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**ASCENSION SUNDAY**

**MAY 12, 2024**

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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 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.

## — 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 &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *How Can I Keep From Singing?* arr. Sherman  
Bell Choir

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

**We will shout to God with songs of joy.**

For God is awesome, reigning over all the earth!

**We will sing praises to God every day.**

Let us worship God with all we have to offer.

**We will offer God our love – heart, body, mind and soul!**

\*HYMN *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* UMH 312

## — LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD —

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1: 15-23  
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) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Schrader  
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (10:30) Our Friends from Casowasco

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN *We Are God’s People* FWS 2220

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1: 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 You are Witnesses Rev. Richelle Goff

— RESPONDING IN LOVE —

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*Even as season of Easter draws closer to its end this week, we continue to receive the blessings God pours out for us in Christ and in creation. Our gifts to God speak of our gratitude for these blessings and our commitment to share them with the whole world.*

OFFERTORY

*Milele*

Krug

(“Forever” in Swahili)

Bell Choir - Mick George, percussion

\*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 OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father<sup>\*</sup>, 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.**

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

— MOVING IN GOD’S WAY —

\*HYMN

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

UMH 162

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

Powell

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

## FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Altar flowers are given by Richelle and Mike Goff  
in celebration of our mothers Colleen and Brenda!

### SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

#### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.  
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Shirley Ward, (Holly Warren's mother), who has COVID.
- For Heather Malvarosa, (Holly Warren's sister), who fell again.
- For Roger Albright, Peggy's husband, who is hospitalized awaiting bypass surgery.
- For Lynne, Jane Pardee's mother, recovering from surgery for a broken hip.
- For Rebecca, Besty O'Connor's niece, who is recovering from a health complication.
- 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***

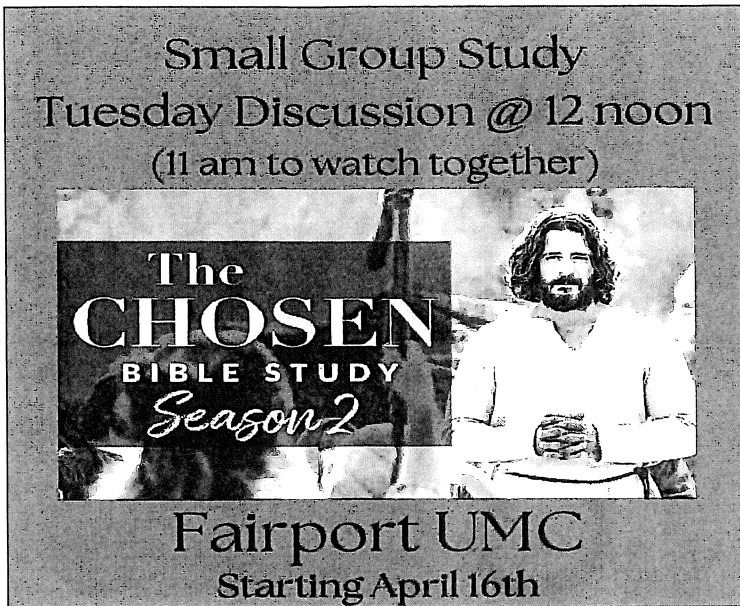
Becky Gualtieri, Susan Grau, Ed Lewek, Barb George, Shirley Robinson,  
Chip Rieck, Sandy Baldwin, Carol & Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Judy Darrer,  
Jeff Latsha, John Hall, Jen Simpson, Marlene Beisler, Annie Taggart, Al, Lindsey, Myla,  
Jane Leonard, Anne Wilson, Emmet Vanderburgh

***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)

## PERMISSIONS

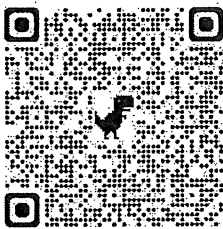
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### The Chosen - Season 2!

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...

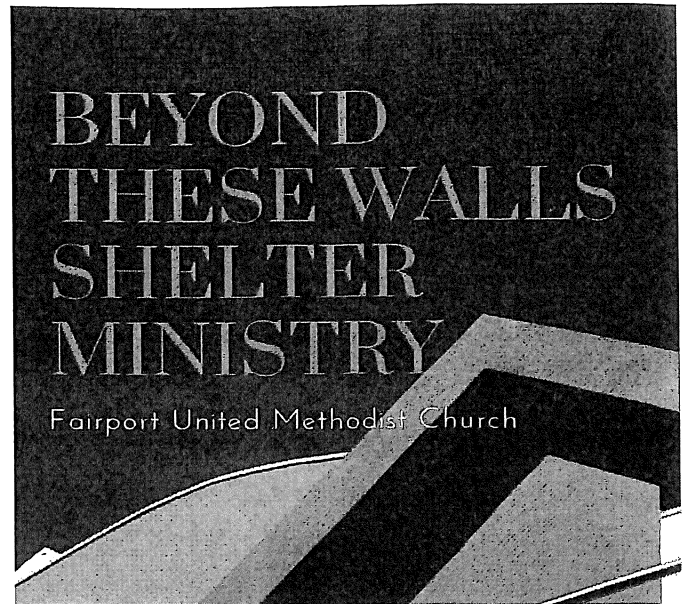
To watch Episode 5 - use this QR



After stirring the water, Jesus is now pursued by Simon the Zealot, Atticus, and Shmuel.

John the Baptizer visits the group and tells Jesus his dangerous mission.

Meanwhile, back at the camp, Mary Magdalene is devastated by an encounter with a mysterious and dangerous stranger.



### Food donations are needed for Beyond These Walls Shelter visits.

*Food donation sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.*

On Sunday, May 26, a team of volunteers will be going to the Francis Center 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.

All food donations should be labeled for BTW and left in the kitchen (or refrigerator - both downstairs) the Thursday before the upcoming visit.

***Thank you!***

## The Word Beyond Sunday

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

Go to the 'Worship' tab on our website,  
then click "The Word Beyond Sunday."

Monday-Friday  
10AM-1PM

SUMMER  
office hours

### Summer Office Hours\*

Church Office Hours are now

\*10am - 1pm

*Also the church office email  
has changed - please use the  
following address:*

[office@fairportumc.org](mailto:office@fairportumc.org)

200th ANNIVERSARY  
Concert

The Rochester Oratorio Society's  
Resonanz Choir  
presents

"Songs of our  
American Heritage  
and More"

Wednesday,  
May 22nd

7:00 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

26 East Church Street  
Fairport, NY 14450

Free Admission

### 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)*



*Many weeks are still available!  
Being outside is good for your  
health!! :)*

# Perinton Congregations

for Greater Rochester  
Habitat for Humanity

You're invited to the dedication of our Habitat house at 108 Ackerman Street, Rochester, on Friday, May 17, 3:00 p.m.

Come join the celebration and tour the house. Thanks to all who supported this house with their time, talent, treasure, and prayers.

Our next home will be 207 Melville Street. Groundbreaking is scheduled for June and volunteer builders can start work soon after the groundbreaking.

For more info go to [PerintonHabitat.org](http://PerintonHabitat.org)



**FAIRPORT  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**MINISTRY  
FAIR**

Come and explore all of the ministries that Fairport UMC has to offer and see where you might fit and serve God. Let's grow together!

**SUNDAY  
MAY 19, 2024**

**AFTER BOTH SERVICES**  
10:00AM - 10:30 AM  
11:40AM - 12:30PM

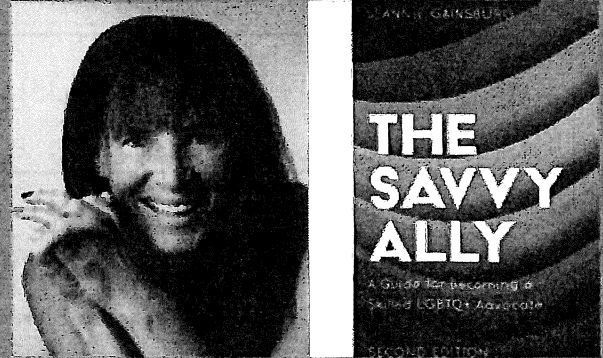
## Fairport UMC Ministry Fair

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

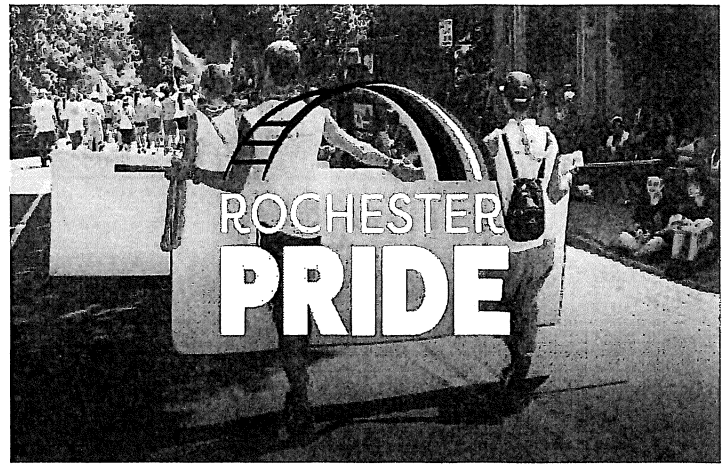
You will be able to learn what they do and how you can fit in by serving God here at Fairport UMC! Stay tuned for more details.

**JUNE 23  
11:00 A.M.**

**LGBTQ+ ETIQUETTE AND COMMON BLOOPERS:  
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE AN ALLY**



Fairport UMC



## Pride Parade 2024! - Leader Needed

We are in need of someone from Fairport UMC to head up our involvement in the parade.

The last few years all the Reconciling UMCs in the area marched together as a witness to the inclusive love of God and that each person is a beloved child of God.

If you are interested in helping be on a team with other area church leaders please contact Richelle at [richelle@fairportumc.org](mailto:richelle@fairportumc.org)

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, May 12</b>	8am 9am 9am & 10:30am 10am 11:45am	Bell Choir Sun. School & Adult Forum Worship Camp Casowasco Info Share - Narthex Morning Glory Choir - 113
<b>Monday, May 13</b>	1pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH, UWIF Leadership - P Men's Bible Study - Zoom
<b>Tuesday, May 14</b>	10am 11am & Noon 7pm	Staff Meeting - P The Chosen Video- 204 / Zoom Finance - Zoom, Worship - P
<b>Wednesday, May 15</b>	7pm	Chancel Choir - 113, S
<b>Thursday, May 16</b>		
<b>Friday, May 17</b>	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
<b>Saturday, May 18</b>	10am 11am Noon	Confirmation Ministry Fair Setup - Narthex / Parlor Al Anon - FH
<b>Sunday, May 19</b>	8am 9am 9am & 10:30am 10am & 11:45am 12:15pm 3:45pm	Early Choir Sun. School & Adult Forum Worship Ministry Fair - Narthex / Parlor Morning Glory - S Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

#### Ministers - All God's People

**Pastor** - Rev. Richelle Goff

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**Family Ministries Director** - Joy Leinenbach

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**Administrative Assistant** - Kevin Gordon

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**Custodian** - Jamie Gualtieri

### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Livestream Operator:** Tom Deever

**Readers:** 9am - Bill MacKenzie 10:30am - Rick Hill

**Feed the Spirit:** Carol Shuherk