

APRIL 2023

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR STAN WRIGHT

Easter Joy!

“When it was evening on that day...Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.”
John 20:19-20

During this Easter season, we can still feel the wonder and the awe, the very excitement of that first Easter. We too, can experience joy, the same joy that filled the disciples when they recognized their risen Lord. We all, either on Easter Sunday morning or sometime during this season want to revisit that incredible moment, when in our heart of hearts, we know that Christ is Risen.

There is the story of a family that had been utterly devastated when they received news that their son had been killed in a battle. But days later, you can imagine the joy of receiving word that the son was alive. He had been seriously wounded but was alive. The family was completely overjoyed.

Like in this passage of scripture, on that Easter evening, the stunned and frightened disciples, recognized Jesus. Yes, his wounds were visible, but he was alive. On Easter Sunday, when we sing “Christ the Lord is Risen today”, by the power of the Holy Spirit our souls are reassured that Jesus lives forever more. But after that moment, after we have experienced joy and the worship subsides, we go out into the world, reaffirming our Mission. As Christians, as followers of Jesus, we have been commissioned, just like the disciples, *“As the father has sent me, so I send you.”* (John 20:21)

This Easter has a new significance for us at Fairview. We are now “disaffiliated” from the United Methodist Church. Now what? After disaffiliation what do we do? Now we could waste even more precious time by stewing over who the next pastor will be, or whether or not we will remain “free agents” or join another denomination. BUT...we have a calling. All of us. The proclamation of the Gospel is the church’s mission...it is the mission of Fairview. It is what we are called to do. We come together for worship, for nurturing in the faith, and for fellowship, but we are ultimately sent out to bear witness to the Gospel in our neighborhoods and workplaces, to our schools, to the needy and to the infirmed. This is who we are. The “calling” is not left up to the pastor, or the Administrative Council. The calling is not only for those who are younger, but even for the young at heart. Each follower of Jesus is a missionary. In your own unique way, you are to bring others to the Lord.

So now in this “Eastertide”, we have been empowered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to continue to be the church, to be Fairview, just as you have been for over 100 years. Once again, we have been overjoyed to know for certain that Jesus is Alive. Now let us go forth as His disciples.

In Christ,
Pastor Stan



KATHERINE LEWIS
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES

I am so thankful that April is here! Along with that came SPRING! I am thankful for the warmer temperatures and more daylight. This is always one of my favorite times of the year. Especially with Easter being almost here!

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who prayed for my mom during her recent illness. She is doing so much better and recovering slowly but surely. During her time in the hospital there was a lot of time to think, pray and be still. I found myself many times in a state where my mind would begin to race and I would have to just get quiet and still and pray to still my racing mind. During one of those times I checked my email and a friend had sent me Psalm 46:10 *"Be still and know that I am God."* That verse must have

come up in print, conversation, and music and in many different ways over that 10-day period multiple times every day. We all clung to that Verse and knew as my precious Daddy used to tell us. The only way out of our situation was through it and we had to be still and press into God during the hard times. Like I said, things are so much better for my mom and that time gave me time to press more deeply into a place of comfort with My Savior.

There are many fun things coming up for us here at Fairview. If you are new here, please see me and let me know how I can help you get plugged in to a group or mission project.

For our Kids:

Sunday School happens each week at 9:45. This is for kids age 3 and up.

Children's Church happens each week during our regular service. Children are dismissed from service during our second hymn and go to have a bible lesson.

JUMP (a discipleship program for kids in Kindergarten – 5th grade) meets on Sunday Afternoons from 4-5. We will meet each Sunday during the month of April except for Sunday, April 9th. During this time, we have a bible lesson with a creative response time. We always enjoy our time together!

Our EASTER EGG HUNT WILL BE SATURDAY April 8th from 10- noon here at the church. Please bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors. We will hunt eggs, have a time of learning, craft and a snack as well. Kids will get a treat bag to take home. This is always a fun time and we are excited to host it here at the church and open to our community. If you would like to volunteer to help please let me know.

For our Youth:

Youth Sunday School meets each week in the youth room at 9:45

Youth group (grade 6-12) meets on Sunday evening in the social hall from 5:15-7:15. We will meet each week during April except for Easter Sunday.

Our youth group will meet here to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 8th. During this time they will help hide eggs, and assist the children during the hunt, craft and snack time. This is a great time to earn some Graduate of Merit hours for those of you still needing some.

We are also planning to have a Get Rak'd (Random Acts of Kindness event). Watch your emails and bulletins for more info to come.

Please continue to pray for our Youth Mission team. We are small but excited to go and do great things this Summer, June 11-17.

For our Adults:

Sunday School for adults is from 9:45-10:45. We have 4 adult classes that meet regularly and I would love to help you find one that is just right for you.

Project: Church Directory is well under way. I am hoping to have all my pictures together and in place by mid-April so if I don't have yours please send it soon. You can Text it to me at 434.251.6107 or email it to director.fumc@comcast.net.

LADIES our Monthly Fellowship Dinner will be held on Tuesday April 4th at 6 p.m and our Fellowship Lunch will be held on Wednesday April 5th at noon. Our Restaurant this month will be Olive Garden. Please join us! This is a great time to get to know some of the other ladies of the church. There is a spot for our Adults also at our Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th from 10- noon. Please come and enjoy this time with your children or grandchildren. Or just come be a part of the excitement. We will need lots of hands to help this event be successful so we would love to have you.

For us all:

Don't forget our Combined Holy Week Service on April 6th @7.

We will be starting a "New to You class" on Sunday April 16th from 9:45-10:45. This will include a facility tour and a time to chat about our current ministries, Sunday School classes and other opportunities available here at Fairview. We also would love to hear your ideas during this time. So if Fairview is new to you, or even if you have been around forever please plan to join us that Sunday.

April 30th will be our First (in a while) 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal. We are excited to be bringing this back. There will be more info coming on this in the weeks ahead but please plan to join us for a pot luck lunch after service. This will be an excellent time to meet and greet our friends both old and new. So plan to bring your favorite dish and enjoy this pot luck meal.

I am super excited about all the fun things we have going on here at Fairview for all of us to enjoy!

Blessings
Kate

SPRING FLING!

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY EVENT

May 6, 2023

FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY FUN DAY
11am - 2pm

All are welcome! We'll have children's games, crafts, inflatables, hot dogs, ice treats and bingo and corn hole for the adults. Admission will be free! Invite your neighbors and friends!



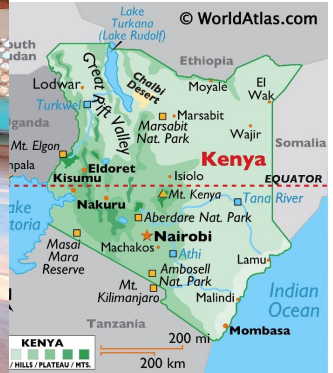
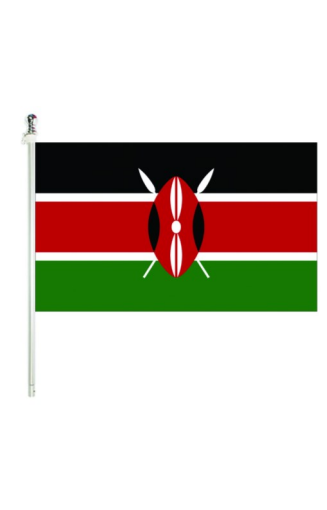
Vacation Bible School



SAVE THE DATE!

July 9 - 13

The winter is past; the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, the time of
singing has come... *Song of Solomon 2:11-12*



GUEST PREACHER

Bishop Dickson Ochuto of Mombassa, Kenya will be with us on Sunday, April 16 during our 11:00 worship service.

Bishop Dickson is the pastor of Ng'ambwa Pentecostal Church Taita Taveta, Kenya. He is the Director of Heartbeat High School, the church's ministry. Along with the high school, Ng'ambwa Pentecostal Church helps orphans by educating them. They minister to widows and empowering them by small-scale businesses to get a living and take care of their children. They help the community, by drilling wells to provide water for the people. Additionally, Bishop Ochuto oversees 13 churches in Kenya, Africa. Bishop Dickson comes to the US yearly and raises funds to support the ministry in Kenya.

He will be at churches in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, North and South Carolina and Virginia. Please come join us and support his ministry.

SUPPORT FOR PASTOR KATHLEEN MONGE

Pastor Monge has an opportunity to travel to Honduras on a medical mission for Friends of Barnabas in August. They will be providing health care to children and their families in the remote communities of the mountains of rural Honduras. The cost for her to participate in this mission trip is \$1,965 with at least \$1,000 due by May 1. If you would like to support the mission, please make a check out to Fairview Church and write Kathleen Monge in the memo line. We will combine all contributions and send them to Friends of Barnabas before May 1. If you have any questions about the mission trip, she would love to hear from you. You can contact her at 804-510-6303 or email her at kathleenmonge@vaumc.org.



April Missions Project

For the month of April, we will be collecting items for the Danville Area Humane Society to put around our tree in the Narthex. They need dog and cat food, old towels and bottles of bleach. Please show your support for this mission by donating these items during the month of April. Thanks to everyone who donated items for our March missions project. You really came through on your support!

A graphic for the April Missions Project. It features four circular photos of cats and dogs: an orange tabby cat, a golden retriever, a small brown dog, and a white cat. To the left is a large teal paw print. To the right is a yellow speech bubble with a paw print icon. The text is in a mix of red and black fonts.

This is only a portion of the donations that came in for Social Services and the Homeless Shelter. Thanks so much for the loving support the Fairview family gives to each of these Missions projects.

JUMP KIDS AT CAMP SELAH



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
February 26	103	75	\$5,022.00
March 5	93	36	\$13,264.73
March 12	82	51	\$9,015.84
March 19	106	27	\$5,545.56
March 26	98	TBD	\$4,303.00

*Denotes views of online worship videos for the first week available for viewing. Vimeo views are multiplied by 1.5 to account for families watching together. Videos are no longer posted separately to Facebook.

Average Weekly Giving in March 2023:
\$7,430.23

2023 Budget approved by Admin Board :
\$481,096.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2023:
\$7,311.33

2023 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:
\$9,077.29

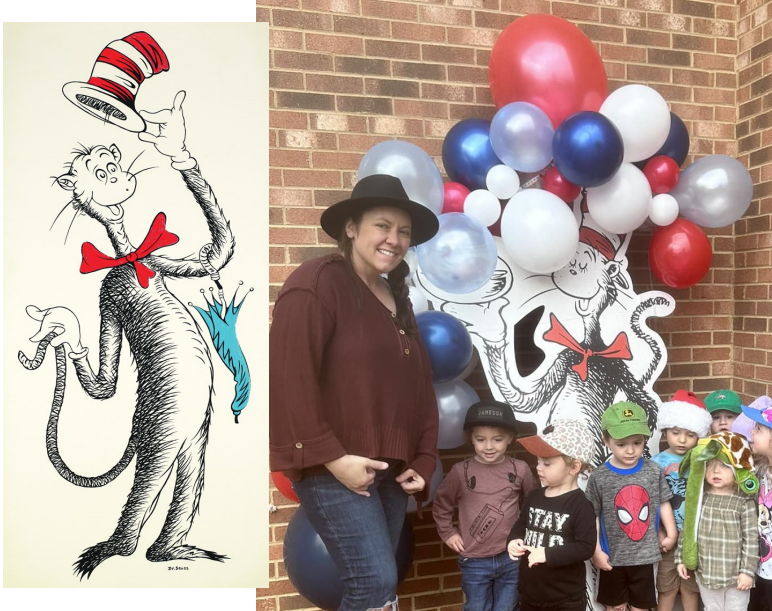


APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 Fran Brann	12 Brian Boles	22 Evan Scearce
02 Patsy Martin	15 Elizabeth Barrett	26 Shawn Harden
05 Barbara Nodtvedt	17 Bill Franklin	27 Kaylee Odell
Gary Tucker	19 Kathy Connor	28 Melvin Martin
06 Ethan Broyles	Steve Jarosz	LaVonne Walden
08 John Wormuth	20 Carrie Jack	Heather Perryman
09 Debbie Deane	Parker Johnson	29 Penny Merricks
10 Katelyn Brooks	Stuart Walden	
11 Austin Scearce	Kaitlyn Woodard	
12 Allen Connor	21 Susan Fulk	
Pat Varner	22 Duane Dahlquist	

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04 Randy & Peggy Stephens	22 Kenny & Susan Hoskins
18 Scott & Ellen Thompson	



BKK FUN



BKK celebrated Dr. Seuss week February 27-March 3. Each day had a different theme.

Monday was mismatched socks for the book *Fox in Socks*.

Tuesday was *Green Eggs and Ham* day. They wore green and had a special snack.

Wednesday was *Wacky Wednesday* day.

Thursday was *Cat in the Hat* day so they all wore hats.

Friday was red and blue day for *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*.

A lot of fun was had by teachers and kids!

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