

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 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! Sunday School (children/youth) is at 9am.

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Improvisation on "Greensleeves"
Susan DePasquale, organ

Fedak

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Every year we celebrate Christmas.

Every month we break bread.

Every week we gather for worship.

Every day we count our blessings.

Every minute God is near.

Yes, every minute God is near.

These are the rituals of our faith.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN

Joy to the World

UMH 246

— LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 21-38

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

Once in Royal David's City

UMH 250

MESSAGE

How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

Rev. Richelle Goff

We are rooted in ritual.

— RESPONDING IN LOVE —

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Prelude on "Cold December Flies Away"

Schack

Susan DePasquale, organ

***DOXOLOGY (UMH 94) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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!

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.*

— GOING INTO GOD'S WORLD —

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that faith is a journey marked by rituals and rhythms.

We come to worship.

We confess our sins.

We pass the peace.

We offer grace.

We hear the Word.

We baptize children.

We break the bread.

And we tell the story of a loving God.

And through these sacred rituals, we are reminded: we are not alone.

God is near, and we have work to do.

May this belief shape the rhythm of our lives. Amen.

*HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "In dulci jubilo"

Zachau

Susan DePasquale, organ

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the family and friends of John Eilertsen Sr, who passed away December 28th.
- For Carol Christensen and her family and friends, on the death of her brother, Ronald Jung, who passed away on December 26th.
- For Shawn (Tom & Linda Homer's nephew) who is battling cancer & recovering from surgery.
- For people everywhere dealing with extreme weather and hazardous conditions.
- For peace in our world, instead of war, oppression, injustice, and violence.
- For the Middle East, Ukraine and other countries in the midst of the horror of war.

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

Becky Gualtieri, Tom Kielbasinski, Susan Grau, Ed Lewek, Barb George,
Shirley Robinson, John Patison, Chip Rieck, Sandy Baldwin, Carol & Frank Mueller,
Courtney & Joshua Pedersen, Judy Darrer, Jeff Latsha, Pat Hemmenway,
John Hall, Jen Simpson, Martha McNeill, Genevieve, Joanne Mason,
Kathy Walters, Marlene Beisler, Jean McFarland, Lindsey

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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Poinsettias

If you purchased a poinsettia plant **please be sure to take it home with you**
after worship today! - *Thank you!*

General Conference Update

Learn About Important Upcoming Votes
at UMC General Conference

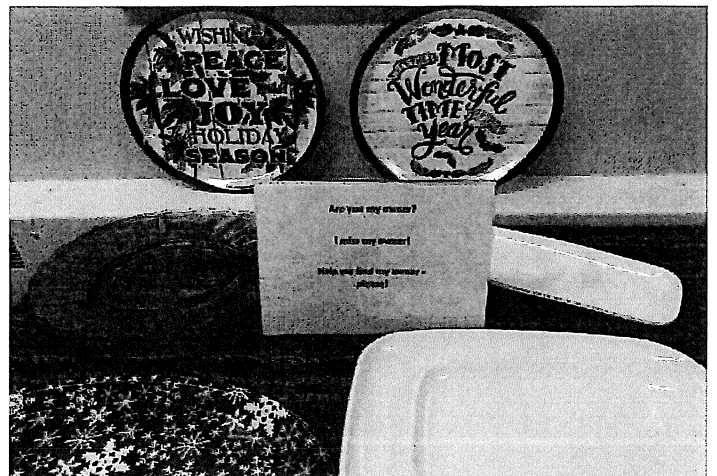
On January 7 and 14, Tom Deever will
be in room 204 following each service to
share information and answer questions
about the May 2024 United Methodist
General Conference.

Several important proposals regarding the
future of our denomination are likely to be
presented at the conference.

Are you missing a Cookie Tray?

Please check the table near the windows
in the Parlor if you brought cookies for
the Cantata Reception.

The Trays are missing their owners. :(



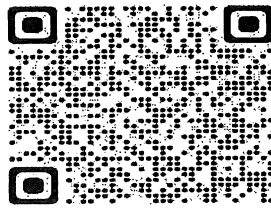
End of the Year Giving

Are you considering last minute donations for this year?

If you forgot your Christmas donation,
are behind in your pledge, or simply wish to make
an additional donation to FUMC,
there is still time.

Donations made on-line today - December 31, 2023
will be credited to your 2023 Giving Statement.

To make a donation on-line you can use the following QR code,



or you can use the link in E-News, or click on the “Give” link
from our church website: www.fairportumc.org.

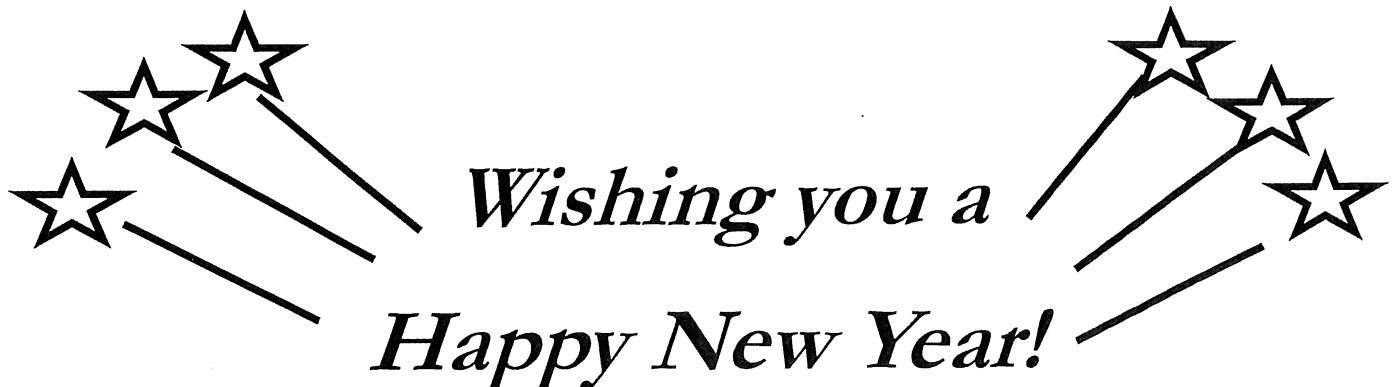
Forget to make your pledge for 2024?

It's never too late, use the link in E-News,
or use the 2024 Pledge Form link in the “Give” section of our church website.

Of course, as always, every donation to FUMC is greatly appreciated

Thanks for your consideration and support!

*Wishing you a
Happy New Year!*

A decorative graphic featuring several five-pointed stars of varying sizes. Lines radiate from the stars, creating a sense of movement and celebration, framing the New Year's message.

New Year Blessings!

Thank you to all of our musicians who shared their time and talents this season!

Cantata Choir, Joyful Noise Choir, Chancel Choir, Early Choir, Bell Choir,
instrumental soloists, and all those who helped behind the scenes
to fill our Advent and Christmas with music!

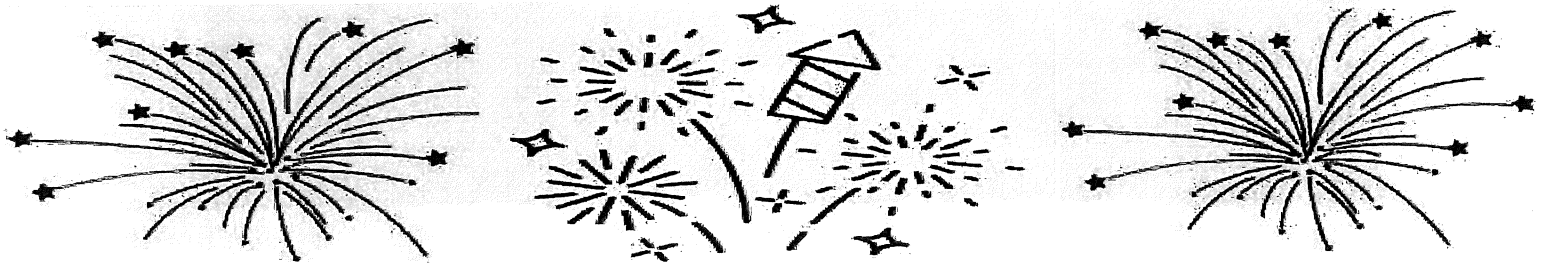
Blessings for the New Year

Nicole Camilleri



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday, December 31</i>	9:30am	Worship
<i>Monday, January 1</i> (Office is closed) :)	<i>Happy New Year 2024!</i>	
<i>Tuesday, January 2</i>	10:15am 7pm	Staff Meeting - P SPRC, YMST
<i>Wednesday, January 3</i>	7pm	Chancel Choir
<i>Thursday, January 4</i>		
<i>Friday, January 5</i>	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday, January 6</i>	12pm	Al Anon - FH
<i>Sunday, January 7</i>	9am 9am & 10:30am 12pm 4pm 6pm	First Sunday Fellowship Worship Church Un-decorating Jr. & Sr. Youth Group Boy Scout Leader's Meeting - P



MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operators: Tom Deever

Readers: 9:30am - Lori Lorraine

Feed the Spirit: Carol Richardson