

# FAIRVIEW AVE. CHURCH

Open Doors, Open Arms, Open Hearts

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## — Holiday Newsletter 2025 —

### Holidays at Fairview Ave

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### Be a BLESSing in Your Neighborhood!

This fall, and leading to the first Sunday in Advent, we're in a Sunday morning sermon series called How to BLESS Your Neighbor. Following the acronym BLESS, we're learning a very simply way to share your faith with our family, friends and neighbors in a very nonthreatening way. BLESS stands for:

**BEGIN** with Prayer—pray for five people every day.

**LISTEN** with Care—Most people just need someone to listen.

**EAT** Together—Share a meal together to get to know your neighbors.

**SERVE** in Love—Look for ways to help your neighbors. Look for needs.

**SHARE** your story—Be alert to an opportunity to share your story about Jesus.



You can use the BLESS app to adopt 50 people in your neighborhood and pray for them, 5 people each day. It's easy and a great way to BLESS your family, friends and neighbors. Just scan the code above and follow the directions. Make sure you put Fairview Avenue Brethren in Christ Church as your church home.

### Advent is coming!

This year, the Advent Season starts on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Advent celebrates the arrival of Jesus with a time of preparing our hearts to receive Him. To get ready, December 7<sup>th</sup> we'll begin a short sermon series called "Advent Pictures", which will culminate on Christmas Eve for our Candlelight Service honoring Jesus' birth. Don't forget to check out a Special Advent Bible Reading on YouVersion Bible App that focuses on belonging to the family of God.



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## Holiday Events at FABIC

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Pack A Lunch

Sunday, November 30  
following Worship Service

Whenever a month comes along  
that has a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, pack a  
lunch and bring it to church.

After service, join us in  
Fellowship Hall, for a fun time  
of fellowship.



### Help us decorate the Sanctuary & Christmas tree!

Sunday, Nov. 30 @ 6:30 pm

Bring a snack to share!



### Join us as we go Christmas Caroling around our neighborhood.

Sunday, Dec. 14 @ 6:30 pm

Light refreshments afterwards

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Join us for our annual festive celebration! Christmas carols and handheld  
candles at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Light refreshments will be available after  
the service.

Invite your family & friends!



*Check out our weekly email or visit our Facebook page for more info on upcoming events for the Holiday season.*

## Advent Bible Plan 2025

The graphic for the Advent Bible Plan 2025 features a large grid of 48 small, colorful images on the left side, depicting various scenes of hope, love, and faith. To the right of the grid, the text "YOU BELONG IN THE FAMILY." is written in a large, bold, blue font. Below this, the text "2025 ADVENT GUIDE" is written in a large, bold, blue font. At the bottom right, there are three logos: the Buckner International logo with the tagline "Hope shines here.", a large blue ampersand, and the FABIC logo.

We're excited to use the YouVersion Bible app again this year—this time for the Advent Season! Our plan, provided by Buckner International, invites us to remember that we belong to the King of Kings.

Join our FABIC family as we journey together toward the celebration of Christ's birth, reflecting on the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace. The plan begins on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, and will be featured on our Church's YouVersion page.



# ADVENT paintings




This Advent season, we'll journey together through a series called Advent Paintings—a time of worship and reflection, designed to draw our hearts toward the coming King.

Each Sunday of Advent will unfold a new visual expression paired with a special new song, “Come Emmanuel.” Together, they will help us pause, watch, and wonder anew at the beauty and mystery of Christ’s arrival.

Come ready to worship, reflect, and be surprised by what God will reveal each week as we prepare Him room.




*Starting on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30.*

**Coming in 2026!**



## Reading the Bible in Historical Sequence

Coming in 2026  
on a device  
near you!

 Fairview Avenue Brethren in Christ Church  YouVersion   
The Bible App

In the beginning was the Word ... but what came next? This plan is for anyone who wants a better understanding of the Bible. It provides a chronological reading program that endeavors to place all biblical passages in their date order.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



November 3 Maggie Roth\*  
November 8 Michael Stahley  
November 9 Holly Paisley  
November 10 Clyde Yeager  
November 13 Mason Anderson  
November 20 Colleen DeLauter  
November 28 John Greenawalt  
November 28 Doris Sollenberger  
November 30 Abigail Warford

**Happy Anniversary!**

Rick & Julie Miller November 19, 1983

**\*global worker**

*If you have a birthday in the holiday months and it was not featured here, please email the office.*



December 7 Julianna Paisley  
December 7 Jude Wease  
December 10 Irvine Poe  
December 14 Carl Wenger  
December 28 Eric Dampf  
December 31 Robert Corey

**Happy Anniversary!**

Steve & Linda Eberly December 3, 2016

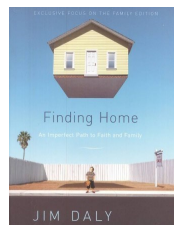
## Library Holiday News

Ahh, Autumn! A beautiful time of year for taking part in fall festivals and anything pumpkin. As the days grow increasingly shorter it is also a perfect time to snuggle up with a good read from the church library. So come on in and take a few minutes to peruse the book shelves as many new books have been added over the summer months.

With the holidays just around the corner Sue and I are looking forward to building another holiday “book” Christmas tree as it has become a tradition that everyone seems to enjoy. Sue did an awesome job with the Fall bulletin board, I can’t wait to see what she comes up for the holidays. Stop by and see for yourself!

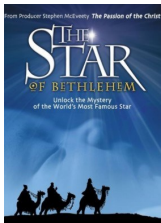


**The ADVENTure of Christmas** by Lisa Whelchel with artwork by Jeannie Mooney  
Packed full of Christmas craft projects, recipes, stories and tons of holiday activity ideas this Mom’s Guide offers many ideas on helping children find Jesus in their family holiday traditions. Bright, colorful illustrations fill every page and will start you on your way to making special those special memories together and even creating new family traditions. If you have little ones at home, you may want to check this book out because guess what? The holidays are quickly approaching!



**Finding Home** by Jim Daly

Orphaned at an early age Jim Daly, president and CEO of Focus on the Family, saw first-hand the worst of what this world had to offer. Yet somehow Jim managed to catch glimpses of the grace of God throughout his life, just enough to make him realize that he wanted more, both from himself and from God. Read all about how Jim experienced grace in this deeply personal memoir with a touch of humor thrown in for balance.



**The Star of Bethlehem**

This documentary on the Star of Bethlehem comes from Stephen McEvetty, the Producer of The Passion of the Christ. Presenter Rick Larson walks the viewer through biblical and historical clues that reveal the incredible significance of this celestial event as well as the vastness of God’s creativity. It is both fascinating and meticulously researched and the received the award of five Doves from the Dove foundation.

Happy reading!  
Sue and Colleen



## 2025 Holiday Calendar

IDOP	November 2
Guest Speaker: Estol Bathurts	November 16
Thanksgiving	November 27
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Bring a Lunch to Church	November 30
Christmas Tree & Church Decoration	November 30, 6:30 pm
#GivingTuesday	December 2
Christmas Caroling	December 14, 6:30 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	December 24, 7 pm

Check out our weekly email or visit our website or Facebook page for more info on upcoming events for the holiday season.



# Celebrate Recovery®

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
A Christ-Centered Recovery Program

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step recovery community. It helps you celebrate freedom from all types of hurts, habits, and hang-ups including addiction. For more info call the church or email Pastor John at [pastorjohn@fabicchurch.org](mailto:pastorjohn@fabicchurch.org)

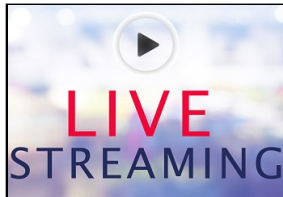


### Missed A Sermon?

Listen on Apple podcasts, or visit our website,  
[www.fabicchurch.org/sermons](http://www.fabicchurch.org/sermons)



Watch on YouTube at  
[www.youtube.com/fabicchurch/live](http://www.youtube.com/fabicchurch/live)



Live Streaming of our Worship  
service every Sunday starting at  
10:25 a.m., at  
[www.youtube.com/fabicchurch/live](http://www.youtube.com/fabicchurch/live)

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please bring your shoeboxes to  
the Sanctuary on that Sunday.



# GIVING TUESDAY

#GivingTuesday is coming on December 2!  
Consider helping Fairview Ave. Church  
continue to be an important part of our  
community and neighborhood.  
You can give using Tithe.ly.

**GIVING**  
IS EASIER THAN EVER



**WAYS  
TO GIVE**



Download the App!



## Fairview Avenue Church Weekly Schedule

Our building is handicap accessible



### Sunday mornings

Prayer Time 8:30—9:00 a.m.

Bible for Life Classes for ages 4– Adult  
9:00–10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Time 10:00–10:25 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

### Wednesdays

Celebrate Recovery 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

### Thursdays

Morning Prayer 8:30–9:30 a.m. in the lobby

After School Kids Fun Club 3:30—4:45 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu/mo.

The Source Youth Group for grades 6—12  
6:30–8:30 p.m. Youth Center

Final Friday Fun Night— last Friday/month 6–9 p.m.

### Small Groups

Agape meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Lobby. A time of  
friendship, prayer & food.

Sunday Evening Small Group, meets every  
Sunday at 6:30 p.m., at the church. All invited!

Quincy Small Group, every other Sunday.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# Christmas Eve at Fairview Ave. Church

Wednesday, December 24

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7 pm in the Sanctuary

Light refreshments after the service



*You are cordially invited to celebrate with  
us the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*



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