

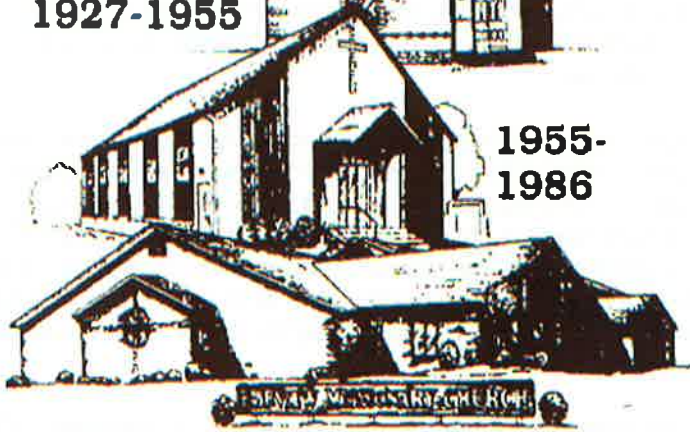
Fairview

Missionary Church

1927



1927-1955



1955-1986

1986-2000

2000-present



Transition Sunday



Pastor Norm and Linda Fuller
1974 - 2015



Pastor Joel and Karolyn Greenwood
Micah and Moriah
2015 - present

The pastors who have served the church since its beginning and the years during which they served:

Rev. J.J. Klopfenstein	1927-1929	Rev. Wendell Sousley	1950-1953
Rev. C.R. Gerig	1929-1932	Rev. Norman Kistler	1953-1961
Rev. J.J. Klopfenstein	1932-1934	Rev. Doyle Carpenter	1961-1963
Rev. Paul Steiner	1934-1938	Rev. Russell Persons	1963-1965
Rev. Allen Amstutz	1938-1941	Rev. J.J. Klopfenstein	1966-1971
Rev. Charles Imler	1941-1942	Rev. Stan Liechty	1971-1974
Rev. Dorland Russett	1942-1944	Rev. Norman Fuller	1974-2015
Rev. Ellis Roth	1944-1950	Rev. Joel Greenwood	2015-present

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For 40+ Years

By Norm and Linda

For a pastor to stay at any church for so long speaks as much about the people in the pew as it does the pastor and his family. The people at FMC have always been very encouraging and supportive of the various challenges and opportunities that come with a growing church. The congregation's willingness to jump into new projects and new ministries with an attitude that says "tell me what needs to be done" or "show me how I can help" made it easy for us to stay. We have never felt the need to look at other ministry opportunities when we had the best congregation right here at FMC. We stayed because you made it easy to stay!

THANK YOU for your love, support and encouragement!

We are not leaving FMC. It was planned from the very beginning of the Transition that we would take time away from the church after Transition Sunday. Sometime this week we are leaving for Florida to see the FMC "Snowbirds" - among other things. When we return, Pastor Norm will be Caring Pastor and in charge of Small Groups/Small Churches and still at the church full time. Pastor Norm looks forward to the new challenge of giving everyone a personal invitation to a Small Church/Small Group and to help people get through the sharp curves and corners of life.

In 1927, three men from Fort Wayne Bible College came to Angola to hold tent meeting revival services. The services were held on the lot of what is now AutoZone on North Wayne Street. The results of the meetings were so encouraging one of the men, Rev. Joseph Klopfenstein, organized a group to start a new church.

This young congregation was able to obtain the use of the abandoned Fairview Church of Christ on East Mechanic Street, which is now C A Nedele & Son. That area of town was then known as the Fairview Subdivision. The congregation changed the name to Fairview Missionary Church, the name the church still holds.

Today is a historic day at FMC as Pastor Norm Fuller transfers leadership of the church to Pastor Joel Greenwood. To visually show this transfer of leaders through the years, there are items on the platform representing the generations that have preceded us.

1927-1955 - This generation is represented by a pot belly stove - the original FMC was heated with such a stove. The flower pedestal on the platform has this plaque on it "This stand is the only item preserved from our first church on Mechanic Street in Angola." The framed certificate on the wall is the original certificate from the denominational office recognizing FMC as an official member of the Missionary Church Association, as the denomination was called at that time.



1955-1985 - This generation is represented by the pulpit and communion table. They were both used in the church on Williams Street those 30 years. The communion table and pulpit were restored to match the color of the wood in the new building when we relocated to this corner in 1986. The communion table is still used today for communion. The pulpit was "retired" in 2003 when we started using a podium.

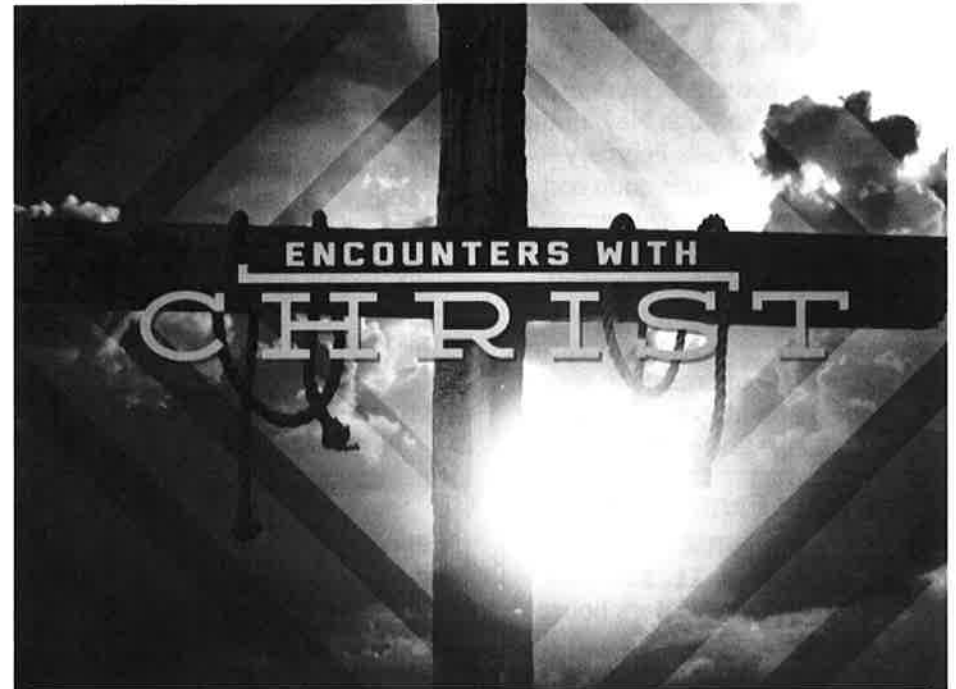


1986-1999 - This generation is represented by the lighted cross and small two-seater pew. The lighted cross is originally from the Williams Street church and was purchased in 1980 when we redecorated that facility. It was used in the foyer of the 1986 building and is now in the prayer room off the south hallway around the sanctuary. The two-seater pew is from the platform furniture in the 1986 building and is now in the prayer room too!



2000-present - This generation is represented by the two crosses on the stage. These crosses were originally on the front wall of the sanctuary and were taken down when we painted the wall its present color.





Easter Musical 2015

This year's Easter presentation is entitled *Encounters With Christ*. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, Jesus goes from being ushered in like a king to being crucified like a criminal and then ultimately overcoming the grave. Watch as people close to Jesus recount their transformation. The little boy, Andrew and Philip, Mary of Bethany, Peter, Malchus, Simon of Cyrene and Salome express how a meeting with Jesus changes everything. Maybe being a part of this musical could be your encounter with Christ?

Rehearsals begin Monday February 2

Pick up an information form at the Connection Center.

FMC Grill

The FMC Grill is the first Wednesday of every month through May, in the gym. The next one is February 4.

The tentative menu is soup and salad. There is no cost; however, donations are accepted. This is a great time to not have to cook before Wednesday night classes and take some time to visit with each other. If you are interested in serving or cleaning up at the Grill, please contact Jake Shipe, 665-8402.

Fairview Family Florida Picnic

Saturday, Feb. 21, 12 noon
At Jim and Abby Wagler's house
1801 Bern Creek Loop,
Sarasota, Florida

You don't need to bring a thing, hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. will be furnished. Cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

We know of Steuben County FMC attenders who are planning their Florida vacation in February to be there. Make reservations by emailing norm@fairviewangola.com by February 15. Please put "FL picnic" in the subject line.

PACK AWAY
HUNGER
Life. Changing. Nutrition.

Sat., March 14
Meal Packing Event

You may pick up a labeled tube from various places in the church to fill with quarters and return to the Connection Center by Sunday, March 8. One tube of quarters will provide 40 children with a healthy meal! This is an opportunity to do our little part in fighting world hunger. Same as before... just using a different name to promote it.

In the Family...

Our sympathy to Brenda Emerick on the passing of her dad.

The family of Bill Foster would like to extend our thank you for your prayers and support during this time of the passing of our husband/father.

Sonja Foster and Family



Connecting Point

Wednesday
February 18, 6-8 pm
Room S103/104

Want to know more about Fairview Missionary Church?

Want to know how to become a member of Fairview Missionary Church?

Come to this class to find out. There will be pizza provided and child care available. Please sign up at the Connection Center. We look forward to seeing you there!

Drive In With Jesus

Friday, February 20, 6:30-8 pm
For kids 2 years old thru pre-K and their parents

In the Kids Worship room
Watch for more details!

Wild Game Dinner

Saturday, February 28, 2015
5:30 pm ~ In the gym

Guest Speaker: Mike Tison, Christian outdoor ministry founder, author and avid hunter.

\$5.00 tickets available at the Connection Center (less than 80 left). Designed for ages 13 and up. Many door prizes and drawings.

Grand Prize: LED flat screen TV and electric smoker. Hunters, bring a wild game dish, all others bring your favorite dish.