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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — SEPTEMBER 20, 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 — SEPTEMBER 20, 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 *Morning Has Broken* Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Disciples of Christ)

With joy we come to worship God!
We sing praises to God, remembering many wonderful works.
Call to mind all God has done:
leading the Hebrews out of slavery,
providing them with food and water,
inspiring each one of us to remember and give thanks.
So we lift our voices,
giving thanks to the Lord,
testifying to all we have received from God's hand.

*HYMN *Morning Has Broken* UMH 145

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

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray.

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

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, at least, for those who need it – but maybe, not us.

Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet. Amen.

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

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:2-15

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 (10:30)

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY

(9:00) *A Jubilant Call to Praise* Martin
Early Choir

(10:30) *Rain Down* arr. Carter
Chancel Choir

*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 (Thom Shuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*)

With hope in our hearts, we offer our gifts to you, O God, trusting you will use them in the work of your kingdom which welcomes all, loves all, needs all, and serves all. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN *All Who Hunger* FWS 2126

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 20:1-16

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	Kingdom Economics	Pastor Sam Smith
*Hymn	*In the Midst of New Dimensions*	FWS 2238
Benediction		
Postlude	*Holy Manna*	Callahan

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

Flowers in Worship

are from Loren Romagnola, Happy Birthday Nancy!

Prayer Requests

- Blessing for grandson Rhodes Hartnett, born 9/13, to Danny and Chelsey Hartnett (Bill & Karen Hartnett).
- For the family, friends, and coworkers of Hillary Blythe who died on 9/17 (Holly Warren).
- For Marvin Shoup, recovering after a brief hospitalization (Judy Gray's brother).
- For Linda Marsters, who had retinal surgery on 9/17 (Vicki Deady).
- For Mary Bishop, health issues (great niece of Mary Beth McHenry).
- For the people affected by the earthquakes in Colombia and by the floods in Nepal, and the Indiana / Midwest areas.
- 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, Richard Law, Josh Pedersen, Marcia Joy, Barbara Thieme, Arlene Herrington

Family / Friends: Becky Gualtieri, Shirley Robinson, David Klein, Annette Galloway, Barb, Katelyn, Betsy B, Hannah, Audrey, Dan Mousseau, Ellen, Liz, Tracy, Leann Strait, Nancy Shaw, Lisa Rising-Patchen, Karin Mihal Smith, Debbi Hoagland, David, Glen Habbershaw, Killian Hall, Rob Wilson

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

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

Service Music Texts

A Jubilant Call to Praise

Rise and sing the Light has come. See the glory of the morning sun.
Let your music fill this place. Wake the dawn with shouts of praise!
Rise and sing the Light has come. O, sing unto the Lord. Sing a joyful, jubilant song!

People, lift a glad refrain. Let your alleluias live again.
Come, proclaim what God has done; all your voices now as one:
Rise and sing the Light has come. O, sing unto the Lord. Sing a joyful, jubilant song!

Come and join the celebration. This is the day that God has made.
Join your praise with all creation! Sing unto the Lord a new song.

Praise the Lord who sets us free! Praise the wonders of His majesty!
Laud and glorify the name. All His mighty works proclaim.
Rise and sing the Light has come. O, sing unto the Lord. Sing a joyful, jubilant song!
O, sing unto the Lord! Praise God with joyful jubilant song!

Rain Down

Rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life.
Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.

Rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life.
We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve.

Rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life.
God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life that we thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts; all of our hope lies in you.
Rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

...to everyone who attended worship in person / online, and to those attending Adult Forum & Sunday School classes and Choirs!

We had 186 participants for our first Sunday back from summer activities!

TODAY!

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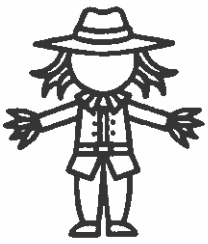
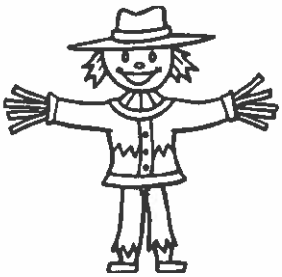
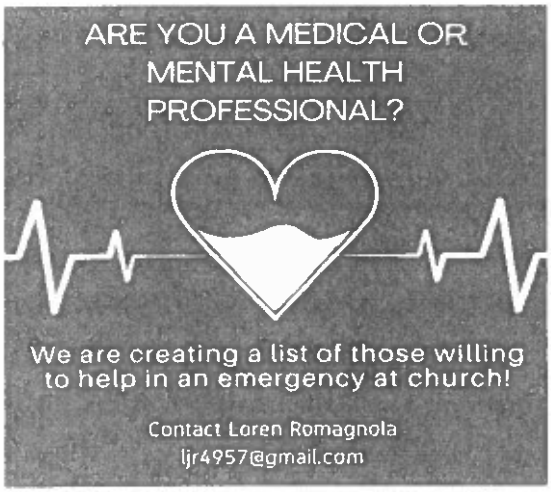


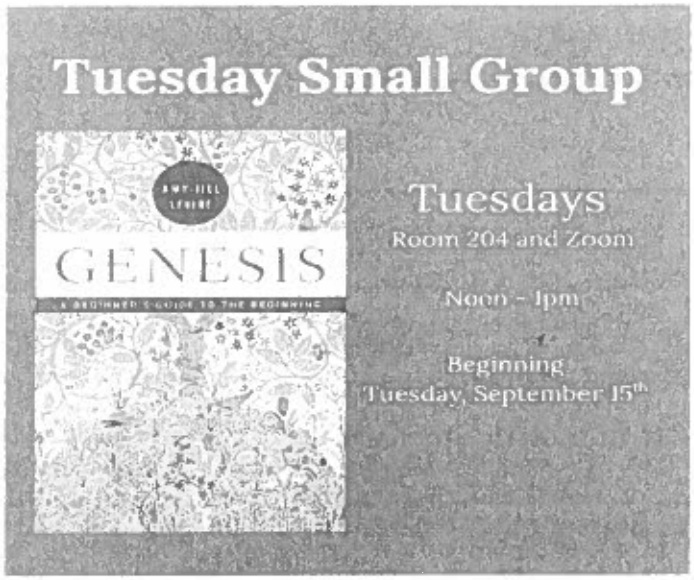


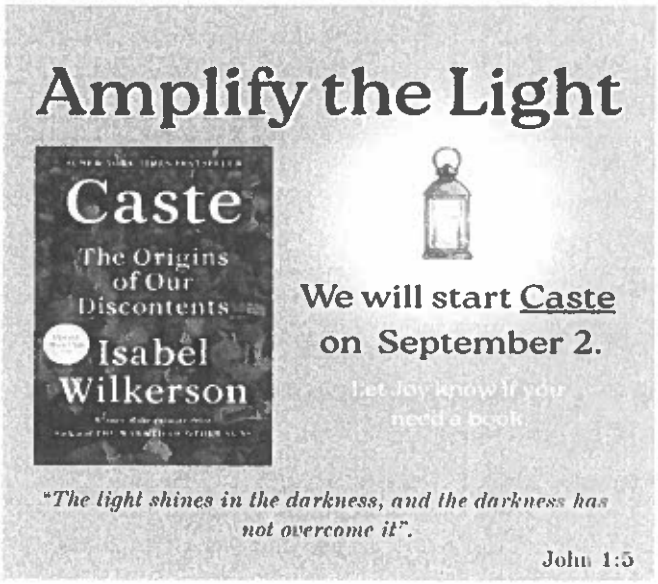
Also (if you want) you can help decorate our scarecrow for Fairport's Annual Scarecrow Festival!



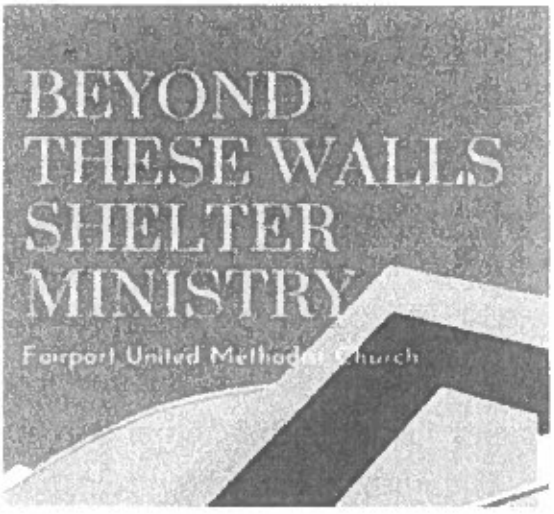
The Worship Ministry Team is creating a list of medical and mental health professionals who would be willing to help in emergency situations at church.

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





There is a donation box in the coatroom.



Volunteer and **Food Donation** sign-up sheets for "Beyond These Walls" shelter visits are now posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

There are volunteer opportunities for visits to the Francis Center and Sanctuary House on September 27, October 25, November 22, and December 20. Please contact Judy Bermudez judybermudez@hotmail.com) or Sue Striegel (sgolembe@gmail.com) for additional information.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 20	8am 9am 10:30am 12pm	Early Choir – 113 Worship, Sunday School, Adult Forum Worship Church Picnic – Center Park in Fairport
Monday, September 21	1pm 7pm	Godmothers – 204 Scouts – FH | Gift Advisory Committee -204
Tuesday, September 22	10:15am 12pm 6:30 | 7pm	Staff Meeting Small Group – 204 Joyful Noise – P, 206 | Church Council - 204
Wednesday, September 23	2:30pm 5:45pm 7pm	150 Year Committee – P Amplify the Light – 204/Zoom Chancel Choir – 113, S
Thursday, September 24	5pm 6:30pm	Repair Café – P Bell Choir – S
Friday, September 25	9am 10:30am 7:30pm	Cooking Ministry – K only Heart Listening Small Group (offsite) Al Anon – FH
Saturday, September 26	Noon	Al Anon – FH
Sunday, September 27	9am 10:30am 12:30pm 4pm | 5pm	Worship, Sunday School, Adult Forum Worship Sunday Dinner – K only Youth Group | BTW Shelter Visit

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Custodian - Jamie Gualtieri	

HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Julie Woodruff

Readers: 9am—Martha McNeill 10:30am—Tobin Woodruff

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