

Fairview Presbyterian Church Weekly News

“Love Grows Here!”

December 4-10, 2023

Worship This Sunday



This time of year can be filled with worry about finding the perfect Christmas gifts. Deep down we want people in our lives to know they are special and that we love them. But sometimes we overlook the greatest gift of all - our very presence.

The Gift of Being Present

During Advent and Christmas, we remember that God came to be present among us through Jesus. How can we be more fully present this season?

The words of the prophet Isaiah offer a prophetic vision that Jesus will also claim in his ministry. We are also called to claim the gift of being fully present with all people – those who mourn, those who grieve, those who have suffered. Mary’s Magnificat is prophetic as well. She claims the overturning of injustice even before it has come to pass.

This week we’ll consider how joy is not the equivalent of happiness, but rather the deep conviction that we are called to be present in the work of bringing about “great things” – a better world for those who need it most. We’ll learn about how joy is doubled in community.

If you are joining us virtually:

1. You can find us live on Sunday mornings on Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/905436486>
Meeting ID: 905 436 486
2. You can also find our service posted to our YouTube Channel later on Sunday, here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvb_imMOOo6qnV6jwQTGKTQ

Hope to see you on Sunday!



**Our acolytes and banner carrier last Sunday!
Elise Scandale, Audrey Lindsey, & Luke Tobolewski**



**At the December Food Pantry, we served 79 families in our community!
Along with the normal perishable and non-perishable items,
each family also received a frozen turkey or ham for the holidays.
Our Food Pantry volunteers were at Walmart early Saturday morning
to pick up those extra Christmas treats.**

**The families also each received a beautiful fresh Christmas swag donated by Joyce Kulyk,
that added to the holiday cheer!**

Adult Sunday School Class **Sunday, December 3 – 17 9 AM in the Library**

The movie “Babette’s Feast” by Gabriel Axel

No classes December 24 & 31.

January 14 we will begin a 12 week course titled "Angels: Who they are and how they help...What the Bible reveals" by Dr. David Jeremiah.

A study guide & book go with the class if participants are interested. Please let Penny Qualls know.

Soul Sisters Christmas Party



Becky Widdecombe won the Ugly Sweater contest! Betty Lou Snyder came in second!



There was a lot of laughter, fun and fellowship!

Men's Group

The men will get together TONIGHT, December 7 at 6:30 pm, at Chico's!



Erie Experience - Focusing Local in Civics Education

Monday, December 11, 2023/6-7:30 PM

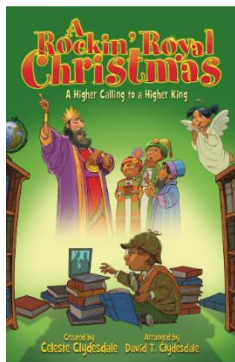
Lincoln Community Center Library

1255 Manchester Rd., Erie PA 16505

The social studies dept. at Fairview High School has a new elective course for students of all grade levels. The purpose of the Erie Experience course is to build knowledgeable citizens through a connection to local geography, history, economics, and culture.

Our teachers Susan Nelson & Jessica Quiggle will present an overview of the course, samples of course content, and a review of student experiences from spring 2023 bus tours, exploring local museums, businesses, and cultural sites and connecting to the community.

If you would like to come hear them, please register in advance. Admission is FREE.



Children's Christmas Pageant

The children have been busy singing and practicing and can't wait to perform their Christmas pageant, A Rockin' Royal Christmas, on Sunday, December 17th during worship!

Don't miss it! It's always a great worship service. We will have our annual Cookie Hour afterwards! Thank you to Jen Lewis and family for providing all of the delicious cookies!

Pageant Practice

Pageant Practice will be this Saturday, December 16, from 9 am until 10:30 am.

Please make sure your child is here for practice!

Holiday Food Baskets

The Fairview Community Council is having their annual drive for items for the Holiday Baskets they provide to those in need in our community.

They are collecting canned goods and monetary donations for other items. Contributions can be brought directly to Erie Federal Credit Union in Fairview or mailed to Fairview Community Council, PO Box 335, Fairview, PA. 16415

Help is needed to pack the baskets next Thursday, December 14 at 6 pm at the Fairview Township Building. Delivery of the baskets will be on December 16 at 9 am.



Christmas Cards

The Deacons will be putting together bins of homemade cookies and delivering them to those of our members who can't make it here to church.

We want those people to know we are thinking of them, and to wish them a Merry Christmas!

If you would like to join the Deacons in sending wishes, there is a list on the table in the Lobby with the names and a wrapped collection box. There are also some cards provided for you by the box for you to sign, and drop in.

Please have your cards in by THIS Sunday, December 10.

Thank you for helping to share the love at Christmas!



Christmas Cookie Trays

THANK YOU to all the bakers for making the cookies!!!

Cookies are due THIS SUNDAY!

Sugar cut outs will be frosted next Wednesday, December 13 at 9:30 am, and assembly of the trays will be next Thursday, December 14, at 9:30 am. If you can help, please come!

Cookie Trays are \$25 for Five Dozen

To purchase a cookie tray please sign up on the Cookie Tray Order Sheet, place your money with an order coupon in a nearby envelope and leave in the basket.

Order deadline has been extended to December 12.

Pick up dates are Friday, December 15, 10 am – 4 pm,
and Sunday December 17 after church.

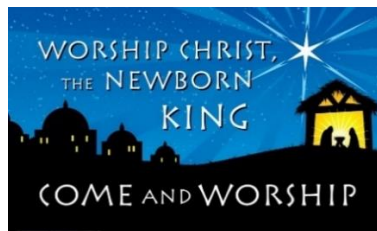
Thank you for your help with this fun fundraiser!



The angels are all gone!!
THANK YOU to everyone for helping with this ministry!

***Gift cards are due back THIS SUNDAY!**

The staff and families of the Fairview Schools appreciate your generosity and help! Thank you for helping to make their Christmas a good one!



Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 17th

Worship at 10:30am
Children's Christmas Pageant
NO nursery care

Sunday, December 24th

NO morning worship
Family Friendly Christmas Eve Worship at 7pm
Christmas Eve Worship at 10pm

Sunday, December 31st

Worship at 10:30am
NO Sunday School or Junior Church