS YARDSALE

SATURDAY MAY 2ND

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 18TH-21ST

VBS

JULY 13TH-17TH 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

HOMEcoming (HERITAGE SUNDAY)

SEPTEMBER 13TH 10:00 A.M.

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH 3:00-6:00 P.M.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 1ST 10:00 A.M.

MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29TH 6:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DECEMBER 13TH 10:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH 6:30 P.M.

FAIR VIEW HAPPENINGS

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

Upper Room

**Mark your calendar for
Wednesdays at 11:00 am – Noon**

Join us in 2026 in Wesley for our time of worship including scripture readings and prayer time, devotion-of-the day from The Upper Room and discussion from the study guide. Would love for you to join this faith-filled group as we grow in our relationship and experience the presence of the Holy Spirit. We always have room for one more!

Communion Servers

January 4

Alan & Judy Donaldson, Cheryl
& Ava Rogers

February 1

Kathy Mazewski, Heather Gray,
Ann Goode, Brenda Harvey

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."

Move Group

We meet on an irregular basis according to what is playing at the theater. When someone in the group sees a movie scheduled to show they would like to see we announce to the email list and typically meet at the box office for a matinee on Tuesday when they offer lower admissions and discounted concessions. If you would like to be included on our email list please contact Brenda Harvey.

BrendaTHarvey@gmail.com

Movers & Shakers



On December 18th we gathered in Wesley for our annual Christmas party. We had a good time. We ate. We exchanged Dirty Santa gifts. We talked and laughed. I unfortunately didn't take pictures, so I had to rely on others for our pictures. Please look for 1 or 2 in the newsletter. I promise to do better next month.



On January 15th at 10 am, we will once again gather in Wesley. This time for our planning session for 2026. We'll plan for a little while, then stop for lunch. And then finish our planning. If you plan on coming, please bring a soup, chili, side, or dessert to fill our bellies. Water, coffee, and hot tea will be provided. And bring ideas for what you want to do next year. Some of the things we've done are: Seagrove Pottery, visit Sylvia (who used to go with us), Reynolda House & Gardens, the Amish Store in Hamptonville, the Van Gogh exhibit, spa day, Wohlfahrt House for a musical, travel the Waldensian Trail of Faith, Billy Graham Library, shopping, movies (both in theaters and at church), game day at church, wineries, the distillery in Statesville, and other things that I can't recall right now. What do you want to do next year? We're open to most anything. Bring your ideas. We hope to see you on the 15th for more fun, food, and fellowship along with the planning.



Faith Study



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

We will be completing our Advent study by Derwin Gray through the Right Now Media . 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.

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. Come and help us decide what study to do next.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW?

Book Group

We enjoyed a social gathering at our December meeting with Sara McMinn leading us in some fun activities while enjoying hot chocolate and laughter. We also loved our annual book exchange, which usually extends to exchanging those books with each other throughout the year and some end up on our reading list. We then concluded the evening by scheduling our readings for 2026.

January 12	The Briar Club by Kate Quinn	Led by Jo Rossini
February 9	The Measure by Nikki Erlick	Led by Judy Donaldson
March 9	Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict	Led by Ann Goode
April 13	The Girl in the Stilt House by Kelly Mustain	Led by Sara McMinn
May 11	Witness Protection by Robert Whitlow	Led by Brenda Harvey
June 8	Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelly Van Pelt	Led by Carol Carman
July 13	The River Knows Your Name by Kelly Mustain	Led by Penny Price
August 10	The Girls of August by Ann River Siddons	
September 14	The Wednesday Sisters by Meg	
October 12	TBD	
November 9	TBD	
December 14	TBD	



Washington, DC, 1950. Everyone keeps to themselves at Briarwood House, a down-at-the-heels all-female boardinghouse in the heart of the nation's capital where secrets hide behind white picket fences. But when the lovely, mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic room, she draws her oddball collection of neighbors into unlikely friendship: poised English beauty Fliss, whose facade of perfect wife and mother covers gaping inner wounds; policeman's daughter Nora, who finds herself entangled with a shadowy gangster; frustrated baseball star Beatrice, whose career has come to an end along with the women's baseball league of WWII; and poisonous, gung-ho Arlene, who has thrown herself into McCarthy's Red Scare.

Grace's weekly attic-room dinner parties and window-brewed sun tea become a healing balm on all their lives, but she hides a terrible secret of her own. When a shocking act of violence tears the house apart, the Briar Club women must decide once and for all: who is the true enemy in their midst?

Capturing the paranoia of the McCarthy era and evoking the changing roles for women in postwar America, *The Briar Club* is an intimate and thrilling novel of secrets and loyalty put to the test.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW?

CHOIR

One of the highlights of Christmas at Fair View is the choir and church members visiting our shut-ins or those who have difficulty coming to church to sing Christmas song favorites. This year seven stops were made to homes or facilities in our immediate community. We love to see our special friends every year. During the visits to two facilities, we were able to share with many residents who joined in our songs. We hope you will mark your calendars now for next year and join us!



M.O.M.S BIBLE STUDY

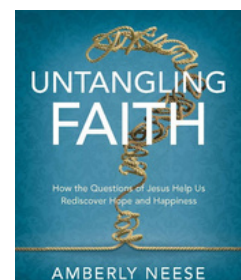
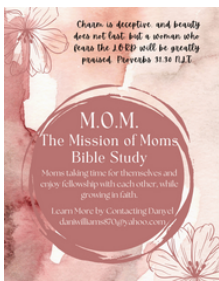
The M.O.M.S Bible Study will resume with their monthly meetings starting January 12th at 6:00 p.m.

We will meet the 2nd Monday of every month except for June, July, & August.

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.

This workbook can be purchased on amazon.
Please contact Danyel if you have any questions.



MISSION OUTREACH



MISSION OVERVIEW

By Kathy Schilling

In December we continued to provide food for 21 children at Coddle Creek, care of the Back Pack Ministry. We also sent home extra food to help over Christmas Break, as well as a Food Lion gift card for each of the families, to help ease the burden. We collected 18 winter coats as Christmas gifts for the older children that are in resident homes with the Children's Homes of Iredell County. Along with that we are participating in the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program, where children receive a gift with a message from a parent who is currently incarcerated. In January we will be collecting need items and monetary donations for HOME (Hope of Mooresville). which helps provides temporary assistance to homeless women and children to get them back on their feet.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity this month and throughout the year. Fair View is an incredibly loving, giving church and I am continually humbled by the response and participation that is received each month, as we give back to our community and the world. You are all such a blessing! Love and HUGS!!! Kath

2026 Mission Calendar

January HOPE of Mooresville

February Lake Norman Humane Society

March Little Free Library

April Compassion International

May Hospice

June Purple Heart Homes

July Back to School Bash & Coddle Creek Elementary Teacher Supplies

August Children's Home of Iredell County

September Pregnancy Center Life Walk

October Operation Christmas Child

November Children's Home of Iredell County

December Prison Fellowship Angel Tree

PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE

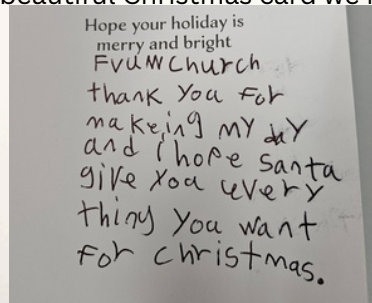


PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE FOLLOW UP

By Danyl Williams

On December 20th we welcomed the families from the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program for an evening of food, games, crafts, & fun at a Christmas Party just for them. Our wonderful youth set up for the event after their Christmas party then during the event helped carry gifts to cars for the families. The kids who came got to make a Christmas ornament for their families and had the opportunity to go through the gift shop which we turned the Mission Room into to pick a special gift for their caregiver with the help of our Youth and volunteers. We had a special visit from the Big Man himself to hand out the presents to their children. Families were each given an invitation to our Christmas Eve service, a devotional for each child, and a form from Prison Fellowship to order a Bible for free for each person in the household. It was hard to tell who enjoyed the evening more the kids or the parents/grandparents. The families were very grateful for us taking the time to support them this holiday season.

For the families who were not able to attend on Monday, we went and delivered the gifts. At one home we were greeted by a little girl who was beyond excited and waiting for her gift from her daddy. We barely got to the door and she was yelling with a big smile is that my present from my daddy? Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with this mission. Below see the beautiful Christmas card we received from one of the participants.





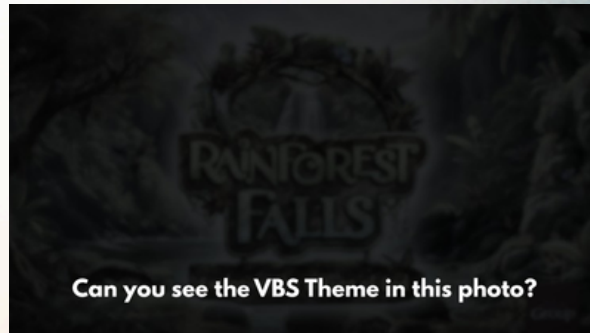
FAIR VIEW KIDZ



December brought our annual Breakfast with Santa back to the Fellowship Hall. The United Methodist Men served a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast, while volunteers helped to facilitate games, crafts and letter writing. Approximately 50 guests enjoyed their time with Santa and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event possible.

January will be a quiet month in the Kidz Ministry as we get back into a routine after the holidays and school breaks. Behind the scenes, we will begin prep for VBS once we have the kit in hand. Be on the lookout for the official VBS announcement and for a volunteer/planning meeting around the end of the month.

For the third year in a row we placed our Santa Mailbox outside for the community to mail their letters to Santa the month before Christmas. This year we sent return letters to 102 children spanning from Statesville to Lake Wylie and Fort Mill, SC! Several of the names are names we have seen letters from each year. Every letter from Santa included an invite to our Christmas Eve service and any letters mailed prior to December 14th also received an invite to the Cantata service.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

FAIR VIEW YOUTH

Our youth have been busy the last several weeks. We got the opportunity to travel to Charlotte to the processing center for Operation Christmas Child and were able to help process and pack shoeboxes that are going to children in need in Peru this year. The youth had amazing time, did an amazing job, and came back with ideas on what we want to do next year with our shoeboxes.

We helped with our Moravian Love Feast and I want to say thank you to each youth, they did an amazing job!

We had our Christmas Party the 19th and enjoyed some food, games, and ornament making. We also used the time to set up for the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Party. I love watching our youth get involved with our mission projects and be excited especially this time of year.

January will be a quiet month as we rest, reset, and plan for next year's events.

Starting in February we have a new Youth Bible Study starting up so be on the lookout for more details soon!

Thank you everyone for supporting our youth this year and making 2025 an amazing year!

We love you all!



SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173

By Amanda Fortier Cubmaster Pack 173 Downtown Mt. Mourne

In late November, our Scouts "raced down" the street in the Mooresville Christmas Parade aboard a festive Pinewood Derby car, spreading holiday cheer throughout the community.

In December, the Pack held its monthly meeting at Coddle Creek Elementary School. During the meeting, Scouts were recognized for achievements and advancements they earned since the November Pack Meeting.

Also in December, the Scouts visited the Mooresville Police Department, where they had the opportunity to meet local officers and learn how they help keep our community safe. The Pack is grateful for the officers' time, service, and dedication. Thank you to Fair View for sponsoring Pack #173 and supporting our Scouts as they grow through meaningful community experiences. As of next month, on the 23rd, Fair View will have been doing so for an incredible 56 years.

The Pack was also blessed to sponsor three children for Christmas this year, ages 6, 8, and 11. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as we helped make their Christmas a little brighter.

January promises to be an exciting month as the Scouts build their Pinewood Derby cars and race them at the end of the month on a 48-foot inclined track.



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
5:30PM IN 204A

thursday

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

BOOK CLUB
2ND MONDAY
7:00 PM 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

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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