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THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RESTING IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

Psalms 91:1–2 (NLT)

“Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.”

Often we approach the Bible with a checklist mentality—scanning for usable verses, crossing off our daily reading, moving on. Yet our forebearers in the Faith remind us that Scripture is meant primarily for communion with God, not just for extracting information about Him.

The ancient practice of *Lectio Divina*—divine reading—invites us to slow down, to linger over a single phrase, to let our hearts breathe the text as we would savor a conversation with a dear friend. In this rhythm of reading, meditating, praying, and contemplating, we open ourselves to the Spirit’s gentle promptings and fresh encounters.

Consider these questions as you settle into God’s presence and Word:

- Do we study the Bible, or does the Bible study us?
- Do we aim to master its content, or allow it to master our lives?
- How expectant are we when we open these pages?

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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!

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Grateful
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YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS KEEP OUR CHURCH ACTIVE AND THRIVING!

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FAIR VIEW HAPPENINGS

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 Labor Day. We will be starting a new study series on September 8. It would be a good time to join us!

Communion Servers

September

Alan & Judy Donaldson
Todd & Matthew Danner

October

Danyel & Reese Williams
Krystal and Brooklynn Williamson

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."

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.

Resting in the Shadow of the Almighty

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Bernard of Clairvaux, a 12th-century monk, described the transformative power of meditative prayer on Scripture:

"Meditating on the word strengthens me so that I can face the trials and burdens that are an inevitable part of human experience. To do this I can take a simple phrase from the Bible, like 'The LORD is the stronghold of my life' (Psalm 27:1), and pray it on repeat throughout my day. This has the power to redirect my thinking and to change the way I live."

Let Bernard's words guide you. Ask the Lord today, "Which verse from your word would you have me pray through this day and week?"

As you ponder, hear Bernard's testimony to divine intimacy:

"Consider how great is the grace of intimacy which results from the encounter of the soul and the Word, and how great the confidence which follows this intimacy! I think such a soul need not fear to say, 'My beloved is mine.'"

Take that phrase into your heart now: "My beloved is mine."

Then imagine the Lord speaking it back to you: "You are my beloved."

Every word of Scripture echoes this truth.

Prayer

Thank You, Lord, for nourishing us through Your Word. It is sweeter than honey and a gateway to revelation and encounter. Forgive us for racing through it as if it were fast food. Today, we choose to slow down, to steep our hearts in Your truth, and to come with expectant hunger. Speak, Lord. Your servants are listening.

UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday from 11:00 am until noon, we gather in Wesley for a time of worship and fellowship. The table is always open, come and bring a friend.

We read scriptures, pray and share our concerns and are there to encourage each other in our daily walk with Jesus.

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.

Movers & Shakers



On August 21, a few of us traveled to Concord to visit Concord Mills Mall. We did a little shopping. We did a little eating. We did a lot of fellowshipping. And of course, we went to Krispy Kreme.

On September 18, we will journey to Wytheville, VA, for one of our favorite trips of the year, Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre.

We have 12 tickets to see the musical *The Fabulous 50's & 60's*. We will gather in the workroom at 9 am and promptly leave at 9:30. Lunch begins at noon and the performance at 1:30. We will be back at about 6pm. If you've ordered a ticket and now you won't be able to go, please let me know and I'll try and find "buyer" for you. We look forward to seeing you on future adventures.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMary1@Windstream.net. Please join us. We would love to see you!

Book Club

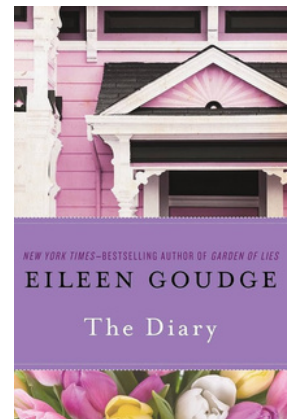
September 8 @ 7pm

We meet the 2nd Monday following
Faith Study in Wesley

Open invitation to all readers!

Emily and Sarah Marshall are cleaning out their dying mother's attic when Emily finds an old leather diary. Their mother's handwriting on the yellowed pages takes them back to a small Nebraska town in the summer of 1951, where sheltered, almost-engaged Elizabeth Harvey is swept into a clandestine romance with AJ, her rebellious childhood friend. When AJ becomes the prime suspect in a neighborhood fire, Elizabeth has to make the most difficult decision of her young life and choose between passionate but unpredictable AJ and her stable, longtime beau, Bob.

Shocked to learn that their mother was in love with a man other than their father, Emily and Sarah must confront painful truths about their mother, their father, and ultimately, themselves. Moving and uplifting, with a surprise ending readers won't see coming, *The Diary* is a novel about the mysteries of romantic love and the unassailable bond between parents and children.



**Upcoming reads
scheduled:**

October will be *There's
Something About Mira* by
Sonali Dev and led by
Jo Rossini.

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

Sept. 4

Camille & Chuck Bass

Sept. 17

Heather & Tom Gray

Sept. 19

Mandy & James Wright

JOIN US FOR HERITAGE SUNDAY

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
MUSIC & WORSHIP
AT 10AM**

**COVERED DISH
LUNCHEON TO
FOLLOW**



Work Day at



Sign up on our website if you want to join us for a day full of mission and fellowship! We have ten spots available and they are first come, first served.

HAPPY Birthday

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2 Eddie Brotherton

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6 Peggy Jones

7 Susan Donaldson

8 Bob Newman & David Hyland

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10 Dominick Stutts

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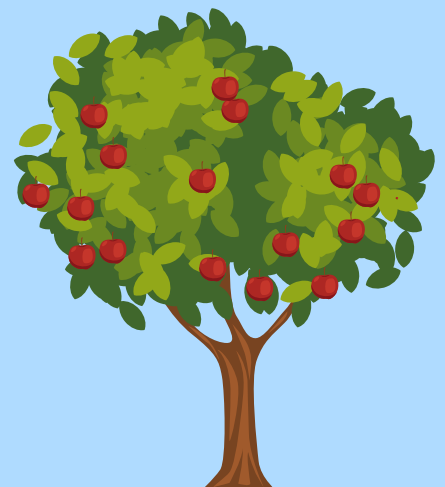
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MISSION OUTREACH



SEPTEMBER MISSION OUTREACH

For the past several years, the Lake Norman Pregnancy Center's Walk for Life has been our September mission. This year, the walk will take place at Langtree on the morning of October 4. It's not too late to join the team! Our team name is Fair View Walkers. You can:

- ✓ Register online and walk with us
- ✓ Support the team by giving online, with cash, or by check

Checks should be made out to Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman. To register or donate online, visit: PregnancyCenterFriends.org/walk.

The walk is a short 1.5 miles, and participants will enjoy bagels, fruit, pastries, and more. For details about our team, contact Brenda Harvey.

We will also be collecting food donations to restock the Coddle Creek Elementary Backpacks Pantry. As of August 25, we are sending 12 children home with food every weekend—your continued support makes this possible!

OUTREACH REVIEW FOR AUGUST

In August, we delivered school supplies to the teachers of Coddle Creek Elementary and to Freedom Connections, who distributed them to children in Montcalm, West Virginia. We also provided school supplies, bedding, and household necessities to the Statesville Children's Home. Additionally, a check for \$4,009.49 was delivered to Purple Heart Homes—thank you for your generosity!





FAIR VIEW KIDZ



In August the Fair View Kidz wrapped up their *Bible Circus* curriculum where we learned about Bible stories including the story of Abraham and Sarah, Daniel and the Lions Den, and the Fiery Furnace. While listening to the Bible story the kids created parts that stuck out to them out of Play-Doh. In September we will begin a new *Bible Chef* curriculum. Be sure to check out the Fair View Kidz Facebook group to see what creations we make!!



As you may have noticed during service, we are trying something new with Children's Time. We have different members of the congregation stepping in to work with the kids and deliver the Children's Message. If this is something you would be interested in, we would love to have you join our rotation. Please reach out to Krystal for more information.

On August 24 we celebrated Promotion Sunday where we recognized Malachi McDaniels by gifting him a Bible for his promotion to 3rd Grade. We can't wait to see where he goes on his journey with God!

The Fall Festival is coming up and we need your help! We need volunteers to help set up and tear down, help running games, and someone to help at the prize table among other things that may pop up. Fall Fest will take place on Saturday October 11 from 3 to 6pm. Setup will begin at 1pm. Please reach out to Krystal if you are available.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

What's Happening in September?

- September 7 Ms. Mary will be teaching us how to make pillows.
- September 26 from 6 to 8 all are welcome to join us in the fellowship hall for game night featuring board games and card games. Refreshments will be served.
- October 4 we will be participating in the Walk for Life.
- October 5 Ms. Kathy will be going over some finance basics with us.



FAIR VIEW YOUTH



August has been busy for our youth! They have all been getting back in their back-to-school routine. We blessed their backpacks and enjoyed a back-to-school bagel breakfast. We also got to welcome Lucas and Coleson to youth and celebrate that milestone by presenting them with their 6th grade Bibles!

We have been enjoying our *Reckless Love* study and look forward to starting *Faith Foundations* in September. We picked a daily affirmation and Bible verse to start our days with and made paintings to display them.

Is your youth looking for a way to be more engaged in Sunday service? I have sermon notes for teens sheets with me Sunday mornings. Come see me if you want to grab one.



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

The Cub Scouts and their families of Pack # 173 have had a busy summer with a fishing derby at Lake Norman State Park, attended a week long Cub Scout day camp north of Statesville and a movie night at the Harrison Pavilion. Weekly den and patrol meetings will start back in September.

The fall Scout Round-Up for new scouts will held at the Coddle Creek School on Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 P.M. This is for new cub scouts (kindergartners thru 5th graders) .



If your daughter, son or someone you know is interested in joining the cub scout pack at Fair View then contact Bill Hicks at 704-650-1026 or wchicks@hotmail.com as well as any of the other scout leaders with the Cub Scout Pack # 173. Weekly meeting times vary for each grade level. New scouts joining do not have to attend the Coddle Creek Elementary School but can be from anywhere in the area.

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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