

October

Birthdays



2 Marie Barclay	10 Avin Thompson
3 Dana Kerr	11 Lorene Adkins
4 Virginia Bowman	19 Marjorie Bowman
Alexis Thompson	Dennis Wilhelm
5 Zackry Vonderschmidt	20 Jim Eads
Walter Ellis	21 Paul Hazel III
6 Wilma Jean Cornwell	22 Dominick Thompson
7 Louise Ellis	23 Phyllis Fraser
8 Kathryn Davidson	26 James Stafford
Martha Taber	Sydney Alwine
10 Mary Cay Schumacher	29 Jim Schumacher
Georgianne Medaris	Melody Davis

Notes

Dear Fairview family,

I am so thankful for the love, kindness, and generosity of this congregation. Your support and encouragement as I worked toward my ordination was extraordinary. Thank you for your kind words, your caring help, and especially for your prayers. And thank you so very much for the beautiful Noah's Ark made of Olive Wood from the Holy Land. I will cherish it, and I will remember your thoughtfulness, always.

With gratefulness and love,

Diane

I would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and support during my father's surgery and recovery. He is now home and doing well.

Many thanks and much love,
Nancy Allerhand

A note from clarinetist, Emily McIvor's parents:

Thank you to the Fairview congregation for the loving care you provided to our daughter, Emily. The IU students have been blessed by friendship, food, and opportunities to share their musical gifts! The Fairview church family was just what the students needed. Fairview has been a blessing to all of them!

Thank you for serving God through your student ministry. We are very grateful parents!

Tim and Chris McIvor

(Emily is now a graduate student and teaching assistant at Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music at the University of Memphis.)

Nursery attendants needed

Volunteers are needed to take turns in the nursery and will rotate Sundays so that the same people will not have to miss communion every month. Contact the church office or Michael Grady if you are willing to be added to the rotation.

Volunteer Opportunity

Area 10 Senior Meal Program is looking for volunteers to assist in packing or delivering meals to homebound seniors in Bloomington, 1-1.5 hours weekday mornings at Fairview UMC. If interested please contact Mary at mboutain@area10agency.org or 935-2505 for more details.

Mountain Mission pickup Oct. 19

Now's the time to clean out your closets to prepare for the change of seasons. Please bring clothing, shoes, and coats for Mountain Mission. Household items will be sold at the "Country Fair".

As the saying goes, I'm "Back to Fairview"!

I have moved back to Bloomington from living in Linton six years and have re-joined the church (with my husband Bud). So I thought I would start a ministry for Shut-in's and those living alone. I wanted to explain what I'm doing so those of you who know someone or would like to be included can contact me or the church. I have lived alone and wanted to reach out to those that might be lonely or want more contact with others that are part of our church family. I will soon be starting to mail letters to this group I will call Fairview Prayer Connect.

I think of it sort of like a support group because we will pray for each other. The letters I will write and share will include an inspirational thought, some bible verses, and a prayer. I will also be sending cards and making calls and doing some visiting when possible for this group. If Fairview Prayer Connect is something you would like to be included in, just contact the church with your contact information or call me at 812-798-2288! I hope those that are part of Fairview Prayer Connect will be blessed! I know God has blessed me with my return to Fairview!

Karen Adkins-Fleener

"Dine-Around" Monthly Singles' Fellowship

Arlington UMC is beginning a monthly fellowship for all interested singles in the Hoosier Hills Cluster.

This month they will meet at
Red Lobster

See Susan Strom for Information.

Friday, October 16 at 6 p.m.

RSVP to Doris Hendrix

332-3287 or 219-7919 by October 14.

"Back to Fairview" Sunday



Pictured are members of Fairview for 50 or more years - recognized at "Back to Fairview", September 16, 2009.

Mark Pogue delivered the sermon and children's moment for "Back to Fairview" Sunday.



Monroe Co. CROP Hunger Walk



Date: Oct. 18

Time: 2:00 p.m.

(Registration begins-1:00 p.m.)

Location: MCUM

CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide -- and right here in the U.S. -- to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Each year some two million CROP Walkers, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and soles in motion, raising over \$16 million per year to help end hunger and poverty around the world -- and in their own communities. And you are part of it!

Walkers: pick up the forms from the office and begin soliciting donations from sponsors.

Not walking? Find out who you can sponsor.

Eucharistic Ministry Begins at Fairview

by Diane Menke Pence, Deacon



As the Church, we are one Body in Christ. When we worship on Sunday mornings and share in Holy Communion, there are members of our body who are not able to be with us but who wish they could be. Because of this, Fairview has begun a new ministry, a Eucharistic Ministry, in order that we might extend the Table of Holy Communion to those who cannot attend.

Fairview's Eucharistic Ministers are lay persons in the congregation who have a basic knowledge of and respect for the sacrament of Holy Communion; who participate regularly in worship, spiritual disciplines, and the life of the church; and who discern a call to the Eucharistic Ministry, in order to serve others in this way. Ten Eucharistic ministers recently participated in a three hour training which included training in the sacrament of Holy Communion in the United Methodist Church, the seasons of the church year, the lectionary, pastoral care skills, ethics, safety, and visitation.

Each Sunday that we celebrate Holy Communion at Fairview, these Eucharistic Ministers will take the consecrated elements of bread and juice from our worship service to those who wish to receive it but could not attend the service (for reasons such as illness, hospitalization, or work). They will not only share Holy Communion, but will also offer the gift of fellowship through sharing about the worship service that day, reading scripture, and praying with those they visit.

It is important to know that visits from Fairview's Eucharistic Ministers will not take the place of pastoral visits, but will serve to connect those who cannot attend worship with the gathered congregation. Because Holy Communion is a corporate, not individual, practice, this connection to our congregation is crucial, and reminds those who receive Holy Communion that they are an important part of our congregations, that we remember and

pray for them, and that we celebrate God's grace and love with them in the Holy Meal.

Please keep the Eucharistic Ministry, the Eucharistic ministers, and those served by this ministry in your prayers. If you, or someone you know, cannot attend worship on a Sunday morning in which we celebrate Holy Communion, please call the church office at 339-9484, or Diane Menke Pence at 876-6322, to request to receive Holy Communion each time we share it at Fairview.

**You are invited to join the second
session of *Equipped
for Ministry!***



Equipped for Ministry, Fairview's newest ministry has begun, with *Session 1: Spiritual Gifts* last month. *Session 2: Leadership and Interaction Styles*, is just around the corner: you're invited to participate in this session, whether or not you participated in the first. It will take place on October 20, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Fairview Dining Room, and will help you assess your behavior and leadership styles and learn more about how stress affects the ways in which you interact with others. You'll also learn how to interact more effectively with others of different styles than your own.

Equipped for Ministry is a great opportunity to learn more about yourself and to discover how God is, and could be, working in your life and ministry in our church and the world. The three sessions of *Equipped for Ministry*, and a subsequent follow-up interview, will be offered each quarter at Fairview so that all members and friends of the congregation can have an opportunity to participate.

UMW Happenings

by Sue Moulden, UMW President

The final meeting of the Bloomington District UMW was held on September 19, 2009 at First UMC in Bloomington. Seventy-two women from 16 churches attended. Past district presidents reflected on their years in office. Fairview was recognized as an All Star Unit. Two residents of the Lucille Raines home spoke on their experiences. The names of *Doris Combs, Ethel Koeppen, Arvilla Lawson, Margaret L. Dutton, Jeanne Luck-Kellams, Emma Tousey, and Martha Williamson* were read during the memorial service. The district officers took part in a skit of "All the Women of the Bible". The afternoon concluded with celebration of Holy Communion.

The first meeting of the new Indiana Conference UMW will be October 17 at Zionsville UMC. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. A check in the amount of \$15.00 is to be made payable to UMW and mailed to Beth McDaniel, 15648 Hawks Way, Carmel IN by October 12.

The final meeting of the South Indiana Conference will be November 14 at Martinsville UMC. These reservations with check in the amount of \$12.00 are due by November 4. Checks are to be made out to UMW SIC and forwarded to Diana Musgrave, 8386 State Road 44, Martinsville, IN 46151.

Esther Circle will meet Tuesday, October 6, at 1:30 pm in the Wesley Room. Dee Brinegar will lead with devotions and Darlene Harbuck will present the program on the World Thank Offering.

Lydia Circle will meet Saturday, October 24, to help with the Children's Harvest Party.

The Country Fair is scheduled for November 7 which features our homemade soup and sandwiches. We will have a Fairview UMW craft table and members are encouraged to contribute to this sale. There will be the usual baked goods and candy table. We will again have a silent auction, so if you haven't already completed your project, it is time to get started. There has been response to our offering of tables for rent to outside vendors. We are looking forward to this addition to our big day.

The white elephant sale will be sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee (Claudia Hazel and family).



White Elephant Sale

Please bring any donations to the church.

We are accepting items in good, working order. Clothes won't be sold at the "Country Fair" but can be brought in boxes labeled Mountain Mission. Thank you to all who have donated so far.



Please donate quart jars for the Country Fair. The women sell soup by the quart and need many jars.

MCUM Food Pantry Needs

During an average week, the pantry distributes 140 bags of groceries, filled to the rim with household staples and a five-day supply of nutrition for each family member. As you shop for your own groceries, consider those who are having trouble feeding their own family.

Have you traveled and come home with sample sized toiletries? Hotel sized toiletries and a roll of toilet paper are included in each bag of food. Put the toiletries and toilet paper in the MCUM box along with the food items.

Backstreet Mission Thanksgiving Baskets

It is already time to think about Thanksgiving. Fairview has once again been asked to donate **canned fruit** for the baskets.

The goal is **250 cans**. Place canned fruit in the box marked Thanksgiving. All fruit will be collected by Monday, November 9.



Fairview Helps the Homeless

Through the winter months there are more persons who need shelter than the local shelters can accommodate. Some of those who are homeless do not qualify for the local shelters and therefore have no place to stay. A number of Bloomington churches are working to provide additional space for those who need it.

First Christian Church will be a host church every Friday night November through March, and Fairview UMC will be its partner, helping in two ways:

- **Financial assistance** for purchase of mats, blankets, pillows and cases, and cleaning supplies. Make your check payable to Fairview UMC, writing "Winter Shelter" at the lower left.
- **Hands-on assistance.** First Christian is asking for a team of five or six persons from Fairview to arrive at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings to put bedding away and clean up. Our duties begin *Saturday, Nov. 7* and every Saturday thereafter through Mar. 27.

The more persons who volunteer, the less burden there will be on everyone. We hope to recruit enough persons to pass the work around. Some may volunteer to work each week—great! Others may sign up to help when they can.

All volunteers are required to attend a training session. Please attend one of the times listed if you might help with this program.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6-9 p.m. at First United Church
Monday, Oct. 19, 6-9 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2-5 p.m. at First Christian Church

Please complete the slip below and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Choose one or more of the following to indicate your intent to contribute to the Homeless Shelter Project so plans can be made:

- I will contribute financially.
- I will give of my time at 6:30 a.m. on one or more Saturday mornings as described above.
- I will attend the volunteer training session on the following date _____.
- I am not able to help in any way at this time.

Name _____ Phone # _____
(If you have chosen to help on Saturdays you will be contacted about the dates you wish to help.)