

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 1	9:00am	First Sunday: Parent Connection - FH Adult, Children, and Youth Sunday School
	9 & 10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Sr. High Youth Group - offsite
Monday, December 2	1:00pm	Godmothers - 204
	3:30pm	After School Faith Club - P
	7:00pm	Boy Scouts - FH; Ruth Circle - P; YAM - 207
	7:30pm	UMM Study Group- 204
Tuesday, December 3	4:00pm	Tuesdays @ 4 - 204
	6:30pm	Children's Choirs - 206; CMT
Wednesday, December 4	5:30pm	Centering Prayer - 204
	7:30pm	Cantata Choir - 113, S
	8:45pm	Chancel Choir - 113
Thursday, December 5	9:00am	Grace Class - FH
	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S; Youth Bible Study - 207
	7:00pm	Advent Bible Study - 204
Friday, December 6	10:00am	Heart Listening - 204
Saturday, December 7	9:00am	Cantata Dress Rehearsal - S
	10:00am	Jr & Sr High Youth Group - offsite
	7:00pm	Cantata Performance
Sunday, December 8	8:00am	Bell Choir - S
	9:00am	Adult, Children, and Youth Sunday School
	9 & 10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Cantata Choir Luncheon - FH
	11:45am	YONK December Meeting
	3:00pm	Cantata Performance - S
4:00pm	Cantata Reception - P	

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

Ministers – All God's People

Reader – Pam Spiteri (9:00) & Nate Romagnola (10:30)

Greeters – Deb Danforth (9:00) & Pat Swigert (10:30)

Feed the Spirit Host – Outreach Ministry

Coffee Hosts – Bill Harnett & Gary McGregor

Pastor – Rev. Richelle Goff

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WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

We want to welcome you to Fairport UMC! We embrace the gift of diversity of our community and our world and proclaim that all persons are created in God's image. We celebrate all ways that the human family of Christ finds its diversity. Our vision is to nurture ALL people on their life journeys and to bring God's love to the world.

GET CONNECTED

You are valued here at FUMC and we want you to be known. We encourage you to fill out the blue communication card and place it in the offering plate during the service. We'll help you get connected where you'll feel comfortable. Between our worship services, all are invited to the parlor for Feed the Spirit, a time of snacks and fellowship. We hope you join us!

CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! There is a children's cart with Gospel Grams and Activity Bags which include crayons. The bulletins contain activities and coloring sheets that match the sermon and scripture. We love to have the children stay in worship (wiggles and giggles are welcomed and sacred sounds). Yet, if you would like your child to attend the nursery (birth-5), it is staffed with Safe Sanctuary trained individuals. You are welcome to bring them at any time during the service.

LARGE PRINT hymnals, bulletins and Bibles are readily available; please ask an usher if you need help finding one.

Note: An Automated External Defibrillator is stored in the white wall case in the kitchen off the narthex.



FUMC is a Reconciling Congregation where all persons of any age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnic origin, economic reality, family status, sexual orientation, diverse ability or social status are welcome without reservation to share in God's love.

The chimes call us to gather.

WE GATHER

It's time to celebrate; we are in the presence of God.

We invite you to joyfully prepare your hearts to receive God's love
and to feel connected to the Body of Christ this day.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

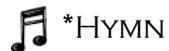
Please take a moment to sign the red pew pads. Guests, you are invited to fill out the blue card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

Persons at the center aisle end of each pew, please remove the pew pad sheets, and place them in the offering plate.

PRELUDE

Voluntary

Samuel Wesley



*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

FOCUSING ON HOPEFUL JOY

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you are our joy.

You are the joy that runs deep and wide underneath all of life.

**This is our hope, that You are ever-present and constantly
shifting our fear to compassion,
and grinding our swords into plows.**

Let us prepare him room in our hearts this day.

Let us prepare him room in our church this day.

**Let us prepare him room in the world this day...
for Hope. Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

GOD SPEAKS

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

For the Word of God in Scripture; For the Word of God among us;
For the Word of God within us. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM (10:30)

Come, Golden Light
(from "And There Was Light")

Martin

Care Packages for College Students

We will once again be filling boxes with goodies for our college students as they prepare for their exams. There will be a large collection box in the Parlor until today, December 1. Please bring in 1-2 dozen of – packaged cookies, snack-size candy bars, pkg fruit snacks, cracker sandwiches, hard candy, popcorn, nuts, protein bars, non-refrigerated puddings, etc.

Christmas Cantata: And There Was Light

A program of choral, organ, and handbell music for Advent and Christmas

Saturday, December 7 at 7pm

and

Sunday, December 8 at 3pm

Freewill offering. Childcare is provided.
Join us for this special musical event,
and bring a friend! All are welcome!

Scripture/Message for Next Week

Scripture focus:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-15

Message focus:

*Repeat The Sounding Joy:
Loving Joy*

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 Why do parents set rules and give instruction? Why do you disobey sometimes? What happens?
- 2 Think of a person with whom you are often in conflict. Quickly name several ways the two of you are different. Now, how are you the same?
- 3 Describe a time when you had a problem with someone but were able to resolve it. How did you do it?
- 4 Pick a hymn that has to do with peace and sing it together as a form of prayer.



Eye Spark

Look for mountains—around you or in movies or pictures—and remember the idea of God settling arguments from the high city.



Ear Spark

Listen for the word *peace* spoken by all kinds of people. Whenever you hear it, remember God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation to Advent Prayer

It is with great joy that we begin our celebration of Advent here at FUMC! This time of waiting, punctuated by hope and peace, love and joy, prepares us to welcome Christ Jesus into our hearts. To prepare for this important moment, we are inviting you to help build the manger! Each week, you will receive a strip of cloth and asked to pray and consider the Scripture readings of the week, Pastor Richelle's message, and the reflection questions on the prayer page. During our time of response in worship, we will lay our strips of cloth in the manger, our prayers making the swaddling cloths to welcome the newborn Christ. Let's look forward to sharing our prayers, our hopes and our joy!

After-School Faith Club!

We are offering a weekly after-school program for children in K-5 on Mondays from 3:30- 5:00pm. Questions? Contact the Church Office at fumc@fairportumc.org. Please share this exciting opportunity with your friends and neighbors!

Christmas Poinsettias

It's poinsettia ordering time! Poinsettias will be placed on the altar as we celebrate Advent and Christmas. Please fill out the order form in this bulletin, or use the link in our weekly email. Additional copies are available in the Narthex. Thank you for helping us decorate the church!

Volunteer Opportunity: Tech Booth

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help run the sound and PowerPoint slides from the booth during both of our worship services. No experience necessary,

training will be included. If you are interested, please contact the church office or let Pastor Richelle know after church!

It's Not Too Late to Join!

Pastor Richelle is leading a 4 week Advent Study on "Light of the World" by Amy-Jill Levine on Thursday nights from 7:00pm - 8:00pm on December 5, 12, & 19 (our first session was this past week but it is not too late to join in.) Please email Richelle to RSVP for the class.

Advent Giving!

Come checkout the Advent Giving Center in the Parlor! This year we need donations for Christmas Food Bags to be delivered to 8 local families. For our Star Tree we are asking for Gift Cards and Stamps for the Advent House. The Rose Fell UMW Mitten Tree will be collecting mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for the Hope Family Center.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet December 2 at 7:00 in the Parlor for their cookie exchange. Bring 4 dozen cookies and your favorite teacup or mug.

All Adult Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner will be held on December 14th. All adults are welcome. Our entertainment will be Ed Caskey and Ted Anderson. Our entree will be Pork Tenderloin with a vegetarian option. Look forward to a yummy dessert! Tickets are \$10 on sale December 1st and 8th in the Narthex. Childcare will be available. Please let the Church Office know!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (10:30)

All children & youth are welcome to come forward!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST



*HYMN

Come, Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13: 11-14

For the Word of God in Scripture; For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us. **Thanks be to God!**

WE RESPOND

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.
Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church.
If you prefer giving through a debit or credit card, please visit our website.*

OFFERTORY

Andante from Sonata VI

Mendelssohn



*DOXOLOGY

UMH 246 v. 1

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE

Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy Pastor Richelle Goff

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

**You paint a picture of a better world-
a world of peace and joy, of equality and grace.**

**But we turn our heads and close our eyes,
afraid that you might want us to help.**

You ask us to be brave, and we are complacent.

You ask us to speak out, but instead we stay quiet.

You ask us to listen, and we assume we are the experts.

You lead with love, and we wait on the sidelines.

Forgive us for always being ten steps behind you.

Forgive us for all the ways we are works in progress.

Fill our hearts with a joyful hope that won't let go.

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Parts (b) – (d) are sung responsively.

“Hosanna in the highest!” is sung in unison each time.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father*, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**You are invited to use a name for God that is most meaningful to you.*

You are invited to come forward at the time of communion to line the cradle with cloth and offer up prayers for those places where hope is most needed – both in our own lives and in the world. Our prayers become tangible bands of cloth intended to cradle the coming Child of Light.

All are welcome at the table!

Communion will be served to those who those who need to remain in the pews as well as those in the nursery.

WE GO FORTH —————

 *HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211
verses 1-2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on Hymn to Joy* Burkhardt

Let us take these few moments for preparation,
for worship is over....the service begins.

Today’s flowers are given by Sandy Baldwin in loving memory of
Dave Baldwin, husband , father, uncle and son extraordinaire.

** indicates we stand, either in body or spirit*
Bold print indicates congregational response
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (large blue hymnal)

Come, Golden Light

*Come, golden Light, we wait in the shadows.
Come, come, Emmanuel.
Light of the world, lend us your glory.
Come, shining star of Israel.
Come, golden Light, we walk in the darkness.
Shine on our path today.
Light of the world, O wondrous sign,
Now rise in our hearts and show us the way.
Come, come, Emmanuel. Come, Savior of the nations.
Come, come, Emmanuel, Light of all creation.
Come, golden Light, we rest in the promise.
When will the morning come?
Light of the world, wake the dawn
And gild every step that leads to home.
Come, come, Emmanuel. Come, Savior of the nations.
Come, come, Emmanuel, Light of all creation.
Come, golden Light, we wait in the shadows.
Come, golden Light, we walk in the darkness.
Come, golden Light, we trust in the promise.
Come, golden Light.*

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayers of thanksgiving and celebration for John and Ginger Field on the birth of their first grandchild, Landon!
- For Tony Joseph, child of Marlene Farrington’s friend, who is at Strong Hospital with stage 4 cancer.
- For Shirley, recovering at Rochester General Hospital.
- For Olivia Vermeulen
- We continue our prayers for Herb and June Konz, Courtney Pedersen, Kirk Swigert, Josh, Lois Spencer, Millie, Eugene Goerss, Susan, Maura, Ruth Howard, and Marjorie Rose.

ADVENT PRAYER REFLECTION

We ask that you take time this week as we wait in joyful hope that you consider the following questions during your prayer time:
*What, or who, needs to be lifted up in hope this day?
Where have we fallen down in celebrating the beauty of each being?
What perspective needs to be shifted in order to embrace hope?
Are we contributing a voice of hope or a voice of negativity?*