

Fairview Presbyterian Church Weekly News

“Love Grows Here!”

November 27 – December 3, 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?

Preparing the way for new beginnings, fresh starts, a clear path, is a classic theme in the faith narrative and in our own lives. Life can contain many chapters and the Good News is that the Holy One is continually making a way for do-overs. In this we can find peace, even when life doesn't feel so peaceful.

This week we'll consider what it means for us to be non-anxious and filled with peace.

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!



**The Youth Group bought and wrapped gifts for 20 kids through Foster Erie.
The Youth Group works on service projects throughout the year!**

Thanks for sharing God's love with others!

Year End Congregational Meeting Summary

The Congregation held its Year End Meeting on Sunday, November 26th at 11:30am

- Elected new Elders – Steph Borland, Pat Carl, and Doug Lee, Deacons – Judith Johnston, Kris Russin, and Leisel Zabo, and Trustees – Bob O'Connell, Steve Sample, and Jake Tobolewski, to three-year terms. Also elected new nominating committee members – Jaime Eddy, Ken Krause, and John Paden, to a one-year term.
- Approved new By-Laws. A copy was emailed out ahead of the meeting and paper copies are available from the church office.

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 7 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.

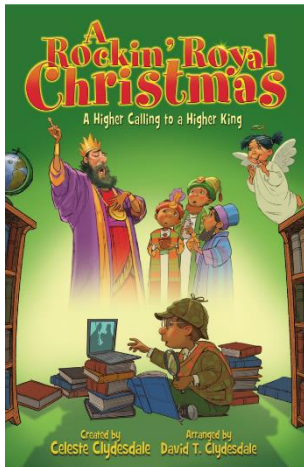


Soul Sisters Christmas Party

The Soul Sisters will be having their Christmas Party here next Wednesday, December 6
at **6:00 pm!**

Men's Group

The men will get together next Thursday, December 7, 6:30 pm, at Chico's.



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 Saturday, December 9, and 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 on 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 card collection box. There will also be some cards provided for you by the box for you to sign, and drop in.

Please have your cards in by Sunday, December 10.

Thank you for helping to share the love at Christmas!



Christmas Cookie Trays

We still need bakers for 22 dozen thumbprints.

There is a sign-up sheet on a table in the Lobby. Please sign up if you can help!!

Cookies MUST BE IN TO THE CHURCH BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10.

THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to bake, and to those who donated ingredients!

**Help is also needed to frost the sugar cut outs on Wednesday, December 13,
and assembly of the trays on Thursday, December 14.**

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.

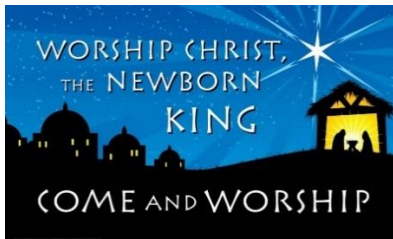


There are only 8 Angels left on the tree! THANK YOU to all those who already chose one!
Please feel free to come to the church during the week when the office is open, to select one!

We are donating Gift Cards again this year. Each Angel – pink for girls, blue for boys – has a letter and attached to it is an index card with stores that the parents have requested the gift cards be from. Please choose an Angel and log the letter with your name and phone number onto the sign-up sheet next to the tree.

***Please have your gift cards back to the church, with the Angel attached to it, by Sunday, December 10.** This will give the parents plenty of time to go shopping.

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