

NOVEMBER 2022



The Sounds of Fair View

A WORD FROM PASTOR NATHAN

In my time as a minister, I have had a number of people come to me with all sorts of struggles. A man had been struggling with alcohol came to me and said, "Help me! I keep struggling and fighting this battle—it's like a giant that is standing between me and my future—it will not let me rest."



When David stood before Goliath, the giant also looked overwhelming, but David had already experienced too much of God's goodness to give up the fight.

the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." (1 Samuel 17:34-36)
Saul then let David fight. As we all know, David won this fight against the giant, standing in the confidence of God's plan. (see 1 Samuel 17:41-51)

With a moment of silence, I turn toward him and said, "I, too, have struggle with giants in my life--some were crippling. I struggled with them and fell victim to the taunting words of people around me and the giants themselves. I learned I can only overcome types of struggles because I know what it means to cling to God's hand with the last of my strength and realize that it's going to take a miracle; I can no longer do this on my own. It is then that God will fight with and for you.

In times when no one noticed, he had fought battles in solitude, without an audience—battles he knew he couldn't win on his own. Even King Saul laughed at David when he wanted to take on Goliath... "Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." (1 Samuel 17:33)

David, in confidence and knowing the battle belonged to God, reminded King Saul (as well as himself!) of all that he'd already experienced with God: "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from

When you fight your battles with God's help, these battle memories become precious things to hold on to! When you fight your battles with His help, you will realize that without Him, you won't get anywhere—but with Him, you always win! If you are walking through a battle today, I encourage you to look at God's wins for you in the past to gain the confidence to face today's battles head-on!

Your Brother In Christ,
Rev. Nathan Finsel



OUR MISSION

"To invite, to receive, and to nurture all people in our growing community to a fuller understanding and loving relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Join Us!
Sunday Service
10:00 AM

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday
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FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Poinsettias for Advent

Poinsettias will beautify the Fair View Sanctuary Sunday Dec, 18 & 25. If you would like to place an order to give poinsettias in honor in memory of loved ones, order forms are available in the church narthex now through Wed. Nov. 30. You can also call or email the church Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to place your order. Poinsettias may be taken home by the family after worship service on Dec. 25.

You may be asking why Poinsettias?

There was once a poor Mexican girl called Pepita who had no present to give the baby Jesus at the Christmas Eve Services. As Pepita walked to the chapel, sadly, her cousin Pedro tried to cheer her up. 'Pepita', he said "I'm sure that even the smallest gift, given by someone who loves Him will make Jesus Happy." Pepita didn't know what she could give, so she picked a small handful of weeds from the roadside and made them into a small bouquet. She felt embarrassed because she could only give this small present to Jesus. As she walked through the chapel to the altar, she remembered what Pedro had said. She began to feel better, knelt down and put the bouquet at the bottom of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into bright red flowers, and everyone who saw them was sure they had seen a miracle.

From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the 'Flores de Noche Buena', or 'Flowers of the Holy Night'. The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought to be a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent his purity.

(excerpt from whychristmas.com)



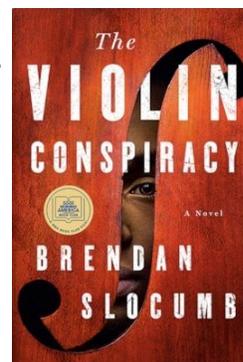
Book Group

“Growing up Black in rural North Carolina, Ray McMillian’s life is already mapped out. But Ray has a gift and a dream—he’s determined to become a world-class professional violinist, and nothing will stand in his way; not his mother, who wants him to stop making such a racket; not the fact that he can’t afford a violin suitable to his talents; not even the racism inherent in the world of classical music.

When he discovers his beat-up, family fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius, all his dreams suddenly seem within reach, and together, Ray and his violin take the world by storm. On the eve of the renowned and cutthroat Tchaikovsky Competition—the Olympics of classical music—the violin is stolen, a ransom note for five million dollars left in its place. Without it, Ray feels like he’s lost a piece of himself. As the competition approaches, Ray must not only reclaim his precious violin, but prove to himself—and the world—that no matter the outcome, there has always been a truly great musician within him.”

The book is available on Kindle Amazon 13.99 (free with app) Hardcover 17.00 also used copies available. Mooresville Library has ebooks and 2 large print editions.

Join the Book Group 2nd Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley unless otherwise noted.



Looking Ahead to December

In December, the group plans to have social time and decide on next year’s book reads. Please come with suggestions! We welcome new members at any time, to join the group for a book that piques your interest or to come and expand the genres you would normally read. Mark your calendar for **Monday, December 12 at 6:30p.m.** Bring a wrapped book for a Christmas swap, and of course, everyone will enjoy refreshments!

Upper Room Devotion & Prayer Group

We meet with prayers and scripture readings before discussing the Wednesday Upper Room devotion and then using discussion questions from the back of the devotional which are especially written for that day's devotion. We have a group of regulars but always welcome anyone



Meeting Every Wednesday
11:00 a.m. to Noon
Wesley (portable classroom)

that wants to join us, any time. Our church, community, country and world need our prayers more now than ever. Mark your calendars and join us in November with thanksgiving in your heart!

Faith Study Group The Monday Sunday School Class

We are in our study by Dr. David Jeremiah Forward. Your best days are not behind you! Now more than ever God is ready to use you, and your greatest moment could be only a step away. It doesn't matter who you are or what your age or current situation may be---God will strengthen you, fulfill you, and partner with you to see great things accomplished in your lifetime.

Come and join us for a short video, discussion and fellowship. This group is a mixture of couples and singles and all are welcome. Join us as a regular, as most lessons are series but can stand alone, drop by and join us.

This month, since Voting will take up space in Wesley 11/7-11/9, Barry and Penny Price have invited us to their home located at 683 Millswood Drive in Mooresville.

Faith Study Group
Each Monday
5:30 p.m.
Wesley (portable classroom)

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men enjoy a great time of fellowship every 2nd Sunday morning before church service.

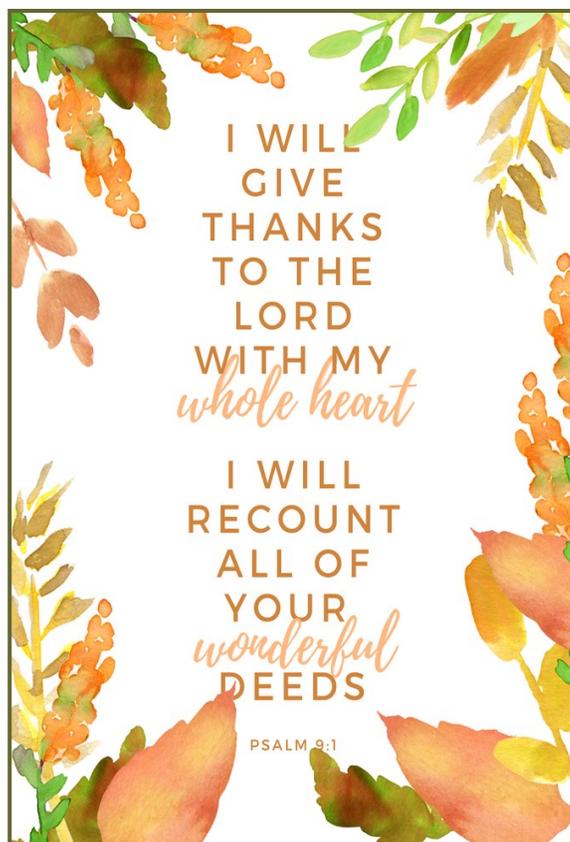
The cooks arrive early to prepare for breakfast at 8:00 a.m., followed by a devotion & meeting.

Recently, they held a church work day and roadside clean-up, and this quarter, they are serving the church by providing hotdogs at the Fall Festival on Oct.

Next Meeting
Sun. Nov. 13
8:00 a.m.

29th, and will serve breakfast at the Breakfast for Santa event on Dec. 10.

If you have questions about the United Methodist Men, please see Eddie Brotherton. They welcome all the men to join them.



Movers & Shakers

On Oct. 5, the Movers & Shakers traveled to Wytheville, VA to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner



Theater to see the musical *Grease*. As usual the food was yummy and the fellowship was great. While this rendition was a little different than the movie, the show was fabulous! Everyone came home tired and happy.

On Nov. 17, the group will stay close to home. Join them at a local restaurant for lunch at 11:00 a.m.

After food and fellowship, the group will travel over to the Mooresville Museum and learn about Mooresville's history. You can always see and learn something new there every time you visit.

Want to join them for a wonderful day of fellowship, food, and learning? Contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274

or mommamary1@windstream.net. She will have the details on where to meet.

Fair View Quilters

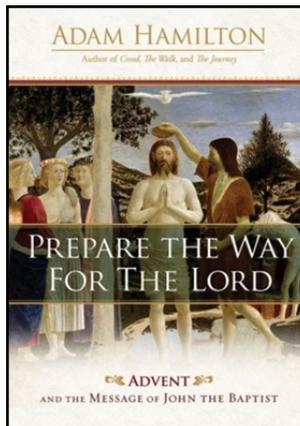


Are you interested in learning a new skill or using one you already have? The Fair View Quilters want to meet with you to review and renew this quilt ministry that previously made lap quilts for Hospice clients.

Consider where and when you would want to quilt: Here at the church? At someone's home?

Please come to our meeting Sunday, November 20, 11:15 a.m. -11:45 a.m. in room 103 and help us consider the possibilities.

Agape Class



The Agape Class four-lesson study is well underway, and it's not too late to get started! "Prepare the Way for the Lord – Advent and the Message of John the Baptist" is the title.

The participant book and video are written by Reverend Adam Hamilton, a well-known United Methodist pastor and author familiar to many. The

participant book can be purchased from your favorite bookstore, and is available in standard print, large-print and E- book formats.

Scheduled dates with the respective chapter titles:

Oct. 20th Lesson 1 - A People Prepared for the Lord

Nov. 3rd Lesson 2 - God Is Gracious

Nov. 17th Lesson 3 - The Fruit of Repentance

Dec. 1st Lesson 4 - Witnesses Testifying to the Light

An excerpt from the Cokesbury website:

"For centuries, Christians have turned to the story and message of John the Baptist in the weeks leading up to Christmas...best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores the Advent themes of John's life and ministry, and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming. In each of the Gospels, the story of Jesus is intertwined with that of his cousin John, the one whom the prophets foretold would come to "prepare the way of the Lord." When we hear the message of John the Baptist, it makes us and our world ready to receive Christ."

A Zoom link will be provided on the Fair View website event calendar . The Agape Class is a wonderful time of fellowship, discussion, and sharing of praises and prayer concerns, and they look forward to having you join them in preparation for the coming of the Christ Child!

SCOUTING AROUND WITH PACK #173



October was a busy month for the Scouts especially the new ones as all worked hard in passing off requirements in their scout handbooks. Thirty-two scouts are now registered with the Pack with thirteen adult leaders. A well attended Fishing Derby was held at the Lake Norman State Park where the scouts learned how to bait a hook, cast and of course, fish. The October Pack Meeting was held at the Coddle Creek School where the Scouts received

recognition for requirements they had completed. Another highlight of the meeting was all the Scouts, parents and siblings came dressed in Halloween costumes. In addition to the regular Den and Patrol Meetings, the Scouts will be busy incorporating the special events mentioned above through the holidays.

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

- Placing flags on the Veteran's graves at Centre Presbyterian and Fair View UMC
- On Nov. 10, students will present new American & NC flags to Coddle Creek Elementary School before the entire study body
- Marching with Veterans in the Mooresville Veterans' Day Parade
- On Nov. 19, the Scouts will collect food for the annual *Scouting for Food* drive for Feed North Carolina.
- Plans to march in the Mooresville Christmas Parade

Communion for the Home Bound

If you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like to request one of our Communion Stewards to administer Communion, please call the church office to schedule a time.



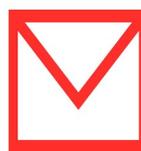
Communion Stewards have been trained to administer communion and are Stephen Ministers and Congregants. We appreciate their service to the church body.

Fellowship Lunch Bunch

The Fellowship Lunch Bunch is honored to keep Duane Carter's vision for this group to fellowship over a meal following service. Each Second Sunday, the Lunch Bunch eats out after the church service.

On Nov. 13, the group will meet at The Barcelona. We hope you will join us! Everyone is invited!

The Barcelona is on South Main in Mooresville housed in the Mooresville Antique Mall, formerly the old Burlington Mills. After lunch, you can walk off your calories visiting the Mall! If you have never tried The Barcelona, they serve great hamburgers, sides, salads and chicken. You order/pay at counter and they bring your meal to your table. Come fellowship with each other!



NEW CHURCH EMAIL

The church email is now info@fairviewumc.org.

Please update your contact list.

Give it to God - a Renewal for your Heart



Mending Spirits is hosting a "Make Room for Gratitude" event as we enter into Thanksgiving. On Monday, Nov. 21, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., burn your worries, regrets, and resentments as you give them to God. Afterwards, enjoy the fire pit with a renewed heart by roasting marshmallows and making s'mores. All are invited.



Mrs. Danyel and Ms. Krystal
Fair View Children's Ministers

KIDZ NEWZ



FRIENDSGIVING

On Sunday Nov. 20, at 12:00 p.m., Fair View Kidz invites the families of the nursery, children, and youth ministries for the 2nd Annual Friendsgiving Lunch to be held in Wesley! We will be hosting a potluck style lunch this year. Look for a text soon to sign up.



COMPASSION CHILD



Do you sponsor a Compassion Child? We would love for you to email us a picture of your family's Sponsored Child to add to our Compassion Wall. We will be work-

ing on writing Christmas cards to our sponsored child, Angela, during Children's Time. We want Angela to receive in time for Christmas, and we want to encourage everyone to do the same.

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

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Children meet in room 304 each after service for a fun biblical lesson.
FriendsGiving - at 12:00 p.m. Children will enjoy a fellowship lunch as a celebration

*Be Strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power.
Ephesians 6:10*

LOOKING AHEAD



Breakfast with Santa - Children are invited to enjoy Breakfast with Santa on Sat. Dec. 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to make the Fall Festival successful! We can't wait to make it bigger and better in 2023!

Check out the photos coming soon to Facebook and during Sunday Service!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 1

Dawn Brotherton

November 4

Lisa Rayhill

November 6

Clayton Rogers

November 7

Pressley Cashion

November 9

Lori McKenzie

November 11

Josh Isenhour
Megan Anne Price
Diane Ryon

November 13

Ava Rogers

November 16

Barry Boling

November 17

Kelly Modola

November 21

Maranda Brotherton
Janet Pinkston

November 24

Michael Brotherton

November 27

Rick Howard

November 28

Mary Stutts
Shell Pittard

November 29

Heather Coone

November 30

Kelly Stapleton



November 2

Jon & Shannon Crawford
Danny & Stephanie Harrington

November 7

Barry & Amy Boling

November 9

Bill & Ellar Hicks

November 23

Otho & Merlin Davis

November 25

Gerre & Dorthy Goard

NOVEMBER MISSION OUTREACH

In October, we have been focusing on Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes have been filled by the congregation and items or money is being donated so the youth can fill them. Thank you for being a blessing to children around the world!

Through November, we will continue to provide 10 children at Coddle Creek with food on the weekends.

Also, in November, Fair View is participating in the Angel tree, through the Mooresville Christian Mission, which provides requested Christmas presents to local children in the community who might not otherwise have the joy of opening gifts on Christmas Day.



Operation WeCare



On Wed. Oct.26, volunteers from Fair View United Methodist Church and Felicity Manor gathered together to support Operation WeCare, an outreach to The Citadel of Mooresville.

Over 95 gift bags were filled and prayed over earlier in the day with items the residents chose, and volunteers delivered the gift bags to each resident later that afternoon. Many of the residents expressed their appreciation, as well as, the positive impact the outreach had on the volunteers who participated. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful outreach, being the hands and feet!



Our **Backpack Ministry** is in full swing, thanks to the generosity of the Fair View church family who keep our cabinet stocked!



This is an ongoing ministry, so as you grocery shop, the following items are regularly needed.

- Ramen Noodles
- Mac 'n Cheese
- Jelly
- Hormel Complete Dinners
- Peanut Butter
- Juices or low-sugar juice pouches
- Canned Chicken or Tuna
- Canned Vegetables
- Vienna Sausage
- Hormel Chili
- Oatmeal
- Grits



October is a 5 week month, so on Sunday Oct. 30, we received food, clothing, household goods and

monetary donations to benefit the Christian Mission. The mission of The Christian Mission is to offer hope, empower people, and fight poverty.

PRAYER SHAWL ministry



Residents of The Citadel chose a number of prayer shawls to receive as gifts for Operation WeCare. It was a blessing to pass these along to 15 residents! Please remember Prayer Shawls are available to all church members as well as Stephen Ministers. Please contact the church office when in need of one for family members, friends or neighbors.