

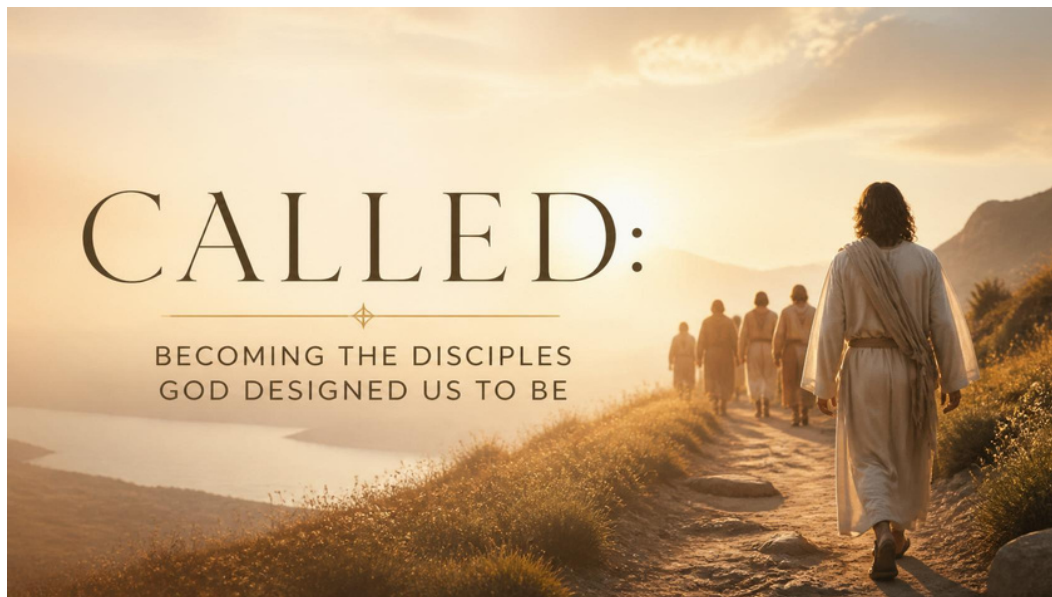
AUGUST 2026

THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF FAIR VIEW
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEW SERMON SERIES:

“CALLED: BECOMING THE DISCIPLES GOD DESIGNED US TO BE” BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL



Church family,

Over the next five weeks, we are stepping into a journey that I believe will shape us deeply — not just as a congregation, but as disciples of Jesus Christ. Our new sermon series, “CALLED: Becoming the Disciples God Designed Us to Be,” explores the spiritual DNA God has woven into every believer and how that DNA grows into a life of purpose, service, and kingdom impact.

Each week builds on a simple but powerful truth: God doesn’t just call us to do something — He calls us to become someone.

Here are the five core principles we’ll explore together:

1. Designed for God — The Divine Strand

Before God gives us a task, He gives us Himself. Discipleship begins with presence, not performance. We start by turning our hearts toward God and learning to abide in Him.

2. Shaped by Christ — The Nature Strand

Christ reshapes our identity from the inside out. Discipleship is not about attending church; it’s about becoming the Church. Transformation is the work Christ does in us as we surrender to Him.

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3. Sent to Serve — The Action Strand

A transformed heart produces a transformed life. Discipleship becomes visible through service, compassion, witness, and generosity. The world sees Christ through what His disciples do.

4. Discovering Your Calling — Ability, Affinity & Opportunity

Every believer has a unique place of kingdom impact. Calling emerges where your God-given gifts, your God-shaped passions, and God-opened doors meet. Calling is not random — it is woven into your spiritual DNA.

5. Built for the Kingdom — When DNA and Calling Unite

When disciples embrace their identity and calling, the church becomes the living body of Christ. This is how God shapes communities, families, and the world through His people.

My prayer is that these five weeks will help each of us take one step deeper — from curiosity to commitment, from attendance to discipleship, from discipleship to calling, and from calling to kingdom building. Come ready. Come expectant. Come open to what God wants to grow in you. Together, let's discover who God designed us to be. In Christ,
Pastor Nathan



THE VINE BIBLE STUDY

The Vine Study group meets Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00pm in 204A/Fellowship Hall. 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.

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 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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connect:



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 office@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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Communion Servers

August 2nd

Ann Goode, Brenda Harvey, Kathy Mazewski,
Kia Whittlesey

September 6th

Alan & Judy Donaldson, Danyel & Reese
Williams

Happy Anniversary

8/14 Doug & Brenda Agan

8/23 Mike & Lynne Hawkins



Mark your calendar, save the date and
plan to join us for

The Community Pregnancy Center of Lake
Norman Walk for Life on October 3rd.

COMMUNITY
PregnancyCenter
OF LAKE NORMAN
OFFERING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

The secret is out...
get ready for a sweet surprise.

Rev. Dr. David Calhoun
will be our Heritage Sunday
guest pastor on
September 13th!

Plan to bring your favorite salad,
vegetable, or dessert for our
covered dish lunch following
David's message.
Invite your family & friends!

FAIR VIEW HAPPENINGS

Movie Group

Join our impromptu movie goers group. If we see/hear of a movie we would like to see, we try to go to a Tuesday matinee when they have discounted tickets and concession at AmStar in Mooresville. Ask Brenda Harvey to be added to the email list.

Upper Room

Wesley, Wednesdays 11- Noon

Always looking for new faces to join us in this midweek worship opportunity. We begin with a call to worship, reading of a Psalm, Prayers of the People (following the order of morning praise and prayer from red hymnal page 876). We then read the Upper Room for that day, scripture and devotion and reflect on its meaning in our lives before we go to the guided questions in the back of the Upper Room.

Join us each week or whenever you can as our group gathers for a time to pray and worship and explore God's word.

Faith Study

Every Monday, 5:30-7pm in Wesley with meal, study and fellowship!

After several weeks of not meeting in July, we will have finished our study, **Everyday Revolutionary**. Our next study begins on August 3 and will be 5 sessions. It is another Right Now Media study, titled "**Unstuck**". **Are you stuck in a rut?**

It's easy for Christians to find themselves caught up in the life of cluttered schedules, rhythms, and routines dictated by our culture. Many feel stuck in the routine of life—their jobs, relationships, and daily circumstances. They know it's not the life they dreamed of. And they feel stuck in a life yearning for deeper meaning. The Unstuck Bible study has been designed to help guide you out of the ruts and pitfalls that so often ensnare us all. You will be inspired and equipped through the powerful biblical teaching of Mark Batterson, Francis Chan, Lisa Harper and Rich Stearns.

We will not meet on Labor Day, September 7.

Most of our studies are 4-8 sessions but all can stand alone and are available through Right Now Media, a free source offered to all church members and you can log in and view the session and find the study

guides on line <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/library/default>

Leaders include Barry Price, Todd Danner, David Caldwell and Brenda Harvey.

We welcome visitors or new class members any time.

Movers & Shakers

On July 16th, the Movers & Shakers visited Purple Heart Homes to deliver your donations to them. While we were there, we did a tour and learned that they build tiny/modular homes for veterans as well as doing critical repairs to existing veterans' homes. We learned that veterans tend to have a higher percentage of homelessness than civilians and also don't like to ask for help. They do have volunteer opportunities listed on their website, <https://www.purplehearthomesusa.org>, if you would like to help them more. They are very grateful for our donations! Thank you! And after that, we went to FunkHeizer's Diner in Mooresville. We all had yummy food and shared a slice of delicious chocolate cake in honor of Brenda's birthday.

On August 20th, we will be journeying to Wohlfahrt Haus in Wytheville, VA to see the musical Sensational 70's. We have already purchased our tickets, but if you would like to go, there are still 3 seats on the bus, and I can try to get you a ticket, just let me know. This will be a long day of fun and travel. We will gather in the workroom at 9 and leave by 9:30. Lunch will be served at noon and the musical begins at 1:30. We hope to be back to the church around 6 or 6:30. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMary1@Windstream.net.

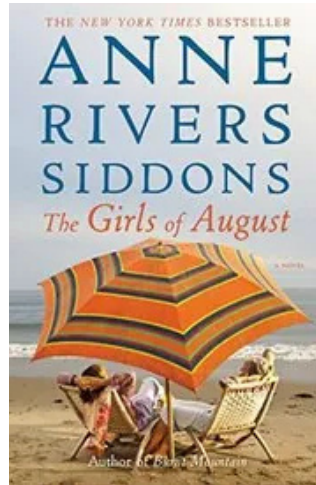
Have a blessed day!
Mary Stutts



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW

Book Group

Monday, August 10, Wesley, 7pm led by Jo Rossini



Anne Rivers Siddons's New York Times bestselling novel about four friends whose lives are forever changed by the events of one summer.

For fifteen years, four “girls of August” would gather together to spend a week at the beach, until tragedy interrupts their ritual. Now they reunite for a startling week of discoveries.

The ritual began when they were in their twenties and their husbands were in medical school, and became a mainstay of every summer thereafter. Their only criteria was oceanfront and isolation, their only desire to strengthen their far-flung friendships. They called themselves the Girls of August. But when one of the Girls dies tragically, the group slowly drifts apart and their vacations together are brought to a halt.

Years later, a new marriage reunites them and they decide to come together once again on a remote barrier island off the South Carolina coast. There, far from civilization, the women uncover secrets that will change them in ways they never expected.

September 14

The Wednesday Sisters by Meg Waite Clayton

TBD

Looking for suggestions for our October and November selections.

Anyone wanting to join this group is cordially invited to come share your love of reading and thoughts on our book selection and we always have a lively discussion!



Although the United Methodist Men did not hold their regular breakfast meeting in July, they stayed very busy serving the church in a variety of ways.

Vacation Bible School was held July 13–17, and the UMM played an important role throughout the week. They assisted with the VBS programs, helped prepare and serve meals, and joined many others in taking down the decorations after worship on July 19. VBS concluded with the UMM and the Kitchen Crew serving approximately 100 hot dogs to children, parents, volunteers, and staff. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School such a wonderful success!

The quarterly roadside cleanup was held on Saturday, July 18. Thanks to those who participated, the cleanup was completed in less than an hour.

In addition, the Youth, under the supervision of Todd Danner, assembled more Care Kits to distribute to homeless and needy individuals in our community. The supplies for the kits were purchased by the UMM, with Todd coordinating the purchase of the needed items.

We are also grateful to Todd Danner for leading worship and delivering an inspiring sermon while Pastor Nathan was out due to illness.

The next United Methodist Men breakfast meeting will be held on Sunday, August 9. Breakfast preparation begins at 7:00 a.m., with the meeting starting at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome to attend.



MISSION OUTREACH

MISSION OVERVIEW

By Kathy Schilling



**Children's Homes
OF IREDELL COUNTY**

ANY DOOR CAN OPEN A HOUSE.
ONLY A SPECIAL DOOR CAN OPEN A FUTURE!

In July, we wrapped up our fundraiser for Purple Heart Homes. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, the Movers & Shakers were honored to personally deliver a \$3,000 donation to support their important work of providing safe, accessible housing for veterans.

We are also collecting school supplies for the teachers at Coddle Creek Elementary to help them prepare for the upcoming school year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

In August, our focus will shift to supporting the Children's Homes of Iredell County. We will be collecting much-needed household items, including trash bags, Ziplock bags, laundry detergent, pillows, and twin comforter sets, as well as personal care items such as deodorant, body wash, shampoo, and more.

A complete list of requested items is available on the Children's Homes website.

We will also be restocking the pantry for our Backpack Ministry to ensure we can continue providing food to local students in need. A complete list of pantry needs is available on our church website.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support as we serve our community and share Christ's love in practical ways.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

By: Ellar Hicks

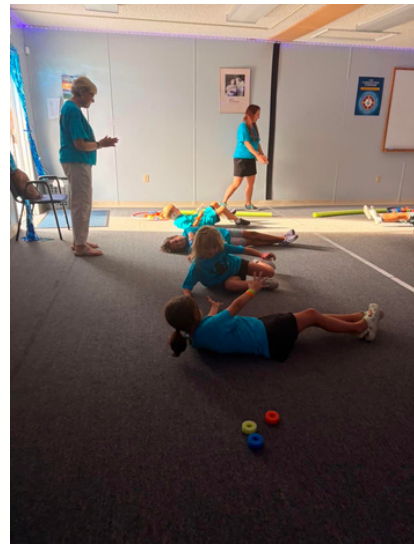
On Monday, July 6, a group from Fair View volunteered at FEEDNC. It was a busy and rewarding morning as the team sorted food in the warehouse to help serve our community. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to make a difference!

We will have another opportunity to serve in September at the Mooresville Christian Mission, likely on a Thursday or Friday. Watch for the date and plan to join us as we continue to share Christ's love through service.



FAIR VIEW KIDZ

We completed one of the most successful VBS weeks post Covid in the month of July. Over the week we had 45 kids walking the halls of Fair View, learning stories of God and singing praise. We had 6 youth helpers provide assistance in all of the stations and during the skits. We had 40 volunteers who helped decorate the church and turn it into a true Rainforest, lead children from station to station, facilitate each rotation, run sound and videos, and cook dinner each night. Without each and every one of those people, we could not have had such a successful week! We also had Mt. Mourne Fire Department out during our Family Night wrap up picnic where they not only sprayed the kids on an extremely hot night, they also delivered a rainbow to complete an amazing week



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Minister - Krystal Davis
Contact: kdavis@fairviewumc.org

FAIR VIEW YOUTH

During July Youth helped out with VBS by being station assistants. They all did an amazing job helping with their stations. On the 19th we helped the UMM by packing backpacks for their ministry and we enjoyed some pizza and snacks afterwards. August 23rd our Youth Nights start back up and we can not wait!



Youth Night

We will start back up August 23rd

Youth meet every 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm for Youth Night. This has been a great time with the youth and we have had 8 youth in attendance.

We have had enjoyed food, laughs, fun time, and getting into God's word.

We begin at 5:30 with dinner and a game/craft then break off into 2 groups for Bible Study.

We will be offering: Girls Bible Study led by Danyel & Guys Bible Study led by Pastor Nathan. All the youth have been encouraged to invite their friends.

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office@fairviewumc.org

SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173

By Bill Hicks

Last month the Cub Scouts along with all their family members were guests and enjoyed a great time at a Mooresville Spinners Baseball game held at the Mooresville Senior High School baseball field. One of the Scouts threw the opening pitch as shown in the picture. Scouts also took part in other activities between the innings during the game until the game was stopped due to the rain. The announcer for the game, Michael Culbreath, highlighted our Pack #173 in Mt. Mourne where he was a Cub Scout in our Pack years ago and then began an Eagle Scout.

The August summertime activity will be a Fishing Derby held at the Lake Norman State Park where the Scouts will get lessons from Park Rangers on how to sharpen their fishing skills and then go fishing.

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 School very soon after school starts.



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
&
4th Sundays 5:30 PM



2nd SUNDAYS
8:00AM IN 204A

monday

FAITH STUDY
MONDAYS
5:30PM IN WESLEY

wednesday

THE VINE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS
6:00PM 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

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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