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5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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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. *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. 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!
Note: Sunday School (children/youth/adult) during the school year is at 9am.

OPEN TABLE

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and all, including children, are welcome at the table. We use gluten/dairy free bread. If you would prefer not to receive communion but would like a blessing, please indicate that to the pastor.

WORSHIP ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

*indicates to stand as you are able

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.

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Julie Covach, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is at work in the world

To bring justice to the oppressed,

To share food with the hungry,

To provide shelter for the homeless,

To set all people free.

We come this morning

To be reminded of God's justice,

To be nourished by God's presence,

To find home with God's people,

To worship in joy and freedom.

When we call, God will answer.

For God's light breaks forth

And God's healing is in our midst.

Listen to God's voice say, "Here I am."

*HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom

FWS 2190

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the fading light of personal salvation. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all the world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another. Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen

WORDS OF GRACE

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven.
May we be strengthened in all goodness.

**Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above,
for the sake of our neighbors here below. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

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)

Be The Light of Christ

Cameron

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY

Julie Covach, organ

*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

**Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding,
but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings
be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread
with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our
giving reflect your mercy and may our living mirror your love. Use us and these
gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair
has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

FWS 2237

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.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

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 Fast I Choose

Pastor Sam Smith

*HYMN

Guide My Feet

FWS 2208

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Julie Covach, organ

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

*We welcome back Julie Covach and thank her
for substituting while Nicole is away.*

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Susan Marschke & Carlee Brown, in memory of their parents.

PERMISSIONS & CREDITS

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Hymns: The United Methodist Publishing House; GIA Publications, Inc.

Call to worship from Joanna Harader (Spacious Faith),

Prayer of Confession from Rev. Mindi (rev-o-lution),

Words of Grace adapted from the Presbyterian Church in Canada,

Prayer of Dedication adapted from UMC Discipleship Ministries

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the family & friends of Amy Bice, who died suddenly on January 28 (Linda Marsters' daughter).
- For the family & friends of Martha Welch (former FUMC choir director / organist), who passed away on January 30.
- For our country, and for peace in our world.

We pray for those who are in need of continued healing

FUMC Members: Ed Lewek, Bob Grow, Courtney Pedersen, Andy Jamison,
Bev Boynton, Marjorie Rose, Marlene Farrington, Sue Templeton,
Marcia Osmer, Betty Brandt

Family / Friends: Becky Gualtieri, Susan Grau, Shirley Robinson, Heather Malvarosa,
David Klein, Sandy, Dave, Mark, Lexi, Chere Petrivelli, Annette Galloway, Jonah,
Barb, Patty

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

Gary Nelson, Carol Snow, Cindy Stanton,
Marge Vanderburgh, Wally Robinson (CT), Carolyn Hebert (KY)

SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

Be the Light of Christ

What will you give to the Savior, to the One who gave all?

Will you go in his name to spread the light of truth?

To the corners of the world, he has asked you to go.

Will you go in his name?

Be the light of Christ to the people of the world.

Be the light of Christ, spread the word among God's people.

Will you give help to the needy? Will you clothe and give them food?

Will you give in his name, as he has given to you?

Every gift is from above, and it comes to us from God.

Will you give in his name?

Be the light of Christ to the people of the world.

Be the light of Christ, spread the word among God's people.

Be the light of Christ!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **HUGE thank you** to everyone who helped with the **Winter Carnival** this past Sunday, and to everyone who came!



The Chili Makers: Nancy Beaman, Kevin Gordon, Jennie Guy, Jen Jordan, Tina Lyons, Erika Maxwell, Rachel Patchen, Caitlin Romagnola, Nancy Romagnola, Lisa Silver, Andrew Soucier, Anne Wilson, and Julie Woodruff

The Cornbread Makers: Judy Bermudez, Judy Gray, Kathryn Pridey, Lorraine Rieck, Karen Schuh, Kathy Whitlock

The Chili Cook-Off Judges: Mike Goff, Adam Pfund, Nate Romagnola

ALL of the Cupcake and Caker Bakers for the Cake Walk.

Julie Woodruff for **making the Hungry Hippos, SORRY pieces and LIFE car.**

Everyone who **helped run a game or booth.** Everyone who **helped set up the carnival on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.** Everyone who **helped run the dishwasher and put away dishes.** Everyone who **cleaned up Fellowship Hall and washed tablecloths.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



Personal Care Items for Sanctuary House

We continue to accept deodorant, body wash (travel size), shampoo (travel size), toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons, sanitary pads, women's underpants in all sizes, bras in all sizes.

There is a donation box in the coatroom.

Please contact Judy Bermudez with any questions.

Thank you!

Valentines for Seniors

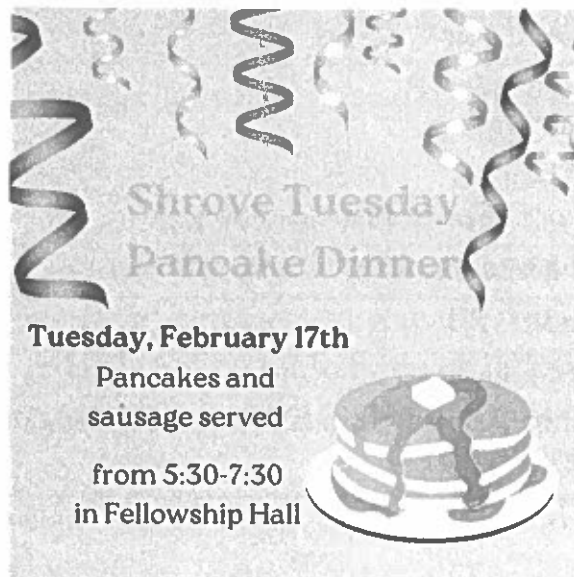
Help brighten Valentine's Day for seniors living in affordable senior apartments co-sponsored by our church and nursing homes in Fairport and Perinton.

Many no longer receive visits or cards.

If making your own cards, please use rectangular or square shapes made from heavy stock; print in bold, black letters; sign only your first name and the name of our church; and refrain from using Styrofoam, pom poms, or glitter. Envelopes are optional.

The deadline for placing Valentines in the box in the Narthex is TODAY.

Any questions, please contact Rick Hill (585-317-5833 or RickHillCo@aol.com).



Sign-up sheets for "Beyond These Walls" shelter visits and food donations have been posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

There are volunteer opportunities for visits to the Francis Center and Sanctuary House on March 22, April 26, May 24, and June 28.

Sunday, February 22nd, volunteers will be going to the Sanctuary House to serve a meal. To supplement our main entree (prepared by our cooking team), please consider donating additional food items.

Donations labeled BTW will need to be in the church kitchen by the evening of Thursday, February 19th. Thank you!

Please contact Judy Bermudez or Sue Striegel for additional information.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 8	9am 10:30am 3pm	Worship, Adult Forum (204), Sunday School Worship Confirmation Class
Monday, February 9	1pm 6:30pm 7pm	Godmothers – 204 UWF Leadership - P Scouts - FH
Tuesday, February 10	10am 6:30pm 7:30pm	Staff Meeting – P Joyful Noise – offsite Finance - 204/Zoom
Wednesday, February 11	11:30am 5:45pm 7pm	Joy Club - offsite Amplify the Light Small Group – 204 Chancel Choir – 113, S
Thursday, February 12	9:30am 4pm 6:30pm 7pm	Naomi Circle - P Repair Café - P Bell Choir - S CMT - Zoom, Social Justice - Zoom
Friday, February 13	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
Saturday, February 14	Noon	Al Anon – FH
Sunday, February 15	8am 9am 10:30am	Early Choir - 113 Worship, Adult Forum (204), Sunday School Worship

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Ken Fischer

Readers: 9am - Nate Romagnola 10:30am - Alice Moon

Thank you to this week's **Feed the Spirit** volunteers.