



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 coloring pages, crayons and 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 live streamed 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.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The chimes call us to gather.

*It's time to celebrate; we are in the presence of God.
We invite you to prepare your hearts to receive God's love*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers...

Calling all glass-half-full optimists and lighthouse keepers...

Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers...

Bring your questions, your hope, your faith and your fear into this space.

God is here.

PRELUDE

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

Schulz-Widmar

Susan DePasquale, organ

*HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH 254

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of starlight,

we know that faith isn't a vending machine.

Good news can't be bought or manufactured.

It does not arrive with a push of a button.

Instead, in this noisy world, we have to look for you in our midst.

We have to walk toward you, just as the Magi did.

We have to believe that love really can change the world.

We have to seek the stars beyond the city lights.

Forgive us for forgetting that.

Forgive us for seeking you with only part of our hearts.

We long to be more like the Magi; may we walk your way every single day.

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

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!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Star-Child

FWS 2095

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

Methodism 101: Grace

Rev. Richelle Goff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Creator of the Stars of Night

Kreckel

*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!**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE LORD'S PRAYER*

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

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP & SELECTING YOUR STAR WORD
PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION AND STAR WORD

BRINGING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that faith is active,
found on long walks,
and in long talks,
in future days,
and down memory lane.**

**We believe that those who seek will find,
although it may not be what they expected.**

We believe that God finds us first.

**We believe that God drops breadcrumbs along our way in the shape of people,
invitations, and even starlight.**

**We believe that being a seeker—
of God, of justice, of community—
is a holy thing.**

**So we strive to live with an open spirit,
with soft hearts, and with room to grow.**

May it be so.

This we believe. Amen.

*HYMN

The First Noel

UMH 245

BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved. From generation to generation, God has been by our side.

From generation to generation, we are not alone. The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying,

“Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon.”

May it be so. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Pachelbel

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

Flowers on the altar are from Fran Mealey in celebration of granddaughter Molly's 23rd birthday!

We welcome organist Susan DePasquale and thank her for substituting while Nicole is away.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- ☐ For the people of Buffalo and Western NY that are suffering from the effects of the recent winter storms.
- ☐ For Karen Thering, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- ☐ For Ron Tucker, who is dealing with an infection.
- ☐ For my cousin Tom and his family. Tom was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer (Nancy Beaman).
- ☐ For Ken and Charlie, family friends who are both dealing with serious health issues (Nancy Beaman).
- ☐ For peace in our world instead of oppression, injustice, and violence
- ☐ *We continue our prayers for those who are in need of continued healing:*
Cindy Jack, Todd Christensen, Dave Eisler, Jan Taylor, Ed Lewek, Carol Christesen, 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, 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Naomi Circle: January 12th

Naomi Circle will meet in the church parlor on Thursday, January 12th at 9:30am for devotions by Carol Christensen, and a program "A Road Scholar trip to the **2023** Rose Bowl Parade" by Paul and Ellie Robinson. Light refreshments will be provided by Marcia Joy. *All women are invited to come and bring along a friend.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sunday Dinner Ministry - Is still looking for more delivery people!

Sunday Dinner could use a few more volunteers to help deliver meals to our grateful recipients. FUMC cooks and delivers meals on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Delivery volunteers pick the meals up from the kitchen at Noon and can expect the delivery to take about 30-45 minutes depending on route. Most of the deliveries are in the Fairport/Perinton area. The commitment can be monthly or less than that, as your schedule permits.

Please reach out to Louise Kurz (louise.kurz@gmail.com) for more information.

Beyond These Walls Shelter Visits - Starting Up Again!

Help Needed at Centers for People who are Experiencing Homelessness

FUMC has served two homeless centers in Rochester since 2004.

- One of the centers/shelters is the Sanctuary House serving women and children.
- The other is Francis Center serving men.

Small teams from our church have taken a meal the 4th Sunday of every month prepared by the Sunday dinner Ministry. We serve the meals, share time with the residents, offer prayer request forms and hold a Holiday Party with gifts for each person in December.

Many folks at FUMC have given their time to help at the Francis Center and Sanctuary House over the years. We would welcome members of our congregation to sign up to help once or twice a year at either center.

Please see a sign-up sheet in the hallway near the office, or you can contact Judy Bermudez or Susan Striegel for more information.

Judy (for Sanctuary House) 585-746-8056 or Judybermudez@hotmail.com

Susan (for Francis Center) 585-425-9898 or sgolembe@gmail.com

Stewardship: 2023 Pledge Envelopes

The availability of the 2023 Pledge Envelopes **will be delayed until mid January.** Our provider ran into a supply-chain issue and is running behind with their manufacturing / printing schedule

FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

Y W A Y L X P H C H H M Q D H
K N N T Y I G R Q V O E G M B
W I U A W C N N I R U W R Y R
O V N R T E A C H E R S R O G
R W Q G X T R V E K S A O M D
S O M C H R I S T N M T E K E
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T P B K F B G A V E R H W C E
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PRIESTS

GOD

STAR

WORSHIPED

MYRRH

CHILD

MAGI

EAST

BETHLEHEM

HOUSE

TEACHERS

SEARCH

KING

INCENSE

WORSHIP

BORN

CHRIST

MARY

MOTHER

HEROD

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday</i> , January 1	9:30am	Worship
<i>Monday</i> , January 2 Church Office Closed	1pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH UMM Study Group
<i>Tuesday</i> , January 3	10:15am 12&4pm 6:30pm 7pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - Parlor The Bible Year Study Group - 204 Worship SPRC YMST
<i>Wednesday</i> , January 4	1:30pm 7pm	Star Group Chancel Choir - 113, S
<i>Thursday</i> , January 5	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
<i>Friday</i> , January 6	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday</i> , January 7	12pm	Al Anon- P
<i>Sunday</i> , January 8	9am 9 & 10:30am 7pm	Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Boy Scout Leadership Mtg

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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Custodian - Jamie Gualtieri

HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Barry Bermudez

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