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THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GIFTED BY GRACE: DISCOVERING WHAT GOD HAS PLACED WITHIN YOU BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

Church family,

One of the quiet miracles of the Christian life is this: **God has placed something inside every believer that is meant to bless the world.** Not just pastors. Not just leaders. Not just the people who seem naturally talented or spiritually confident. Every believer.

Paul says it plainly in 1 Corinthians 12:7:

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

That means you.

You have been entrusted with a gift of grace—something the Holy Spirit has placed within you that reflects the heart of God and strengthens the body of Christ.

But here’s the truth many of us quietly carry:

“I don’t know what my gift is.”

“I’m not sure God could use me.”

“I don’t feel gifted.”

If that’s you, you’re not alone. And you’re exactly who this next season of ministry is for.

Mother Teresa once said,

“We can do no great things—only small things with great love.”

That is the essence of spiritual giftedness.

Your gift doesn’t have to be loud to be powerful.

It doesn’t have to be impressive to be meaningful.

It doesn’t have to be public to be faithful.

Spiritual gifts are not about achievement—they’re about grace.

They’re not about talent—they’re about surrender.

They’re not about spotlight—they’re about love.

And when each of us discovers and uses the gift God has placed within us, something beautiful happens:

The church becomes the church.

The body becomes whole.

The mission becomes shared.

The kingdom becomes visible.

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GIFTED BY GRACE:

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Beginning **May 3rd**, our **Stephen Ministers** will be sponsoring and leading an **eight-week study on Spiritual Gifts** here at Fairview.

This study will take place **during the Sunday School hour at 11:00 AM**, meeting in **Room 204A (Fellowship Hall)**

This study is designed to help you:

- Discover the gift God has placed within you
- Understand how that gift fits into the body of Christ
- Learn how to use your gift with confidence and joy
- Grow in your discipleship through service, compassion, and calling

This is not simply a class. It is an invitation. A journey. A chance to listen for the Spirit's whisper:

"I have placed something in you. Now let's discover it together."

Whether you feel gifted or not...

Whether you're new to faith or have walked with Christ for decades...

Whether you're serving actively or searching for your place...

This study is for you.

As your pastor, I believe this season has the potential to shape our church in powerful ways. When each person discovers their gift, the whole body grows stronger. When each person steps into their calling, the whole church becomes more alive.

So I'm asking you to join us.

Come with curiosity.

Come with openness.

Come ready to discover what God has placed within you.

Because the Spirit has gifted you. The Spirit is calling you.

And the Spirit will use you.

Let's walk this journey together.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Nathan Finsel

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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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!



Happy Birthday

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Communion Servers

May 3rd

Andrea Adams, Kia Whittlesey, Susan Donaldson,
& Winnie Donaldson

June 7th

Mandy Wright, Barry Boling, Mark & Vicki Gurley

Happy Anniversary

5/22 Robert & Gaye Dunsmore

5/23 Rex & Cynthia Coates

5/23 Tara & Pressley Cashion

5/26 Paul & Cathy Burton

5/31 Don & Cynthia Carter



UNITED METHODIST MEN

YARD SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND
7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Drop Off: Monday April 27th -Thursday April 30th from 9-2 when the office is open and again from 5-6 on Thursday and on Friday 5/1 from noon until 7pm.



Join us as we celebrate the
parents-to-be
Blake Golden & Rachel Neville
and the upcoming arrival of
Baby Luca

May 16, 2026
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Fair View UMC – Fellowship Hall



Rachel is registered on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/rachel-neville-june-2026-sanford/2W8JN7N0D97OQ>

FAIR VIEW HAPPENINGS

Movie Group

If you would like to join us, get on our email list as we plan our outing last minute as we find a movie that we would like to go see and the times available. Contact Brenda Harvey BrendaTHarvey@gmail.com. We typically go to first matinee on Tuesdays when they offer special discounts for tickets/concessions.

The Story of Everything is a documentary coming out on April 30. We are looking at attending the showing on **Tuesday, May 5** but at press time the only show times are at 6:30 pm. If that is the case and they are not offering matinees, we may try to go on **Sunday, May 3**.

Key Aspects of the Documentary

Scientific Evidence for Design: The film highlights three major scientific discoveries supporting a creator: the universe had a definitive beginning, the universe is finely tuned for life, and DNA contains complex, digital-like code.

Expert Perspectives: The documentary features insights from figures such as Stephen C. Meyer, John Lennox, and Lee Strobel, who argue that modern science, when followed closely, points to a designer.

The Problem of Beauty: It explores the concept of "gratuitous beauty" in biology—beauty that exceeds the requirements for survival, suggesting a higher purpose.

Production and Focus: Produced by Brian Bird (When Calls the Heart) and Jason Pamer (Sypher Studios), the film is a Discovery Institute-backed project aimed at showing that evidence supports a faith-affirming worldview.

Upper Room

Wesley, Wednesdays 11- Noon

Always looking for new faces to join us in this midweek worship opportunity. 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.

Movers & Shakers

On April 16th, we journeyed to West Jefferson for a day of fellowship. Our first stop was the Ashe County Cheese Store. Purchases were made including candy and squeaky cheese. After that, we went to Jefferson for a yummy lunch at the Winners Circle. We then went to St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church to see some beautiful frescoes by Statesville native Ben Long.

On May 21st we will journey to Mt Airy. We'll gather in the workroom at 9:30 and leave for a day of adventure at 10. We'll need to figure out if we want to visit the Andy Griffith Museum or take a squad car tour of Mt Airy. Of course there will be lunch and fellowship. I hope you will join us. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMary1@windstream.net.

On August 20th, we will be going to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater. I need to get the tickets ordered in May to be sure we have seats. This will be a long day. We'll need to leave by 9:30 and will likely be back around 6 or 6:30. The tickets will be \$69 and include the meal and the performance. The meal for this show is Kielbasa with peppers and onions, seasoned cabbage, carrots, and cheesy grits. It also includes their pita chips and cheese dip, salad, and ice cream for dessert. If you would like to go, please let me know and plan on paying on or before May 21st so that I can purchase the tickets. There is a limit of 15 seats on the bus, so don't wait if you would like to go.



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW

Faith Study

The Book of Philippians with Joby Martin from Right Now Media is our current study with a few weeks into May. Join us for food and fellowship during our time of study in Wesley every Monday night from 5:30-7:00 pm. We will skip Monday, May 25 the Memorial holiday. Our next study has not yet been determined but most likely will continue with Right Now Media studies.



What Does Lasting Joy Look Like?

Throughout our lives, we are sure to experience highs and lows. So, how do we remain content with whatever life throws our way? In The Book of Philippians, pastor and author Joby Martin will demonstrate that being with Jesus and belonging to his church fuels our joy and contentment in any situation. Join Joby in this eight-session series and learn the secret to lasting joy.

Book Group

Everyone was delighted with our April read, **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelly Van Pelt.

For fans of A Man Called Ove, a charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

May 11, 7-pm in Wesley we will gather to share our thoughts on one of our favorite author's latest book.
Witness Protection by Robert Whitlow Led by Brenda Harvey



Jon Tremaine has lived in hiding for years--will coming out of the shadows to help a friend be too great a risk? Perfect for fans of John Grisham and Charles Martin, Witness Protection is a legal drama with a deep undercurrent of faith.

With its gripping pace, layered legal intrigue, and heartfelt exploration of faith under pressure, Witness Protection has already been praised by early readers as a standout Robert Whitlow novel--one that keeps the pages turning while asking deeper questions about courage, identity, and redemption. As danger closes in and past sins resurface, Whitlow expertly weaves suspense with grace, showing how even the safest hiding place can't protect the heart from truth.

Upcoming Reads scheduled

June 8	Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict	Led by Penny Price
July 13	The River Knows Your Name by Kelly Mustain	Led by Ann Goode
August 10	The Girls of August by 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 continue to provide 25 Coddle Creek Elementary Students with food on the weekends. We will also continue to highlight Compassion International through the first part of May.

We will be collecting donations of snacks and small bottles of water for the families of the patients at the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House.

On May 24th we will kick off our fundraiser for Purple Heart Homes. It is a local organization that creates safe, accessible housing solutions for service-connected disabled veterans, free of charge.



Muffins with Mom

Sunday May 10th
9:00-10:00am
in the Fellowship Hall

All women and their
families are invited!



Father's Day Fundraiser

Would you like to Honor or
Remember a special man in
your life this Father's Day?

For a donation of \$5 per name
Fair View Kidz will be creating a
special Father's Day Bulletin.

Donations due by
Wednesday June 17th.

Please see Krystal for any questions.

FAIR VIEW KIDZ

On Sunday March 29th Fair View Kidz hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the community. We had approximately 70 members of the community come out to enjoy hot dogs, hunting eggs, goody bags and to hear the story of Easter morning. Thank you to everyone who donated time and materials! We can't make these events successful without each and every one of you! On Easter morning the children enjoyed a movie that told the story of Easter and a special treat in Children's Church.



We are now in full VBS prep mode. Keep an eye on the VBS table in the Narthex for our Adopt-A-Prop bags with projects that can be completed at home, materials and instructions are provided. If there isn't a project you are able to complete right now, keep checking back as we will continually add new projects as materials come in. We also have a list of donation and volunteer needs at the table. Please reach out to Krystal if you have any questions.



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



**Group Wishlist
for VBS**



**Amazon Wishlist
for VBS**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

FAIR VIEW YOUTH

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our last youth luncheon.

We appreciate you supporting our youth and spending time with us.

We are still looking for members who are willing to come teach us, guide us, or discuss with us whatever you feel called to talk with youth about on Sundays.

We have some exciting things coming up:

The youth community garden will be being built in May (exact date TBD)

Youth will be working with Ms. Mary on May 3rd for a special Mother's Day craft

May 31st our next 5th Sunday Luncheon

June 7th will be our Summer is Here Pool Party



Youth Night

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 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 April's Pack Meeting was held outdoors at the Mt. Mourne Scout Center where the Scouts, parents and siblings were in attendance. Everything was covered in the meeting including greeting by the Scouts, opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, repeating the Scout Law, Oath and Motto, awards that the Scouts had qualified for, cheers were led, show & tell portion and announcements given.

The annual Pack Olympics was held on Sunday afternoon April 12^h in the area of the volleyball court and the Harrison Pavilion. Gold, silver and bronze overall medals were given in various age groups as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbon winners in 8 different events for the various age groups. Every Scout participating was presented a "I Did My Best" ribbon. Three gold medal winners from three different age groups advanced to the Gemstone District (Iredell County) Olympics held at the West Iredell High School where one scout came back with a gold, a second with a silver and if the third Scout could have landed just 7 more inches farther in the running long jump he would have come home with the bronze metal instead of the a 4th place finish overall.

Weather permitting, the Pack conducted a Bike Rodeo for children complete with obstacle course was held at the Coddle Creek Elementary school on Sunday afternoon April 26th open to all at the school and the community. Deputy Sheriffs and Policemen were there to give bike safety presentations plus donate free helmets for those that needed to be replaced or outgrown. A local bike shop was there to make for free adjustments on any bike after inspection.

The May Pack Meeting will be held at the Harrison Pavilion beginning with a meal and then the main part of the meeting will be a ceremony of all the Scouts crossing over to the next level in the Scouting program.

The Pack summertime activities will start soon with a fishing derby at the Lake Norman State Park, a movie night at the Harrison Pavilion, attending a Kannapolis Cannonballers baseball game with camping afterwards on the field and Cub Scout Day Camp at the VanHoy Campground near Harmony.

A special thanks to all the Fair View members who purchased Discount Cards for local businesses as commission from the Scout's sale goes to their Scout expenses.

So as you can see, Cub Scouting is still alive and well in Downtown Mt. Mourne. As always a big THANK YOU goes to Fair View from Pack #173, Troop #173 and Troop #4173 for facility use.



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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

M.O.M. BIBLE STUDY
2ND MONDAY
6PM IN 204A

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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