

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 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

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Archer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God who spoke to Mary and Elizabeth,
speak your Word to us now.

God who blessed them with new life,
bless us with great expectation.

God who gave them songs of praise to sing,
receive our joyful praise.

God who loves beyond all measure,
we are here to worship you with hearts full of love.

*HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH 230

— LISTENING —

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

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Too often, the world seems to see the unfamiliar with eyes of fear rather than of love.
Too often, we approach even ourselves with unfair criticism instead of encouragement and understanding.

Yet, as Christmas draws near, we long for the presence of love itself in a God who speaks with the silenced and walks with the outcast.

(the final candle is lit)

As we light the candle of love, O God, we pray that your warmth would soften our judgments of ourselves and our neighbors, that we might see the world with your abundant love that defies expectation and understanding.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5: 2-5a

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

Tell Out, My Soul

UMH 200

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:39-55

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 Justice

Rev. Richelle Goff

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

— RESPONDING —

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

Carols Around
Early Choir

Nygaard

(10:30)

A Song of Joy
from *Tidings of Joy*

Martin

Chancel Choir - Paul Howes, soloist

*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

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.

— SENDING —

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

*HYMN

Love Came Down at Christmas

UMH 242

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Major

Bach

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Brenda Bixby, whose mother passed away on Monday.
- For Scott Braun & Carol Christensen, as they grieve the loss of Jeannette, a family friend.
- For Sean McHale (Kurz's brother-in-law) who had double bypass surgery on 12/20.
- For Karen (Scott Braun) who has recently been diagnosed with cancer.
- For Chub Clemon and his family (Abbi D'Angelo's brother-in-law). Chub is undergoing diagnostics for fluid on the brain and also has some other health concerns complicating the testing.
- For everyone affected by natural disasters.
- For our country, and for peace in our world.
- For the Middle East, Ukraine and other countries in the midst 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,
Carol & Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Jeff Latsha, Heather Malvarosa,
Katrina Relyea, Jen Simpson, Annie Taggart, Brenden MacKenzie, Bob Grow,
Dave, Judy Boyer, Sharon Hegeman, Marty Schuh, Carol Christensen

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

Ruth Howard, Jane Leonard, Gary Nelson, Carol Snow, Cindy Stanton,
Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh, Wally Robinson (CT), Dave and Carolyn Hebert (KY)

PERMISSIONS

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Hymns: The United Methodist Publishing House; Hope Publishing Co.; Oxford University Press
Theme: A Weary World Rejoices by Kate Bowler Call to worship: Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock,
Discipleship Ministries, June 2024. Other Liturgy: <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/Candle>
Lighting Liturgy: UM Discipleship

SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

Carols Around

Dona nobis pacem. [Grant us peace.]

*The first Noel the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Noel, born is the King of Israel.

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold.*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.

*It came upon the midnight clear,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
They looked up on Christmas day, on Christmas day,
And saw a star shining in the east beyond them far.*

Noel, born is the King of Israel.

*The world in solemn stillness lay,
Sing we now of Christmas, the Lord is born.*

Amen.

A Song of Joy

*My soul now magnifies the Lord and sings His praise!
For His mercy reaches out to me with hope and grace.*

O the Glory of His light. O the power of His might.

My soul now magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God!

Let us magnify the Lord and all His praises sing!

For He gives to us a Son who will be born a King.

He will bring from heaven above a new covenant of love.

Our souls now magnify the Lord. Our spirits rejoice in God!

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let the dance begin!

For the music of the stars is sounding clear again!

Let us join our hearts as one; ponder all that God has done!

Our souls now magnify the Lord. Our spirits rejoice in God!

My soul now magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

25
DECEMBER Office Closed

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JANUARY Office Closed

There will be no e-news
next week.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 29
WORSHIP

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 9:30AM

A New Small Group Opportunity

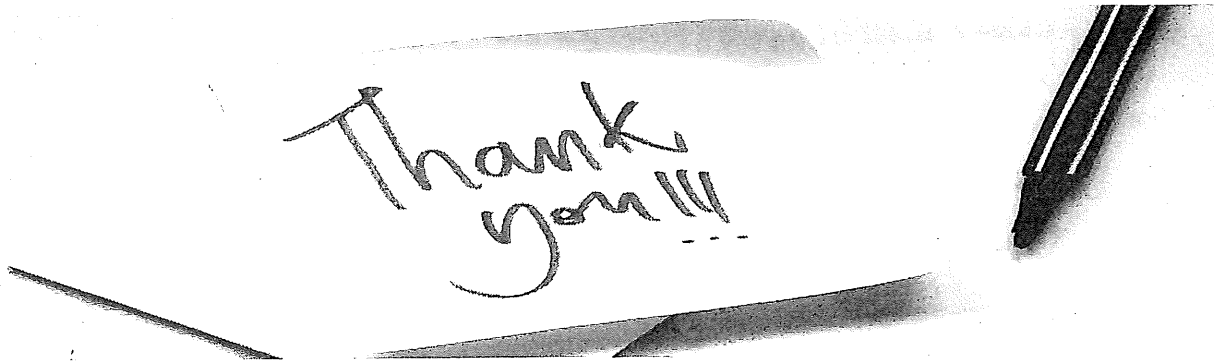
In the New Year, Joy Leinenbach is looking to start a small group for those people who are interested in supporting each other in bringing hope and light into a world that can feel dark, divided and unsettled. We are looking to meet in Room 204 on a weeknight evening so that people can participate in-person or via Zoom.

If this group sounds like something you would be interested in, please email, joy@fairportumc.org so that we can decide on which evening work best for those interested. **Thank you!**

Starting January 7th



Small Group Study
Tuesday2 @ 12 noon
(11 am to watch together)



Thank you to all who helped provide hospitality for the Cantata weekend!

- > Jennie Guy, Lori Lorraine, Linda Gordon, and Linda Homer for their contributions with the soup luncheon for cantata singers / families! Also thank you to the people who helped with setup / cleanup for the luncheon!
- > Sue Scheirer and Nancy Beaman for coordinating greeters and ushers for the Cantata!
- > Julie Woodruff for overseeing the livestream!
- > Fran Mealey for organizing the cookie reception! Fran would like to thank the following people: *"Many thanks to all who donated cookies for the Cantata reception on Sunday and to Sue and Dave Scheirer for their help with set up and clean up. The reception couldn't happen without your help!"*

Update on petition to keep NY State's commitment to Cut Child Poverty

FUMC's Social Justice Team thanks all who signed the petition asking Gov Hochul to incorporate into the FY 2026 Executive Budget the policies urged by NYS's Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council to cut the rate of child poverty in our state by 50% by 2032. The petition will be delivered to the Governor's Mansion this evening as part of a La Posada ("The Inn") procession, an event common in many hispanic cultures recalling Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 22	8am 9am 10:30am 12:30pm 5pm	Early Choir - 113 Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Sunday Dinner - K Beyond These Walls Shelter Visit
Monday, December 23	1pm 5:15pm	Godmothers - 204 Chamber Choir - 113
Tuesday, December 24	4pm 8pm 10pm	Christmas Eve Worship (Family Service) Christmas Eve Worship Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday, December 25	Church closed	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>
Thursday, December 26	Church closed	
Friday, December 27	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
Saturday, December 28	Noon	Al Anon – FH
Sunday, December 29	9:30am	Worship

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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Pastor - Rev. Richelle Goff

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Erin Pfund

Readers: 9am – Lorraine Rieck 10:30am – Jeff Halik

Advent Wreath Lighters: 10:30am - Joy, Eric & Anneliese Leinenbach

Christmas 2024

Poinsettias

In Celebration of . . .

from . . .

Jennie Guy

Santa

Our children Kim, Geoff & Jen

Fran & Dan Mealey

Alex, Calvin, & Chuck Spiteri

Pamela Spiteri

Our children and grandchildren

Rich & Susie Law

The special people who drive Aaron Engle to church

Aaron & The Millards

In Honor of . . .

from . . .

Jane Leonard

Tammy Engert

My sweet husband Mike

Vicki Deady

My parents, John & Lenora deRoos

Vicki Deady

Our children Scott & Barbara

Ron & Jane Tucker

Nancy Beaman

Dodie Maier

Our sons & their families

Nancy & Loren Romagnola

Floyd & Katherine Burns

Craig & Jane Burns

My parents, Donald & Gayle Barrett

Pamela Spiteri

Mr. & Mrs. James Couch

Jim & Jenny Meyer

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Meyer

Jim & Jenny Meyer

Christmas 2024

Poinsettias

In Memory of . . .

from . . .

My husband, Ray Maier

Dodie Maier

Our parents

Ron & Jane Tucker

Our loves one in heaven

The Steffler Family

George Aberle

Mary Martin

Edward P. Simpson

his children

Beverly & Frank Rose

Nancy & Loren Romagnola

Marion & Joseph Romagnola

Nancy & Loren Romagnola

Earl & Winifred Adams

Dan Adams

Our parents -

Karen & Marty Schuh

Harold & Teckla Porter

Craig & Jane Burns

Ruth & Lee Stanley

Linda Ferrel & Mary Martin

Rachel LeShier

Linda Ferrel & Mary Martin

Frank & Bobbi Millen

Holly & Gary Warren

Dr. Roger & Shirley Ward

Holly & Gary Warren

Elliot & Marian Warren

Holly & Gary Warren

Pablo Diez & Lori Pulver

Holly & Gary Warren

Margaret & Robert Higham

Susan Striegel

Elaine & Carl Boyd

Susan Striegel

Bob & Kathy Higham

Susan Striegel

Our parents

Rich & Susie Law

Eleanor Quinn

Harriet Caputo

Dino Dornbush

The Dornbush Family

Carol Gracobbe

The Dornbush Family

Loved ones

Carlee Brown & Rick Hill

My daughter Brenda Tastor

Marilyn Tastor

My sister Brenda Tastor

Carol Tastor

Shannon Lipatack

Sue Roberts