



9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2026

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

The peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Howell

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from David Bjorlin)

Can anything, anywhere, hinder God's love?

No, nothing can hinder God's love!

Can famine or drought? Can hardship or doubt?

Can anguish or shame? Can sword or the flame?

No, nothing can hinder God's love!

Can slander or threats? Can loss or regrets?

Can wars that draw near? Can futures we fear?

No, nothing can hinder God's love!

Can violence or pain? Can dread or disdain?

Can powers we crave? Can grief or the grave?

No, nothing can hinder God's love!

*HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (Thom Shuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*)

We spend so much time accusing ourselves, judging ourselves, punishing ourselves for what we have done, or not done. But God would draw us closer to the Heart of forgiveness, that we might be filled with healing and grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Adapted from Thom Shuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*)

What then are we to say about our lives, Searcher of our hearts? We know how often we have duped others with our deceit. We remember how often we promise one thing, only to do the opposite. We struggle to trust you, while we so easily listen to the promises of those who would pull us away from you. Forgive us, Heart overflowing with mercy. Your grace is more powerful than any of our sins, your hope is more durable than our silly choices, your love will traverse anything, and everything, which would separate us from you. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. we are forgiven!

WORDS OF GRACE (Thom Shuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*)

Hear the good news: the One who could accuse us, saves us from sin and death.
The One who could condemn us, cradles us in grace. The One who could punish us,
prays for us. **Now we know, there is nothing, not a thing, that can separate us from
God. Thanks be to the One who forgives us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:26-39

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY

Two Irish Jigs

Traditional Irish

(Morrison's Jig & Charlie Mulvihill's)

Linda Sniedze Taggart, hammered dulcimer

*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 (Adapted from UMC Discipleship Ministries)

**Steadfast God, you search our hearts and know our needs even when we
struggle to find the words. As we bring these gifts today, may they bear
witness to your enduring promise: that nothing can separate us from your
love in Christ Jesus. Bless these offerings, that they may bring hope to the
weary, peace to the troubled, and joy to the hearts of your people.
Through Christ, our Redeemer and Companion, we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN

Seek Ye First

UMH 405

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 13:44-52

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

What Are We Searching For?

Pastor Sam Smith

*HYMN

You Are the Seed

UMH 583

POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Callahan

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

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Fran & Dan Mealey in celebration of our 61st Anniversary!

PERMISSIONS & CREDITS

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Hymns: The United Methodist Publishing House; Maranatha Music

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the youth and adults biking back from Hamlin Beach today.
- 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,
the Osmers family, Linda Marsters, Roger Woodin, Gary Warren,
Marjorie Rose, Richard Law

Family / Friends: Becky Gualtieri, Susan Grau, Shirley Robinson, Heather Malvarosa, David Klein, Annette Galloway, Barb, Katelyn, Betsy, Hannah, Audrey, Dan Mousseau, David Price, Jean Hughes, Ellen, Liz, Don B., Josh M., Tracy, David McHenry, Leann Strait, Deborah M., Nancy Shaw, Lisa Rising-Patchen, Mateo, Doug Irwin

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*...to **Ed Caskey** for picking up and hauling the U-Haul trailer that the bike trippers are using on Bike Trip over the next several days
and*

*...to the **Rumble family** for making it possible for the youth and adults to use their family's large trailer for our pantry van.*

These trailers help the bike trippers transport and store the camping supplies and food during their time at Hamlin Beach State Park.



Summer Family Fun Nights 2026 is coming!

Be sure to mark your calendars now for all of the fun!

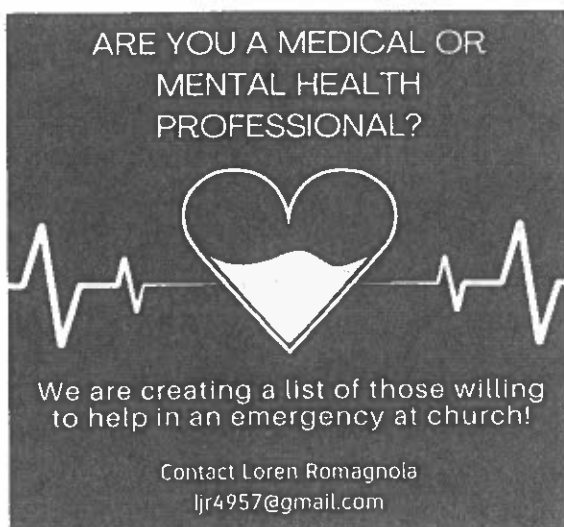
July 29, August 5, 12, and 19.

RSVP

To help us get an accurate head count for meal prep and craft supplies, please email Joy Leinenbach (joy@fairportumc.org) to let her know how many people from your family will be joining in the Summer Family Fun Night fun on which Wednesdays.

Please also let her know if anyone has a food allergy or intolerance. Thank you!

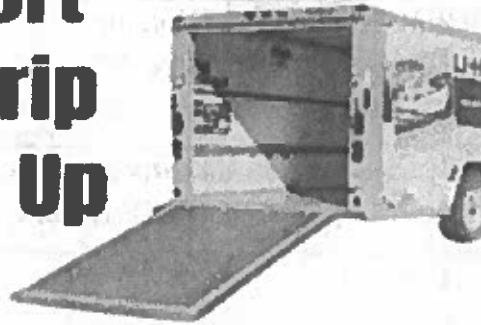
You can also RSVP with Joy and/or Judy on Sunday mornings just outside the castle in the narthex.



The Worship Ministry Team is creating a list of medical and mental health professionals who would be willing to help in emergency situations at church.

Please contact Loren Romagnola (ljr4957@gmail.com) to be added to this important list! ***Thank you!***

Support Bike Trip Clean Up

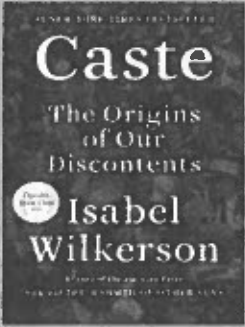


TODAY our youth and adults will be biking back from Hamlin Beach State Park and they will be exhausted. It has been incredibly helpful to have congregation members at church meet the U-Haul van after worship to help unload, clean tarps, wash dishes and more so that those who have been camping do not have to do that when they roll back into the church parking lot late Sunday afternoon. **Any help would most appreciated!**

Help needed: We're looking for another person or two who could help make bread for our Bread Ministry (delivered when we welcome First Time Visitors).

Contact the church office if interested or if you have questions.

Amplify the Light



Caste
The Origins
of Our
Discontents
Isabel
Wilkerson



**We will start Caste
on September 2.**
Let Joy know if you
need a book.

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has
not overcome it".*

John 1:5

**SUMMER MUSIC
OPPORTUNITIES**

**Solos, Duets,
Small Ensembles**

**All ages and all
Instruments!**

Contact Nicole
nicole@fairportumc.org



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 26	9:30am 10:45am 12:30pm	Worship Bike Trip Clean-up – Parking lot Sunday Dinner – Kitchen only
Monday, July 27	1pm 4pm	Godmothers – 204 UWIF Book Club – P
Tuesday, June 28	10:15am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, July 29	5:30pm	SFFN–Week 1
Thursday, July 30		
Friday, July 31	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
Saturday, August 1	Noon	Al Anon – P
Sunday, August 2	9:30am	Worship

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

Ministers - All God's People

Pastor - Sam Smith

Music Ministry Director - Nicole Camilleri

Family Ministries Director - Joy Leinenbach

Administrative Assistant - Kevin Gordon

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Tom Deever

Reader: Jeff Halik

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