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THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW

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LESSONS FROM CREATION: FINDING GOD IN THE BEAUTY OF SUMMER

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

July is a time when nature is at its peak; lush green fields, blooming flowers, and rivers flowing steadily toward their destination. It's a season that reminds us of God's artistry, filling the world with color, life, and wonder.

Consider the towering oak tree, standing firm through years of storms and sunshine. Its roots run deep, anchored in the soil, just as our faith must be deeply rooted in Christ. Though winds may come, the tree remains steadfast, drawing strength from what sustains it beneath the surface.

Or picture a quiet meadow, where wildflowers bloom without striving, effortlessly displaying the beauty God designed them to have. Jesus spoke of the lilies of the field, reminding us that God cares for His creation, clothing it in splendor without worry. In the same way, He cares for us, providing for our needs and reminding us to trust in His timing.

As we walk through summer's landscapes, whether along shaded paths or beside still waters, let us be mindful of the quiet lessons nature teaches us. God is present in every sunrise, every whisper of the wind, and every intricate detail of creation. He invites us to pause, to reflect, and to find Him in the beauty surrounding us.

May this season fill your heart with peace, renewal, and the unwavering assurance that His love is as constant as the turning of the seasons.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Nathan Finsel

This Issue:

Happy Fourth of July!

VBS was a success!

Cup Scout Day Camp

Prayer Shawls

Purple Heart Homes

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.

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

Faith Study

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

In the month of June we began watching Season 5 of The Chosen..

Communion Servers

July

Andrea Adams, Susan Donaldson, Ava and Cheryl Rogers

August

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

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."

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. All lovers of books and reading are welcome.

Movers & Shakers

On June 19, we journeyed to Shiloh General Store in Hamptonville with an almost full bus for one of our favorite trips. We went for lunch first, so that we could claim the best seats on the porch. We enjoyed their freshly made bread on our sandwiches. Then we shopped until we had seen everything in the store. And God protected us on our way home by holding off the storms.

On July 17, we are going to the Van Gogh Immersive Experience in Winston-Salem, NC. I would like to go to the 11 am show, so we will gather at 9 and leave at 9:30. The tickets are \$28.90 for adults and \$32.90 for seniors. It is a 60-90 minute show. The website states "Step into a 20,000 sq ft light and sound spectacular exhibit featuring two-story projections of the artist's most compelling works." Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to go, so that I can go ahead and get the tickets.

You can just put the money in the offering marked for Movers and Shakers. We would love to have you join us for fellowship, fun, and food. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMary1@Windstream.net.





M.O.M. Study Group

The Mission of Moms Bible Study meets every 2nd Monday each month at 6pm in 204A.

Their new study "Mom Struggles: A Mom's Guide to Hope through the Challenges of Motherhood" is offered on RightNow Media. A workbook can be purchased from Amazon.

If you have questions or need more information about the M.O.M. Bible Study, please contact Danyel Williams at daniwilliams870@yahoo.com

Movie Group

If you like to go to the movies and don't want to go alone, please contact Brenda Harvey 704-245-2662 to be added to our email list.

Our group generally attends a Tuesday matinee when they offer lower prices for tickets and specials at the concessions. We make plans usually a few days prior as we see a movie that piques our interest will be playing. We are hoping for some fun movies over the summer.

UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP

There is always room for another disciple to join our weekly worship and devotion time! We meet in Wesley every Wednesday morning from 11 am – noon with a Psalm, prayers and the scripture readings and devotional from *The Upper Room* with the study questions from the back that are written for discussion of each Wednesday devotion and for fellowship. Often our time of fellowship continues with a few going out to lunch. You know how we Methodists like to eat. Last month we enjoyed a meal at Feed NC.

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 judithdonsdon@windstream.net.

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

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

Happy Anniversary

July 13

Patty & Eddie Brotherton

July 17

Jane & B.J. Testerman



HAPPY birthday

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5 Vicki Gurley

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7 Merlin Davis

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9 Cheryl Rogers

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12 Brenda Harvey & Danyel Williams

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20 Carol Carman

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28 Holly Fleck, Tim Gibson & Sara Tice

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MISSION OUTREACH



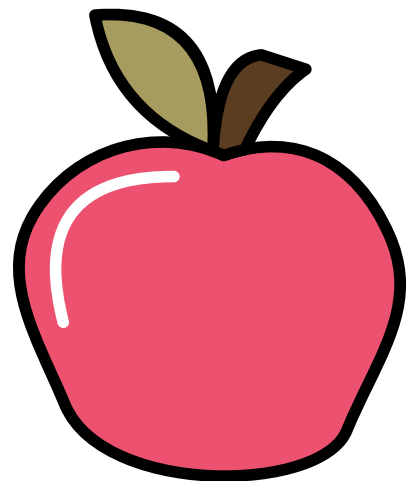
JUNE OUTREACH OVERVIEW

During June we focused on Purple Heart Homes for our monthly mission outreach program. Purple Heart Homes is based in Statesville and aims to provide support and build tiny homes for veterans. Besides housing, PHH aims to create a welcoming and purposeful environment for veterans and service members. This goes beyond construction of homes to include hosting fundraisers and baking yummy treats to show our veterans that we appreciate their service.

We had the pleasure of hosting Leah Gutierrez on June 22 to speak to our congregation about the story behind Purple Heart Homes and provide information on what they do and how to get involved.

MISSION OUTREACH for JULY

During the month of July, we will be collecting supplies for the teachers at Coddle Creek Elementary School. The beginning of the school year can be overwhelming for teachers. Besides engaging with their new students, they are asked to provide their own basic classroom supplies. We aim to provide those who shape the future of our young children with supplies to help the school year run as smoothly as possible.





VBS WAS A SUCCESS!

We had approximately 40 kids and 35 volunteers roaming the halls of the church during Vacation Bible School at the end of June with giggles and cheers as we went on a Road Trip with God.

We navigated through the stories of Abraham and Sarah, the Israelites travels, Zacchaeus, Mary and Elizabeth's family reunion and traveled with Paul. We enjoyed stories, games, music, crafts and science experiments.



We had the best crews and couldn't have made VBS a success without everyone who came out to help! Thank you for everything you did to help us!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Minister - Krystal Davis
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fair view youth

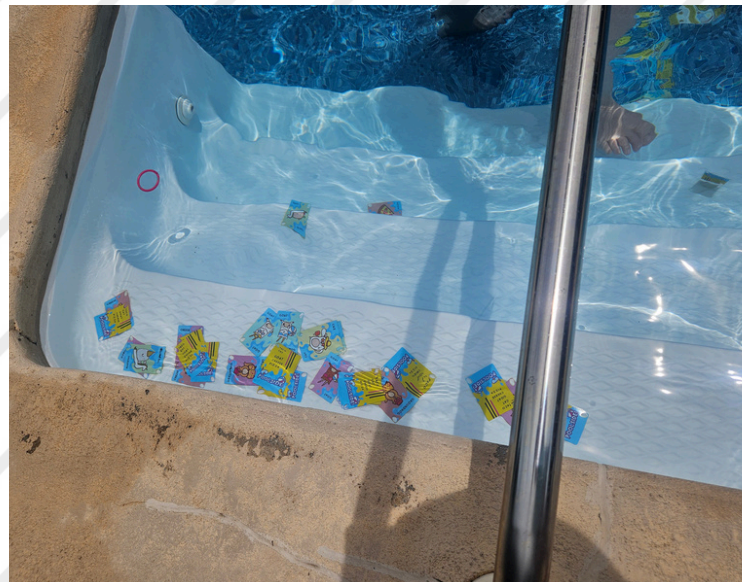
youth director
danyel williams

We had an amazing day of fellowship and teamwork when we went to Barcelona and The Pit. We escaped our escape room in under 60 minutes while solving the who, what, where, and why of the mystery.



We also got together at the home of Kathy Schilling to welcome the summer break with some pool fun including a pool side game of taco cat goat cheese pizza.

Looking ahead to July 2, we will be meeting at the Lowe's YMCA to help with the field of flags set up. Help us celebrate the Fourth of July by signing up to help on our website!





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

SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173 & #4173

By Bill Hicks



Even though formal Den and Patrol Meetings have not been taking place this summer as usual, the Scouts still have three summer activities. The Scouts will have a fishing derby at the Lake Norman State Park with park rangers helping with fishing skills, an outdoor movie night at Fair View's Harrison Pavilion and families will attend A Mooresville Spinners baseball game.

The big event at the county level in June was the Cub Scout Day Camp held at the VanHoy Family Campground north of Statesville. The Scouts from our Pack #173 attended classes in nature, science, cooking, recycling, knots, woodworking, sports, archery and much more working off achievements in their Scout Handbooks for their next level in Scouting this fall.

Anyone who is aware of a girl or boy entering kindergarten thru 5th grade this fall who is interested in joining Scouting can join now. Contact Bill Hicks at 704-650-1026 or any of the Pack #173 leaders for more information.

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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