



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

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/adult) 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

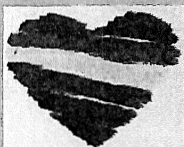
*indicates to stand in body or spirit

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.

RECONCILING MINISTRIES SUNDAY

This Sunday, Reconciling Ministries Sunday, we celebrate that the teachings of Jesus call us to move beyond judgmental attitudes and actions which are created out of hatred and fear, to those of love and justice.

We renew our commitment to one another and to this community of faith; inviting all persons to journey with us as we discover the call of God on our lives!

— GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE —

It’s time to celebrate; we are in the presence of God.

We invite you to prepare your hearts to receive God’s love.

The chimes call us to gather.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Joyeuse

Buckwalter

Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen! Listen for the voice of God, naming us all:

Holy. Beloved. Cherished. Valued.

We believe you delight in us!

Make us people who recognize and proclaim your beauty and goodness in unexpected places.

Surprise us. Challenge us. Transform us.

We trust in you, Holy One, to reveal to us the sacredness of every life, of every way of being, of every physical manifestation of your Spirit.

May it be so!

*HYMN

They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love

FWS 2223

RECONCILING CONGREGATION STATEMENT

Rebecca Camilleri

— LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:26-28

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

Welcome

W&S 3152

THE MESSAGE THROUGH PERSONAL WITNESS

Laura Woodruff
Audrey Putnam

ANTHEM (10:30)

Welcome to God's Love

Miller

Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE THROUGH PERSONAL WITNESS

Carol Shuherk
Andy Schaefer

— RESPONDING IN LOVE —

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Prelude on "Ar Hyd y Nos"

arr. Behnke

(All Though the Night)

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

PRAYERS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

see insert

Sung Response: UMH 577, vs. 1

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.

— MOVING IN GOD’S WAY —

We Remember Our Baptism

We give thanks, Holy One, for the gift of water and Spirit that claims us, heals us, and awakens your grace within us. As we remember our baptism, remind us of who we are: Holy. Beloved. Cherished. Valued. Children of God. Amen.

Sung Response: *Water, River, Spirit, Grace* FWS 2253

You are invited to come forward and remember your baptism. You are welcome to write your prayers for the Church and General Conference on the prayer card and place it on the communion rail. They will remain there throughout GC and you are welcome to pray over them whenever the church is open.

*HYMN *There’s a Spirit of Love in this Place* W&S 3148

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praeludium in C Major* Krieger

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

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Altar flowers are given by Fran and Dan Mealey in honor of
Organ Donors for the precious gifts they give.

Additional flowers are given in celebration of Reconciling Ministries Sunday!

SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

Welcome to God’s Love

*Families of all shapes and kinds, love the only tie that binds
This gathering of open minds, welcome to God’s love.
Every person has a place in this holy, sacred space,
Earth’s entire human race, welcome, come and feel God’s love.*

*No proof required of your worth, a gift to you before your birth,
From God, who made the heavens and earth, welcome to God’s love.
We’ll love each other and take care of every need encountered there,
Within God’s heart there is room to spare, welcome to God’s love
Come, and live God’s love!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Ron Tucker who is starting radiation therapy for prostate cancer.
- For baby Oliver, hospitalized for a rash and lethargy (Holly Warren).
- For Mary, a friend of Nancy Beaman.
- 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, Susan Grau, Ed Lewek, Barb George, Shirley Robinson, Chip Rieck, Sandy Baldwin, Carol & Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Judy Darrer, Jeff Latsha, John Hall, Jen Simpson, Marlene Beisler, Annie Taggart, Al, Lindsey, Myla, Jane Leonard

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)

Blessings to Rev. Penni Farrington and Al Schucker on their wedding on Saturday!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fairport United
Methodist Church**

**LGBTQ+ Inclusivity
Presentation**



LGBTQ+ Presentation

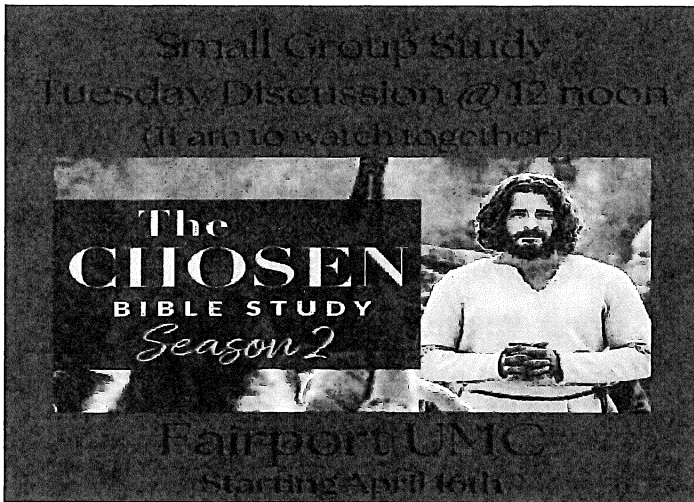
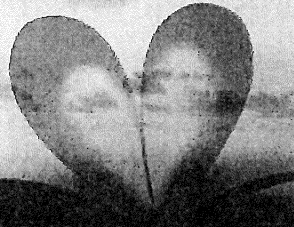
After each worship service this Sunday, the youth from our church will be giving a special presentation they have been working on this year to help educate the church on the important work on inclusivity in the church!

We hope to see you at either 10am or 11:30am.

The Word Beyond Sunday

Sermon transcripts are now online for reading, reflection, and discussion.

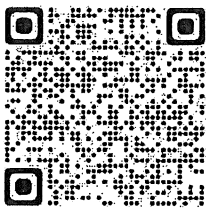
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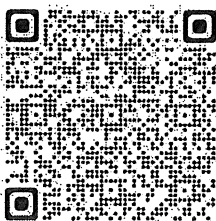
The Chosen - Season 2!

All are welcome to join us for Season 2 of The Chosen! Watch from home or join us at church. Use links from E-News or...

To watch the Trailer - use this QR Code



To watch Episode 2 - use this QR



Adult Forum

ECLIPSING EMPIRE

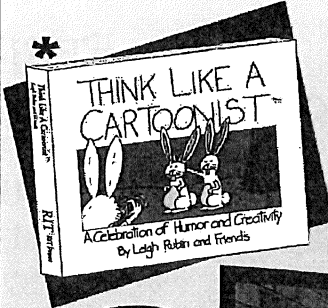
EMPIRE

SUNDAYS @ 9am Room 204


Adult Forum

Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God

Join New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire.



Leigh Rubin



Come spend an evening on a hilarious comic adventure inside the ridiculously twisted mind of RIT's Cartoonist-in-Residence, Leigh Rubin, "sit-down" comedian and creator of the nationally-syndicated cartoon, **RUBES**.

When: Thursday, April 25th at 7pm. **Doors open at 6:30.**


Where: Fairport United Methodist Church
31 West Church Street, Fairport

Admission: One non-perishable food item for Perinton Food Shelf

Door Prizes

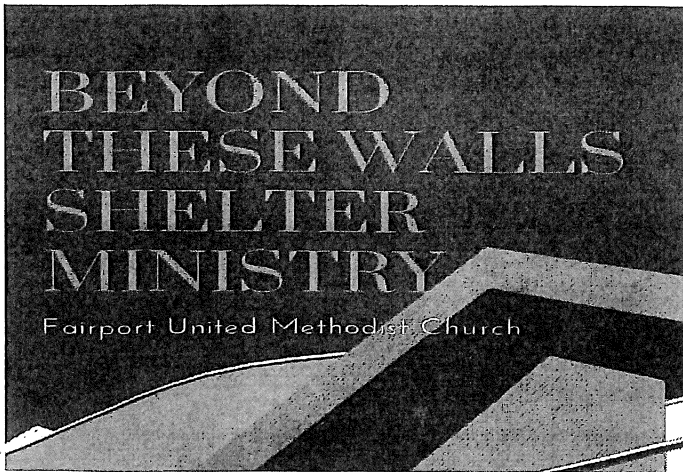
Refreshments

*A portion of Event book sale purchases will be donated to the Perinton Food Shelf.



Scan here to order!

To receive a 20% discount, use the coupon code Rubin20 at checkout. (Offer good until 4/30/24)



Volunteers needed for Beyond These Walls Shelter Ministry visits

New sign-up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Shelter visits are on the following dates:

April 28, May 26, and June 23 - please contact Judy Bermudez

(judybermudez@hotmail.com) or Sue Striegel (sgolembe@gmail.com) for additional information.

Beyond These Walls Food Donation Sign-up

On Sunday, April 28, 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, cherry tomatoes, butter, 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 will need to be in the church kitchen by the evening of Thursday, April 25. Thank you!



Fairport UMC Ministry Fair

Save the date! On Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, there will be a Ministry Fair which will highlight the different ministries here at church.

You will be able to learn what they do and how you can fit in by serving God here at Fairport UMC! Stay tuned for more details.

Fairport UMC - Lawn Mowing

If you can donate a couple of hours (in a week of your choosing) then please use the link in E-News (or the QR code below) to sign up to cut the lawn around the Church and Filkins House.

Thank you! (Lawn mower & gas are provided)



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 21	8am 9am 9am & 10:30am After both services 4pm	Bell Choir - S Sun. School & Adult Forum Worship LGBTQ Presentation - 204 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
Monday, April 22	1pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH Men's Bible Study - Zoom
Tuesday, April 23	10am 11am & Noon 6:00pm 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - P The Chosen Video- 204 / Zoom Community Seder w/ Etz Chaim @ Mountain Rise Joyful Noise - 206 Church Council
Wednesday, April 24	11:30am	Joy Club - Offsite
Thursday, April 25	6:30pm 7pm	Bell Choir - S Evening w/ Comic Leigh Ruben "Rubes" - FH
Friday, April 26	9am 10:30am	Cooking Ministry - K Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
Saturday, April 27	Noon 3:30pm	Al Anon - FH Price-Yablin Wedding - S, FH
Sunday, April 28	8am 9am 9am & 10:30am 10am 12:30pm 4pm 4:30pm 5pm	Early Choir Sun. School & Adult Forum Worship Bike Trip Meeting - 207 Sunday Dinner - K / FH Sr. High Youth Group Confirmation Beyond These Walls Shelter Visit

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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Custodian - Jamie Gualtieri

HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Rick Hessney

Readers: 9am - Nancy Romagnola 10:30am - Phoebe Grow

Prayer for General Conference of the UMC 2024

Written by Rev. Debbie Sperry

(Sung) God of grace and God glory, on thy people, pour thy power.

Holy and Abundant God, we turn to you to pray for the work of the church. We pray for the global church—people from every nation and tongue who seek to follow you and walk in your ways. We pray for vision, conviction, and truth. We pray for deep compassion that provokes us to action to care for the least and the last.

In these weeks of Holy Conferencing where the people of the United Methodist Church gather—clergy and laity—from conferences around the world to worship, pray, discern, discuss and legislate, we know there are many hours, years, decades, even centuries of labor, ministry, service, advocacy, and Christian fellowship that have shaped us and formed us and inform the decisions being made now in 2024.

(Sung) Crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower

We know the work of General Conference can be life-giving as well as draining. We know it can be empowering and sometimes debilitating. We confess that as a global church, that represents diversity in all its forms, sometimes we have failed.

We have failed you, our churches, our neighbors, and ourselves. We ask for your forgiveness for when we have been too proud, too powerful, and too political to do your will and follow the example of Jesus Christ.

We pray for those who have been called and elected to do this holy work and serve at General Conference.

We lift up delegates from our annual conference—clergy and lay, our bishops and superintendents, the pages, communications staff, translators, administrators, kitchen staff and janitorial staff, staff from our boards and agencies, and the worship teams who have dedicated themselves to this season of work. Fortify them. Encourage them. Give them energy and focus. Fill their spirits through prayer and worship. Remind them of your calling on their lives.

We pray for the decisions that will be made and the impact they will have. We pray for those who will receive those decisions from within the church and decide on next steps. And we pray for those who will receive those decisions from outside of the church—those who have been alienated, hurt, or dismissed. We humbly acknowledge that we cannot be all things to all people—though so often we wish we could.

Help us to be the church you have called us to be. Help us to love our neighbors.

Help us to follow Jesus' commandments and his example. Help us to serve in the way that is uniquely United Methodist and universally Christ-like.

Help us to be the light of hope and the embodiment of grace in the world today.

No matter what happens, Lord, remind us that you are good.

You are invested in your people.

You are the God of redemption and transformation.

You make a way where there seems to be no way.

You are the God of possibility, promise, and provision.

Help us to hold close to you each and every day.

(Sung) Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Amen.