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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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## WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome 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. *Masks are currently optional. Disposable masks are available in the coatroom and narthex for those who would like one.*

## CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! There is a cart in the Narthex with Children's Activity Bags. We love to have children stay in worship (wiggles and giggles are welcomed and sacred sounds). We are not currently offering a staffed nursery, but the nursery room is available and open to parents and little ones. The service is also livestreamed in the nursery so you and your child can still participate in worship!

## OPEN TABLE

Communion is celebrated once a month (usually on the first Sunday of the month) and all (including children) are welcome at the table. We have gluten free bread for those who need it. Please ask the servers when receiving. If you don't want to receive communion but would like a blessing, you can indicate that to the pastor.

## WORSHIP ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

\*indicates to stand in body or spirit

**bold print indicates congregational response**

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (large blue hymnal)

FWS – The Faith We Sing (small black hymnal)

W&S – Worship & Song (small green hymnal)



**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.



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION & 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!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN

*I Love to Tell The Story*

UMH 156

SPECIAL READING

Based on Matthew 1:1-17

MESSAGE

**There's room for every story**

Rev. Richelle Goff

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

*Arioso*

Bach

(10:30)

*Redeem, Restore, Renew*  
from *A Weary World Rejoices*  
Chancel Choir

Martin

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

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## BRINGING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a God  
who promised to Abraham,  
who wrestled with Jacob,  
who walked with Ruth,  
who spoke with Moses,  
who grieved with Bathsheba,  
who danced with David,  
who dreamed with Joseph,  
and who hoped like Mary.**

**We believe in a God  
who has been loving, inviting, transforming,  
and challenging us from generation to generation.**

**And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying,  
“Come on in; there’s room for you here.” Amen.**

### \*HYMN

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

UMH 117

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Andante and Hungarian Rondo (excerpt)*  
Anneliese Leinenbach, viola

Weber/Preucil

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

We have 2 flower arrangements this week. One arrangement is from Rick Hessney in loving memory of Judy Hessney on the 1 year anniversary of her death.

The other flower arrangement is from Betsy O'Connor,  
with thanksgiving for God's love and grace.

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## SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

### **Redeem, Restore, Renew**

*Frozen dreams are falling from a broken sky.*

*Winter winds are moaning in the night.*

*People lost in shadows reach to touch the starshine.*

*Come, O come, Emmanuel. We long to know Your healing light.*

*Many fires have burnt on altars made of hope.*

*Swirling prayers for peace have touched the sky.*

*Failing faith and shattered souls yearn and plead to be made whole.*

*When will You hear our cry?*

#### REFRAIN:

*Come, O come, Emmanuel. We lift our wounded songs to You.*

*Come, O come, Emmanuel. Lord, come and melt our hearts of stone.*

*Remind us we are not alone. Lord, come and make in us Your home.*

*Redeem, restore, renew.*

*Many are the tears that we have spilled in woe.*

*Many were the years of silent pain.*

*See our golden harps upon the weeping willows.*

*Come, O come, Emmanuel. Lord, strum our spirits once again.*

*Song the season of this silence will surrender.*

*Soon the rhyme and reason will be clear.*

*Grace and glory will come down to a manger, cross and crown.*

*The promise will appear.*

#### REFRAIN

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For The McNeills are blessed to share that John continues to regain strength after his chemotherapy. After his recent checkup, he won't have to return to the cancer center for 6 months! They give thanks for all your prayers!
- The Georges want to thank everyone, especially the strong prayer circle, that helped in Barb's healing after her recent surgery.
- For the family and friends of Ken Felgenhour (Jerry's brother), who passed away recently.
- For the family and friends of Betty Pullen, who passed away surrounded by her loving family.
- For Carolyn Adams (Ginny Spring's sister) who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- For Ed Lewek, who is back in the hospital.
- For Evelyn Ambrose, as she recovers after being in the hospital.
- For Brian Alexander (Holly Warren's uncle) and his family. Brian is entering the final stages of his life.
- For Bill Braddon (from Joy Leinenbach), who broke his hip recently.
- For Wally Robinson, who needs to find a memory care facility to help with his current needs.
- For Lori Lorraine's friend Gale and her husband, Ray. They have been on our prayer list before. He is home after 51 days in the hospital.
- For Todd Christensen, whose brain cancer has returned and is more aggressive this time. Todd has a 2 year old son and they live in Texas.
- For peace in our world instead of oppression, injustice, and violence.
- We continue our prayers for those who are in need of continued healing:*  
**Dave Eisler, Jan Taylor, Louie, Cindy Jack, Judy Hays, Ed Lewek, Carol Christensen, Susan Newman, Dwina Joy, Maddie, Barb George, Shirley Robinson, John Pattison, Chip Rieck, Sandy Baldwin, Terrie Sleeman, Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Judy Darrer, Jeff Latsha, and Wally Robinson.**
- We pray for all those who are homebound or in nursing homes:*  
**Dave and Carolyn Hebert, Ruth Howard, Janette Barley, Shirley Prudom, Cindy Stanton, Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Advent Giving \*

\* *The Social Justice Committee* will conduct a winter clothing drive to benefit local shelters and Eastern Service Workers Association.

**Please donate only new items and those in good condition.**

#### Items to donate include:

Coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for men or women.

A collection box for these items can be found *in the coat room*. **Thank you!**

\* *Outreach* is collecting the following items to put in Christmas stockings for the residents of Sanctuary House, a homeless shelter for women and children on Dewey Avenue in Rochester.

#### Items to donate include:

Gloves, Socks, Toothbrushes, Nail polish, Combs, Chap stick, Deodorant, Tissue packs, Adult coloring books, Colored pencils, Pens, and Notepads.

The following Travel Size items are also needed:

*Tooth paste, Body wash, Body lotion, Shampoo, Hand cream, and Hand sanitizer.*

**Please bring items by December 11** and place them *in the large box in the Narthex*.

***Please do not wrap.***

### I Spy the Holy Family!

Let's have some fun this Advent season with a game of "I Spy!"

The nativity stable at the front of the sanctuary is empty. Starting today, Mary, Joseph and their donkey will appear somewhere on the first floor of the church as they make their way to the stable.

Look around and find them, then go up to Joy and quietly say, "I spy Mary and Joseph at the \_\_\_\_\_" and receive something special in return.

Each week as we move closer to Christmas, Mary, Joseph and the donkey will get closer to the stable.

***Let's have fun with this!!!***

### Breakfast with Santa and Nativity Scavenger Hunt - December 4th

Join your church family for a pancake, scrambled eggs and sausage breakfast between services and after the 10:30 service in Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship with pancakes, Christmas carols and music, a few crafts and a Nativity Scavenger Hunt! From the smallest to the tallest this will be an enjoyable event for all! (Freewill offering)

### Christmas Cantata!

Our Cantata will be presented on:

~ ***December 10 (7pm) & December 11 (3pm)***

Our Cantata Choir is very excited to share this music with everyone!

**See the bulletin insert for more information!**

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday</i> , November 27	9am 9 & 10:30am 12:30pm	Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Sunday Dinner - K / FH
<i>Monday</i> , November 28	1pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH UMM Study Group
<i>Tuesday</i> , November 29	10:15am 12 & 4pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - Parlor The Bible Year Study Group - 204 Church Council
<i>Wednesday</i> , November 30	7pm 8:15pm	Cantata Choir - 113, S Chancel Choir - 113, S
<i>Thursday</i> , December 1	11:30am 6:30pm	Joy Club - Offsite Bell Choir - S
<i>Friday</i> , December 2	10:30am 7:00pm	Heart Listening Small Group Anneliese's Suzuki Viola Recital - S
<i>Saturday</i> , December 3	12pm	Al Anon - P
<i>Sunday</i> , December 4	8am 9am 9 & 10:30am 10am  12:30pm 6pm	Early Choir - 113, S Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Breakfast with Santa! Nativity Scavenger Hunt! Pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage! Sunday Dinner - K / FH Boy Scout Leadership - P / FH

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

**Ministers** - All God's People

**Pastor** - Rev. Richelle Goff

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### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Livestream Operator:** Rick Hessney

**Reader:** 9am - Betsy O'Connor 10:30am - TBD