

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025

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.

*God meets us in the night — before the sun rises, before the wound heals,
before there are answers, before there is closure.*

*God meets us in the light — where joy is effervescent, where laughter is contagious,
where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk, where people gather around tables.
God meets us in between — at the edge of the water, at the beginning of the wilderness,
at the start of something new, on the edge of faith.*

*And if God meets us in all those places, then surely God meets us everywhere —
at the water's edge, at the start of something new, after the baptism, and before the call.
We are not alone. God is all around. Let us worship the God of everything.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Beach Spring
Bell Choir

arr. McChesney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

Who is my neighbor?

How can I help?

What do I have to learn?

Where is God in it all?

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

So may we listen. May we learn.

May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

*HYMN

Your Love, O God

UMH 120

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, When we set limits on love, **God loves extravagantly.**
When we forget that we are neighbors, **God claims us as God's own.**
When we judge, hold back, or harm, **God surrounds us with grace.**
There is nothing we can do or leave undone that could separate us from the love of God. **This is the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

— LISTENING —

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

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

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)

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Chancel Choir

Martin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

MESSAGE

Everything in Between: Stranger & Neighbor

Rev. John McNeill

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

— RESPONDING —

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Bell Choir

arr. Waldrop

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Church, if God asked you, "Who is your neighbor?" what would you say?

**We would say, every child, every person,
every weeping willow, and every morning lark.**

**Every freckled face, every wrinkled pair of hands,
every tail-wagging dog, and every crisp ripe apple.**

**We would say, we are connected—
to one another, to all of God's creation.**

There are no strangers in God's house.

We are all family here.

I think God would delight in that answer.

For it is said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your strength,

with all your mind,

and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

*HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH 560

BENEDICTION

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

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are in celebration of Lent

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Erika Maxwell's niece, born 6 weeks early, who is doing well in the neonatal intensive care unit.
- For Joanne, whose breast cancer has returned (Holly Warren's friend).
- For everyone affected by the layoffs and the downsizing of our government.
- 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

FUMC Members: Ed Lewek, Barb George, Carol & Frank Mueller, Bob Grow, Courtney Pedersen, Carol Christensen, Joanne Bater, David Putnam

Family / Friends: Becky Gualtieri, Maven Taggart, Susan Grau, Shirley Robinson, Jeff Latsha, Heather Malvarosa, Jen Simpson, Judy Boyer, David Klein, Lexi, Barb, Bob, Carol Hunting, Derrick Malone

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)

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SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of his love,

Leading onward, leading homeward to that glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore;

He who loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!

He who died to save his loved ones, intercedes for them above;

He who called them his own people, watches over them in love.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best;

Vast the ocean of his blessing, sweet the haven of his rest!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus — for my heaven of heavens is he;

This my everlasting glory — Jesus' mighty love for me! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To **Eric Enser** for shoveling both entrances to the church the morning of February 23rd!

And to **Marlene Farrington** and **Dodie Maier** for helping with Children's Ministry tasks this week!

Thank you from Perinton Church Housing for the incredible support for this year's Valentine cards for seniors program.

FUMC provided 133 Valentines cards from members and Sunday School Classes. **35 additional cards** were made and hand-delivered by our **Joyful Noise Choir** at the Fairport Rehab and Nursing (former Baptist Home), and **Naomi Circle filled 47 Valentine packets with candy!**

Many thanks to all who made the cards! They brought joy to all who received them.



Thank
You

Naomi Circle - March 13th

We will meet at Saint's Place for a tour on Thursday March 13th. Saint's Place offers clothing, house wares and other items new immigrants require.

Anyone who is interested in joining us is welcome.

We will gather behind St. John's Church on Route 31 across from Ayrault Road at 9:15am.

If you need a ride or want to carpool, contact Ellie Robinson (716-912-8744)

Join a Choir for Lent and Easter!



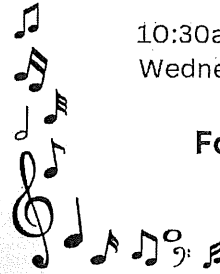
Early Choir

9:00am service twice a month;
Sunday morning rehearsals

Chancel Choir

10:30am service every Sunday;
Wednesday evening rehearsals

For more info, contact Nicole
(nicole@fairportumc.org)



March 16th - Jeannie Gainsburg, MSS,

author of The Savvy Ally and Founder of Savvy Ally Action (<https://www.savvyallyaction.com>) will be coming to Fairport UMC to speak with us. Jeannie is the same speaker who did a workshop this past June.

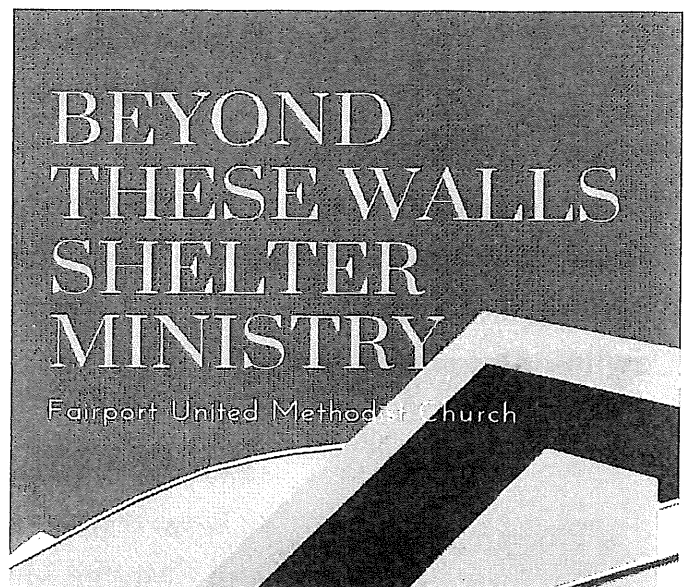
Let's come together and learn what we can do to be better allies for our LGBTQ+ friends, family and community.

Beyond These Walls has a shelter visit to the Francis Center March 23rd.

We are looking for volunteers to help serve. Sign-up sheets to help serve, or to help with food donations, are posted in the main hall across from the church office.

For more information please contact Judy Bermudez (judybermudez@hotmail.com) or Sue Striegel (sgolembe@gmail.com).

Thank you!



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 9	8am 9am 10:30am 4pm	Bell Choir Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
Monday, March 10 Office closed	1pm 7pm	Godmothers - 204 Scouts - FH
Tuesday, March 11	10am Noon 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting – P Lent & Book Study - 204 Joyful Noise – 206 UWF Ldrs – 204, Finance - Zoom, Worship - P
Wednesday, March 12	11:30am 5:45pm 7pm	Joy Group (offsite) Amplify the Light Small Group – 204 / Zoom Chancel Choir – 113
Thursday, March 13	9:30am 4:30pm 6:30pm 7pm	Naomi Circle – P Social Justice - Zoom Bell Choir - S CMT - Zoom
Friday, March 14	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
Saturday, March 15	Noon 4pm	Al Anon – FH Euchre - FH
Sunday, March 16	8am 9am 10:30am 11:30am 4pm	Early Choir Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Confirmation SJC & Youth Group ~ LGBTQ+ Workshop - FH

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Erin Pfund

Readers: 9am - Martha McNeill 10:30am - Paul Robinson