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Class of 2024

J. Michael Hall
Pete Wendel

Class of 2025

Bill Cundiff

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Fairplain Presbyterian Church, rejoice in God's grace and redeeming love through Jesus Christ. We believe we have been called as God's children to create an open and welcoming community, to worship and praise God, and to nurture and support each other. We are called to develop our God-given gifts and to equip ourselves to reach out to the world in love and compassion. Thus prepared, we will share our faith, preach the gospel, feed the hungry, and be peacemakers according to God's will.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

November 19 - 26

- TODAY:** 8:30 am & 10:30 am – Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am – Worship
Refreshments
Food Delivery
- TUESDAY:** 10:00 am – Bible Study
7:00 pm – Session Zoom Meeting
- WEDNESDAY:** 10:00-11:30 am – Parent Support Group (Courtyard)
- THURSDAY:** Happy Thanksgiving – Church Office Closed &
Friday – Church Office Closed
- SUNDAY:** 9:30 am – Worship
Refreshments
Deacon's Meeting (CE Office)

Prayer Requests & Joys: If you have prayer requests that you would like to leave as a voicemail to be played on Sunday morning, you can call 269-332-1118 to leave a message, and we will play it on Sunday morning.

November 19

Liturgist: Eloise Gundersen
Director of Music: Vladimir Slavujevic
Sound Technician: J. Michael Hall
Video Technician: Bill Cundiff
Nursery: Jody Pauley

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Prayers (11/12/2023): Schell family have colds; Vicki Born has Covid and cannot visit Greg; Robert Smith's boyhood church closing after 150 years; Marlene Smith's good friend, Susie, passed away. (Joy): Amy Reutlinger express the friendships she has formed with our church.

Prayers (10/30/23): Phyllis Myers' daughter-in-law's mother, Diane, has cancer; all loved ones who have passed away due to suicide; Ryan, helper of the Smith, recently died as a result of car accident; Vladimir glad he's okay after another driver hit his vehicle. Joy: former church member, Marggy Hannington, recently married.

Prayers (10/15/23): People of Israel, Palestine and Ukraine; Jill Wendel & family, recent death of her aunt, Jane Kuehl; **Joys:** Marlene & Robert's 29th wedding anniversary.

Prayers (10/8/23): Greg Powell & Vicki Born, Greg now in Provisional Living, Apt J; Chris Corbbit's friend, Mike, recuperating from eye surgery.

Prayers: 9/17/23): Bill Cundiff

Prayers (9/10/23): Jill Wendel's stepfather Dan, pacemaker; Rosemary Holloway's sister; Ramona Contreras, Caretel Room #B414.

Prayers (8/27/23): Family of Ron Jacobs, on his recent death; **Joy:** Ryan doing well after appointment in Columbus – see doctor in 1 year.

Prayers (8/13/23): People of Maui, fires; Kristen's doula client, Sharnee, family looking for affordable housing.

ONGOING PRAYERS: Jill doing better after being in emergency for back issues; Leslie Gilreath; Rob Barker, monitoring heart rate; Sally Barker doing cardio rehab, no pacemaker needed; Ann Cundiff; Bud Cornelius; Augie Meyer; Candi Kebschull.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHOTO REQUEST: If you have a photo you think would be good to use for front cover of bulletin, please submit to Linda in the office in a jpg format to the church email: fairplainpc@gmail.com

DEPOT STOP: Feeding America semi-truck will be at our site on Dec. 12 to distribute food orders for various food pantries.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER: The deadline for articles for the December newsletter is no later than Monday, November 27. Thanks – Linda Cogswell.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Please join us Saturday, December 2 at 9 am at the church when we decorate for Advent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes will resume in January 2024. Watch your January newsletter and bulletins for topics.

PER CAPITA: The Presbytery of Lake Michigan reports that our Per Capita per active member for 2024 is \$40.05: General Assembly \$9.80, Synod \$3.25 and Presbytery \$27.00. Checks should be made payable to Fairplain Presbyterian Church, memo: Per Capita 2024. The deadline to submit is January 14, 2024.

Music in Our Services

Our director of music, Vladimir Slavujevic, often with the support of his family and Fairplain's choir, arranges for our Introit, Anthem, and Offertory, except on Sundays when we are served by our Praise team, "Wherever Two..."

Our prelude, postlude, hymns, and regular service music are pre-recorded.

Retired Australian pastor Clyde McLennan provided most of the recordings we use. Other service music was provided by church musician Sarah Bereza and recording artist Richard M.S. Irwin. These talented musicians have released their music to the Church for use in services at no cost. Our sending hymn, "Go Now In Peace," was recorded for Fairplain by our beloved former pianist Ronnie Zanella.

Names for God in Our Services:

Observant Jews do not pronounce the Hebrew divine name, or Tetragrammaton, aloud. The Masoretes, a group of Jewish scribe-scholars, placed vowel markings under the four consonants of the divine name, indicating that a different Hebrew word should be read aloud when the reader came upon the divine name, usually "Adonai," "My Lord." Most English translations have adapted this practice by translating the divine name as "the LORD," in SMALL CAPS.

Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney picked up a practice from Dr. Joel Rosenberg in a prayer book used in a Jewish center: translating the divine name using other language scripture uses to speak of God, and placing those words in SMALL CAPS to indicate the divine name. Rev. David Schell has adopted that practice.