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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

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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 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

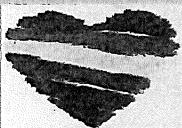
\*indicates to stand in body or spirit

**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 AS GOD'S PEOPLE →

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

Listen! **There is hope to be found here.**

Listen! **God calls you by name here.**

Listen! **There is love that abides here.**

This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen. **God is speaking.**

Let us worship. **Amen.**

PRELUDE

*Shades of Blue*  
Will Pardee, piano

Bober

\*HYMN

*Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

FWS 2105

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, Too often we treat your Word like a radio station - something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient.**

**Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications.**

**In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us - easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice.**

**Forgive us for failing to listen.**

**Forgive us for getting caught in distractions.**

**Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like.**

**Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you.**

**With earnest hearts we pray, Amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, even when we tune God out, even when we prioritize other voices, even when we do all the talking and fail to listen, we are still held by God. Our sins are forgiven. Nothing could ever separate us from God's love. So with joy in our hearts, please repeat after me:

I am loved!

**I am loved!**

I am held in grace!

**I am held in grace!**

I belong to God.

**I belong to God. Amen.**

## — LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD —

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

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

*Be Still, My Soul*

UMH 534

#### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

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!**

#### MESSAGE

*Seeking: Who Will You Listen To?*

Rev. Richelle Goff

## — RESPONDING IN LOVE —

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You*

Althouse

(9:00) Early Choir (10:30) Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER\***

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

**— MOVING IN GOD'S WAY —****\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In a world full of noise,  
**we believe that God is speaking.**

In a world full of chaos,  
**we believe that God is singing.**

In a world full of temptation,  
**we believe that God is healing.**

Church, who will you listen to?  
**We will listen to God - our Creator, Friend, and Guide.**

Church, what will you listen for?  
**We will listen for water in the desert,  
 for the wind of the Spirit,  
 for the laughter of children,  
 for the sound of open doors,  
 and for God's voice, who calls us beloved. Amen.**

**\*HYMN***Here I Am, Lord*

UMH 593

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Postlude in D Major*

Hesse

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

The flowers today are from Nancy Beaman - In loving memory of her cousin Tom Keable,  
 who made a difference in this world every day of his life.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.
- For peace in our world, instead of war, oppression, injustice, and violence.
- *We continue our prayers for those who are in need of continued healing:*  
**Annie Taggart, Jack Starr, Todd Christensen, Jan Taylor, Ed Lewek, Carol Christensen, Dwina Joy, 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:*  
**Cindy Jack, Dave and Carolyn Hebert, Ruth Howard, Janette Barley, Cindy Stanton, Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh.**

## SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

### **Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You**

*Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.*

*If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?*

*Lord, I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love.*

*No other blessings do I need, but those from you above.*

*Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand.*

*And, Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.*

*Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.*

*If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?*

*I stretch my hands to you. Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **What is a Wonder Wall?**

A Wonder Wall is a tool used to open minds and ask big questions. To use the Wonder Wall (that has been created in the Narthex) grab a post-it note from the table near the Wonder Wall and write down any question you might have. It can be something light, or something hard to answer.

**There are no bad questions.**

It's important to remember when using the Wonder Wall that not all questions may have answers. Maybe there are no answers. Or maybe we aren't ready yet. And that's okay.

***The purpose of the Wonder Wall isn't to get answers; it's to get you wondering!***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### Lent This Year

Wednesday, February 22nd (Ash Wednesday) began the season of Lent. It is our prayer that everyone here at FUMC has a meaningful Lenten season and this is what we have to offer for your spiritual development. Our theme this year (from *A Sanctified Art*) is SEEKING and is founded on questions. Many of our weekly questions feel restorative (Can these bones live?). Some feel like a charge or challenge (Who will you listen to?). Some questions are hopeful and curious (How do we begin again?). Our questions won't necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Ultimately, we pray they lead to a new beginning, a restoration, a wider grace.

**Worship:** Each Sunday at both 9 & 10:30 we will be exploring honest questions for deeper faith.

**Devotionals:** There is a beautiful devotional for you to use throughout the season. You can view this online for free (E-News link).

**Prayer Cards:** In addition to the devotional there are daily prayer cards that you can receive via email each morning - just inform Richelle or the Church Office and we'll sign you up.

*There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and also via our E-News link.*

### Bike Trip Meeting: March 5th

**\*\*\*Mark your calendars\*\*\***

**All Youth (current 5th through 12th graders and their families are invited and encouraged to attend the first meeting for Bike Trip 2023 on March 5th after the 2nd service.**

Fellowship Hall is the place to be to learn all of the details about this loved youth group tradition. This meeting is for you if....

- You know with 100% certainty that you / your youth are excited, are planning to go, and want to learn all about the mission and fun of Bike Trip!
- You think you / your youth might like to go but you have questions and you want to learn more.
- You / your child are hesitant but recognize that this is a great opportunity for FUMC youth to build connections and make great memories and want to learn more

Important information new to Bike Trip 2023 will be shared, packets with registration information will be passed out, a video showing the FUN that is had at Bike Trip and YOUR questions will be answered at this meeting.

**Get the information you need to make an informed decision.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### **Pie-Pi Day: March 12th**

**\*\*\*Mark your calendars\*\*\***

When you think of pie, do you think “delicious” or “mathematics?”

You are cordially invited to “Pie-Pi Day” at FUMC following the second service in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 12. You may choose among an assortment of pies as we celebrate!

**Please sign-up on the board in the narthex by March 5 so there will be plenty of pie.**

*“It’s always good to have dessert first”*

### **UMCOR: Turkey and Syria Earthquake**

Join us in prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria who have just experienced two devastating earthquakes.

The initial quake, which hit in the early morning hours, leveled buildings, killing more than 47,000 people and wounding more than 100,000 - with numbers expected to climb. News reports are already assessing the impact as the worst to hit the area in a century.

UMCOR is processing a grant to their partner in Turkey, International Blue Crescent (IBC), which has issued an appeal for emergency supplies such as tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, food, and first aid.

You can donate to UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery Advance here: <http://ow.ly/APs450MKGNa>

### **A Note of Appreciation: Regarding the Shrove Pancake Dinner**

To the United Methodist Men and anyone else who helped with the Shrove Pancake Dinner, and to anyone who also helped clean up after the dinner . . . Thank you!

Special thanks to the cooks and to Ruth Dupont – who had to dash to the grocery store for more supplies – since we had more people show up than was anticipated!!

### **Stewardship: 2023 Pledge Envelopes - delayed until mid March**

Our provider ran into a supply-chain issue and is running behind with their manufacturing / printing schedule so our Pledge Envelopes continue to be delayed.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday</i> , February 26	8am 9am 9 & 10:30am 12:30pm 4pm 5pm	Early Choir Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Sunday Dinner - K / F Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Beyond These Walls - Sanctuary House
<i>Monday</i> , February 27	1pm 7pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH
<i>Tuesday</i> , February 28	10:15am 12&4pm 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - Parlor The Bible Year Study Group - 204 Joyful Noise - 206 Church Council - P
<i>Wednesday</i> , March 1	1:30pm 7pm	Star Group Chancel Choir - 113, S
<i>Thursday</i> , March 2	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
<i>Friday</i> , March 3	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday</i> , March 4	12pm	Al Anon - P
<i>Sunday</i> , March 5	8am 9am 9 & 10:30am 11:45am 6pm	Early Choir Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Bike Trip Meeting Boy Scout Leadership - P / FH

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Livestream Operator:** Barry Bermudez

**Reader:** Paul Robinson

**Feed the Spirit:** Nancy Beaman