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THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE LENTEN JOURNEY: RISING FROM THE DUST

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

“Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.” — Genesis 2:7

Dear friends in Christ,

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we return to the ancient story that shapes our identity. Scripture tells us that God formed humanity from the dust of the earth, shaping us with care and breathing His own life into us. Dust, touched by divine breath, became something wonderfully good—created for life, communion, and eternity.

But the dust that once bore glory became marked by sin. When humanity turned away from God, death entered the world, and the dust we came from became the dust to which we would return. The clay dried. The vessel cracked. Creation groaned under the weight of our brokenness.

Yet God did not abandon the work of His hands.

In the fullness of time, the Second Adam—Jesus Christ—stepped into the dust with us. He took on our frailty, our mortality, our sorrow. He came not simply to mend what was broken, but to restore life itself. In Him, the dust lives again. In Him, the clay is softened by living water. In Him, the eternal purpose of creation is renewed.

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Lent is the season when we face this truth with honesty and hope. We remember that without God's breath, we are dust—but with His breath, we are destined for resurrection. Like clay that has dried and cracked, we place ourselves again in the hands of the Potter, trusting that He can reshape what we cannot.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this journey. We bow low, receiving the sign of ashes, acknowledging both our mortality and our hope. From there, we walk the long road toward Easter—passing palms waving in expectation, climbing the hill of Golgotha where love bore the weight of our sin, and kneeling in sorrow for the cost of our redemption.

But Lent does not end in sorrow.

Soon we will stoop before an empty tomb, peering into the place where death once reigned and finding it powerless. The dust has been raised. The clay has been remade. Christ is risen, and in Him, so shall we rise.

May this Lenten season be a time of reflection, renewal, and quiet courage. May the living water of Christ soften our hearts. May the Potter reshape our lives. And may we walk faithfully from ashes to Easter dawn.

In Christ's peace and promise,
Pastor Nathan Finsel

THE VINE BIBLE STUDY

The Vine Study group meets Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00pm in the Wesley Building. 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.



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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!

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TAYLOR GRAY

CARRIGAN MCCANN

HEATHER HENDRICKSON

JANE TESTERMAN



Communion Servers

March 1

Addisyn & David Finsel,
Danyel & Reese Williams

Communion will also be served in a special setting at the Maundy Thursday service on April 2 by the Pastor.

Easter Sunday April 5
Todd & Matthew Danner
Jim & Anna Lowry

“For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years of life will be added to you.”

Proverbs 9:11 (NKJV)





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**SATURDAY,
MARCH 7, 2026**

**HERE AT
FAIRVIEW UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
1430 MECKLENBURG HWY.
MOORESVILLE, NC 28115

6:00PM SHOW
5:30PM PANEL TIME
5:00PM DOORS OPEN

Come early and join us for
a 15 minute panel time with
all 3 ladies based on
Hebrews 12:1-2 called
“Running the Race”

ADVANCE TICKETS

General Admission – \$25

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leader and receive group leader incentives.

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and a snack bag

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Aspire has been doing ministry for
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**WE ARE ASKING FOR SNACK AND WATER DONATIONS FOR GUESTS
THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW.**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE, FOR TICKETS, QUESTIONS, OR TO VOLUNTEER
PLEASE CONTACT KRYSTAL**

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FAIR VIEW HAPPENINGS

Upper Room

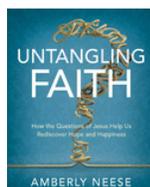
**Mark your calendar for
Wednesdays at 11:00 am – Noon**

Join us lifting our church, Fair View, our community, our country, the world, all those suffering, the church universal, and the communion of saints in prayers and thanksgiving. We meet each Wednesday morning at 11:00 and finish up at noon with the Lord's prayer. Following reading a Psalm, we go to the Wednesday devotion in the Upper Room. Come join us in growing our faith and feel the love and encouragement from others. We meet in Wesley and sometimes head out for more fellowship with lunch.

M.O.M.s Bible Study

The M.O.M.S Bible Study next meeting is March 9th at 6:00 p.m.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him,
and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I
praise him. Psalm 28:7



Contact Danyel if you have any questions.
dwilliams@fairviewumc.org

Movie Group

We meet on an irregular basis according to what is playing at the theater. When someone in the group sees a movie scheduled to show they would like to see we announce to the email list and typically meet at the box office for a matinee on Tuesday when they offer lower admissions and discounted concessions. If you would like to be included on our email list please contact Brenda Harvey. BrendaTHarvey@gmail.com By the time you read this, we may have gone to see I Can Only Imagine 2 and hope to see some previews of some movies coming out that we might want to see.

Movers & Shakers

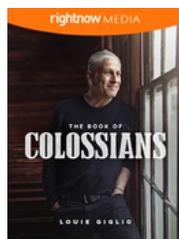
On Thursday, March 19th, the Movers and Shakers will head over to Concord. We'll gather at 9:30 in the workroom and leave the church at 10. Our adventure for the day will take us to The Depot at Gibson Mill. It is advertised as the biggest antique mall in the South. So, wear your walking shoes. Please join us for a fun day of fellowship.

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

Faith Study

Wesley 5:30-7:00 pm

About a dozen, faithfully meet each Monday evening at 5:30 pm for food, fellowship and growing in our relationships with our Lord and Savior and with each other. We meet in Wesley, the portable classroom for a meal and study. We invite you to join this group which is made up of young, old, singles and couples. Because of the bad weather had to delay the start of the study from Right Now Media, The Book of Colossians by Louie Giglio.



Description

What we think about Jesus matters. Our perception of Him shapes us—what we say, how we treat others, even what we think. If we paint Jesus as any less than who He is as supreme over all creation and savior of the world, not only does our theology slip, but the working out of our faith also suffers.

In this 8-session series, Louie Giglio will take us through the book of Colossians to help us form a complete picture of Jesus. What we believe about Him influences everything from our corporate worship to our relationships to our attitude toward sin. Now alive in Christ, we can live a life worthy of God instead of falling back into the ways of the world.

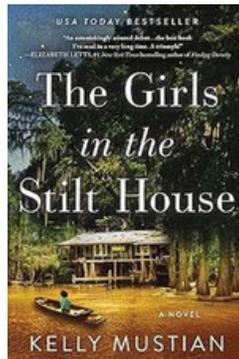
WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW?

Book Group

Book Group meets the 2nd Monday in Wesley at 7pm following the Faith Study. You can join us for dinner and Faith Study or show up at 7 pm.

We enjoyed philosophical discuss after reading *The Measure* and Judy gave us all a box to open or not open. Would you want to know the length of your life?

March 9 we will be discussing *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustain and led by Sara McMinn.



The Girls in the Stilt House by Kelly Mustian (local writer and recommended by Sara)

"Remarkable debut.... [a] nearly flawless tale of loss, perseverance and redemption."—Publishers Weekly, STARRED review

Set in 1920s Mississippi, this debut Southern novel weaves a beautiful and harrowing story of two teenage girls cast in an unlikely partnership through murder—perfect for readers of *Where the Crawdads Sing* and *If the Creek Don't Rise*.

Ada promised herself she would never go back to the Trace, to her hard life on the swamp and her harsh father. But now, after running away to Baton Rouge and briefly knowing a different kind of life, she finds herself with nowhere to go but back home. And she knows there will be a price to pay with her father. Matilda, daughter of a sharecropper, is from the other side of the Trace. Doing what she can to protect her family from the whims and demands of some particularly callous locals is an ongoing struggle. She forms a plan to go north, to pack up the secrets she's holding about her life in the South and hang them on the line for all to see in Ohio.

Upcoming Schedule

April 13	Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelly Van Pelt	Carol Carman
May 11	Witness Protection by Robert Whitlow	Led by Brenda Harvey
June 8	Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict	Led by Ann Goode
July 13	The River Knows Your Name by Kelly Mustain	Penny Price

MISSION OUTREACH



MISSION OVERVIEW

By Kathy Schilling

In February we have been collecting supplies and monetary donations for the Lake Norman Humane Society. We also increased the amount of bags of food we provide for the kids at Coddle Creek Elementary from 21 to 23. The first part of February was a challenge. An extra bag of food was sent out prior to the ice storm, in anticipation of the potential that school would be closed for a few days. Unfortunately, Iredell County Schools had remote learning for nearly 2 weeks.... Thankfully, school was in session on Friday, February 13th and backpack food was sent out for the weekend.

In March we are collecting books for the Little Free Library, as well as supplies our newly opened Kindness closet. There is a list of items being collected for the closet on our website. Many may be interested in reading about this locally based program, that began in 2018, when children raised money through a lemonade stand to provide a dignified way to provide basic hygiene essentials to those going without them. You can visit their website at thekindnesscloset.org to read more.

FAIR VIEW KIDZ

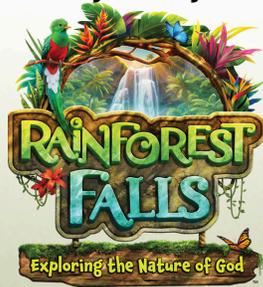


On February 15th Fair View Kidz, including two new children, and their families enjoyed pizza, cookies, music and a small gift during our annual Sweethearts Luncheon after service. It was fun fellowship for all who could join.

Mark your calendars for our annual Easter



Egg Hunt on Sunday March 29th from 12-2 at the Pavilion and playground. We are asking for donations of candy, and small trinkets (pencils, erasers, stickers, mini bubble, small fidget, etc) to stuff goody bags by Sunday March 22nd. Not sure what to get? Check out our [Amazon Wishlist](#). We will also need 3-5 volunteers to help engage with visitors and pass out goody bags. Please contact Krystal if you are able to help or have any questions.



VBS 2026 is right around the corner! We can't wait to explore God's nature in Rainforest Falls VBS July 13-17, 2026. We are deep in the planning and preparing stages and have created both an [Amazon VBS Wishlist](#) and a [Group VBS Wishlist](#) to help offset costs. We are also beginning to register volunteers for stations, crew leaders and kitchen help. Please contact Krystal if you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer.



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

February was an interesting month with the ice storm then the snow storm! But we are happy to be back on track. We have continued with our study Unashamed.

On the 15th we made 24 goody bags for the teens living at the Children’s Home of Iredell County. We had a great time and hope this brings some Valentine’s cheer to these young people.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16



Youth Night

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

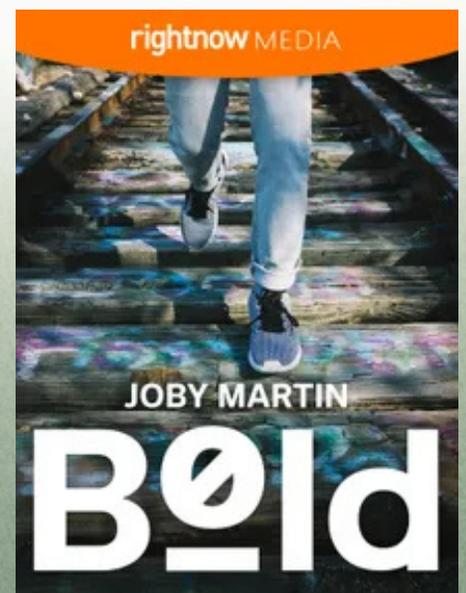
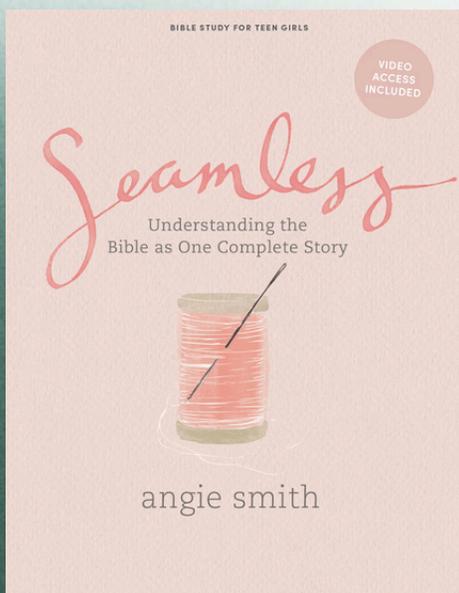
We will begin at 5:30 with dinner and a game then break off into 2 groups for Bible Study. We will be offering a Girls Bible Study led by Danyel and a Guys Bible Study

led by Pastor Nathan. All the youth have been encouraged to invite their friends.

The Girls will begin with a study by Angie Smith called Seamless where we will discover the seamless thread connecting the people, places, and promises of the Bible in a whole new way.

The Guys will begin with a study on Right Now Media by Joby Martin called Bold where Joby Martin uses Scripture to teach teen guys that their desires to be bold are not without a purpose.

They were created to play a part in God’s redemptive work in the world and live courageously for the cause of God’s Kingdom.



SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173

By Bill Hicks

Scouting's February birthday month has passed after the Cub Scouts participated in a Scout Sunday Services at Fair View. Thanks to all of Fair View who made all the Scouts and their families so welcome at the Scout Sunday Service. At the end of the month was the annual Blue & Gold Banquet with over 100 Scouts, family members and guests attending. Two former Cub Scout Pack #173 Scouts were guests at the banquet and recognized as the known 111th and 112th Scouts to be awarded the Eagle rank since the last Blue & Gold.

At the annual Gemstone District (Iredell County) Adult Leader Recognition Banquet, Pack # 173 was awarded the Shutterbug Award for having the most Pack # 173 newspaper articles in the local papers and in online articles in 2025 than any other Scouting Unit in the county. Amanda Fortier, the Cubmaster of Pack #173, was awarded the Cubmaster of the Year 2025 also.

In addition to the weekly Den and Patrol Meetings with the Scouts and their leaders, with spring almost here, the outdoor activities will include a county-wide camporee for the older Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts Olympics and finally a Pack family camping weekend at the Lake Norman Sate Park.

Bill Hicks



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

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*
- 8-4% 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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