

FAIRVIEW AVE. CHURCH

Open Doors, Open Arms, Open Hearts

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— Winter Newsletter 2026 —

Winter at Fairview Ave

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A Year of Promise

January is named after the Roman god, Janus, a two-faced deity of beginnings, endings, and transitions. He must have been popular. When our family toured the Vatican Museum a few years ago, we saw several statues dedicated to him. The idea of the two faces, one pointing front and back, was to start the year looking back at the past and forward to the future.

Christians do not worship Janus. Rather we serve Jesus, our Lord who is “The alpha and omega” (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet used to refer to Jesus in Revelation 1, 21, and 22). Early Christians had a similar practice of reflecting on the year past and observing a time of Covenant Renewal, dedicating the year to come to living for God. Even today, some Christians start the year by “chalking the door” with the letters C+M+B plus the year. While this *can* stand for the traditional names of the wise men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, it is an abbreviation for the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* which translates to “May Christ bless this house”.

A new year is always brimming with promise. It’s a brand new year, a clean slate upon which to write your life. You can start something new or quit something that’s getting old. We often make hopeful resolutions with big plans for change. But resolutions can fade and promises to self and others are frequently broken in weeks, maybe even days. With God’s leadership and help that can be different. We can start the year with blessing and dedication. We may ask the Lord’s blessing on our homes and dedicate them to Him. In the same way, we can dedicate our lives to serving and living for Him. This kind of resolution is far more likely kept, especially if we ask for God’s help in keeping our promise of dedication, a prayer perfectly within His will.

May God bless you in the coming year as you seek Him and His will for your life.

Pastor John

Library News

Imagine yourself on a cold winter day; A cup of hot cocoa by a side table and a good book from the Church Library in your hands. Nothing could be more relaxing! We are highlighting several of our newly donated books that we hope you may take time to read, enjoy and be inspired by. Happy reading in 2026!

The Library has been blessed this year with upwards of 200 donated books! Thanks to all who donated. We have also added some shelving on wheels which we have designated for children's books. Thanks to Ron DeLauter for the assembly. As always Colleen & Sue

Congratulations to Ashlyn Anderson, whose name was drawn for our quarterly pick!

God’s Double Agent by Bob Fu

Tens of millions of Christians living in China are leading double lives to hide from a government that persecutes them. This book tells the true story of Bob Fu, who was a teacher in a communist school; but by night he was a preacher in an underground house church.

The Story of St. Valentine by The Voice of the Martyrs

Buries beneath the cards and candied hearts lies a man named Valentine, who dared to tell the Emperor of Rome about Jesus.

Covenant Child by Terri Blackstock

Twins Kara & Lizzie know they are heirs to a fortune—deprived of their inheritance and forced to live with uncaring relatives. They can’t wait for the day when they can leave their sad life behind. Intensely involving, laced with realism but infused with hope, this story will keep you reading late into the night.

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Winter Events at FABIC

BIC Week of Prayer & Fasting

January 4– 11

The theme for 2026—Elements of Discipleship

The Tide's Your Soles ~ Their Souls Shoe Drive

Will be held from January 7th through March 29th.

Please deposit your gently used shoes in the box in the foyer marked for shoe donations.

Annual Church Council Meeting

January 25— following Worship Service

Join us for important information for our Church family. Please bring a dish to share.

Women's Breakfast

Saturday, January 31 at 8:30 a.m.

Come enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship, good food and a short devotional as we gather together in community.

Where: Main Street Diner, Waynesboro

Cost: A donation as you're able

Who: Ladies ages 10 and up

RSVP by Jan. 24. See Daria Smith or Kathy Long

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 31 at 8:30 a.m. at The Parlor House

Come enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship, good food and a short devotional as we gather together in community.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January 4	Toni Cadiz
January 7	Kathy Harkins
January 17	Daria Smith
January 17	Laura Warford
January 18	Charlie Standridge
January 18	Sue Wenger
January 22	Alyssa Dampf
January 23	Corey DeWalt
January 25	Guy Davis
January 26	Katie Cox
January 27	Tyler Anderson



Happy Anniversary!

Irvin & Janet Poe January 1, 1972



February 1	Stephanie Walker
February 4	Ethan Eberly
February 5	Amber Dockweiler
February 5	Opal Dockweiler
February 7	Gretchen Wease
February 9	Steve Eberly
February 17	Renee Welsh
February 23	Charity Walker
February 24	Alianna Cox
February 26	John Walton
February 27	Mark Roth*
February 28	Linda Davis

Happy Anniversary!

Robert & Gloria Corey February 5, 2011
Greg & Daria Smith February 26, 1993

*global worker

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

2026 Winter Calendar

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January 4-11

Hope for Parents Seminar

Sat., January 17, 9-3 pm

Church Annual Council Meeting

January 25, following service

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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



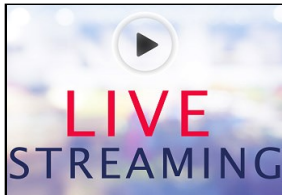
Missed A Sermon?

Listen on Apple podcasts, or visit our website, www.fabicchurch.org/sermons



Watch on YouTube at

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



Hope for Parents of Prodigals

Presented by:
Jill Thompson, M.Ed.



Saturday, January 17th, 2026

9 – 3 pm (lunch provided)

Has your heart been broken by the destructive choices your adult children have made? Through group discussion and biblical perspectives, this course will cover such topics as:

- Separation and Loss
- Why Children Hurt Parents
- Letting Go
- Guilt, Envy, and Self-Pity
- The Limits of Pain
- Where Was God? Looking for Purpose

\$15 per person

You can use the Tithely app to pay.
Just scroll down to “Hope for Parents Seminar”



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. 2nd 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 2nd & 4th Sunday, Lobby. A time of friendship, prayer & food.

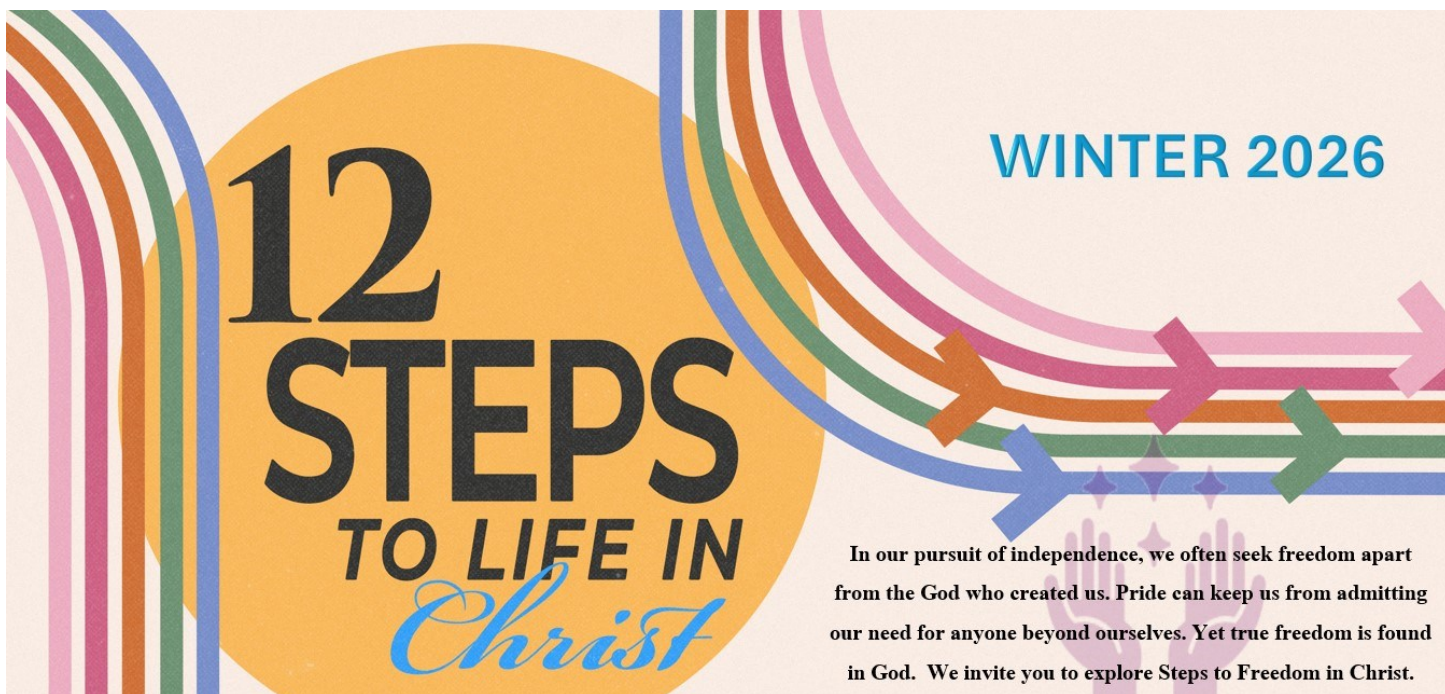
Sunday Evening Small Group, meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m., at the church. All invited!

Quincy Small Group, every other Sunday.



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