



Come hear about Allayna Farmer's recent work in the West Bank! Allayna, a former FCUMC youth, will present what she learned as her group advocated for Palestinians.

Mark your calendar for
Sunday, January 4th about 11:30am
Hybrid, in-person or on Zoom.

Questions? Contact Donna Stock

Allayna Farmer, one of our former youth who went on several FCUMC youth mission trips, travelled with others to the West Bank in November. Their goal was to create a bridge between Americans and Palestinians, in the hopes that American advocates can assist in generating aid and compassion in the United States.

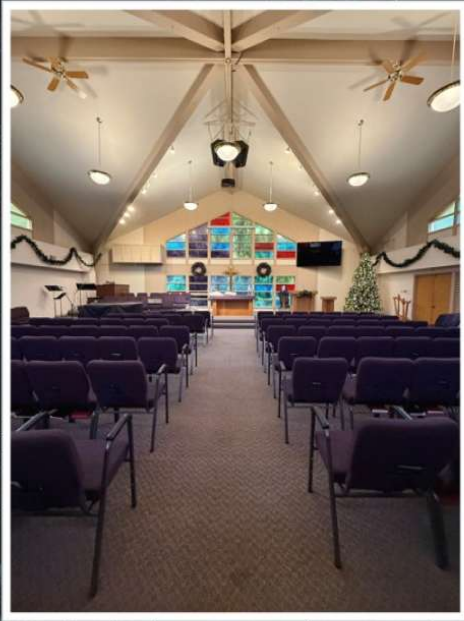
She began her Master of Social Work at La Salle University in Philadelphia this past January. Allayna expresses gratitude to Fairwood for igniting the light of service work on a global scale.

Allayna will not be able to be here in Fairwood, so she'll present what she learned over Zoom. Join us after worship on Sunday, January 4th. We'll meet about 11:30am in a hybrid gathering (in-person or on Zoom) to hear from Allayna.

If you come in person, meet in Benedict Hall, classroom 2 (on the left as you go down the hallway past the drinking fountain. If you want the Zoom link, contact Donna Stock.



On Christmas Eve, if you are able, please park in the back to leave more parking spaces for our visitors. Thank you!



If possible,
please sit
near the FRONT
of the church on
CHRISTMAS EVE
This will leave more room
for visitors & latecomers!

For our Christmas Eve services, if it is possible, please sit near the front of the church to leave room for our visitors and latecomers. Thank you!

Let's fill up our
FOOD BANK
*shopping cart!**

Donate your extra
HOLIDAY CARDS
and 2026 CALENDARS

** It's in the Narthex, next to the nursery.*



Donate your extra Holiday cards and 2026 Calendars!

Place them in our Food Bank shopping cart located in the Narthex next to the nursery.



Our Christmas Eve Offering for 2025
will be providing support for our
Community Assistance Program.
Thank you in advance for your generous support.

This year's Christmas Eve Offering will be supporting our Community Assistance Program (CAP). They help in preventing our neighbors to be evicted, stop their water/heater shut-off and other immediate needs to help them get through their hard times.

Thank you so much for your generous support.

We are a generous congregation!
You help us fund our mission by submitting a 2026 estimate of giving.

Pick up a pledge card in the narthex (at welcome table) or fill out the online pledge form on our website.



We're at **75%**
of our goal for the
2026 church budget.

THANK YOU!

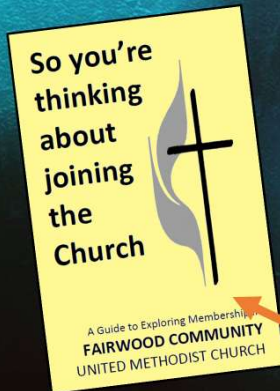
Questions? Contact Jennifer at stewardship@fairwoodumc.org

Jennifer Flagel shared a mission moment on November 23rd about stewardship as an act of faithful participation and resilient hope. Today, Sunday, December 14th, is the last Sunday prior to our FCUMC Council meeting to set our 2026 budget. Your pledges help us determine what missions our church can support next year. Pledges are welcome at any time, but we hope to set a reasonable budget this week.

We have received \$300,525 in pledges as of December 7th, which is **75%** towards our goal of \$400,000. If you haven't submitted your pledge, please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to support our church. Pledge cards are in the wall brochure and communications holder between the sanctuary and the doors out to the patio (i.e. left side of the sanctuary) or an online form is available at <https://fairwoodumc.org/pledge-card>. Thank you for your gifts!

Questions? Contact Jennifer at stewardship@fairwoodumc.org.

The next date that we plan to dedicate new members is January 11th.



Membership orientation: **TODAY!**
December 14, 11:30 am in BH-2

If you are curious or if you have questions about becoming a member, please contact Pastor Ferdie pastorferdie@fairwoodumc.org.

Look for this in the wall holder of flyers and brochures between the narthex and bathrooms.

Membership means you affirm that you're part of our thriving congregation.

We are so grateful to recently receive our new members. If you are considering membership, the next date we'll receive new members is Sunday, January 11.

Membership orientation will be held after worship on Sunday, December 14 at 11:30am in BH-2 (Classroom 2 of Benedict Hall, left-hand side in hallway).

If you are curious or if you have questions about membership, please contact Pastor Ferdie at pastorferdie@fairwoodumc.org. Look for the brochure and other information in the narthex on the wall holder of brochures, as you move from the narthex to the bathrooms. It's called "So you're thinking about joining the Church."

A decision for membership is always a great time to celebrate our life together as a thriving church family!