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THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

GROWING TOGETHER: BECOMING A CHURCH THAT FLOURISHES

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

One of the most encouraging trends in the wider Church today is that congregations are rediscovering what truly leads to growth—not just numerical growth, but spiritual depth, relational strength, and community transformation. Research across the country shows that churches grow strongest when they focus on **discipleship, connection, and meaningful service**. And when I look at Fair View, I see those very seeds already planted and beginning to flourish.

1. Growing Through Connection: The Power of Small Groups

At Fair View, we believe faith grows best in circles, not rows. That's why our **Connect Groups** are such an important part of our ministry. These groups create space for real conversation, shared prayer, and spiritual support. They help us move from simply attending church to belonging to a church family.

National studies show that people who participate in small groups are more likely to:

- Stay connected to their church
- Grow in their spiritual practices
- Serve in ministry
- Build meaningful friendships
- Experience support during life's challenges

This is exactly what we see happening through our Connect Groups. They are becoming the relational backbone of our church—places where discipleship becomes personal, where Scripture becomes lived, and where faith becomes shared.

If you haven't joined a group yet, I encourage you to explore the options on our website at FairviewUMC.org. There is a place for you.

2. Growing Through Service: Loving Our Community Well

A growing church is always a serving church. And Fair View is blessed with strong ministry partnerships that allow us to make a real difference in Mooresville and beyond.

FEED NC

Through our partnership with FEED NC, we help provide meals, dignity, and hope to neighbors facing food insecurity. This is the Gospel in action—feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, and standing with those who need encouragement.

Mooresville Christian Mission

Our work with Mooresville Christian Mission allows us to support families in crisis, offer resources that stabilize households, and walk alongside people who are rebuilding their lives. When we serve here, we are participating in the restoration God desires for every person.

Make a Difference Days

And of course, our **Make a Difference Days** have become a beautiful expression of who we are as a church. These days remind us that ministry doesn't only happen inside the sanctuary—it happens in neighborhoods, schools, shelters, and anywhere God's people show up with willing hands and compassionate hearts.

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3. Growing Strong Families: Building the Foundations of Faith

One of our core commitments at Fair View is our **Family Focus**—helping parents, grandparents, children, and teens build the spiritual building blocks that lead to lifelong faith.

Research consistently shows that the home is the most influential place for spiritual formation. That's why we are investing in:

- Strong children's ministry
- Engaging youth discipleship
- Support for marriages and parents
- Intergenerational worship and service
- Opportunities for families to grow in faith together

When families grow spiritually, the whole church grows stronger.

When children learn to pray, worship, and serve, the Kingdom of God expands.

When parents are equipped to lead spiritually, faith becomes a legacy.

4. Growing as a Church Family: A Place Where You Belong

At the heart of everything we do is this simple truth:

Fair View is a place where you are family.

A place where you are welcomed.

A place where you are known.

A place where you are encouraged to grow in your walk with Christ.

A place where your gifts matter and your presence makes a difference.

We are not just building programs—we are building people. We are not just filling a calendar—we are filling lives with hope.

We are not just growing a church—we are growing disciples.

And as we continue to connect in small groups, serve our community, strengthen our families, and worship together, I believe God will continue to grow Fair View into a church that shines His light in Mooresville and beyond.

Because when we grow in Christ, everything else grows with us.

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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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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- 7 JOHN BASS & MERLIN DAVIS
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- 9 CHERYL ROGERS & REESE WILLIAMS
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- 14 CAMILLE BASS
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- 17 JUSTIN MCCANN
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- 20 CAROL CARMEN
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- 22 JESSI FINSEL
- 23 KRYSTAL DAVIS & ALAN DONALDSON
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Communion Servers

July 5th

Tammy Glaze, Peggy Jones, Krystal Davis,
Brooklynn Williamson

August 2nd

Ann Goode, Brenda Harvey, Kathy Mazewski,
Kia Whittlesey

Happy Anniversary

7/13 Eddie & Patty Brotherton

7/17 BJ & Jane Testerman



SAVE the DATE

SEPT. 13, 2026

HERITAGE SUNDAY

WORSHIP, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP



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.



Mark your calendar for the next UMM Roadside Clean Up
Saturday July 18th at 7:30 AM



Hello, please see the below note from the Finance Committee:

As the Finance Committee continues to work on a more simplified accounting system, we have found another account that could be grouped into a larger, more general account. By combining the account, it would provide a more streamlined way of accounting for these funds. The Finance Committee recommends that the following account be included into the Music Fund: Choir Robes

The recommendation from the Finance Committee is to place these funds for the needs of Fair View. The amount of this account is \$103. All attempts with given contact information to connect with those that gave individual funds has been exhausted. We are now giving this public notice that the following funds will be reallocated barring any objections.

Account Name & Account Amount

Choir robe - \$103

If anyone has any concerns regarding this simplification of our accounts or the closing of said designated funds, please reach out to Heather Gray at (812)-760-0975. If there are no objections, these accounts will merge with our 2026 Budget.

Thank you for your generous giving to our church!

Rest: A Reflection on the Importance of Sabbatical in the Music Ministry

Have you ever quizzed yourself on your personality type, to determine whether you are a “Type A” individual, who may generally characterize themselves as being urgent, competitive, a perfectionist, but also highly stressed; or a “Type B” person, who is the exact opposite: relaxed, easy-going, patient, and goes with the flow? I, myself, identify more with the Type A personality. I NEED structure. I NEED to know what’s next. But the further I get in life, the more I realize that I’m slowly moving into what I affectionately call “my Type B Era,” where I’m becoming more laissez-faire in how my life moves. Some call it “living a softer life,” where you value making life easier for yourself and you consciously work to slow things down... You relax more. But why is this important? Why does it deserve a place in the Fair View newsletter?

As a musician and educator, I’m terrible at practicing what I preach to my students and the choir. I always prioritize their health and well-being over anything that goes on within our ministry. I tell them, “It’s impossible to pour from an empty cup.” And while this is true, after I express that sentiment, I look at myself and realize that I’ve just committed an act of hypocrisy. How can I tell those I love to take time in life, yet I constantly operate under urgency? Part of it has to do with my career and how I neglect to balance it with my personal life; I don’t have children or a spouse, which means I get to live life the way I want to... and that means staying busy to fill time. Yet, it catches up with me in our liturgical and societal seasons that require the most attention (yes, Christmas and Easter. You’ve all had the *pleasure* of witnessing a very stressed, exhausted, unkempt version of myself... and it’s not great.) Upon coming to Fair View, I was happy to learn that the music ministry values a summer sabbatical, during which our Sunday musicians pause. During this time, many travel, while others spend time as congregants without the added pressure of offering an anthem. (Side note: I don’t like the term “pressure” in this context, but it fits for now... maybe this will be the subject of a future article.) For me, it’s different. I use this as a time of reflection: “What went well over the last year? What should I avoid next year? Did I help the ministry do its job of glorifying God? Were there places where I allowed my ego as a musician to interfere with this?” This reflection sounds a lot like work instead of rest... and it is. Rest is not the opposite of work; it’s part of it.

When you observe the choir on Sunday mornings, you witness the finished product, the moment when an anthem that we’ve lived with for weeks finally lands in the room. What you aren’t privy to is everything that comes before it: the Wednesday evening rehearsals, the drive to the church after a long day at work or running errands, the stretch through Advent, Holy Week, and the week leading up to a fifth Sunday, when we sing more in six weeks than we do in the rest of the year combined. However, I’m here to let you know that the people who make up this choir—this family—are some of the most faithful people I’ve ever encountered. People who often prioritize an hour of their Wednesday over going home and going to bed. So when I talk about the topic of rest, I’m not speaking on stepping away from a calling, but rather honoring that calling by giving it space to breathe. Genesis 2:3 states, “Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.” But note that it never reads that He was done with his work... He was resting from what he had done, with the intention of doing more... work that he continues to do to this very day. God gives us seasons, and during these seasons, various parts of life rest while others continue to live. Our music ministry operates in the same vein: the summer is the collective ministry’s season to rest, while other aspects of it live. This is done through more congregational singing and the sharing of time and talents.

After a season of sabbatical, either spiritual or secular, the observer notes a renewed energy in the ministry. In our context, ears sharpen, voices recover, and sometimes new voices emerge from the depths of the congregation and surrounding community. When we make room to rest, we offer space to return to the ministry fuller, freer, and more alive; it’s part of the greater investment for what’s yet to come.

So, consider this your invitation to exhale.

Isaiah Cornelius
Director of Music Ministry



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.

We will not meet the week of VBS (July 17). Join us each week or whenever you can as our group gathers for a time to pray and worship and explore God's word. And sometimes whoever is available heads out to lunch for continued fellowship.

Faith Study

We will not meet Monday, July 6 or Monday, July 13.

We will continue our study on the 20th, Everyday Revolutionary, J.D. Greear How to Transcend the Culture War and Transform the World and the final two sessions of this study. It is one from RightNow Media with video and downloadable study guide. It is based on scriptures from Daniel and 1 Peter and how the Hebrews were instructed to live while being exiled to Babylon.

Any and all are welcome to join us for a light supper and study!

Movers & Shakers

On June 18th, we changed our plans. We visited Richard's Coffee Shop in downtown Mooresville. We talked with the veterans. We distributed some hats from Shop N Save. We visited their museum. And then we had a yummy lunch from their snack bar. Then we visited a few shops on our way to the Mooresville Museum where we ran into one of the veterans from Richard's while we learned more about Mooresville.

On July 16th we plan to visit Purple Heart Homes in Statesville. We will gather in the workroom at 9:30 and leave at 10. We'll deliver a check from Fair View and learn how Purple Heart Homes helps veterans. They use donations to help modify an existing home to make life easier on a veteran. And they build tiny homes for veterans who need them. And then we'll have lunch somewhere. Please join us for a day of learning, fellowship, and fun.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMary1@Windstream.net.

Have a blessed day!

Mary Stutts

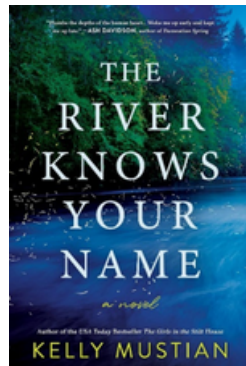


WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW

Book Group

We meet each month on the 2nd Monday in Wesley at 7pm. In July, we will meet on the 3rd Monday, July 20, 7:00 pm because of VBS. So friends, you have an extra week to read our July selection:

The River Knows Your Name by Kelly Mustian who is a local author.



From the acclaimed author of *The Girls in the Stilt House* comes a long-awaited novel both atmospheric and lyrical, a haunting Southern story about memory, family secrets, and fierce and fragile love.

For nearly thirty years, Nell has kept a childhood promise to never reveal what she and Evie found tucked inside a copy of *Jane Eyre* in their mother's bookcase—a record of Evie's birth naming a stranger as her mother. But lately, Nell has been haunted by hazy memories of their early life in Mississippi, years their reclusive mother, Hazel, has kept shrouded in secrecy. Evie recalls nothing before their house on Clay Mountain in North Carolina, but Nell remembers abrupt moves, odd accommodations, and the rainy night a man in a dark coat and a hat pulled low climbed their porch steps with a very little girl—Evie—then left without her.

In dual storylines, Nell, forty-two in 1971, reaches into the past to uncover dangerous, long-buried secrets, and Becca, a young mother in the early 1930s, presses ahead, each moving toward 1934, the catastrophic year that would forever link them.

Available on Amazon, Kindle 3.50, Hardcover 8.13, Paperback 9.94

Upcoming Reads Scheduled

July 20	The River Knows Your Name by Kelly Mustian	Led by Ann Goode
August 10	The Girls of August Ann River Siddons	TBD
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 thoughts and discussion!

MISSION OUTREACH



MISSION OVERVIEW

By Kathy Schilling

We will continue collecting financial contributions for Purple Heart Homes through the Fourth of July weekend.

Thanks to your generosity, the snacks and beverages collected for the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House have been delivered.

Financial donations were also sent to FeedNC, Hope of Mooresville, Mooresville Christian Mission, Back to School Bash, and Mama Tola School to support their ongoing ministries and community outreach efforts.

In July, we will be collecting school supplies for the teachers at Coddle Creek Elementary School.



FAIR VIEW KIDZ

On Sunday June 21st we celebrated the men of Fair View with our annual Donuts with Dad before service. We enjoyed a morning of fellowships and treats.



VBS is this month,
please be in prayer for all involved.



VBS Registration is Now Open!
July 13 - July 17, 2026
5:30-8:00pm
Dinner Served Nightly
Potty Trained - Rising 5th Grade
Register Here:



Heavenly Father, 

TODAY I PRAY IN JESUS' NAME
for your strength,
guidance, and provision in **VBS**

Sun: *Supply* all of the resources—both financial and the volunteer force—needed for a VBS that will draw children closer to you.
“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

Mon: *Mold* the hearts and minds of every leader and volunteer so that we are able to embrace your beautiful vision for VBS.
“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:9).

Tue: *Transform* the lives of children as they experience your love and walk with you in an eternal relationship with Jesus Christ.
“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (John 17:3).

Wed: *Welcome* unchurched children and families in our community to our VBS, our church, and into a relationship with you.
“Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:14).

Thu: *Touch* the hearts of people in our congregation to step into needed volunteer roles to reach as many children as possible.
“So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields” (Matthew 9:38).

Fri: *Form* meaningful friendships among children and volunteers, and (most of all) help everyone participating to develop a deep friendship with you.
“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God” (1 John 4:7).

Sat: *Strengthen* our VBS coordinator and each leader who is planning and preparing for this outreach.
“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped” (Psalm 28:7).

You are invited to use this guide to pray each day for one VBS need.

**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY**

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

FAIR VIEW YOUTH

We enjoyed our last Youth Luncheon at the end of May where we had burgers out at the Pavilion and we want to thank everyone who ate with us and donated to our Youth.

We celebrated school being out for the summer on June 7th with an afternoon pool party at the home of Kathy Schilling.

As always she spoiled us with some amazing food. The youth had a great time swimming and just enjoying the summer sun.

July is going to be busy with VBS set up and of course VBS. If your youth has not yet signed up to help out I encourage them too!

It is a blast and they earn community service hours for school.

DON'T LET ANYONE
LOOK DOWN ON YOU
BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG,
BUT SET AN EXAMPLE
FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH,
IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE,
IN FAITH
AND IN PURITY.

1 Timothy 4:12

Youth Night

We will start back up in August!

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.

YOUTH DIRECTOR: DANYEL WILLIAMS
dwilliams@fairviewumc.org

SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173

By Bill Hicks

The big event at the county level in June was the week long 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, religion, woodworking, sports, archery and much more working off achievements in their Scout Handbooks for their next level in Scouting this fall. Seven Scout Leaders from Pack #173 served on the staff with Mt. Mourne's own Cindy Bell heading up the countywide event. The theme for the week was "Dinotopia" with many of the classes relating to the theme. Pictured here was one of 10 groups that built their own blue bird house.

Even though formal Den and Patrol Meetings have not been taking place this summer as usual, the Scouts still have two more summer activities. The Scouts will have a fishing derby at the Lake Norman State Park with park rangers helping with fishing skills and will have an outdoor movie night.

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 either 704-650-1026 or wchicks@hotmail.com or any of the Pack #173 leaders for more information.



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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