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1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 29, 2024

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## 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

*Gesu Bambino*  
Rhonda Callard, organ

Yon

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

**God has come to make a home among us!**

Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

**In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.**

And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

**In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.**

Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

**We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Joy to the World*

UMH 246

— LISTENING —

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

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

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

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH 238

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:15-21

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

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

*Pastorale from Concerto Grosso No. 8*

Corelli/Moschetti

\*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<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.

— SENDING —

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

\*HYMN

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

UMH 251

BENEDICTION

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

We welcome back Rhonda Callard and thank her for substituting for Nicole!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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, 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;

Call to worship: Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock,  
Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.

Other liturgy: <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you!!!

*Thank you to everyone who helped with our Christmas Eve services!*

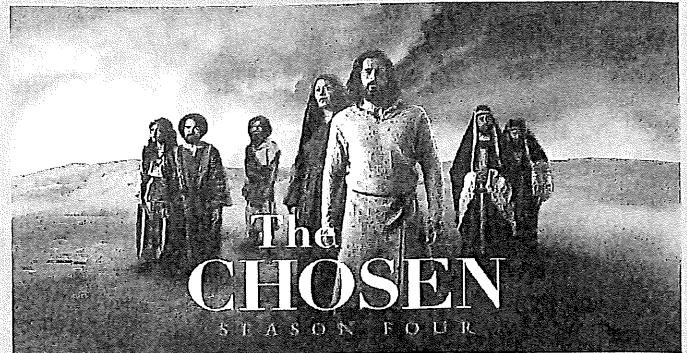
# Sunday School Schedule

December 29th -NO Sunday School

January 5th - Sunday School



Starting January 7th



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

## 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.

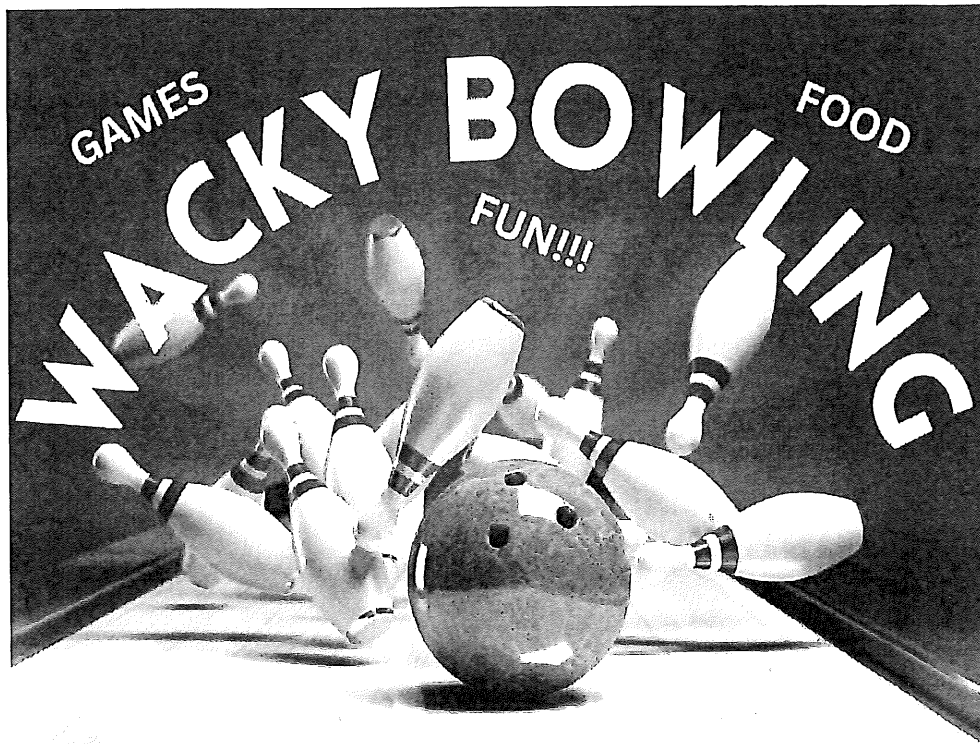
We are looking to meet in Room 204 on a weeknight evening so that people can participate in-person or via Zoom.

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

*Let's have a "bowl" and  
KICKOFF 2025!!!!!!!*

**Sunday, January 5th**

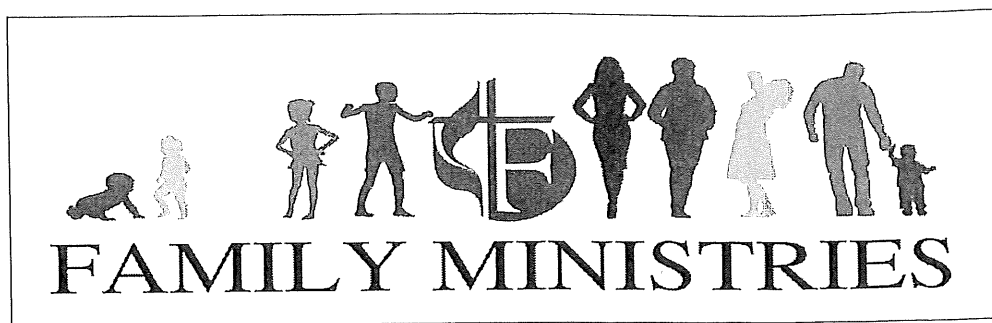
Junior and Senior High Youth Group



**January 5th from 4-6pm**

On Sunday, **January 5th from 4-6pm**, the junior high and senior high youth will be kicking off 2025 with **Wacky Bowling** at the AMF Fairview Lanes in Fairport right by the canal.

To sign up please use the Signup Genius link in the Family Newsletter.



### Family Ministry E-News

You and your family can get the latest with all of the happenings with the Children's, Youth, and Family Ministries by checking out our Family Ministry E-News.

There you will learn the current and future plans for Sunday school (PreK - high school) and youth group (Junior High and Senior High).

Interested in receiving the Family Ministries Update email each week? Please contact Joy Leinenbach ([joy@fairportumc.org](mailto:joy@fairportumc.org)) and she will add you to the distribution list



Pull out your new 2025 calendar and mark February 2nd with our annual **Winter Carnival and Chili Cookoff!**

We had 107 attend the Breakfast with Santa and now we are looking forward to the fun that will be had on that day!

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, December 29</b>	9:30am	Worship
<b>Monday, December 30</b>	1pm	Godmothers - 204
<b>Tuesday, December 31</b>		
<b>Wednesday, January 1st</b>	<b>Church closed</b>	<i>Happy New Year!</i>
<b>Thursday, January 2nd</b>		
<b>Friday, January 3rd</b>	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
<b>Saturday, January 4th</b>	Noon	Al Anon – FH
<b>Sunday, January 5th</b>	9am 10:30am 4pm 6pm	Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups - Wacky Bowling Scout Leaders Meeting - P

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### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

#### Ministers - All God's People

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### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Livestream Operator:** Erin Pfund

**Reader:** 9:30am - Alice Moon

**Feed the Spirit:** Kremers Family

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