

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 2023

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 use all gluten/dairy free bread. If you don't want to receive communion but would like a blessing, you can indicate that to the pastor.

WORSHIP ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

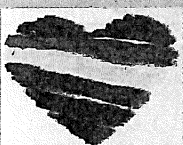
*indicates to stand in body or spirit

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.

*God of all time and space,
We praise you for welcoming us, receiving us as we are.
You hear our prayers and claim us as your own.
In this hour of worship, send your Spirit upon us
to revive our faith and guide our footsteps in the way of Jesus Christ.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Steve Taylor & Nate Romagnola

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

Krug

Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Now is the time to worship!

We come to worship God who keeps inviting us for the long haul.

We gather in God’s holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

Here God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

We give thanks to God for God’s persistent love that seeks us out.

Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives,

and so we will praise our God!

*HYMN

Come! Come! Everybody Worship

FWS 2271

— LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32: 1-14

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!**

ANTHEM (10:30) *Bless You!* Williams
Joyful Noise Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised* UMH 396

MESSAGE For the Long Haul: Stiff-Necked People Rev. Richelle Goff
(Matthew 22:1-14)

— RESPONDING IN LOVE —

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Our gifts can help create justice and work for truth to prevail. So trust your gifts to God and know they are pleasing to God.

OFFERTORY *Will You Come and Follow Me* Nelson
Bell Choir

*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

ANTHEM (10:30) *Surely the Presence* Schrader
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

— GOING INTO GOD’S WORLD —

*HYMN

Together We Serve

FWS 2175

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

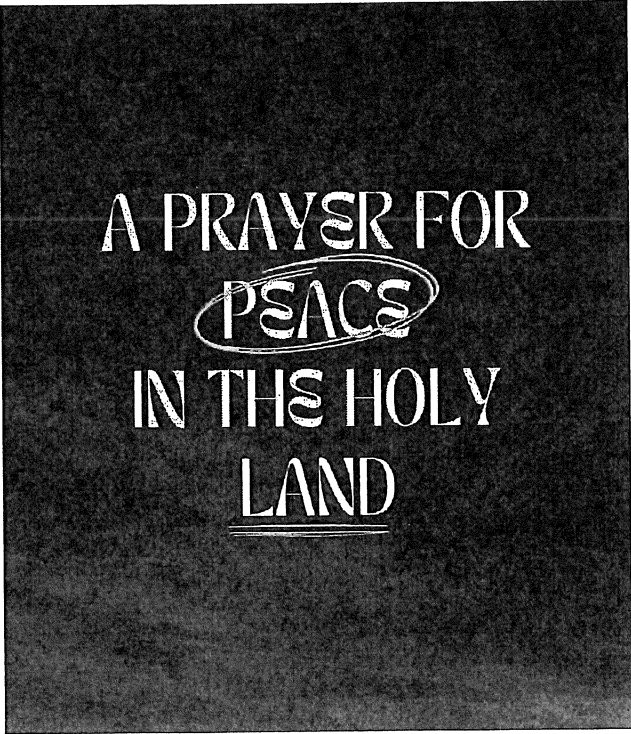
Prelude in F Major

Bach

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Blessings to Timothy and Natalie (Putnam) Bovee on their wedding on October 14th!
- For Laura who urgently needs suitable affordable housing (Wendy Gray).
- For people everywhere dealing with extreme weather and hazardous conditions. Specifically we pray for the Afghanistan area affected by earthquakes that have killed / injured thousands of people.
- For peace in our world, instead of war, oppression, injustice, and violence. Specifically we pray for all the people affected by the Israel-Hamas war.



A PRAYER FOR
PEACE
IN THE HOLY
LAND

God of Mercy, we cannot possibly comprehend the massive suffering and slaughter of thousands of people and families experiencing the deaths, disappearances, kidnappings, and brutal executions of loved ones in Israel, Palestine, and Gaza.

We plead for your divine intervention to end this massacre and a cessation of lethal attacks upon thousands of communities.

Send a mighty message to the leaders capable of de-escalating these attacks in the Holy Land that the spirit of justice, respect for life, and reconciliation has a chance to prevail.

Most Holy One, receive our prayers.

(Sierra Pacific Synod - ELCA)

We continue our prayers for those who are in need of continued healing:

**Becky Gualtieri, Joy Leinenbach, Tom Kielbasinski, Susan Grau,
Baby Elijah (Eli) and family, Ed Lewek, Barb George, Shirley Robinson,
John Pattison, Chip Rieck, Sandy Baldwin, Frank Mueller,
Courtney Pedersen, Judy Darrer, Jeff Latsha, Pat Hemmenway,
Joshua Pedersen, John Hall, Jen Simpson, Martha McNeill**

We pray for all those who are homebound or in nursing homes:

**Shirley Ward, Margaret Goerss, Cindy Jack, Carol Snow, Ruth Howard,
Cindy Stanton, Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh,
Wally Robinson (CT), Dave and Carolyn Hebert (KY)**

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Flowers this week are from Fran and Dan Mealey
in celebration of their daughter, Kim's birthday.

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Call to Worship by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2023.

Other Liturgy by <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

Surely the Presence

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, king of my heart;

Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me, never to part.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

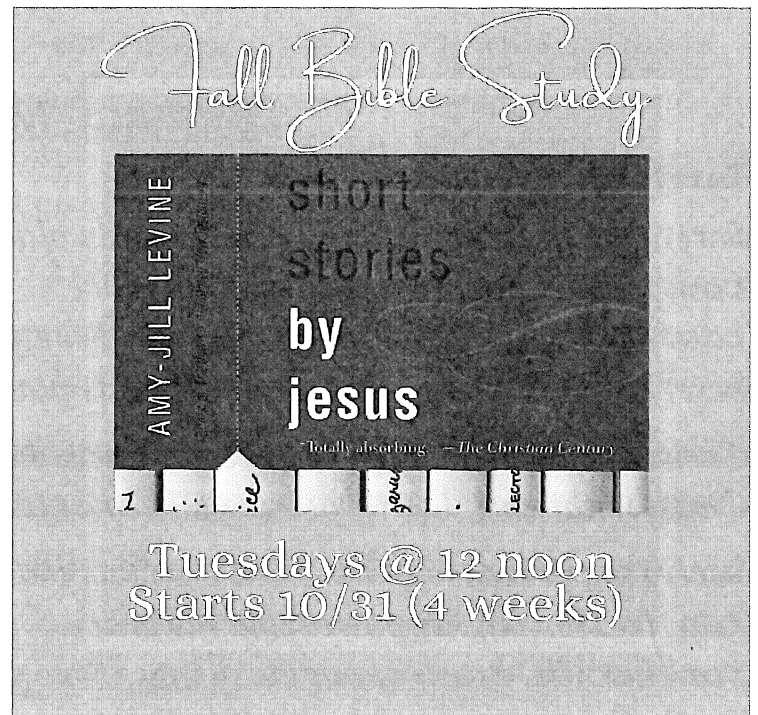
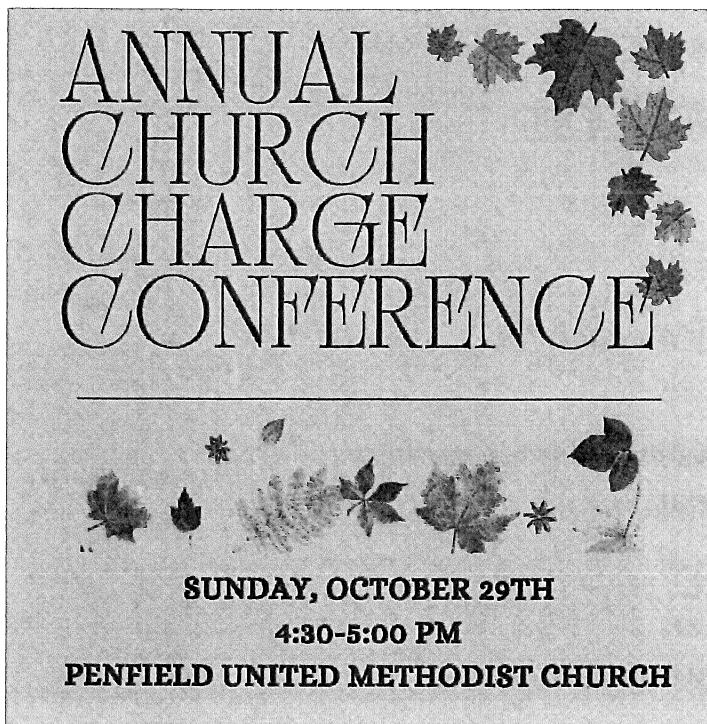
ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .



Exciting news everyone! We are thrilled to announce that Fairport UMC is a Safe Haven Congregation! Our Church Council met and approved the following:

Our congregation, Fairport United Methodist Church, has decided to become a Safe Haven Congregation of The United Methodists of Upper New York. In doing so, we not only commit to remaining a part of The United Methodist Church but also to serving those who have lost their church homes through disaffiliation or closure.

We will partner in this work by providing a welcoming place, offering ministry opportunities, helping organize remnant groups in our community, and assisting individuals and groups in discerning their next steps as they find a new church home.



Bell Choir... But Where are the Bells?

Our Bell Choir is playing with only hand-chimes this morning. *Where are our bells?*

They are at the Schulmerich factory near Philadelphia being refurbished! We hope to have them back when we play in November!

It has been 13 years since they were refurbished, and we are grateful for many cantata freewill offerings and gifts to the music ministry that allowed this necessary project to happen!

Beyond These Walls-Shelter Ministry

On Sunday, October 22, a team of volunteers will be going to Sanctuary House to serve a meal.

To supplement our main entree prepared by the cooking team, please consider donating cucumbers, butter, cherry tomatoes, salad dressing, chocolate syrup and apple juice.

A sign-up sheet for these items is on the bulletin board across from the church office. Donations labeled BTW need to be in the church kitchen by the evening of Thursday, October 19. *Thank you!*

Gleaning Ministry

We are going to Bejo Farm this coming Saturday. If interested, please let the church office know and we will get you connected.

Perinton Food Shelf

Soup (18-19 oz), canned ravioli and beefaroni, pudding boxes, canned mixed vegetables, tomato sauce (not pasta sauce), diced tomatoes, gravy (jars or canned), grape jelly, frosting. *Thank you for your support.*

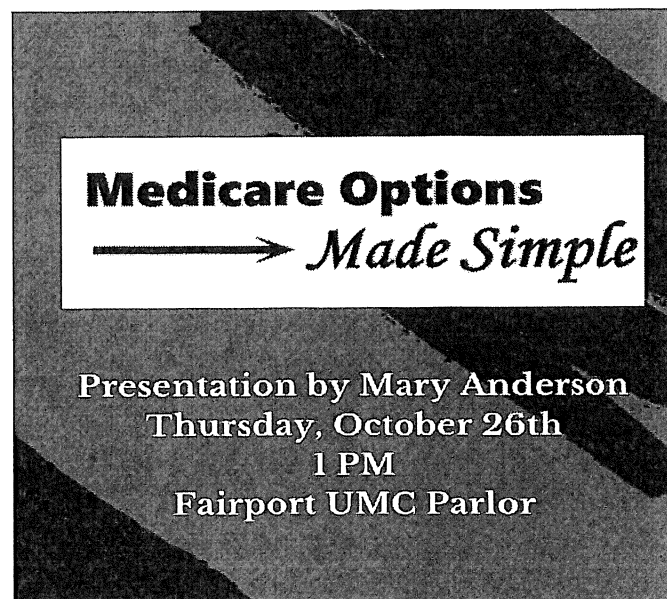
Book Club

The Book Club chose "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict for October.

The next meeting is on Monday, October 23 at **4 pm instead of 7 pm**. You do not have to read the book to attend.

We will meet at Panera Bread, 16 Courtney Dr. in Fairport (but you can see it from Pittsford-Palmyra Rd).

If you have questions please contact Jennie Guy 585-377-5876.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday, October 15</i>	8am 9am 9am & 10:30am 10am	Bell Choir - S Sunday School & Adult Forum Worship Joyful Noise - 206
<i>Monday, October 16</i>	1pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH, UWIF Leadership - P UMM Bible Study - 204
<i>Tuesday, October 17</i>	6:30pm 7pm	Joyful Noise - 206, Outreach Trustees
<i>Wednesday, October 18</i>	6:30pm 7pm 7:45pm	Cantata - Basses and Tenors - 113 Cantata Choir - 113 Chancel Choir - 113
<i>Thursday, October 19</i>	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
<i>Friday, October 20</i>	9am 10:30am	Cooking Ministry - K Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday, October 21</i>	8am 10am 12pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth - Gleaning Cantata Choir - 113 / P Al Anon - FH
<i>Sunday, October 22</i>	9am 9am & 10:30am 12:30pm 4pm 5pm	Sunday School & Adult Forum Worship Sunday Dinner - K / FH Confirmation Class - 214 Beyond These Walls Shelter Visit

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Rick Hessney

Readers: 9am - Nathan Romagnola 10:30am - Tobin Woodruff

Feed the Spirit: Carol Shuherk