

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome to Fairport UMC! We at Fairport UMC want you to know that no matter: Where you've come from or where you are going; what you believe or what you may doubt; what you are feeling or just not feeling; what you have or don't have; and no matter the color of your skin, who you love or how you identify – all of who you are is welcomed into this community of faith by a God who loves you and knows you by name. Our vision is to nurture ALL people on their life journeys and to bring God's love to the world.

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 welcome)! We also have a nursery that is open to little ones. You are invited to drop your child off or stay with them. Worship is livestreamed in the nursery so no one misses a thing! On communion Sundays we encourage you to retrieve your child and participate in communion together!
Note: Sunday School (children/youth/adult) during the school year is at 9am.

OPEN TABLE

Communion is celebrated once a month (usually on the first Sunday of the month) and everyone (including children) is welcome at the table. We use gluten/dairy free bread and grape juice.

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 →

The chimes call us to gather as a community to prepare our hearts to worship God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Advent is a time for waiting.

We wait for God, who appears like a tender branch growing from a stump.

Advent is a time for hoping.

We wait for God, who comes with justice and righteousness.

Advent is a time to worship.

We wait for God, praising the One who comes to fulfil promises.

*HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH 213

— LISTENING —

We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching.

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

One: As the nights grow longer, we see an echo of our uncertainty as we walk through a life filled with unknowns.

Many: As we look around at the horrors of the world, we fear what the future may hold, and sometimes we find ourselves lost in despair.

One: Yet, with the prophets of old, we hope for a time when wars shall cease, justice will roll down like waters, and the hungry will be filled with good things.

(the first candle is lit)

Many: As we light the candle of hope, O God, we pray that your light would shine amidst our uncertainty and despair, that we might catch a glimpse of your presence beside us even in those moments we feel most lost and alone.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211
verses 1-4

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

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

The Promise of Truth

Rev. Richelle Goff

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

— RESPONDING —

We respond to the hearing of God's word through the offering, prayer,
and monthly communion.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

Do Not Find Me Sleeping
Early Choir

Martin/Paige

(10:30)

From the Prophet Comes a Promise
(from *Tidings of Joy*)
Chancel Choir

Martin

*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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

UMH 12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

FWS 2257

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Parts (b) – (d) are sung responsively.

“Hosanna in the highest!” is sung in unison each time.

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.*

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

— SENDING —

We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors.

*HYMN

People, Look East

UMH 202

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

People, Look East

Langlois

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

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are in celebration of Mike Goff’s birthday! From Karis, Zoe & Richelle :)

SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

Do Not Find Me Sleeping

Do not find me sleeping, Lord, when the Christ child comes to earth.

Make me like a shepherd boy on the evening of His birth.

Prepare my ears so I can hear the gentle rush of wings.

Do not find me sleeping, Lord, when the angels start to sing.

Do not find me sleeping, Lord, when the Christ child comes to earth.

Make me like an eastern king who searches evening skies.

Prepare my eyes so I can see the promise in the sign.

Do not find me sleeping, Lord, when the star begins to shine.

Do not find me sleeping, Lord, when the Christ child comes to call.

Make me like the one who shares a simple cattle stall.

Prepare my heart so I can hold the Savior safe within.

I will not be sleeping, Lord, I will let the Savior in.

From the Prophet Comes a Promise

*From the prophet shines a promise, glorious stars of truth and right;
Gleaming from the heart of heaven, leading through the gloom of night.*

Sparkling from the realms of glory, beams a beacon for the soul.

Living lamp of golden graces, come with fire and take control!

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Emmanuel!

*From the prophet shines a promise, blazing boldly, burning bright;
Reaching, teaching, always leading, showing us the path of Light!*

Thy Word is like a starry host, a thousand rays of light;

Bright stars to guide the traveler and make their pathway bright.

O may we love Your precious Word, Your promises divine,

And pray the light of glory will on your journey shine.

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Your people free.

From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;

Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Emmanuel!

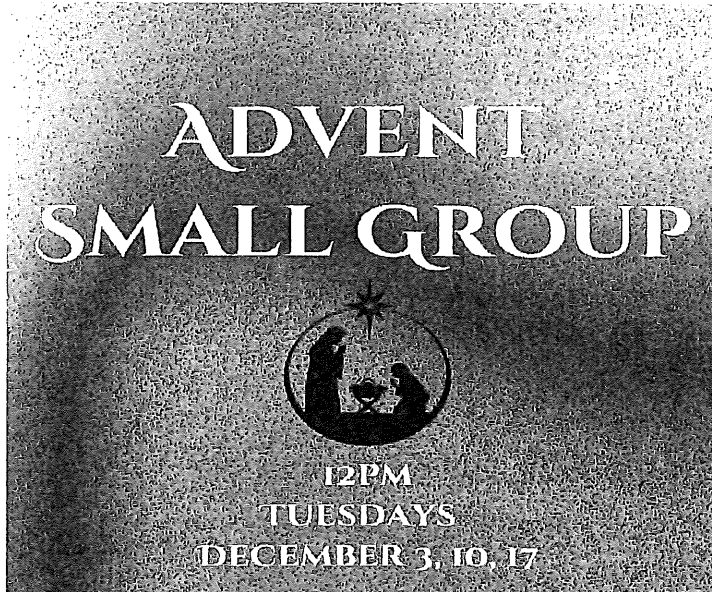
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Reaching, teaching, always leading, showing us the path of Light!

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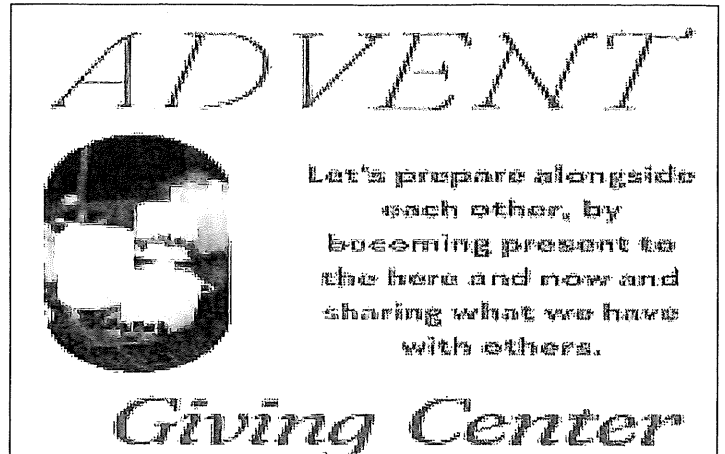
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



**ADVENT
SMALL GROUP**

12PM
TUESDAYS
DECEMBER 3, 10, 17

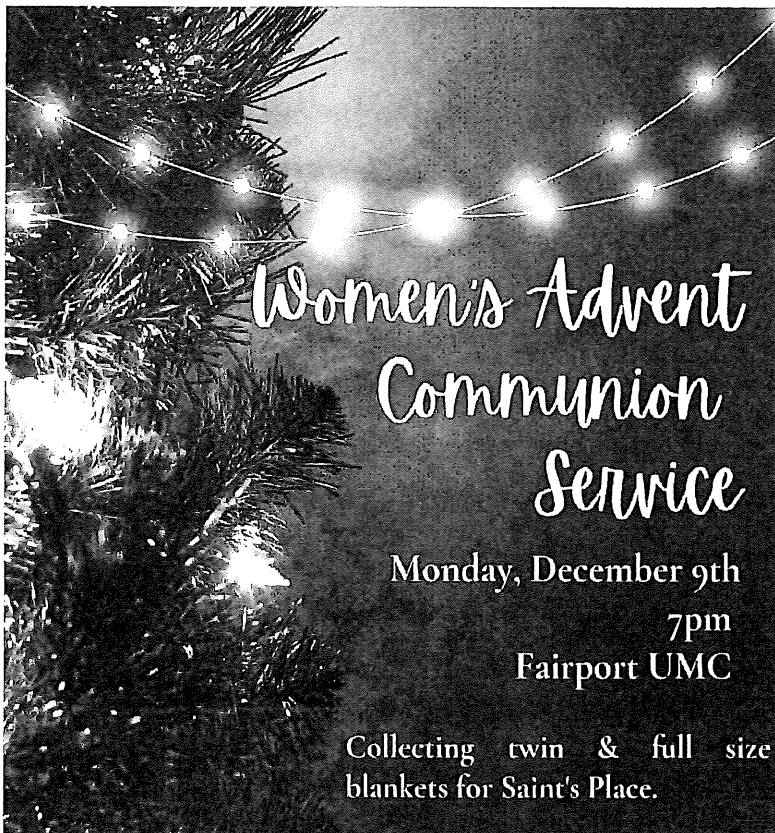


ADVENT

Let's prepare alongside each other, by becoming present to the here and now and sharing what we have with others.

Giving Center

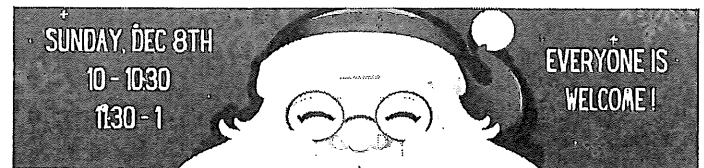
Please stop by the Advent Giving Center in the Parlor.



**Women's Advent
Communion
Service**

Monday, December 9th
7pm
Fairport UMC

Collecting twin & full size blankets for Saint's Place.



SUNDAY, DEC 8TH
10 - 10:30
11:30 - 1

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Fairport United Methodist Church, 31 W Church Street, Fairport

BREAKFAST with SANTA



PICTURES WITH SANTA PANCAKES
FUN
CHRISTMAS CAROL BINGO NATIVITY MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Take action to reduce child poverty in NYS:

Join FUMC's Social Justice Team in urging Gov Hochul to take bold action in her 2026 Executive Budget to cut child poverty in NYS by half by 2032.

See the proposals at our display in the parlor, or use the link in the E-News Sign the petition in the parlor or at bit.ly/SIGNON



Order forms are in the Narthex.
Orders will be taken through Dec 17th.
You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after church on December 29th (or anytime that week).

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

4pm
Children's Service

8pm
Traditional Service

10pm
Communion Service

**FAIRPORT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
31 West Church St. Fairport, NY

Special Music and candlelight at each service.
Livestreamed: fairportumc.org

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 1	8am 9am 10:30am 11:30am 6pm	Early Choir - 113, S Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Confirmation Class Scout Leaders Meeting - P
Monday, December 2	1pm 7pm	Godmothers - 204 Ruth Circle - P, Scouts - FH
Tuesday, December 3	10am Noon 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - P Advent Small Group - 204 Joyful Noise - 206 YMST - Zoom
Wednesday, December 4	7pm 8:15pm	Cantata Choir - 113, S Chancel Choir - 113, S
Thursday, December 5	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
Friday, December 6	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
Saturday, December 7	Noon	Al Anon – 204
Sunday, December 8	9am 10:30am 10am	Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Breakfast with Santa -FH

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Ken Fischer & Erin Pfund

Readers: 9am – Mark Kurz 10:30am – Eric Leinenbach

Lighting the Advent Wreath

9am - Beth Merkle & Stacie Lorraine 10:30am - Nancy Beaman & Dodie Maier