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15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 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 don't want to receive communion but would like a blessing, you can indicate that to the pastor.

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.

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Lovelace

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, *Discipleship Ministries*)

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

We live in a world full of conflict and division.

Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN

Gather Us In

FWS 2236

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

All we are called to do is to love - everyone. Yet, as simple as it sounds, by our actions and our words, we show how difficult a task it is.

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

You do not ask much of us, Guardian of hope - to love, to serve, to welcome.

Yet too often, it is words of bitterness we speak to friends and family. It is our stiff-with-judgment backs we offer to those looking for help. It is our hardened hearts people find, when they reach out, hoping to touch grace. Love lived as Compassion, forgive us. We are broken, so make us whole through the life of Christ. We are empty of peace, so fill us with the reconciling Spirit of Christ. We are alone, so take us by the hand and lead us into your kingdom of joy and grace, brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

Gathered as God's people, we hear the good news: God has forgiven us, God has made us whole, God sends us to serve.

We will not wear jealousy or resentment, but put on the garments of peace and hope. We are forgiven by our God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-14

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

Méditation from *Thaïs*

Massenet

Jay Blaufuss, violin Kathy Whitlock, piano

*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)

Reconciling God, you mark our lives not with fear, but with mercy, and you gather us into a people shaped by grace. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your saving power and our commitment to your work of healing and restoration. Use what we offer to mend what is broken, welcome those who feel outside, and build a community where forgiveness and hope have the final word. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Reconciling

Pastor Sam Smith

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

FWS 2257

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise ...

FWS 2257 parts (b) – (d) are sung responsively.

“Hosanna in the highest!” is sung in unison each time.

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.

GIVING THE BREAD & CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

FWS 2243

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Marcello

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

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Karen Felgenhour—Happy Birthday to Jerry and Mike (their son)!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the the people affected by the flash flood in Nepal.
- For the people affected by the earthquakes in Colombia.
- 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, Ellen, Liz, Tracy, Leann Strait, Nancy Shaw,
Lisa Rising-Patchen, Karin Mihal Smith, Debbi Hoagland, David,
Glen Habbershaw, Killian Hall

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)

Announcements



*...to Louise Kurz, Chip Rieck, Karen Hartnett,
Eric Leinenbach, and Sue Scheirer for the clean
-up (so much weed whacking / removal was
done) and the mulching between the fence and
the parking lot! It looks fantastic!!*

Update on the Large Anonymous Gift from Last Year

Please use the link in E-News to review the report / update as we hope to keep you informed as to our progress in discerning how to be good stewards of this generous gift.

There are also a limited number of printed reports on the table in the Narthex.

ARE YOU A MEDICAL OR
MENTAL HEALTH
PROFESSIONAL?



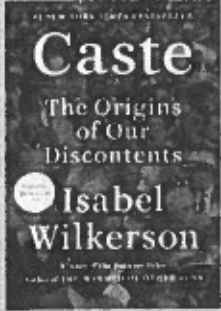
We are creating a list of those willing
to help in an emergency at church!

Contact Loren Romagnola
ljr4957@gmail.com

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!*

Amplify the Light




We will start Caste
on September 2.

Let joy know if you
read a book

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

John 1:5

Join Our Bell Choir!



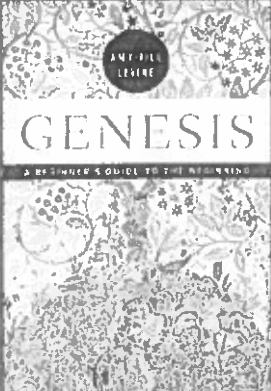
YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT WITH THESE??

JOIN THE FUN-RING BELLS!!

Thursday
Rehearsals
6:30-8:00 PM

Contact Nicole
nicole@fairportumc.org

Tuesday Small Group



GENESIS

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE BEGINNING

Tuesdays
Room 204 and Zoom

Noon - 1pm

Beginning
Tuesday, September 15th

CHOIR STARTING DATES!

2026-27

Chancel Choir - September 9
Early Choir - September 13
Bell Choir - September 17
Joyful Noise Choir - September 22



Would you like to join a choir?
Contact Nicole
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With Sunday school beginning next week, we want to give children in grades PreK-5th the opportunity to get a **"sneak" peek** at their Sunday school classroom.

Today, Sept. 6th, teachers will be in the classrooms at 10:30, immediately after worship.

PreK-K Room 111

Grades 1 & 2 Room B09

Grades 3, 4, & 5 Room 206



Everyone is invited to join us for food, fun and fellowship on **Sunday September 20th at noon** for our annual **Welcome Back Picnic.**

Please bring a **dish to pass** (side dish, salad or dessert) and a **place setting** (plate, silverware, cup) for each person.

UMM is providing hot dogs and a vegetarian option.

Water and lemonade will be provided.

Please RSVP on the **sign up sheet** in the narthex or by emailing the church office. We need to know how many hot dogs and/or vegetarian options to purchase.

See you there!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 6	9:30am 10:30am 10:45am 6pm	Worship (Last Summer Worship) Sunday School Sneak-Peek New Member Meeting – 204 Scout Leaders Mtg - P
Monday, September 7 Labor Day – Office Closed	1pm	Godmothers - 204
Tuesday, September 8	10:15am 7pm	Staff Meeting Finance – 204/Zoom
Wednesday, September 9	11:30am 5:45pm 7pm	Joy Group – offsite Amplify the Light – 204/Zoom Chancel Choir – 113, S
Thursday, September 10	9:30am 5pm 7pm	Naomi Circle – P Repair Café – P CMT – Zoom, Social Justice – Zoom
Friday, September 11	10:30am 7:30pm	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite) Al Anon – FH
Saturday, September 12	9am Noon	Sunday School Volunteer Trg – FH Al Anon – FH
Sunday, September 13	8:00am 9am 10:30 4pm	Early Choir – 113 Worship, Sunday School, Adult Forum Worship Youth Group Kickoff Parent Meeting

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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Custodian - Jamie Gualtieri

HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Ken Fischer

Reader: Lisa Silver

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