

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

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30am

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.

PRELUDE

Communion

Louis Vierne

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, Eternal Source
Adult Choir

J.S. Bach

*PRAYER OF INVITATION †

God of truth,

***you have spoken your Word to us and in us
but we have not listened to you.***

***We have not been mindful of your presence,
or attentive to your voice.***

Have mercy on us, forgive us, and heal us.

Speak your Word in us now, and create us anew.

We open ourselves to your Word. 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**

“All Creatures of our God and King”

UMH No. 62—vs 1-5

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me
Children’s Choir

Anna Warner

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Was Glad
Adult Choir

Joseph M. Martin

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

For the Fruits of This Creation

UMH No. 97—vs 1

*For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God; for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.*

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

***HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH No. 451

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.*

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 READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Mark 1:21-28

SERMON

Among Your Own People

Rev. Dr. Bruce Forbes

*HYMN

"Sacred the Body"

UMH No. 2228

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen
Adult Choir

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Sketch in F Minor

Robert Schumann

GO IN PEACE.

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

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LAITY ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP:

Liturgist: Paul Howe

Ushers: Judy and Dan Thielen, Carol Hokanson

Nursery: Carol Hokanson, Kristen Herkenhoff

Counters: Aaron Buesing, Andrew Lubar

Counters Next Week: Matt Anderson, Mike Neuberg

Fellowship Servers: Verena Van Fleet, Jacob & Holly Hugart

Fellowship Servers Next Week: 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

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting— Today, January 28 at 3:00pm via Zoom.

Staff Meeting— Tuesday, January 30 at 10:00am.

Simpson Meal— Tuesday, January 30 in the evening.

Midweek Bible Study— Wednesdays at 12:00pm, join Pastor Shawna on Zoom for a time of discussion, prayer, and connection. No preparation required. *More details on insert.*

Blood Pressure Checks— Next Sunday, February 4, before and after worship.

Y.A.M. Create Take-n-Bake— Next Sunday, February 4 in the kitchen following worship.

Wednesday Night Programming: January 31

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 4*

9:00am— All Ages Sunday School

10:00am— Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour)

10:30am— Worship

*First Fruits collection

This Week's Happy Birthdays go to:

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| 28 | Holly Hugart
Maria Bryan |
| 30 | Gloria Thompson
Maggie Cousin
Dan Tuma
Annika Tuma |
| 1 | Meg Kasting |
| 2 | Ann Eaton Johnson
Mackenzie Mazhari |

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 January 28, 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

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Staff Meeting— Tuesday, January 30 at 10:00am.

Simpson Meal— Tuesday, January 30 in the evening. *See back for more details.*

Blood Pressure Checks— Next Sunday, February 4, in the Susanna Room before and after worship.

Y.A.M. Create Take-n-Bake— Next Sunday, February 4 in the kitchen following worship.

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...

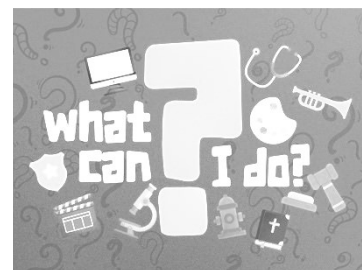
Meet artists, architects, doctors, and of course, the fishermen that Jesus called to be his disciples. Whoever you are and whatever you do, you can listen for God, trust God's plans, and include all God's people.

February 4: What Can I Do?

February 11: Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

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 for more information.



Explorers T.G.I.W. in the New Year— Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00pm. Start the new year with new focus on spiritual practices. Psalm 119:105 praises God, for God's "word is a lamp for our feet, a light on our path." This January we will explore, through play, spiritual practices to help us to follow God's word. **This week, January 31, tell a story; next week, tell YOUR story.** Email 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 on **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) with any questions.

Next Sunday, February 4, is Youth Sunday! Reminders for Followers— **8:45am** potluck continental breakfast in the Followers' Classroom. **9:20am** group in our different roles and prepare. **10:00am** meet with Pastor Shawna in the sanctuary for final instructions and prayer. It's going to be great!

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 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 Youth Sunday planning and 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: Lynn and Tom Ihlenfeldt will lead discussion on the early faith community in Acts. Meet in the Susanna Room. Hybrid will be more 1:1 this time. Let Cindy know if you need information.*

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) 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 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 to sign up.

Help Collect and Deliver First Fruits Food Donations to Keystone

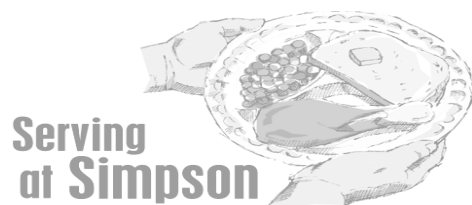
Sign up at www.faumc.net. Deliver donations to Keystone (1916 University Ave. W., St Paul, MN 55104). They accept donations M-F from 9-5 during the week. Mask and gloves required. Food Security Ministry Team: Judy Thielen at 3klsdal@gmail.com or Linda Huckle at linda.huckle@centurylink.net.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Nita at 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 or contact Steve Wertz at sdwerts@msn.com.



Next Simpson Meal: January 30

The next meal at Simpson Housing Services' shelter is coming up on Tuesday evening, January 30, 2024. All volunteer slots are still open! If you are interested in helping with the meal by shopping, transporting supplies to Simpson, preparing, or serving the meal, please sign up at tinyurl.com/yyhx54pp. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, contact Dave Hokanson (hokanson.dave@gmail.com) or (612)419-9800.

Collecting for Followers' Online Silent Auction Fundraiser

The Followers' Online Silent Auction will run again March 3-10, but donations are needed beforehand! Paper and e-forms will be available starting February 4. Paper forms will hang by the doorway of the upstairs education office; 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 for more details.

Davanni's Pizza Night Fundraiser:

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.