

# Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church

## Our Vision Statement

*To be a joyful, welcoming community  
igniting hearts and minds for God's work.*

a Reconciling Congregation

February 4, 2024

Youth Sunday

10:30am



*Art by John K., inspired by origami lotus flowers*

PRELUDE

Trio

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*PRAYER OF INVITATION †

***We meet in different buildings; in different towns.***

***We speak different languages and sing different hymns.***

***We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.***

***Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays,  
we become one body, one family in Christ.***

***We join together on one journey, the journey to unite with the Risen Christ.***

***We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God's will is done.***

***Let us join with all our community in worship***

***and true communion with God this day. Amen.***

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us greet each other in the name of the Risen Christ. Peace be with you.

***And also with you.***

\*HYMN

“Lord of the Dance”

UMH No. 261

CHILDREN’S TIME

*Children are invited to come forward as parents are comfortable.  
Please note that children who come forward may be visible on the livestream.*

Audrey B.  
and Evelyn H.

COLLECTION AND BLESSING OF FIRST FRUITS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*His Cheeseburger from VeggieTales*  
Ava, Maizie, and Maria

Kurt Heinecke  
and Mike Nawrocki

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“We Come This Far By Faith”

Albert A. Goodson

*We’ve come this far by faith leaning on the Lord; trusting in His Holy Word, He’s never failed me yet.  
Oh, can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith.  
Don’t be discouraged with trouble in your life, He’ll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife.*

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING

\*HYMN

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

*see insert*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*We now offer petitions of joy and concern from prayer cards.*

Lord in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord... **hear our prayer.**

*Prayers lifted during this time are shared with our Prayer Chain, a group of individuals who have covenanted to being in prayer with and for our congregation.*

\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ††

***God, the more we know you, the more it is that joy dances in our souls.***

***So, as we open the pages of our family’s history, show yourself in its words.***

***Whisper your love in our ears. Draw us into the embrace of your arms.***

***Let our hearts beat a little faster, as we hear the sound of your voice so near. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 4:29-32 (CEB)

SENIOR SERMON

Maria B.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION †

One: We have not believed you or trusted in your power.

**All: *Lord, help our unbelief.***

One: We have stained our souls by our action and inaction

**All: *Cleanse us, Lord.***

One: On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,

“This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood.” Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us:

**All: Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.**

One: Pour out your Spirit on us.

**All: *Pour out your Spirit on us.***

One: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

**All: *Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.***

One: Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ.

**All: *Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world.***

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

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.***

\*HYMN

“Together We Serve”

*see insert*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Lean On Me*

Followers Jam Band

Bill Withers

tab. by Stilettsvennen

***Congregation, please join in joyful song!***

GO IN PEACE.

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***\*Congregation, please rise in spirit, and stand as you are comfortable.***

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LAITY ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP:

*Liturgists:* Followers Youth

*Ushers:* Followers Youth

*Communion Servers:* Followers Youth

*Nursery:* Carol Hokanson, Kristen Herkenhoff

*Counters:* Matt Anderson, Mike Neuberg

*Fellowship Servers:* Meg Kasting, Matt & Janelle Anderson

*If you have swapped serving dates, please inform the church office so that service recognition is accurate. Thank you!*

## Here's What's Happening at Fairmount Avenue

Y.A.M. Spaghetti and Scripture Chat— Today, following worship. All young adults invited!

Davanni's Fundraiser— **Monday, February 5, 4:00-8:00pm.** *More details on insert.*

Midweek Bible Study— Wednesdays at 12:00pm via Zoom. *More details on insert.*

Health Team Meeting— Friday, February 9 at 10:00am via Zoom.

Midwinter Concert— **Next Sunday, February 11 at 2:00pm in the sanctuary.**

### Wednesday Night Programming: February 7

5:30pm— Wednesday supper

6:00pm— Children's Choir rehearsal

6:30pm— T.G.I.W. programming

6:30pm— Heritage Ringers rehearsal

7:45pm— Adult Choir rehearsal

### Sunday Morning Programming: February 11

9:00am— All Ages Sunday School

10:00am— Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour)

10:30am— Worship

11:45am— Y.A.M. Faith Exploration

### This Week's Happy Birthdays go to:

- 4 Bonnie Beverly  
Matt Anderson  
Adam Wogen
- 6 Josiah MC.
- 7 Ashley Ting
- 8 Barry Sullivan

## Welcome to worship at Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church! We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today.

- *Masks are welcome, but no longer required.*
- Our service will be livestreamed. If you are concerned about your image on the livestream, the greeters can assist in finding a place to sit not visible by camera.
- We want to pray with you. Feel free to complete a prayer card located in the pew in front of you and place into the offering plate when passed, or give to an usher.
- HEARING AIDS AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS are available for those who prefer. Our ushers are happy to assist you.
- Nursery care is available for children ages 5 and under. The nursery is located off of the Wesley Room, west of the sanctuary. Our ushers are happy to assist you.
- If you are sitting at the end of a pew, please mark your name in the attendance pad and pass along to others in the pew.
- Gender inclusive and family bathrooms are available for all. Our ushers are happy to assist you.

### FAIRMOUNT AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### MINISTERS: *The Congregation*

<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Shawna Horn	<i>Heritage Ringers</i>	Mindy Way-Johnson
<i>Music/Choir Director and Organist</i>	Michael Ferguson	<i>Parish Nurse</i>	Muriel Olson
<i>Children's Ministries Director</i>	Ashton Pappas	<i>Custodial Ministries</i>	Kirsten Herkenhoff
<i>Youth and Young Adult Ministries</i>	Cindy Radtke	<i>Administrator/Communications</i>	Elizabeth Herge

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# Happenings at Fairmount

Week of February 4, 2024

*Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church is a joyful, welcoming community;  
igniting hearts and minds for God's work.*

## Get Involved: Creating a Joyful, Welcoming Community

**Blood Pressure Checks**— Today in the Susanna Room before and after worship.

**Y.A.M. Spaghetti and Scripture Chat**— Today, in the downstairs kitchen following worship.

**Davanni's Fundraiser**— Monday, February 5, 4:00-8:00pm. See back for more details.

**Health Team Meeting**— Friday, February 9 at 10:00am via Zoom.

**Midwinter Concert**— Next Sunday, February 11 at 2:00pm in the sanctuary.

## Go Deeper: Igniting Hearts and Minds

**Midweek Bible Study**— Wednesdays at 12:00pm via Zoom. Join Pastor Shawna for a time of discussion, prayer, and connection. No preparation required. Drop in when you can! Meeting link is available in the Monday Meditations email, or use this meeting ID to join: 862 8716 4931

**Explorers: What Can I Do? The answer is in Sunday School...**

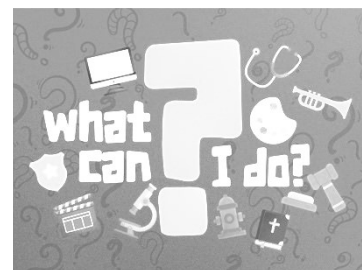
Meet artists, architects, doctors, and of course, the fishermen that Jesus called to be his disciples. Whoever you are and whatever you do, you can listen for God, trust God's plans, and include all God's people.

**February 11: Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael**

**February 18: Jesus Calls Andrew, Peter, James, and John**

Sunday School for Explorers, children PreK-5th Grade, is held 9:00-10:00am.

Email Ashton Pappas, Director of Children's Ministries at [ashton@faumc.net](mailto:ashton@faumc.net) for more information.



**Explorers T.G.I.W.— What's your story?** Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00pm. What do you have to share? What story do you have to tell? Explore the importance of stories and storytelling through books, libraries, puppet shows, and pictures. We each have a story that is worth telling. **There will be no T.G.I.W. next week, February 14; join 7:00pm Ash Wednesday worship instead!** Email [ashton@faumc.net](mailto:ashton@faumc.net) for more information.

**Also on Wednesdays: Children's Choir!** Rehearse at 6:00pm Wednesdays, before T.G.I.W. activities. Choir sings in worship **next Sunday, February 11**. Stick around after worship to perform as part of the Winter Concert, too! Email Ashton or Paul Howe ([paul.howe@hotmail.com](mailto:paul.howe@hotmail.com)) with any questions.

**Followers Youth Sunday Faith Formation**— Sundays, 9:00-10:00am. Come often; come when you can! *What to expect:* Fun question(s), game/activity, and discussion about community based in the book Acts. Contact Cindy, Director of Youth Ministries, at [cindy@faumc.net](mailto:cindy@faumc.net) with any questions.

**Followers T.G.I.W. Youth Group**— Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. Come often; come when you can! *What to expect:* We build community through games, activities, prayer, and faith in action. Our theme "Confidently Connected in Compassionate Community" continues with Stories that Bind Us Together.

**Y.A.M. Faith Exploration**— Sundays, 11:45am-12:45pm. Come often; come when you can! All young adults invited. **Today: Spaghetti and Scripture Chat in the downstairs kitchen! Take-n-Bake to be rescheduled.** Next week, meet in the Susanna Room. Hybrid option— Zoom ID: 827 3084 0330 Passcode: 591962. Contact Cindy, Director of Young Adult Ministries, at [cindy@faumc.net](mailto:cindy@faumc.net) with any questions.

**Adult Sunday School**— Sundays at 9:00am. Over the next few weeks we will be discussing the UMC Social Principles and watching videos about ways Methodists around the world are living them out. **In Lent**, we will participate in the Annual Conference's study of the book *Multiplying Love: A Vision of United Methodist Life Together* by Paul Chilcote. It lays out a compelling case for the future of The United Methodist Church, grounded in a Wesleyan vision of love that is necessary at this divisive time. The church will order some copies of the book— contact Brad Neuhauser ([brad.neuhauser@gmail.com](mailto:brad.neuhauser@gmail.com)) to reserve a copy.

**T.G.I.W. for Adults**— Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

## Serving Together: Doing God's Work

### **Thank you to our volunteers who help make worship happen. You are invaluable!**

We are looking for more Sunday morning volunteers to be greeters, lay readers, and audio/visual technical support. Please contact the church office at [admin@faumc.net](mailto:admin@faumc.net) if you would be willing to volunteer.

**Or come play in the nursery!** Volunteer to be in the nursery with the littlest members of our church family! Sign up for just one Sunday per month to be in the nursery and be a part of creating a welcoming home at Fairmount Avenue UMC for kids and their families. Contact Ashton Pappas at [ashton@faumc.net](mailto:ashton@faumc.net) to sign up.

### **Help Collect and Deliver First Fruits Food Donations to Keystone**

Sign up at [www.faumc.net](http://www.faumc.net). Deliver donations to Keystone (1916 University Ave. W., St Paul, MN 55104). They accept donations M-F from 9-5 during the week. Mask and gloves required. Food Security Ministry Team: Judy Thielen at [3klsdal@gmail.com](mailto:3klsdal@gmail.com) or Linda Hucke at [linda.hucke@centurylink.net](mailto:linda.hucke@centurylink.net).

### **Adopt-A-Drain— Sign up to Help in 2024!**

We are always looking for volunteers to clean the storm drains near the church: 3 at the corner of Fairmount and Saratoga and 2 on Fairmount just east of Snelling. Volunteers are asked to pick up trash, leaves and debris to allow water to drain. Sign up for a month online at [tinyurl.com/vnm2p9yc](http://tinyurl.com/vnm2p9yc). If you have any questions, please contact Nita at [nitahanson@gmail.com](mailto:nitahanson@gmail.com).

### **Help Serve a Meal at Provincial House**

Project Home is looking for volunteers to serve meals as a part of its weekend meal teams at 1880 Randolph Avenue. There are four shifts available every weekend on Saturday and Sunday for lunch and dinner. This opportunity is great for groups of 3-6 people. Currently the way it works is for one person to sign up for the shift and then bring another 2-5 others with them to help. Off street parking is available. For more information or to sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/PHMealTeams2023](http://tinyurl.com/PHMealTeams2023) or contact Steve Wertz at [sdwerts@msn.com](mailto:sdwerts@msn.com).



### **Mark your Calendars: Pasta Dinner Extravaganza**

Support the upcoming Followers Youth Mission Trip! The annual Pasta Dinner Extravaganza will be **Sunday, March 3** in the Fellowship Hall following worship. The online Silent Auction will also open March 3! More details to come. Contact Cindy Radtke, Director of Youth Ministries at [cindy@faumc.net](mailto:cindy@faumc.net) with any questions.

### **Collecting for Followers' Online Silent Auction Fundraiser**

The Followers' Online Silent Auction will run again March 3-10, but donations are needed beforehand! Paper forms are on the back ushers table, in the Director of Youth and Young Adult mailbox, and hanging on the doorway of the upstairs Education Office. For e-forms, please watch for information in Monday Meditations, Facebook Online Community, and church website. Contact Cindy Radtke, Director of Youth Ministries at [cindy@faumc.net](mailto:cindy@faumc.net) for more details.

### **Davanni's Pizza Night Fundraiser: TOMORROW**

**Monday, February 5 4:00-8:00pm**

Treat your family and friends to some delicious pizza (or pasta, hoagies, garlic bread, etc.) while also supporting the Followers youth on their mission trip this summer!

*Remember to mention the Followers or Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church when ordering dine-in or take-out so that our youth will receive a portion of the profits.*