



FAIRMOUNT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



November and December 2022



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Last week, when I was reading Psalms in the morning for my devotion Psalm 136 struck my heart realizing how many times and days I forget to thank God for what God has done for me. As I read each verse, God showed me what I have missed; how great God is, how merciful He is, how powerful He is, how deep and wide His love is, and how caring He is to His people and to all His creation. As we approach Thanksgiving, I would like you to write down or count how many blessings you have been given this year. What are your praises? What are your thanksgivings? Let me share with you one great thing happening at Fairmount I am very thankful for.

It was last January in 2021 at the Leadership Council meeting when we had time for visioning for the church and the ministry at Fairmount. We tried to hear what God wanted us to do, what God's dream was for Fairmount, and what we have been missed. For several months, we revisited the mission of Fairmount UMC which is to love God, build bridges, and grow together. We thought about what it meant that "We love God by honoring scriptural truths, worship in unity, praying intentionally. We build bridges by bringing the lost to God, applying time, talent, and treasure, supporting meaningful community engagement. Finally, we grow together by recognizing and addressing the needs of others, nurturing spiritual gifts, participating in small group ministries."

After having discussions about the vision God has engraved in our hearts and some research, and hearing from Steve Turner, it became apparent that the community of Fairmount needed more feeding ministries as the poverty level in town was significantly below compared to other cities' average across the state. We agreed that we had a beautiful facility that could be used to accommodate feeding large amounts of people in town. The space was originally donated by the family of Holsten who wanted it used for the Fairmount community, so it would be perfect for launching this the new ministry for our church.

However, our hope to launch the new feeding ministry did not happen as soon as we hoped it would. We needed leadership from those who had expertise and passion for the ministry, funds to cover all the expenses, and enough volunteers to serve a large number of people, as well as a safe time to gather indoors and have meals together. We had to pause this plan for more than 1 year, but we did not give up. While still searching for church members who could take on the leadership for this new ministry, Ruben and Sue Gonzales started to come to church. As I led a membership class for them, I learned that they had a great vision and passion for a feeding ministry. I asked them if they would be interested in leading this ministry for our church, and they gladly accepted to commit themselves to organizing and launching the ministry. Last Oc-

tober 16th, we had the first meeting for this ministry. We named it, "Fairmount Feeding Ministry" and we planned to start serving meals starting on Jan, 2023. On Dec 4 th, we will have a carry-in lunch after worship service to have fellowship and celebrate launching FFM. We will start serving meals once a month, every second Monday 12-2pm, and when we have enough volunteers and resources, we hope to provide the community with food each week.

We will provide the community with foods, place to meet and chat, and connect with each other. By serving them with food, love, and prayers, we will let them know how much we care for them and how much they are loved and cared for by God. We also hope that they can start having relationship with God and serving one another through this ministry. I would ask for your continued prayers and support for this ministry. I am very thankful that a lot of people listened to God's voice and followed His lead in support of the feeding ministry. Everyone can be a part of this ministry. We will update you on what we will need from you to make this ministry possible.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:16, Paul exhorted the church in Thessalonica, "Be joyful always; pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is will of God for you in Christ Jesus." You may say that it is not possible to give thanks to God always! However, Paul says that it is possible when we are led by the Holy Spirit and don't quench the Spirit's work in our lives. Let us be led by the Holy Spirit each day and let the Spirit work in and through us. When we follow His lead, He will work through our lives (our hands, our feet, and our hearts) to bring His love and grace to a broken world.

Blessings, Hyesook





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You will never get behind on your pledges because the eGive transactions are scheduled (through bank Bill Pay) for the amount and on the date selected.

This eliminates the need to write a check and bring your envelope on weekly basis. You will still need to write checks for special giving (*Missions, Easter Flowers, Projector, Building Fund, VBS, etc.*)

Your Bill Pay payment provides you an instant receipt for your records.

The church will be provided a notification of your pledge for the Financial Secretary's records when your bank sends a bill pay check. Remember; tell your bank that you want to sign up Bill Pay.

How Do I Sign Up?

Contact our church treasurer who will assist you in setting up your electronic payment.

Your payment (pledge) is made through your own bank using Bill Pay. This is Direct Debit Giving, where your donation is given directly from your bank account to the Church's account.

The payment will be made to The Fairmount State Bank, 101 North Main Street, PO Box 8, Fairmount, IN 46928.

The payment account will be requested when you initially set up the payment. For example: Routing # 074904365, act# 006xxxx. Our treasurer will provide the complete number when you are ready to set it up.



Upcoming Events for November and December

Fairmount UMC 41st Annual Auction- This will be held November 19th, 2022. There will be homemade goods, baked goods, baskets, etc. The doors will open at 10:00am and a boxed lunch will be available at 11:00am. Tickets are \$6 and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

Thanksgiving- Will be November 24th and enjoy the day of things to be thankful for with loved ones.

Helping Hands Ministry- They will be collecting cereal boxes and they will be picking up the week of December 5-10. They are looking to get 45 cereal boxes. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Service- 11:00pm on December 24th, 2022. Please come celebrate with the church, friends, and family.

Weekly Gatherings

Prayer Meeting

Monday's at 10:00am

Disciple Class

Monday's at 11:00am

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday's at 10:00am

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday's at 10:00am

Reports

2022 Fiscal Year Budget: \$157,063.00

Monthly Goal: \$14,020 Funds needed per week \$3,235

Beginning Balance	9,777.16	18,189.49
Income	August	September
General Fund Giving	18,579	7,379
Mission Donations	-	-
Other Designated Donations	25.00	100.00
Total Income:	28,381.16	25,668.49
Expenses	Amount	Amount
- Tithing Conf. & Dist.	-	-
- Pastoral Support	3,369.20	2,695.36
-Pastor Health Benefit	1,620.00	1,620.00
-Pastor Pension Benefit	1,625.00	1,625.00
- Staff Salaries	1,471.83	1,465.83
- Church Utilities	877.21	817.82
- Parsonage Utilities	500.97	222.80
- Office Supplies	410.43	191.79
-Church Mutual Ins	-	-
-Pastor Education	236.14	-
-Pastor Mileage	-	196.38
-Pulpet Supply	-	-
-Pastor Prof. Exp	-	-
-Copyright	-	256.00
- Worship/hospitality	55.89	-
Des. Givings UMCORRockPark	25.00	50.00
Total Expenses	10,191.67	9,140.98
Income-Exp=	18,189.49	16,527.51
Reserved Designated Funds	6,090.00	6,040.00
Check Ending Balance	12,099.49	10,487.51
Church Savings	13,598.84	13,598.84

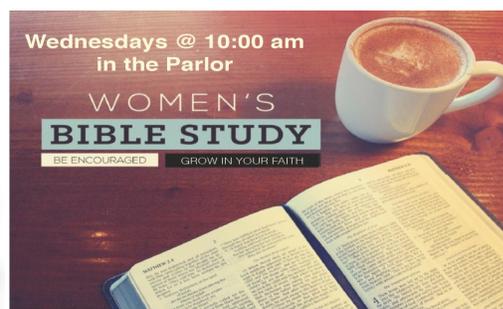
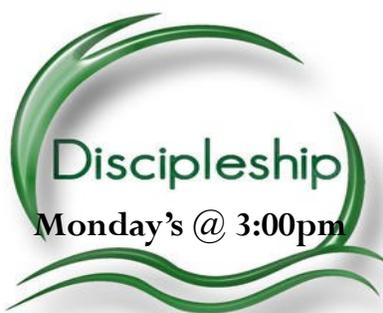
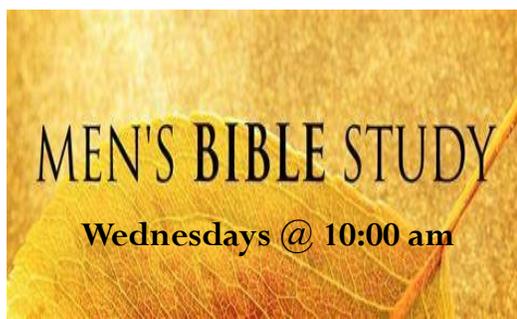
Trustee Treasurer Report

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	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>
Beginning Balance	6,934.24	7,104.24
Income		
- Building/Property Use	70.00	300.00
- Donations	100.00	-
Designated Giving		
Total Income	170.00	300.00
Expenses		
-	-	-
-	-	-
-Lock Box	-	-
-	-	-
- Supplies	-	-
- Repairs and Projects	-	-
Total Expenses	-	-
Ending Balance	7,104.24	7,404.24
Designated Funds	1,862.42	1,862.42
Undesignated Funds	5,241.82	5,541.82

Thank you for your faithful support.
*Your Finance Team &
 Leadership Council*





November Birthdays

11/4 Sinjin Turner
 11/4 Carol Ann Gallo
 11/5 Mike Evans
 11/6 Nick Evans
 11/12 Christina Bradford
 11/12 Navah Trice
 11/13 Melissa Trice
 11/17 Abigail Nash
 11/18 Gloria Tincher
 11/25 Andrew Mercker

December Birthdays

12/1 Kellie Hunt
 12/2 Jeff Nash
 12/4 Lucas Carter
 12/6 Cory Longacre
 12/6 Arlene McGraw
 12/14 Jonah Johnson
 12/16 Gary Harbert
 12/20 Julie Castex
 12/20 Mae Gossett
 12/27 Shon Bozworth
 12/29 Rick Trice
 12/30 Pat Greenburg

November Anniversaries

11/23 Wilbur & Kay Webb
 11/23 Charlie and Diane Pack
 11/25 Jake & Marilyn Roth

December Anniversaries

12/19 Ron & Barb Anderson





The Faithful in Action

November

HEAD USHER

Jake and Marilyn Roth

LITURGIST

Jayne Babcock

AUDIO-VISUAL

Gloria Tincher
George Babcock
Abigail Nash

ALTAR FLOWERS

11/6 Barb & Ron
Anderson
11/13 Mike & Gloria
Tincher
11/20 Jerry & Janet
Vardaman
11/27 Kay and Wilbur
Webb

NURSERY

TBA

PRE-SCHOOL

TBA

Elementary-K-5

Kellie Hunt/Jayne
Babcock

Jr. High/High School

Marilyn Roth

December

HEAD USHER

Gordon Gough

LITURGIST

TBA

AUDIO-VISUAL

Gloria Tincher
George Babcock
Abigail Nash

ALTAR FLOWERS

12/4 AJ and Robyn
Mercker
12/11, 12/18, 12/25
Poinsettias

NURSERY

TBA

PRE-SCHOOL

TBA

Elementary K-5

Kellie Hunt/Jayne
Babcock

Jr. High/High School

Marilyn Roth