

Heritage Sunday

September 13, 2026



**FAIR VIEW UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Fair View Happenings since Heritage Sunday 2025

The Movers and Shakers continued to enjoy many delightful trips and delicious food including trips to: Shelton Vineyards, Boone for shopping and lunch at the Daniel Boone Inn, the Harvey House for a Spa Day, Concord Mills, Gibson Mill, the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre, the Billy Graham Library, Ashe County Cheese and a visit to the Ben Long frescoes, lunch at Winners' Circle in Jefferson, Annual Christmas party with Dirty Santa exchanges, planning for the year, the Lucas Mansion, the Yellow Deli, the Hiddenite Cultural Center, Mt. Airy to visit the Andy Griffith Museum and take a squad car tour, Purple Heart Homes Iredell County headquarters, and Richard's Coffee Shop.

Fair View Volunteers: Meals on Wheels – This group of volunteers continued to deliver meals to homebound individuals every Thursday. The volunteers have developed friendships with the recipients and look forward to seeing them each week. Volunteers served as Communion Servers throughout the year during Communion and took the sacraments to homebound members.

The Vine Bible Study: Spiritual Gifts – The Vine Bible Study continued to meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm throughout the year. A special study was held on Sundays following the worship service to explore spiritual gifts and how to utilize the gifts we are given to further God's work in our church and the community.

The Aspire Women's Events – Fair View has become an annual location for the Aspire Women's Conference. Over 200 women from churches and locations around the region attended this year's conference on March 7.

The Fair View Movie Group – This group varied throughout the year. Interested individuals met at the Mooresville AmStar Theater to see movies on Tuesdays when admission rates and concessions were lower. Fellowship and enjoyment were regular parts of this activity.

Missions- Outreach – Fair View members participated in the Lake Norman Pregnancy Center's Walk for Life, and weekly food donations for the Coddle Creek Elementary Backpacks. The number of backpacks rose to 25 children during the 2025-2026 school year. Each family was provided Thanksgiving meal fixings along with a Food Lion gift card to help cover the cost of turkey and other groceries. Ten families connected with Hope of Mooresville were provided with Food Lion gift cards to assist in obtaining meat during the period SNAP benefits were unavailable. Outreach delivered school supplies to the teachers of Coddle Creek Elementary and to Freedom Connections. The donations to Freedom Connections were distributed to children in Montcalm, West Virginia. School supplies, bedding, and household necessities were delivered to the Statesville Children's Home. Purple Hearts Homes received a check for \$4,009.49. Operation Christmas Child took place in October. Seventy-two boxes were prepared and delivered to the drop-off site. This year's Angel Tree was designated for the Prison Ministry which enabled children of incarcerated parents to receive a special Christmas gift. 18 winter coats were collected as Christmas gifts for older children in residential housing with the Children's Homes of Iredell County. Needed items and monetary donations were collected for HOME (Hope of Mooresville) during January. HOME provides temporary assistance to homeless women and children to get them back on their feet. Snacks and small bottles of water were collected for the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House.

Other projects of Missions were contributions of supplies or monetary donations to the Lake Norman Humane Society, the Little Free Library, Compassion International, Hospice of Iredell County, Feed NC, Christian Mission, Mama Tola School in Africa, Back to School Bash and Coddle Creek Elementary Teacher Supplies.

The Faith Study Group – The Faith Study group enjoyed a study of Advent by Derwin Gray through the Right Now Media and delicious meals throughout the year. A few of the Group studies included: The Book of Colossians by Louie Giglio, The Book of Philippians with Joby Martin, and How to Transcend the Culture War and Transform the World by J.D. Greear. Selections often came from RightNow Media and include a video and downloadable study guide.

The Book Club – Each month this group discusses the “Book of the Month” while enjoying time together. The subjects of the books vary so there is always something for any interest. Discussion leaders rotate throughout the year. The most recent books were The River Knows Your Name by Kelly Mustian and The Girls of August by Ann River Siddons.

The View from Fair View & Fair View Blast – A weekly update on Wednesday and Friday, respectively, was sent out to church members to keep the congregation up-to-date on daily and weekly happenings as well as to inform everyone of the person highlighted in the weekly spotlight to receive a special card and the upcoming worship service.

The Upper Room Prayer Group – the Upper Room prayer group met every Wednesday in Wesley with the reading of a Psalm, Prayers of the People, reading of the daily devotional and discussion questions from the Upper Room.

Stephen Ministry – the Stephen Ministers continued to serve those in need through one-on-one counseling, and visits. Regular training dates were scheduled throughout the year as well as a week-end retreat. Stephen Ministers also supported bereaved families at funerals by assisting as ushers and family support.

The Mission of Moms (M.O.M.) – The Mission of Moms studied “Untangling Faith” by Amberly Neese, this was a six-session study to discover how to trust God, grow in faith, and find meaning in prayer. The group also made Bible Bags to hold their Bibles, equipped with highlighters and pens.

The United Methodist Men – The United Methodist Men continued the Fairview Road trash pick-up this year. The church-wide Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the UMM, was held at Mooresville Family House on December 11th. Over \$1,000 was received at the annual Yard Sale in May. Several members of the UMM attended the No Regrets Men’s Conference in February, 2026. The men also built a new Care Closet and repaired the Little Free Library. Plus, the men always take a leadership role in managing parking, traffic, and cooking for church-wide events like VBS. The Men established a plaque in the narthex to display names of past members and a shelf to display pictures or memorabilia of these important men in the life of the church.

Cub Scouting – The Scouts enjoyed movie night at the Pavilion, a Fishing Derby at Lake Norman State Park, roasting s'mores over the campfires, a bike rodeo, participating in the Mooresville Veteran's Day and Christmas Parades, placing 100 American flags on graves of Veterans at Centre Presbyterian and Fair View churches, a visit to the Mooresville Fire Department, the Mooresville Police Department, the National Scouting for Food Drive collections for the Mooresville Christian Mission, Pinewood Derby, Cub Scout Day Camp held at the VanHoy Family Campground in Harmony, , and outdoor movie night. The Scouts attended a Mooresville Spinners baseball game and one scout threw the opening pitch!

Fair View has been supporting Cub Scouting for an incredible 56 years! 2026 marks the 96th anniversary of Cub Scouting. Fair View now supports two scouting groups, Troop #173 for boys and Troop #4173 for girls. Scout Sunday was celebrated at Fair View on February 8th. Many scouts and leaders participated in this memorable service.

Music Ministry – The choir as well as special guests presented a memorable Christmas Cantata composed of familiar Christmas Carols. An added blessing to this event was Joel Everett, Fair View's former Music Director, as guest accompanist. The choir paid a Christmas Carol visit to Fair View shut-ins, and residents of nursing homes. The people visited joined in the singing and appreciated seeing everyone. Guest musicians join the choir during Cantata time as well as during the year. The choir also takes a lead role in Fifth Sunday Hymn Sings.

Fair View Kidz – Breakfast with Santa was a big hit this year with approximately 50 guests who enjoyed pancakes, sausage, games, crafts, and letter writing to Santa. The United Methodist Men prepared and served breakfast and volunteers manned the activities. A Santa Mailbox was placed on the front steps of the office wing for the community to mail letters to Santa the month before Christmas. This year 102 children from Statesville to Lake Wylie, and Fort Mill, South Carolina received letters from Santa and an invitation to the children to the Christmas Eve service and the Choir Cantata service. On Sunday, February 15th, Fair View Kidz and their families were invited to the annual Sweethearts Luncheon following worship service. In February, Fair View Kidz enjoyed Sweethearts Luncheon with pizza, cookies, music, and a small gift. The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Pavilion. Approximately 70 members of the community attended this special event. Bulletin inserts recognizing mothers and fathers on Mother's and Father's Day added to the worship service on these special days. The Fair View Kidz sponsored Muffins with Moms and Doughnuts with Dad on their respective special Sundays.

Vacation Bible School – Adopt-a-Prop bags were available in the narthex during the months prior to Vacation Bible School (VBS) for church members to pick up and make a needed item. The theme for this year's VBS was Rainforest Falls. Forty-five children attended VBS this year. Forty volunteers helped decorate the church and turn it into a true Rainforest. Six youth also volunteered. Decorations, props, and materials from VBS were shared with a church in Statesville. As the Mount Mourne Fire Department sprayed water across the pavilion yard, a beautiful rainbow appeared!

Youth – The Youth participated in processing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child at the Charlotte center. This year's shoeboxes were going to Peru. The Youth helped with the Moravian Love Feast held for the congregation and visitors. The Youth assisted with the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Party. The series on Right Now Media called "Unashamed" by Lecrae focused on living out loud for Christ and how living our faith is not always easy, especially in a culture of conformity. Beginning on February 22nd, the Youth met every 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm for dinner and a game before breaking off into two groups; the Girls' Bible Study led by Danyel and the

Guys' Bible Study led by Pastor Nathan. The Youth made 24 goody bags for teens living at the Children's Home of Iredell County. The Youth sponsored various lunches after service time. The Youth enjoyed their annual Pool Party on June 7th. The Youth worked with the UMM to assemble Care Kits to distribute to homeless and needy individuals in our community.

The Triplett Property was sold in September 2025. The Building Fund received \$50,000 from the proceeds per an earlier agreement via Church Council. The funds were disbursed over time: \$10,000 to the Christian Mission, \$10,000 to FeedNC, \$6,000 to Book Bag Ministry, \$2,000 to Pastor's Discretionary Fund, and \$2,000 to Congregational Care. \$20,000 remained for future missions.

Trustees – The Trustees approved an Eagle Scout project to construct a pathway at the playground which will enable better access for stroller and wheelchairs. A 48-niche columbarium was constructed on the western side of the church cemetery. The church parking lot was sealed and remarked. A dedication plaque in memory of Rick Howard was added to the Fair View electronic sign and a special recognition time was held with the family immediately following worship service. LED lighting was added to the church parking lot.

Prayer Shawls – Sue Sisk shared her love and talent by making many beautiful prayer shawls for folks hospitalized, homebound, or in need of a special blessing. Prayer shawls were dedicated during worship service.

Make A Difference Day – Volunteers enjoyed participating in Make A Difference Day at NC Feed or the Christian Mission throughout the year. These days gave an opportunity for church members to give back to the community in various ways.

Worship Committee – The Worship Committee worked to enhance the services and sanctuary on special Sundays during Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and other special days throughout the year. The Committee shared ideas with Pastor Nathan for enhancing weekly worship services.

Elizabeth Knox Scholarship – The recipients of the Elizabeth Knox Scholarship for the 2026-2027 school year were: Catherine Brotherton, McKenzie Finsel, and Daisy Solano.

Church Directory – A new church directory was attempted and should be completed this year.

New Employees - Danyel Williams was employed as our new Office Manager in mid-November of 2025. She will continue her duties as Youth Minister. Addisyn Finsel as Director of Nursery Ministry and Tiffany Stutts as a nursery worker. Thomas Danner was employed as Director of Worship Technology.

The Upper Room Group – The Upper Room group met faithfully each Wednesday from 11:00 AM until 12:00 noon in Wesley to discuss the Wednesday Upper Room selection for each week, share prayer concerns, read a selection from the Psalms, and join in prayers for the members of Fair View, those in trouble or suffering, the community, the world, the church universal, and the Communion of Saints. Each session closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Fair View United Methodist Church
Roster of Ministers**

1896	J.A. Rutledge	1955	A.A. Wilson
	R.A. Tuttle	1957	Don Beaty
	O.P. Ader	1961	William E. Rufty
	J.A. Scarborough	1964	C. Milton Young
	W.S. Cherry	1967	R. Cliff Summey
1902	J.M. Price	1968	Franklin W. Grice
1907	R.S. Howie	1973	Louis H. Woodard
1909	R.E. Atkinson	1977	Donald L. Fisher
1911	C.M. Campbell	1982	Robert A. Clanton, Jr.
1913	J.C. Harmon	1986	Clifton Stroupe
1914	D.F. Carver	1991	H. Stephen Kiser
1915	Ira Ervin	1994	David H. Christy
1916	L.B. Abernethy	1999	Donna Smith (Associate)
	W.A. Jenkins	2000	James Martin
1918	M.B. Woosley	2002	Robert A. Mick
1921	J.W. Long	2003	Shea Cranford (Associate)
	R.L. Foster	2006	Patrick Hamrick
1924	J.W. Bennett		Laura Hamrick (Associate)
	M.B. Clegg	2009	David Calhoun
1925	Ira Ervin	2011	Susan Harrison
1927	Otho J. Jones		(Minister of Spiritual Growth)
1929	C.R. Ross	2012	(Provisional Deacon)
1931	W.S. Smith	2014	Billy N. Ervin
1932	Elsie Myers	2018	Susan Harrison
1935	D.D. Holt		(Pastor in Charge)
1936	Ralph Shumaker	2018	Brian C. Allen
1939	E.D. Ballard	2020	Nathan Finsel
1940	C.F. Tate		
1943	Robert E. Early		
1946	Henry Koestline		
1949	Harley M. Williams		
1951	Harold C. Austin		
1952	C. Dwight Pyatt		