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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 23, 2026

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. McChesney

Bell Quartet

Julie & Tobin Woodruff, Jodi & Peter Zajkowski

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Beth Merrill Neel, *Hold Fast to What Is Good*)

Give thanks to God, who is good,

Whose faithful love lasts forever!

When we are hungry and thirsty, lost in the wilderness,

God satisfies our thirst, and fills the hungry with good things.

God turns deserts into pools of water, and thirsty ground into springs.

So let us worship God.

*HYMN

We Are God's People

FWS 2220

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel, *Hold Fast to What Is Good*)

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, the rebuilding of relationships, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us open our hearts to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Beth Merrill Neel, *Hold Fast to What Is Good*)

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.

Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ.

WORDS OF GRACE (Beth Merrill Neel, *Hold Fast to What Is Good*)

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and freed to love and serve. **Alleluia! Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 11:1-9

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

Fantasy on Beach Spring

arr. Kinney

Julie & Tobin Woodruff, Jodi & Peter Zajkowski

*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 (Rev. Stephanie Sorge)

Abundant God, we give thanks for your grace and provision in our lives. Use these gifts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community and the world. May they witness to your love and care for all people, as we offer our time and energy to do the same. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*HYMN

Spirit, Open My Heart

see bulletin
inside last page

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 2:1-5, 3:1-32

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MESSAGE

*Prioritizing Human Resources
Over Generative AI*

Pastor Sam Smith

*HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

FWS 2153

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso from Water Music

Handel

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

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Sue Scheirer, in celebration of Steve & Debbie's 50th Wedding Anniversary
(Steve is Sue's brother).

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the family and friends of Priscilla Ferrell, who passed away in MA.
- For Debbi Hoagland, who is battling an aggressive brain cancer (Gordons).
- For David, who is facing a longer than expected recovery (Jennie Guy).
- For the people affected by the earthquakes in Columbia.
- For anyone affected by the flooding in Indiana / Midwest area.
- 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, Richard Law,
Josh Pedersen, Marcia Joy, Barbara Thieme

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

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

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

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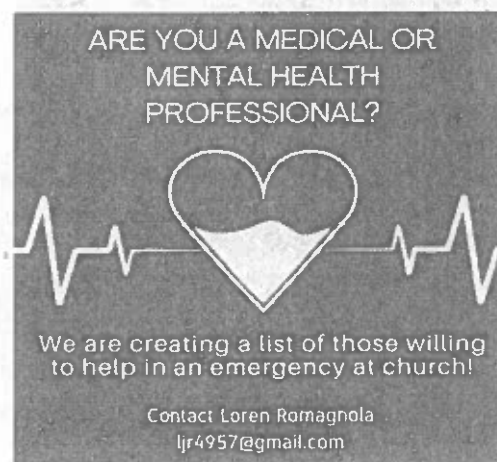
ANNOUNCEMENTS



*..to UWIF, especially Joanne Bater,
Jane Tucker, Jennie Guy,
Linda Gordon, Nancy Beaman,
Brenda Deever and Joan Mullings, who
donated / delivered ice pops to the kids at
Evergreen East this summer!*

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!*



Join Our Bell Choir!

**Thursday Rehearsals
6:30-8:00 PM**

**Contact Nicole
nicole@fairportumc.org**

*Singers, Ringers,
Instrumentalists*

**CHOIRS BEGIN
IN
SEPTEMBER!**

Choirs for ages 4 and up!

**Contact Nicole for more info
nicole@fairportumc.org**



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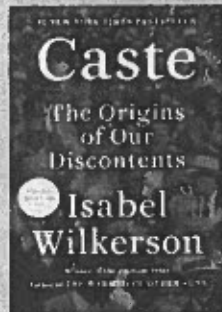
for Greater Rochester
Habitat for Humanity

All are invited to the wall raising of 58 Herkimer Street, Rochester,
on Saturday, August 29, at 10am.

This will be our final Habitat home in the Beechwood neighborhood of Rochester.

Our next Habitat homes will be in the city of Geneva in Ontario County.

Amplify the Light



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

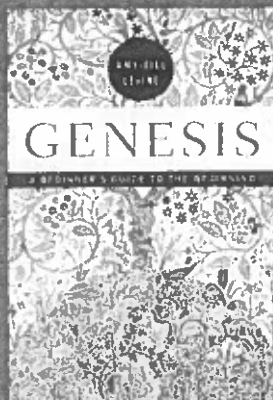
Adult Forum

STARTS SEPTEMBER 13



9:00 AM - ROOM 204

Tuesday Small Group



Tuesdays

Room 204 and Zoom

Noon - 1pm

Beginning

Tuesday, September 15th

Personal Care Items for Sanctuary House



ITEMS REQUESTED:

deodorant, body wash (travel size), shampoo (travel size),
toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons, sanitary pads,
women's underwear in all sizes, bras in all sizes.

There is a donation box in the coatroom.

Spirit, Open My Heart

1 Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the
 2 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a
 3 Write your love up - on my heart as my
 4 May I weep with those who weep, share the

joy and pain of liv - ing. As you love
 heart that's kind and ten - der. All my cold -
 law, my goal, my sto - ry. In each thought,
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may I love, in re - ceiv - ing and in
 ness and fear to your grace I now sur -
 word, and deed, may my liv - ing bring you
 come of Christ, may we wel - come one an -

giv - ing,
 ren - der.
 glo - ry.
 oth - er.

Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

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WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 23	9:30am 12:30pm	Worship Sunday Dinner – K only
Monday, August 24	1pm	Godmothers – offsite
Tuesday, August 25	10:15am 7pm	Staff Meeting Church Council – 204/Zoom
Wednesday, August 26	11:30am 6pm	Joy Club (Games) – P Luke 10 – Social Justice – P
Thursday, August 27	4pm 5pm	150 Gala Dinner Mtg – 204 Repair Café – P
Friday, August 28	10:30am 7:30pm	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite) Al Anon – FH
Saturday, August 29	Noon	Al Anon – FH
Sunday, August 30	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

Custodian - Jamie Gualtieri

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Ken Fischer

Reader: Dave Dupont

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