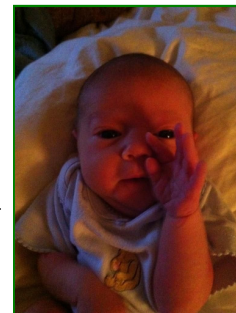




**In our prayers...**

- John (& Julia) Glass, 647 Cliffside, Dr, Akron 44313. 330-836-4418.
- Marilyn Hodge on the death of her sister
- Florence Steigle, 1047 Edgemere Ct#1, Akron 44321 (Sumner on Ridgewood)
- In memory of Ida Solt who died last week at age 100. Ida was a resident of the Village of St. Edward and she and her late husband Dr. Elmer Solt were active in the congregation some years ago. Service in the Fairlawn West sanctuary on Saturday, January 7 at 1:00 pm.
- Wren Devereux Cauthen born on December 17th to parents Clay and Carrie joining brother and sister Harrison and Mary Brooks.



**John Gossett serving ministry internship**

John has begun a four month internship as a pastor associate at Miller Ave UCC Mission with the supervision of the Rev. Tom Gerstenlauer. John is completing his Partner in Ministry training through the Eastern Ohio Association of the United Church of Christ. The EOA is the geographical area of basically south of Wheeling, WV into Monroe County, Ohio to Hudson, Bath, and Valley City in the north of 80 UCC congregations.

**Congregational Potluck Supper Sunday Jan 15th**

We will have our monthly potluck supper at 5:30 pm on Sunday, January 15. That will be our first night of hosting Family Promise families. The families will share in our evening meal. Please bring if you can a food item to share with others.

**Hosting Family Promise families Jan 15-22**

We will be hosting between 2 to 4 families in the evenings of that week on our every 9 week rotation with the 8 other hosting congregational settings. Families have spent a week hosted at Bath UCC before us and the week after at Northwest Church of Christ in Tallmadge. Roles and times that we need servant volunteers are on the [web site](#). If you can help in anyway, contact our [office@fairlawnwest.org](mailto:office@fairlawnwest.org).

**Hosting Supper for "5th Sunday" at Miller Ave UCC Mission, Sun Jan 29th**

Every 5th Sunday of the month, Miller Ave UCC Mission has an evening worship service with a meal, similar to what we do on "Lunch on Us" on Saturdays for those present. We are hosting the meal on Sunday the 29th. We will go to Miller Ave around 4:00 pm to prepare to serve. If you can help with food preparation and/or serving, please let us know via the Sunday worship service Connection Card or by email or phone message.

*"Don't own so much clutter that you will be relieved to see your house catch fire."*

— [Wendell Berry, Farming: a hand book](#)

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### **Fairlawn West Preschool**

The transition of the preschool mission and direction has made a lot of progress. Even though at the start of this transition our enrollment declined, we are already having new enrollment for the present year and for the next school year. Our hope is to start off next fall with an enrollment of 40. Presently we have classes for 3 and 4/5 year olds. We are just now starting a new class for 2 year olds two days a week. If you know of any family that you think might be looking for a preschool for their children, please have them contact our preschool.

The last stage of the transition, is to develop a clearer curriculum that coincides deliberately and clearly with the core values and bedrock beliefs of our congregation and is broad in helping the children to interact with the wider world. We have a good group of folks who are starting to work on this and are excited about what will be available by next September.

Here is a copy of the ad we have been placing in publications in the area:

### **Fairlawn West Preschool**

A ministry of Fairlawn West United Church of Christ

“A new day with a new vision—thanking God for children”

Now enrolling for ages 2, 3, and 4 years old

A Step Up to Quality Star-Rated Program



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[www.fairlawnwest.org/preschool.htm](http://www.fairlawnwest.org/preschool.htm)

- A loving atmosphere shaped by the Christian faith
  - High-quality, early learning for your child
    - Tuition scholarships available
- Welcoming diversity in a multicultural environment

### **New “Bible Reading and Reflection Group” begins on Thursdays at 6:30 pm**

For 11 years our Thursday 9:30 am Bible Reading and Reflection Group has read through much of the Bible. That group met for years at Summit Mall and now gathers in our Vista Room. We are now starting a Thursday evening group at 6:30 pm that will meet weekly in the Parlor. We will begin with the Gospel/Good News of Jesus written by Matthew. This is not only a way to learn about the Bible, but to grow in your confidence within the Christian faith. If you have children and would like to be part of the group, let us know and we will arrange childcare.

### **The Christian Year Season After Epiphany**

The time of the Christian year between Christmas and Lent does not have a specific name other than the “season after Epiphany.” Epiphany is always January 6th, the day after the end of the 12 Days of Christmas. It observes the journey and arrival of the magi to the nativity. The Sundays and weeks after that until Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent (this year on February 22nd) is about introducing us to who is this one who has been born to us.

## **Williard Food Pantry**

Many of our Fairlawn West folks volunteer at the Williard UCC Food Pantry in southeast Akron in providing food and serving on the board. They are open the 3rd Tuesday of the month and the following Saturday in the mornings. Here is the most recent report from the Pantry:

122 gift bags delivered in December

Around 400 families served over Thanksgiving and Christmas

In November 189 families (768 individuals) were provided food. 303 were children and 465 were adults. Many of these were senior adults.

If you would like to help at the Pantry contact our office or mark the Sunday worship service Connection Card.

## **Calendar**

### Sundays

Centering Prayer 10:45 am 1st Sun of the month, 8:45 am the other Sundays, Fireplace Room  
Worship Service, 9:30 am. Nursery and KAT (Kids Alternative Time) also

### Thursdays

Bible Reading and Reflection, 9:30 am in the Vista Room, 6:30 pm in the Parlor

### January

15-22 -hosting Family Promise families overnight

16, Monday - Fairlawn West Preschool Board

29, Sunday - hosting supper at Miller Ave UCC Mission 5th Sunday, 4:00 pm

A list of the 12 Step Recovery programs that meet in our building are on the main bulletin board.

### [Worship Service themes and scriptures](#)

The Fairlawn West office is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with the following folks volunteering:

Mon-Mary Austin, Tues-Clare Llewellyn, Wed-Jacob Nash, Thurs-Karen Myers, Fri-Susan Kolarik and Pam Reid