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THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW

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THE BIBLICAL RHYTHM OF SHARED LIFE: MUTUAL GIVE AND TAKE

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

Dear Fair View Family,

As we enter September, I want to share a reflection on a theme woven throughout Scripture and lived out in our own story as a church: mutual give and take. For more than a century, Fair View United Methodist Church has been a place where God forms disciples through shared life, shared faith, and shared strength. We grow best when we grow together.

From the earliest days of the church, God designed His people to flourish through holy communities that strength each other.

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

We carry what is heavy for someone else and allow others to carry what is heavy for us.

“We who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” (Romans 12:4–5)

Your gifts strengthen my weakness; my faith encourages your weariness.

“Let us consider how to spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:24)

The church is meant to be a place of holy encouragement—nudging one another toward deeper love of God and His creation.

This is the divine rhythm: **give and receive, serve and be served, encourage and be encouraged.**

It is how God strengthens us. It is how Christ’s mission moves forward.

Strength in Tandem

When we work in tandem as God’s people:

- Weakness becomes a doorway for someone else’s gift.
- Discouragement becomes an invitation for someone else’s encouragement.
- Fear becomes a place where someone else’s courage can take your hand.

A church that practices mutual give and take becomes a **bold church**; one that walks faithfully with God and confidently into the mission of Christ.

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A Living Example: The Pastoral Exchange of Two Davids

Fair View has a remarkable story that embodies this theme. It's a story lived out across continents.

During his tenure at Fair View, **Rev. David Calhoun** participated in a pastoral exchange that brought **Rev. David Gray**, a Methodist pastor from England, to serve here in our congregation. At the same time, Rev. Calhoun traveled to England to serve several Methodist congregations there.

This exchange was far more than a cultural experience. It was a mutual strengthening of the body of Christ.

- Rev. Gray brought fresh perspective, new energy, and a pastoral heart shaped by the Methodist tradition in England.
- Rev. Calhoun offered his gifts, his preaching, and his pastoral presence to a congregation across the ocean.
- Both pastors stepped into unfamiliar places, relying on the hospitality, encouragement, and partnership of the congregations they served.
- Both congregations received new insight, renewed energy, and a broadened sense of connection to the global church.

Without mutual give and take, without shared wisdom, shared courage, shared support, both Davids would have struggled to adequately serve their shared congregations.

But because they gave and received freely, both ministries flourished.

Both churches were strengthened.

And Fair View became part of a story bigger than itself; a story of worldwide Methodist partnership and shared mission.

You can learn more about this exchange and celebrate it during our Heritage Day on September 13. We hope you'll join us.

A Call for Today's Fair View

As we step into a new season of ministry, let us recommit ourselves to the shared life God calls us to:

- Bearing one another's burdens
- Strengthening each other's weaknesses
- Emboldening one another's faith
- Spurring one another on in love for God and His creation

When we live this way, Fair View becomes not just a church but a **community of mutual blessing**, a place where Christ's mission is carried forward by many hands and many hearts.

May we be a congregation where no one walks alone, where every gift finds its place, and where every burden is shared.

May our life together reflect the mutual give and take of the early church and the heart of Christ Himself. And may God use our shared strength to bless Mooresville in ways we have yet to imagine.

Grace and peace,

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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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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- 6 PEGGY JONES
- 7 SUSAN DONALDSON
- 8 BOB NEWMAN & DAVID HYLAND
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- 10 DOMINICK STUTTS
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Communion Servers

September 6th
Alan & Judy Donaldson, Danyel & Reese
Williams

October 4th
Tammy Glaze, Peggy Jones,
Jim & Anna Lowry

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

September
3rd Brenda Harvey
10th Jim & Anna Lowry
17th Mark & Vicki Gurley
24th Betsy Danner & Becky Jones

October
1st Brenda Harvey
8th Judy Donaldson & Ann Goode
15th Jim & Anna Lowry
22nd Betsy Danner & Becky Jones
29th Jo Rossini



9/4 James & Mandy Wright
9/17 Tom & Heather Gray
9/19 Chuck & Camille Bass



HERITAGE SUNDAY

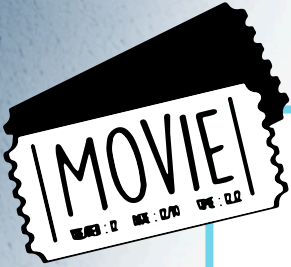


SEPTEMBER 13

Rev. Dr. David Calhoun will share his experiences with his Ministerial Exchange in England.

Bring your favorite salad, vegetable, or dessert. Invite your family and 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

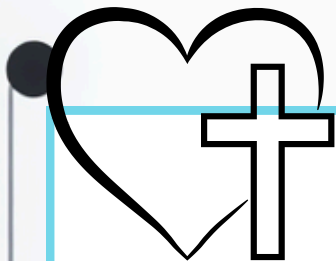
**Every Monday, 5:30-7pm in Wesley
(except we will not meet Labor Day)**

We are the Monday Sunday School Class. Join us for study, food and fellowship every week or whenever you can.

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.

We started our study of UNSTUCK in August and will be determining our next study soon.



Movers & Shakers

On August 20th, we journeyed to Wytheville, VA, to Wohlfahrt Haus for the musical Sensational 70's. It was a fantastic trip. The food was yummy. The music was fabulous. And of course, the fellowship was the best. We sang and shared memories. Remember, what happens on the Movers & Shakers trip stays with the Movers & Shakers. LOL I don't think Tammy danced in the aisles on this trip, but I know she sang with the rest of us. The weather was perfect, and God protected us on the highways.

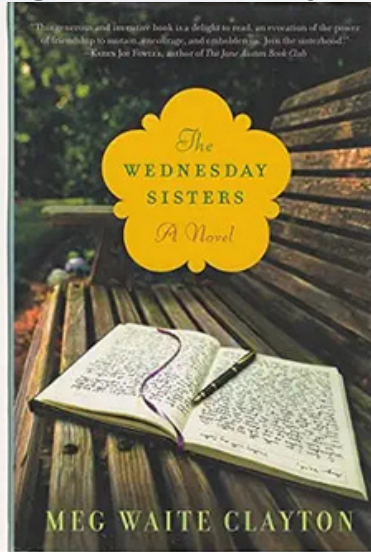
September 17th is our next trip. We are heading to Sherrills Ford to visit Camp Dogwood to see how they help the vision-impaired. And to see if there is a way we can partner with them. We will gather in the workroom at 9:30 and leave at 10. We have a tour scheduled for 11. After the tour, we will of course have lunch. And there will be fellowship. I hope you will join us. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMary1@Windstream.net.



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW

Book Group

Monday, September 14, Wesley 7pm led by Jo Rossini
All who enjoy reading are invited to join us whenever you can!



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Friendship, loyalty, and love lie at the heart of this beautifully written, poignant, and sweeping novel of five women who, over the course of four decades, come to redefine what it means to be family.

For thirty-five years, Frankie, Linda, Kath, Brett, and Ally have met every Wednesday at the park near their homes in Palo Alto, California. Defined when they first meet by what their husbands do, the young homemakers and mothers are far removed from the Summer of Love that has enveloped most of the Bay Area in 1967. These “Wednesday Sisters” seem to have little in common: Frankie is a timid transplant from Chicago, brutally blunt Linda is a remarkable athlete, Kath is a Kentucky debutante, quiet Ally has a secret, and quirky, ultra-intelligent Brett wears little white gloves with her miniskirts. But they are bonded by a shared love of both literature—Fitzgerald, Eliot, Austen, du Maurier, Plath, and Dickens—and the Miss America Pageant, which they watch together every year.

As the years roll on and their children grow, the quintet forms a writers circle to express their hopes and dreams through poems, stories, and, eventually, books. Along the way, they experience history in the making: Vietnam, the race for the moon, and a women’s movement that challenges everything they have ever thought about themselves, while at the same time supporting one another through changes in their personal lives brought on by infidelity, longing, illness, failure, and success.

Humorous and moving, *The Wednesday Sisters* is a literary feast for book lovers that earns a place among those popular works that honor the joyful, mysterious, unbreakable bonds between friends.

Upcoming books:

October 12
November 9

The Correspondent by Virginia Evans
Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

Led by Judy Donaldson

MISSION OUTREACH

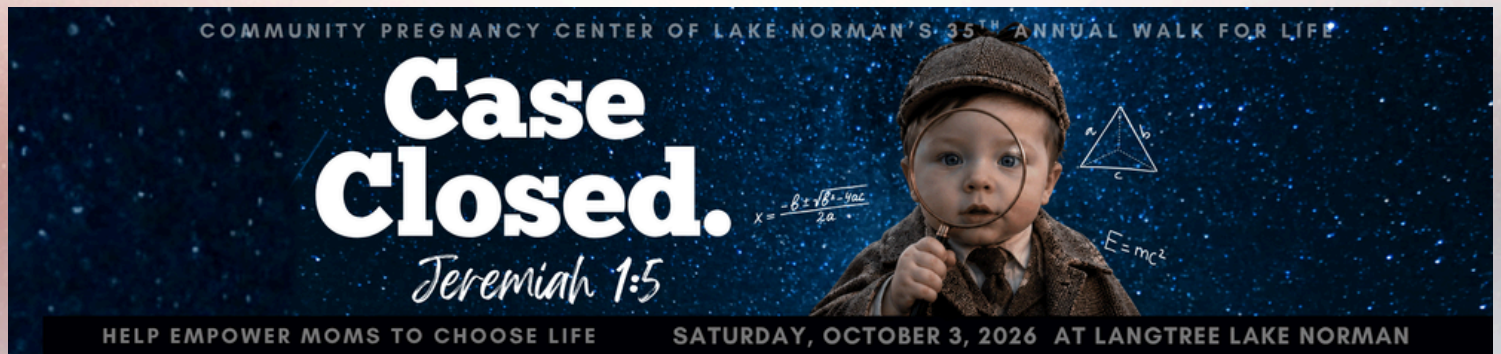
MISSION OVERVIEW

By Kathy Schilling

In August, we delivered teaching supplies to Coddle Creek and are currently collecting personal hygiene items, bed linens, cleaning supplies, and other needed items for the Children's Homes of Iredell County. We are also continuing to stock the Back Pack Ministry pantry.



In September, our focus will shift to collecting monetary donations for the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman. Their annual Walk for Life will take place on Saturday, October 3rd. We look forward to supporting this important ministry and helping make a difference in the lives of families in our community.



MISSION Opportunity in September

The Annual Walk for Life which is a primary support of the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman will be held at Langtree the morning of October 3. This Christian based nonprofit relies heavily on local churches to fund their office in Mooresville and their office in Huntersville as well as their mobile unit. We have several members signed up to walk. You can show your support to this mission by sponsoring an individual team member or the team from Fair View (which is also listed as a team member). You can do this by check to the Pregnancy Center, [secure online giving](#) or cash to one of our team members. There is still time to [register as a team member](#) and join us on October 3 and help families in crisis pregnancies and to save lives.

FAIR VIEW KIDZ

Fair View Kidz will host our annual Fall Festival on
Saturday October 17th from 3-6pm.

We will need several volunteers to assist in set-up (will need to be available beginning at 1pm), break-down, running games, assisting at the prize table and interacting with the community.

If you are available to help or have questions please contact Krystal (kdavis@fairviewumc.org or 704-261-4901).

Be on the lookout for donation needs coming soon.



FALL FESTIVAL 2026
SATURDAY OCT. 17
3 - 6PM

FOOD AND TREATS

CARNIVAL GAMES

PRIZES AND CANDY

COSTUMES WELCOME

FREE EVENT FOR ALL

FAIR VIEW UMC

1430 MECKLENBURG HWY • MT. MOURNE, NC

**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY**

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

FAIR VIEW YOUTH

July 30th we took a trip to Top Golf and enjoyed 2 hours of game time as well as some good food. It was a fun day of laughing and enjoying time with each other.

August 2nd we welcomed 2 new youth to our group and presented them with their Teen Bibles. On August 2nd we started a 3 week series on RightNow Media called Redeem the Screen where we are learning how to use screen time for good and God's purpose and not let it conform us to the way the world wants us to be. August 23rd we started Youth Nights back and we discussed Spiritual Gifts and figured out what our gifts are. Looking ahead September 6th will be our pool party.



Youth Night

Youth meet every 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm for Youth Night.

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
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SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173

By Bill Hicks

The Cub Scouts and their families of Pack # 173 have had a busy summer with attending a Kannapolis Cannon Ballers baseball game and then sleeping overnight on the ball field, attended a week long Cub Scout Day Camp north of Statesville, attended a Mooresville Spinners baseball game where a Scout threw the first pitch and finally a movie/swimming pool night. Weekly Den and Patrol Meetings will start back in September.

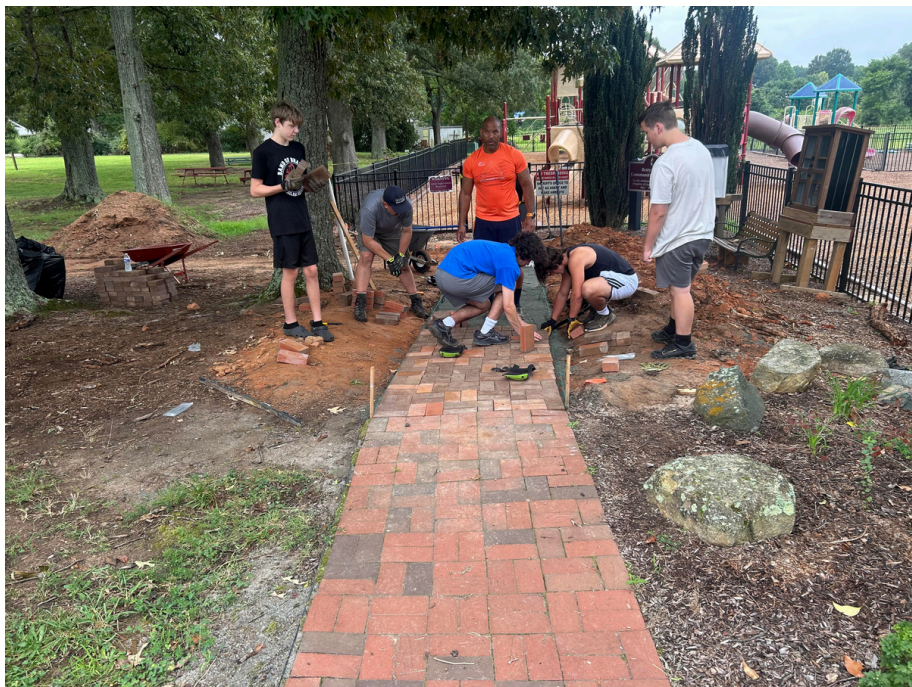
The Fall Scout Round-Up for new Scouts was held at the Coddle Creek School on Friday, August 29 th . This was for new Cub Scouts (kindergartners thru 5th graders) .

Pictured here is yet another former Cub Scout that is now in Fair View's Troop #173 that is in the process of doing yet another Eagle Scout project at Fair View. This one is the completion of a brick paved walkway from the playground parking lot and extending an existing walkway from the paved parking lot towards the main entrance to the playground. This is the fourth brick paved walkway project involving the pavilion, fire pit and playground.

If your daughter, son or you know of someone that is interested in joining the Cub Scout Pack at Fair View then contact Bill Hicks at 704-650-1026 or whicks@hotmail.com as well as any of the other Scout Leaders with the Cub Scout Pack # 173. Weekly meeting times vary for each grade level. New Scouts joining do not have to attend the Coddle Creek Elementary School but can be from anywhere in the area.



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

M.O.M.s Study
2ND MONDAY
6:00 PM IN 204A

UPPER ROOM
WEDNESDAYS
11 AM IN WESLEY

**MOVERS &
SHAKERS**
3RD THURSDAYS

BOOK CLUB
2ND MONDAY
7:00 PM IN WESLEY

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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