

“The Reminder”

Fairview Center Church
1495 90th Street, Monmouth, Illinois 61462

May 2026

“Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.”

Hi again.

An individual stands before a judge and jury, places one hand on a Bible and the other in the air, and makes a pledge. For the next few minutes, with God as their helper, they will “Tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.” They are a witness. Their job is neither to expand upon or dilute the truth. Their job is to tell the truth. Leave it to the legal counsel to interpret. Leave it to the jury to resolve. Leave it to the judge to apply. But the witness? The witness speaks the truth. Let them do more or less and they will taint the outcome. But let them tell the truth and justice has a chance.

The Christian is to be a witness. The Christian, too, makes a pledge. Like the witness in court, the Christian is called to tell the truth. The bench may be absent and the judge unseen, but the Bible is present, the watching world is the jury, and Christians are the primary witnesses. Christians are subpoenaed by no less than Jesus himself: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will bear witness for me in Jerusalem, and throughout all Judaea and Samaria, and even in the farthest corners of the earth.” Acts 1:8.

Christians are witnesses. Like witnesses in court, we are called to testify, to tell what we have seen and heard. We are to speak truthfully. The Christian’s task is neither to water down or inflate the truth. Our task is to tell the truth, PERIOD! There is a difference between the witness in court and the witness for Christ. The witness in court eventually steps down from the witness chair. The witness for Christ never does. Since the claims of Christ are always on trial, court is perpetually in session, and we remain under oath. For the Christian, deception is never an option. It was not an option for Jesus.

One of the more astounding assessments of Christ comes from the Prophet Isaiah; “And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.” Isaiah 53:9. Jesus was unwaveringly honest. His every word is accurate, his every sentence true. No cheating on tests. No altering the accounts. Not once did Jesus stretch the truth. Not once did Jesus shade the truth. Not once did he avoid the truth. Jesus simply told the truth. No deceit was found in his mouth.

If God has his way with us, none will be found in ours. God longs for us to be just like Jesus. God’s plan is to shape us along the lines of his Son, Romans 8:28. God seeks not to decrease or minimize our deception but to eliminate our deception. God is blunt about dishonesty: “no one who is dishonest will live in my house.” Psalm 101:7.

God has a very strict honor code. From Genesis to Revelation, the theme is the same. God loves the truth and hates deceit. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, the Apostle Paul listed the type of people who will not inherit the kingdom of God; “Surely you know that wrongdoers will never possess the kingdom of God. Make no mistake: no fornicator or idolater, no adulterer or sexual pervert, no thief, extortioner, drunkard, slanderer, or swindler will possess the kingdom of God.” So, those who sin sexually, worship idols, take part in adultery, sell their bodies, get drunk, rob people, and lie about others will not set foot in the kingdom of God. Does this surprise you? Fibbing stirs the same heavenly anger as adultery and aggravated assault. God views fudging on taxes the same way he views kneeling before idols. “The Lord hates those who tell lies but is pleased with those who keep their promises.” Proverbs 12:22. “Six things the Lord hates, seven are detestable to him: a proud eye, a false tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a mind given to forging wicked schemes, feet that run swiftly to do evil, a false witness telling a pack of lies, and one who sows strife between brothers.” Proverbs 6:16-19. “The arrogant will not stand in your presence; you hate all evildoers; you make an end of liars. The Lord abhors those who are violent and deceitful.” Psalm 5:5-6.

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Mission Statement:

God’s Servants - John 13:1-11; **Celebrating Christ** - Luke 15:11-32;

Sharing His Love - Matthew 22:34-40; **Making Disciples** - Matthew 28:16-20

If you have an article, story, or picture to share in the Newsletter, please send it to: fairviewcenter@gmail.com

No later than the 20th of the month.

Thank you!

As we continue to broadcast our Worship Service on Facebook Live, there are limitations on what can be streamed. There may be times that the sound will be muted on Facebook Live during the service because it is not legal to rebroadcast certain elements that are copyright protected or may be muted due to confidentiality issues. The sound will return once that part of the service has concluded.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

PLEASE JOIN US!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP

- ◆ Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.
As the weather permits, our Worship Service will be held in the Pavilion.
- ◆ We continue to offer our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service on Facebook Live.
- ◆ Follow us on  at Fairview Center.

Please take a look at the small bulletin board in the Educational hallway to see current newsletters from: Strom Center, Henderson Settlement, Galesburg Rescue Mission, Navigators, Athletes in Action and Long Journey in Thailand.



Visit our Church Library!
There are lots of great books to read!

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Fairview Center Women’s News:

Friday, May 1st: All women of Warren County are invited to Church Women World Day of Prayer . 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church (handicapped accessible). The country focus is Nigeria, with the theme, “I Will Give You Rest; Come” Matthew 11:28-30. Come and bring a friend. CWU is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together for an annual observance of common day prayer. If you wish, you may “dress brightly”, as the day’s focused country people do.

Monday, May 11th: Mary Circle will car pool at 10:15 a.m. to Aledo, IL for lunch and meeting at Happy Joe’s.

Lesson Leader: Jan Sprout

Lesson: “ Dreams of More”, page 41.

Quilters: Fairview Center Church Quilters meet every Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Alyce Jenks’ home.

Fairview Center Church Men’s News:

Sunday, May 17th: Men’s Devotional Group will meet at 8:00 a.m. Donuts and coffee will be served.



Upcoming Event:

Community Care Days Work Weekend

This year’s Community Care Days work weekend has been scheduled for Friday, June 12th and Saturday, June 13th.

The Community Care Days Home Improvement applications can be picked up in the church office or downloaded for printing from our website. Applications must be completed in FULL, signed where signatures are requested, and returned to the church by May 15, 2026.

If you would like to volunteer to help out with this local mission, please contact Stan.

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2026 Head Usher Upcoming Schedule

April - May 10th: Tom Jenks
 May 17th -June: Craig Long
 July - August 9th: Chad Long
 August 16th - September: Brian Postin
 October - November 8th: Blake Burns
 November 15th - December: Adam Martin

Prayers & Concerns

Fairview Center is....**Prayerful!** In this world today, I think everyone would agree with me that there is a lot of prayer needed. Do I hear an amen? Please continue to pray for our country and its leaders, our military and their families, those who struggle with poverty and the homeless, Christians under persecution, our state and local government leaders, the lonely and disheartened, our elderly, healthcare providers, and those who have not experienced the joy of knowing Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. During worship we have also been praying for a number of people. Please continue to pray for:

Those affected by the COVID virus; political and civil unrest in our country; those battling cancer-families & caregivers; students, parents, and school personnel; and those with unspoken concerns.

Please help us keep this prayer and concern list up-to-date. Please let us know of a misspelled name. Also, let us know if someone has returned to good health. We want this list to be accurate and current. Send information to: fairviewcenter@gmail.com Thank you!

Jay & Alice Benoit
 Charlie Burns
 Donald Canada
 Russell Carlson
 Mindi Allbee-Diemer
 Jane Dolieslager
 Diane Hawk
 Bonnie Inman
 Carol Jenks
 Matthew Kuehn
 Dorothy Long
 Lowell Long
 Lynn Long
 Becky Marshall
 Raquel Mercer
 Jim McCrary
 Emily Ray McIntyre

Mike McNall
 Dana Moon
 Lindsay Murdock
 Kenny O'Brien
 Steve Rennison
 Craig Rima
 Blaine Robinson
 Lana Schiefer
 Eldon Sipes
 Lane Sipes
 Elaine Slaughty
 Russell Stewart
 Barbara Goff Thomas
 Russell Trulson
 Raven Vank
 Owen Wyatt
 Joyce, Julie VanSlike's mom

The homeless, afraid, and lonely.
 Those with unspoken concerns.
 Those devastated world wide by severe weather.
 Senseless violence throughout our country.
 Senseless violence throughout the world.



**If you have immediate need to prayer,
 please call Pastor Mark
 at 815-531-9081.**

New devotionals are available:

UPPER ROOM - May & June (regular print)

UPPER ROOM - May & June (large print)

OUR DAILY BREAD - June/July/August (regular print)

These publications can be picked up on a table located in the Education Wing Hallway or on the table located inside the west entryway. If you would like one delivered to you, please send an email to: fairviewcenter@gmail.com or call the church at 309-734-2300. Tell us which devotional(s) you would like and the best time for them to be delivered.

Please help us keep the prayer list up-to-date.

Contact the church if you would like to add a name, make a correction, or remove a name.

Let's celebrate!

May Birthday's

1. Joe Hamil
3. Andy Jenks
Dick Liesemer
4. Scott Pepmeyer
6. Tom Kulczewski
Ashley May
8. Jordan Sparks
11. Jared Kunkle
Cohen Long
13. Allison Ciadella
Cody Lam
14. Michelle Sprout
16. Ivan Long
Aaron Ray
17. Pat Conard
Phillip Elliott
Stan Jenks
Gavin Kettmann
18. Steve Miller
20. Becky Moore
21. Delaney Burns
22. Ginger Elliott
23. Donald Elliott
Jeff Jenks
24. Allison Place
25. Jennifer Burns
Gretchen Taylor
26. Sarah Bingham
Herb Burns
Jennifer Smock
27. Nolan Jenks
Jason Sprout
28. Lindsay Murdock
Donna Spears
Shannon Sprout
29. Cassandra Folkerts
Julie Farris
30. Mindy Bonyng
Rev. David Mixon
31. Brittany (Conard) Valde



May Anniversaries

22. Jim & Becky Moore '81
23. M/M Brandon Slater '98
28. M/M Gary Johnson

May Baptism Birthdays

Abby Green 05.11.2025
 Easton Murdock 05.11.2025
 Emma Green 05.14.2023
 Kathleen (Shimmin) Brauhn 05.17.1987
 Beth Peirce 05.22.2011
 Stella Peirce 05.22.2011

Happy heavenly birthday to all our family and friends.

*"Your life was a blessing,
 your memory a treasure.
 You are loved beyond words
 and missed beyond measure."*

- Renee Wood

Thought for May:

Daily goal:
 Be Better than I was yesterday.

Please notify the church office of any names which need to be added, corrected, or removed.

Thank you!

Pastor Marks message continued from page 1:

“Why does God take such a hard line on dishonesty? One simple reason, dishonesty is absolutely contrary to God’s character. According to Hebrews 6:18, it is impossible for God to lie. It’s not that God will not lie or that he has chosen not to lie, God cannot lie. For God to lie is for a pig to fly. Titus echoes the same words as Hebrews: “God cannot lie.” Titus 1:2. God always speaks truth. When God makes a covenant, he keeps it. When God makes a statement, he means it. When God proclaims the truth, we can believe it. What God says is true. “Even if we are not faithful, God will still be faithful because he cannot be false to himself.” 2 Timothy 2:13.

Satan, on the other hand, finds it impossible to tell the truth. According to Jesus, the devil is “the father of lies,” John 8:44. Deceit was the first tool out of the devil’s bag of tricks. In the garden of Eden, Satan did not discourage Eve. Satan did not seduce her. He did not sneak up on her. Satan just lied to her. “God says you will die if you eat the fruit? You will not die.” Genesis 3:1-4. Liar, liar, pants on fire! Eve was tricked, the fruit was picked and the honesty of Eden is a distant memory. Daniel Webster said; “There is nothing as powerful as the truth and often nothing as strange.” At the end of our days all we can take with us to the grave is our integrity. Be like Jesus and have an honest heart.

Your fellow servant,

Pastor Mark

Fairview Center Church

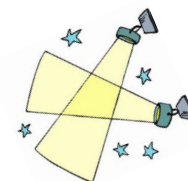
Celebratory May Events:

Saturday, May 16th: Graduation Party for Delaney Burns. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Alexis Community Center.

Sunday, May 17th: United High School Graduation 3:00 p.m. at the UHS Gym.

Sunday, May 17th: Graduation Party for Nolan Jenks and Aiden Martin. 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Monmouth Country Club.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR AMAZING YOUTH!



WOW! Our youth involved in the United FFA have been BUSY and very SUCESSFUL!!

Congratulations to the following who have received recognitions in various FFA events.

Ada Kunkle - 2nd Place in Creed Speaking. Now advances to District Public Speaking in May.

Aiden Martin - Represented United FFA and District 1 at the State Proficiency Awards Day. Aiden is one of five top students in the state in Diversified Crop Production.

On April 1, 2026 Aiden Martin, Delaney Burns and Nolan Jenks participated as members of the United Parliamentary Procedure team. Aiden was Top Chair and Delaney was 2nd place Floor member. They will compete at the State Parliamentary Procedure LDE on May 7th.

Peyton Martin had a great day on April 11, 2026 at the ICC Livestock Judging Contest both individually and as part of Team judging!

A BIG shout out to Jayden Kunkle too! He participated in the Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, April 11, 2026 and scored very well in piano solo and was awarded woodwind “Best of the Day” for his saxophone solo!

Congratulations to Emma Green who was recognized with a national academic honor based on her achievements on AP® Exams and/or PSAT assessments.

Congratulations to all our student athletes who have been named WMOI/WRAM Athlete of the Week during the 2025-2026 school year!



Thank you Fairview Center Church

Dear Friends,

Thank you for investing in our community through Jamieson Community Center. Your donation of \$150 will be used for our general fund. 2025 proved to be a challenging year for people in our community, with more than 1,000 families served by our pantry. Other programs saw similar increases. Because of people like you, no one was turned away.

Sincerely,

Nancy Mowen
Executive Director



A thank you received from MMWDC for all our items that were delivered on March 4th:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Fairview Center Church,

Your gift to Midwest Mission matters...maybe even more than you realize! Your recent donation of 16 Cover Them with Love Quilts, 31 receiving blankets, 167 baby wash cloths, 39 feminine pads, 33 waterproof bags, 2 twin sheet sets, 2 packages of gauze sponges, 8 onesies, 1 fleece jacket, and 8 short sleeved onesies to our ministry allows life changes to happen. We are reminded, especially right now, how much difference each person's contribution makes. We were able to send a shipment to Jamaica, only 3 days after Hurricane Melissa brought unprecedented devastation and catastrophic damage to those in her path.

Because you and others give to Midwest Mission, we are able to swiftly move into action when disasters hit. We know for those in Jamaica, and in other areas we serve, the help has to be ongoing. It is never a sprint, always a marathon. The devastation will take years of healing, helping and providing hope and empowerment. We can't always plan for disasters in advance, but God always knows the timing. He multiplies your gifts and allows us to steward them in the best ways possible to make the biggest impact today and tomorrow.

Your support is not a simple monetary gift; it is a vote of confidence in our mission to show God's love in practical ways and to partner together to turn resources into humanitarian aid. We cannot thank you enough for choosing to partner with Midwest Mission. We cannot do it without you! We are grateful for you!

Be Blessed,

Chantel Corrie, Executive Director



“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need,
you will abound in every good work.”

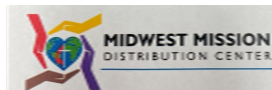
2 Corinthians 9:8

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift! May God bless you as together we work to show His love as the hands, feet, and heart of Christ.

In His service,

Midwest Mission Family



Dear Fairview Center Church,

Thank you for allowing the Warren - Henderson Farm Bureau Women's Ag in the Classroom Committee to host our 4th Grade Ag Day on the church grounds. Our committee believes in educating youth about agriculture and we enjoy hosting this Ag Day in conjecture with the Prime Beef Festival. A special thanks to Stan and Pastor Mark who helped us set up and stick around for the day! We're so grateful for the space you provide us to that we're able to provide a day of agriculture education!

Thank you!

Ashlyn Quinn, W-HFB, Manager





3 Medals Won - 2 Gold and 1 Silver!

The following write up was submitted by Kelly:

“I went to Champaign, IL on March 28, 2026 for my Regional swim meet.

I earned a gold medal in the relay, a gold medal on my 25 meter freestyle and a silver medal on my 25 meter backstroke.”

Kelly has advance to the State Meet to be held June 12th - 15th in Normal, IL.

She will participate in the 25M Freestyle event and in a relay.

Congratulations Kelly and good luck in June!

Pictured is Kelly proudly wearing her 3 medals she earned at the Special Olympic Illinois Region 1 Swim Regionals. Her shirt bears the motto of the Special Olympics, “Let me win. But if I cannot win. Let me be brave in the attempt”.

Another Delivery of Items to MMDC

More Items Sent To MMDC from the Quilters:

36 - Plastic Zipper Pouches

2 - Twin Sheet Sets

5 - Cover Them With Love Quilts

4 - Onesies (0 - 3 months)

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16 - Baby Washcloths

4 - Receiving Blankets

FULL Box of Plarn (*Plarn is plastic “yarn” made from repurposed plastic bags folded and cut into strips to be used to weave into mats*).

7 Bicycles all donated by Linda Putnam

AND.....52 Bibles (46 Bibles donated by Kirkwood UMC).

All items were delivered to MMDC by Craig and Mark when they went down to pick up the trailer with Blessings in a Bag supplies.

7 Great Facts From John 3:16

1. **“God so loved”** - The most amazing Friend with the largest heart.
2. **“The world”** - The greatest number of sinners, and enemies too.
3. **“Gave His son”** - The best of all gifts.
4. **“Whoever”** - The widest invitation.
5. **“Believes in Him”** - The easiest and the only way to be saved.
6. **“Should not perish”** - The greatest deliverance.
7. **“Have everlasting life”** - The most priceless and richest possession.



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8th grade PROMOTION



Promoting from United Junior High School

Abigail Ann Green - Daughter of Dan and Kristi Green.

Abigail is the granddaughter of Charlie & Judy Green and Jim & Sandy Gunter.

Mason J. Jenks - Son of Tom and Jill Jenks.

Mason is the grandson of David & Alyce Jenks and Mary Lou Plank.

Carsyn E. Long - Daughter of Chad and Lindsay Long

Carsyn is the granddaughter of the late Tom & Marjorie Long and Jeff & Becky Lundeen.

Laikyn M. Martin - Daughter of Adam and Julie Martin.

Laikyn is the granddaughter of Alan & Nancy Martin and Jim & Donna Larson.

Easton Murdock - Hull - Son of Lindsay Murdock.

Easton is the grandson of Ron & Kristie Murdock.

Owen R. Postin - Son of Brian and Amber Postin.

Owen is the grandson of Randy & Cathy Postin and Alan & Nancy Martin.

Kenna Tatman - Daughter of Doug and Tia Tatman.

Kenna is the granddaughter of Kenny & Patty Tatman and the great-granddaughter of Ken & Marty Hamm.

Abigail, Mason, Carsyn, Laikyn, Easton, and Owen will all be attending United High School in the fall.

Kenna will be attending Monmouth-Roseville High School in the fall.

Promoting from Rockridge Junior High School

Hannah M. Kozak - Daughter of Brian and Andrea Kozak.

Hannah is the granddaughter of Stan & Kay Jenks.

In the fall Hannah will be attending Rockridge High School.

Promoting from Immaculate Conception School

Bryce Stewart - Son of Mike and Tia Stewart.

Bryce is the great-grandson of Russell & Maxine Stewart.

In the fall Bryce will be attending United High School.

“Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go.”

-Anonymous



High School Graduation

Graduating from United High School

Delaney Kay Burns - Daughter of Blake and Krista Burns.

Delaney is the granddaughter of Herb & Jennifer Burns and Stan & Kay Jenks.

Delaney's future plans are to attend Carl Sandburg College then transfer to Illinois Central College for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.

Nolan Michael Jenks - Son of Tom and Jill Jenks.

Nolan is the grandson of David & Alyce Jenks and Mary Lou Plank.

Nolan's future plans are to attend the University of Illinois and major in Agricultural Studies.

Aiden J. Martin - Son of Adam and Julie Martin.

Aiden is the grandson of Alan & Nancy Martin and Jim & Donna Larson.

Aiden's future plans are to attend Carl Sandburg College majoring in Business. Aiden will also be a member of the CSC Golf Team.

Graduating from Pleasant Valley high School, Bettendorf, Iowa

Gavin Kettmann – Son of Chris and Julie Kettmann.

Gavin is the grandson of Fred & Dixie Jenks.

Gavin's future plans are to attend Creighton University and major in business.

College Graduation



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Wyatt Peterson - Son of Karl and Tammee Peterson.

Wyatt is the grandson of Susan Higbee.

Following graduation, Wyatt will be employed by West Central FS in Monmouth, IL.

Blake Stewart - Son of Ken and Theresa Stewart.

Blake is the grandson of Russell & Maxine Stewart.

After graduation, Blake will be living in Iowa City, IA.




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UNIVERSITY
OF IOWA

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.” Henry David Thoreau

All Church Invites

From Blake & Krista Burns:



CLASS of 2026

LET'S CELEBRATE
THE GRADUATION OF
DELANEY BURNS

United High School

Graduation Party
May 16, 2026
Alexis Community Center
205 W Palmer Ave
Alexis, IL 61412
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

High School Graduation
May 17, 2026 3:00 p.m.

The Senior Class of United High School
announces its
Commencement Exercises
on Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 p.m.
at the United High School Gym.

From Tom & Jill Jenks, Adam & Julie Martin



Graduation Open House
Sunday, May 17th, 2026
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Monmouth Country Club
1498 Country Club Lane
Monmouth, Illinois 61462



2026 'Blessing in a Bag' All Church Mission

March 29, 2026



YEAR #3
847 BAGS PACKED



Another fun and successful all church mission!

Following a DELICIOUS potato bake luncheon a great crowd, young & young at heart, stayed to pack 847 rice bags. Each rice meal is a nutrient-dense meal containing a vitamin pack, dehydrated vegetables, soy and white rice. Each package will serve 6 people.

A BIG thank you to all who helped out with this hands-on, impactful, and meaningful event!

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A **GREAT** photo taken on Easter Morning of our High School Sunday School Class and teachers!
We are so blessed with our awesome youth and amazing teachers!

Youth:
Emma
Cameron
Delaney
Ada
Cohen
Nolan
Aiden
Peyton



Teachers:
"Poole Girls"
Emma
Nicole
Melissa

*Photo submitted by
Rachel Kunkle*