

November 2025

“The angel of the Lord is on guard round those who fear him, and he rescues them.”

Psalms 34:7

Hi again.

While I was seeking inspiration for this month’s newsletter, I came across this story from the life of Corrie ten Boom. Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker, writer and Christian who helped hide and rescue Jews from the Nazis during World War II. Corrie ten Boom writes of an experience at the terrible Nazi Ravensbrück prison camp: “Together we entered the terrifying building. At a table were women who took away all our possessions. Everyone had to undress completely and then go to a room where her hair was checked. I asked a woman who was busy checking the possessions of the new arrivals if I might use the toilet. She pointed to a door, and I discovered that the convenience was nothing more than a hole in the shower-room floor. Betsie stayed close beside me at the time. Suddenly I had an inspiration, “Quick, take off your woolen underwear,” I whispered to her. I rolled it up with mine and laid the bundle in the corner with my little Bible. The spot was alive with cockroaches, but I didn’t worry about that. I felt wonderfully relieved and happy. “The Lord is busy answering our prayers, Betsie,” I whispered. “We shall not have to make the sacrifice of all our clothes.”

We hurried back to the row of women waiting to be undressed. A little later, after we had had our showers and put on our shirts and shabby dresses, I hid the roll of underwear and my Bible under my dress. It did bulge out obviously through my dress; but I prayed, “Lord, cause now Thine angels to surround me; and let them not be transparent today, for the guards must not see me.” I felt perfectly at ease. Calmly I passed the guards. Everyone was checked, from the front, the sides, the back. Not a bulge escaped the eyes of the guard. The woman just in front of me had hidden a woolen vest under her dress; it was taken from her. They let me pass, for they did not see me. Betsie, right behind me, was searched.

But outside awaited another danger. On each side of the door were women who looked everyone over for a second time. They felt over the body of each one who passed. I knew they would not see me, for the angels were still surrounding me. I was not even surprised when they passed me by; but within me rose the jubilant cry, “O Lord, if Thou doest so answer prayer, I can face even Ravensbrück unafraid.”

Every true believer in Jesus Christ should be encouraged and strengthened by what the Lord can and does do. Angels are watching over us. Angels are like superintendents of our lives and protect the interest of God, always working to promote God’s plans and to bring about God’s highest will for us. Angels are interested spectators and mark all we do. Here is an interesting thought; the Christian Walk is the primary concern of heaven and its angelic hosts. Paul said: “Before God and Christ Jesus and the angels who are his chosen, I solemnly charge you: maintain these rules, never prejudging the issue, but acting with strict impartiality.” 1 Timothy 5:21. Paul was reminding Timothy the elect angels were constantly watching how he served Jesus Christ and lived the Christian life. What fact could provide a greater motivation to righteous living than that? In all that we say and do, we must remember the angels are watching and recording everything. Nothing escapes the eyes of the heavenly hosts. Nothing is trivial here on earth if heaven looks on.

Your fellow servant,

Pastor Mark

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.
- ♦ We continue to offer our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service on Facebook Live.
- ♦ Follow us on **facebook** at Fairview Center UMC.

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



There are lots of great books to read!



Fairview Center United Methodist Church

United Women In Faith News:

Friday, November 7th: Is Church Women United World Community Day for Monmouth and Vicinity ladies. It is a 12:00 noon luncheon (served by the CWU Board) at Fairview Center UMC, with a 1:00 p.m. business meeting and 1:15 p.m. program. No reservations are needed. You may make a luncheon donation, which will go to Jamieson Center and Roseville Helping Hands. The program is "Choose Kindness/Be Kind At All Times."

Monday, November 17th: (Change of date) Mary Circle at 1:00 p.m.

Hostess: Ruth Ellen Shimmin

Lesson Leader: Kay Jenks

Lesson: "How Do You Live in Community With Your Sisters?", pgs. 69, 70.

Upcoming December Events for UWF

December: Baby Shower for Baby Jesus. We will be collecting diapers for Loving Bottoms located in Galesburg and various items for Midwest Distribution Center located in Pawnee, IL. Some items currently needed at MWDC are Baby gowns, Onesies and Sleepers (size 0-6months).

Monday, December 8th: Mary Circle meets at 1:00 p.m.

Hostess: Jan Sprout.

Lesson Leader: Susan Higbee

Lesson: "The Greatest Gift: How Are You Defining & Living Love?", page 82.

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



United Methodist Men's News:

Sunday, November 16th: UMM will sponsor an All Church Thanksgiving Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Following the meal, the 42nd Annual "Turkey of the Year" Award will be presented. You will not want to miss this delicious, FUN, and entertaining event!

Faithful Followers Class Meeting:

November 15th: Hostess,
Darliss Page

Fairview Center United Methodist Church

Head Usher Schedule

October - November 9th: Blake Burns
November 16th - December: Adam Martin



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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
 Josie Blake
 Ellie Brummet
 Heidi Brown
 Charlie Burns
 Donald Canada
 Russell Carlson
 Mindi Allbee-Diemer
 Jane Dolieslager
 Glenn Evitts
 Diane Hawk
 Bonnie Inman
 Carol Jenks
 Matthew Kuehn
 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 VanSike'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 - November & December (regular print)

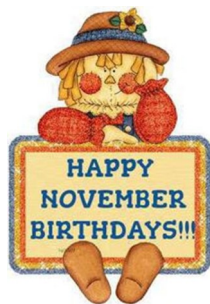
UPPER ROOM - November & December (large print)

OUR DAILY BREAD - September/October/November (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.

Birthday Blessings

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| 1. Larry Inman
Fred Jenks
Regina (Long) Sanberg
Kari Shimmin | 14. Brian Clark
Rick Gambetta
Tyler Tate |
| 2. Kathy Ault
Zulna Koorsen
Malix Kulczewski
Sarah Shimmin
Bret Talbott | 15. Kyle Miller
Carissa (Youngquist) Powell
Pam Selby Vasquez |
| 3. Deb Talbott | 17. Spencer Shimmin |
| 5. Doug Ray
Carrie Sprout | 19. Steve Sprout
Maxine Stewart |
| 7. Angela Millizer | 20. Lewis Sanberg
Lynne Long |
| 8. Bella Perry
Misty Stecher | 21. Pete Kruzan |
| 9. Zachary Allen Carlson
Jan Sprout
Amy Studer | 22. Bill Ault
Chelsea Petersen |
| 10. Emma Poole
Nicole Poole
Andrew Tate | 24. Aidan Jenks
Dean Millizer
Robert Peirce
Tom Pepmeyer |
| 11. Britni Frost
Julie Sietz | 25. Alexandra Miller
Darliss Page |
| 12. Megan Canada
Makayla Stewart | 26. Rachel (Jenks) Kunkle
Rosa Kuhnkey |
| 13. Emma Robinson
Ken Stewart
Ron Stewart
Maggie Studer | 27. Chris Kettman |
| | 28. Kirk Liesemer |
| | 29. Mary Gavin |



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

Anniversary Blessings

14. Dave & Fran Boast '86
24. Tom & Michelle Kulczewski '07
25. Herb & Jennifer Burns
27. Michael & Maddie Long '20



HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!



*"See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!"*

- 1 John 3:1

Cali Lynn Stombaugh 11.10.2019

Laikyn Martin 11.11.2012

Owen Postin 11.11.2012

Michael Long 11.13.1988

Mason Jenks 11.18.2012

Donna Smock 11.20.1960

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

Thank you!

Thank you Fairview Center United Methodist Church

“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

Thank You for all of the lives you have impacted!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your gift of layette items! We pray that the mothers and children receiving them will feel surrounded by God’s love.

In His service,

Midwest Mission Family

**QUESTIONS and ANSWERS****The Church Mouse Asked and the Youth Responded!****What is your favorite Thanksgiving Food?**

Delaney: Bread Roll

Nolan: Baked Potato

Emma: Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Cohen: Turkey

Cameron: Rolls and Mashed Potatoes

Ada: Pumpkin Pie

Owen: Turkey

Mason: Turkey and Ham

Abby: Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Carsyn: Cheesy Potatoes

Laikyn: Mashed Potatoes

Jayden: Apple Pie

**What does Thanksgiving mean to you?**

Delaney: A time for family to gather and enjoy each other’s company.

Nolan: Meeting up with family and having fun.

Emma: Thanksgiving is about getting together with family and being grateful for everything we have.

Cohen: Spending time with family and being thankful for everything and everyone you have.

Cameron: Being and reflecting gratefulness and noticing all we have and giving thanks to God for everything.

Ada: Spending time with family, running the Turkey Trot, and eating good food.

Owen: A Time of thanks.

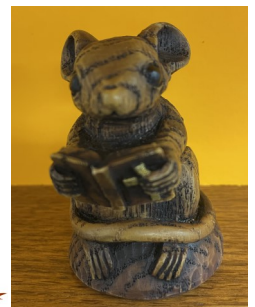
Mason: It means a time to hang out with friends and family.

Abby: Thanksgiving means being thankful for what you have.

Carsyn: Being grateful for what you have and spending time with family.

Laikyn: Spending time with family and being thankful.

Jayden: Being thankful for family and God.



Job well done!

Fairview Center began participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox evangelistic ministry in 2015, when Pastor Mark and Tina joined our congregation. Our goal that first year was 100 boxes. We exceeded that goal, packing 158 shoebox gifts that first year. The number of shoebox gifts we packed increased dramatically over the next several years.



YEAR	# OF SHOEBOXES PACKED
2015	158
2016	270
2017	477
2018	600
2019	626
2020	705
2021	831
2022	737
2023	770
2024	754
2025	704

Over the past 11 years, Fairview Center has filled 6,632 shoeboxes with school supplies, clothing, a special toy and a variety of extra things to delight a child—simple gifts that can show God’s unconditional love. Children around the world have heard the message of salvation through the shoebox gifts we have packed and prayed over. Some of the places our shoeboxes have been delivered include Zambia, Namibia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Chile, Trinidad-Tobago, Lesotho, South Africa and Congo.

Operation Christmas Child recipients who participate in the 12 week The Greatest Journey discipleship program often become bold disciple-makers sharing their faith with family and friends, in turn training others to do the same, leading to growth of believers and churches. This dynamic process is referred to as multiplication, where the impact of a single shoebox is magnified or multiplied as the Gospel message is spread through a network of individuals.

On average the impact of a single shoebox is ten persons rather than just the one recipient. This means through our shoebox gifts we have shared the message of Jesus with about 66,320 persons.

Continue to pray for the boxes’ safe journey from our sanctuary to the hands of a child and for each child who will receive a box. (When they arrive at the church or other location for the event, they do not know they will receive a gift. They are invited to an event and will hear the Gospel but receiving a shoebox gift is a surprise.)

*Thank you Tina for this **Fun Fact** article!*



“Shining His light to all corners of the world!”