

# Windows of Faith



May 2025



5 Lynn Spencer  
7 Shannon Brown  
8 Karilyn Newnam  
12 Janet Kilgus  
16 Ellie Grant



Please keep the following people in your prayers:  
Devin, Beth Hays, Jordan Broquard. Steve  
Vaughan, Alison Donoho, Danny Thames, Lexi  
Worth, Axel Riordan, Devin, Randy Lane, Terry  
Schultz Family, Julie Timmons, Dale Atkins and  
the Family of Martha Smith.

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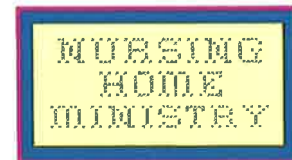
Evenglow Mary Lu Haab, Donna Billington

Fairview Haven Nursing Home-  
Pauline Grandon, Joan Tredennick, John  
Tollensdorf, Sr.

Fairview Assisted Living - Kenny Broquard,  
Rich & Elsie Schaffer, Georgann  
Borngasser, Jane Walker, Kathy Honegger

Serenity Villa, Fairbury - Karen Hildreth,  
Ernie Hofmann

Independence Village, Peoria - Peggy Metz



Communion will be held at Fairview Haven on  
Sunday, March 18 2:00 p.m. in the activity  
room. All are welcome!



## WORSHIP TIME

Worship 9:00-10:00

Fellowship 10:00-10:45

Sunday School 10:15-10:45

We would like to invite you to join us as we worship God and have Christian fellowship with one another. Looking forward to seeing you.

If you have any questions, you may email us at [fairburyumc1@gmail.com](mailto:fairburyumc1@gmail.com) or contact Pastor Mendoza, cell number (815-674-1817).

Remember we are also live on Facebook at Fairbury FUMC

United Women in Faith will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 1:00. We have decided to help the St. Clare Compassion Clothing Closet. We will be collecting clothing for patients that arrive at the ER with no clothes to wear when they are released. They would like to have NEW: basic T-shirts, under garments, sweat shirts, sweat pants, and tube socks available. All sizes are appreciated: XXS-3XL. Collection boxes will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

"I was naked and you clothed me".

Matthew 25:36.

## LOOM WORKERS

People will be working at the Loom on Wednesdays from 5-7:00 PM (except for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday when there is Bloodmobile) in the Fellowship Hall.



Midwest Food Bank has DISCONTINUED the collection of empty laundry detergent bottles. Bring NO more bottles to the church. Recycle them at your home instead. The project was extremely successful for Midwest!

## Pantry Points

The food pantry continues to be busy! April saw 39 families representing 111 individuals and 5 families utilizing the mobile food trailer. Faith

Fellowship ministries helped at our Monday Night distribution. As always we are grateful for the community support.

Food donations continue to come in from: Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church, Fairbury Women's Club (through PC Elementary), the Flight Crew from PC Elementary, Cropsey Methodist, and several individuals.

With that in mind the Letter Carriers annual food drive will be on Sat. May 10<sup>th</sup>. As in the past, this is a townwide collection, so volunteers are needed!!!! Details to follow. Thank you all for your prayers and support!!

## April Church Information

Thank you for all of your prayers, service, contributions, and attendance!! WE ARE UNITED METHODIST STRONG!!!!

Contributions for April \$8956.

Average attendance for April (41)

Average online viewing for April (263)

## Liturgists for May

4 Cora Morris

11 Lynn Spencer

18 Janet Aberle

25 Roger Beasley

## Memorial for Marge Mishler

The family of Marge Mishler is planning on a memorial service on May 16<sup>th</sup> for her. The visitation will be at Duffy Pils at 1:00pm followed by a service at 2:00. There will be refreshments in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 for friends and family to visit and share memories.



If you or someone you know is looking for a church home or God is tugging at your heart to come back to church. Please join us. We welcome you to unite with us for worship and fellowship on Sunday mornings.

#### Noisy offering

We collected money with our red bucket. It was decided that we would make a donation to help with the California Wildfires. We sent \$1000 to UMCOR for that.

#### Hope Center Baby Bottle Campaign

Beginning Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day through Father's Day we will be collecting for the annual campaign. Baby Bottles will be available by Sunday May 11.

#### Forrest UMC

Salad Luncheon

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

11:00am-1:00pm

\$10.00 per ticket

#### Hope Center Baby Bottle Campaign

Beginning Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day through Father's Day we will be collecting for the annual campaign. Bottles will be available on Mother's Day.

#### Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

Mother... sometimes called mommy, mommie, mama, mamu, or nana—depending on one's background or upbringing. But no matter what we call her, she is a gift from God, for it is in her womb that we dwelled for nine months. What she endures is no small matter—from the cravings, the care she takes while carrying a child, until the moment she gives birth.

Mother... at the first sound of her newborn baby's cry, it's common to see tears falling from her eyes. Tears not of pain, but of joy. Yes, joy—because that

moment is the fulfillment of her womanhood, and because she was able to bring us into this world safely... because she loves us—you and me!

Mother... in the warmth of her love, in the way she swayed while lulling you to sleep, in her teaching you the ABCs, how to write letters and numbers—these are just a few of the childhood memories we share with her. And as we grew older, she was always there, together with Dad, constantly guiding us. Sometimes, yes, she could be a bit strict or persistent—but deep down, it was only because they wanted us to grow up well. She endures everything, just to provide for our needs.

Truly blessed are the children who still have their mother by their side today. Some mothers, however, are forced to work abroad in order to provide for their family's needs and to secure a better future for them. It's never easy for a mother to be away from her children, especially during their tender years. Many of them serve foreign families, even caring for other people's children in exchange for dollars or euros—just so they can send money back home to their own children in the Philippines. A mother can endure loneliness and hardship—all for the sake of her children. A mother's love is truly extraordinary!

It doesn't have to be expensive—simple things are more than enough to show her our gratitude and love. Think about it: when was the last time you hugged her and said, "Love you, Mom!" or showed her affection without asking for anything in return? You're truly blessed if, after reading this, you can still go home and hug her. Maybe visit her and bring her favorite food, or during your visit, say something sweet like, "Mom, I miss your cooking!" And if your budget allows, why not order some take-out and treat her to a fancy restaurant or a pedicure, or a haircut?

If she's far away, when was the last time you called or texted her just to say, "Love you, Mom. Miss you!" Be thankful to God that you still have her with you, because no matter how grown-up we are, there's nothing quite like having your mother around.



Even the Bible declares this: "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12), and "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you" (Deuteronomy 5:16).

And to those whose mothers have left early—whether it's a temporary separation or because she has already been called home by the Creator—let us remember and give thanks for the days we were blessed to be with her: her embrace and the gentle touch of her love, her teachings and values, her delicious cooking. She is a part of us, and every success we achieve is a tribute to her. If only we could forever remain little children by her side. Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers!

In Christ service,  
Rev. Charles Jenkin J. Mendoza





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Fellowship Hall Reserved
4 9:00 a.m. Worship Fellowship	5	6 Bible Study 9AM	7 UW in Faith 1:00 Work on the Loom 5-7	8	9	10
11MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 a.m. Worship Fellowship	12	13 Bible Study 9AM	14 Work on the Loom 5-7	15	16 Memorial for Marge Mishler at Duffy Pils	17
18 9:00 a.m. Worship Fellowship Time	19	20 Bible Study 9AM	21 Work on the loom 5-7	22	23	24
25 9:00 a.m. Worship Fellowship Time	26	27 Bible Study 9:00	28 Bloodmobile in Fellowship Hall	29	30	3

