

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

November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

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 live-streamed. 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

Air

G.F. Handel

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

arr. J.S. Bach

Adult Choir

*This is the day the Lord has made, sing earth and heaven above!
Tell out my soul, in fervent praise, the greatness of God's love.*

*PRAYER OF INVITATION †

Lord of all nations, you hold this fragile world securely in our hands; at the same time you are so personal as to live within each believer through your Spirit. Meet with us this day. Help us to see you in the faces of our neighbors, to hear you in the words of the Holy Scripture and to be nourished by you at your table. Convince us of your presence as we worship so that we may be inspired to live our lives for your glory and offer your love to all. Through Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. 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**

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

UMH No. 327

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

Sing to God

Adult Choir

G.F. Handel

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

UMH No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF BLESSING

***HYMN**

“All Creatures of our God and King”

UMH No. 62

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 READING

Psalm 100

SERMON

A Higher Power

Rev. Shawna Horn

***HYMN**

“In Christ Alone”

see insert

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Peace I Leave With You

O. Speales

Adult Choir

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you;
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.*

POSTLUDE

Processional

G.F. Handel

GO IN PEACE.

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

† Adapt. from UM WS No. 66: Constance Cherry © 2011 Constance Cherry



Join us next Sunday, December 3, for Hanging of the Greens!

It's almost the first Sunday of Advent! Stay after worship for a light potluck lunch, then help decorate the sanctuary and the building for the Advent and Christmas season. Bring a dish to share and join in the fun! A Christmas craft activity for children will be led by Ashton in the Fellowship Hall. All ages and abilities welcome!

LAIITY ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP:

Liturgist: Dave Hokanson

Ushers: Carol Hokanson, Tom and Lynn Ihlenfeldt

Nursery: Beth Sullivan, Gus Mandersheid

Counters: Aaron Buesing, Robert Boucher

Counters Next Week: Andrew Lubar, Steve Weber

Fellowship Servers: Doug and Karin Trail-Johnson, Scott and Corrin Wendell

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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, November 26 at 3:00pm via Zoom.

UMW Book Group— Monday, November 27 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Charge Conference— Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00pm via Zoom. *Members of Church Council will remain on Zoom to meet following the Charge Conference.*

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.*

Music Makers— Thursday, November 30 at 6:00pm in the nursery.

Winter Plant Sale Pickup— Friday, December 1. Time TBD.

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal— Saturday, December 2, 10:00am-12:00pm.

Y.A.M. Spaghetti and Scripture— Saturday, December 2, 5:00pm in the kitchenette.

Hanging of the Greens— Next Sunday, December 3, help decorate after worship.

Wednesday Night Programming: November 29

5:30pm— Wednesday supper

6:00pm— Children's handbell rehearsal

6:30pm— T.G.I.W. programming

6:30pm— Heritage Ringers rehearsal

7:45pm— Adult Choir rehearsal

Sunday Morning Programming: December 3

9:00am— All Ages Sunday School

10:00am— Fellowship Time (Coffee Hour)

10:30am— Worship

11:45am— Hanging of the Greens

11:45am— Y.A.M. Faith Exploration

This Week's Happy Birthdays go to:

- 26 Karin Trail-Johnson
- 27 Emma Ausen
- 28 Susan Rose
Chris Kelley
- 29 Vicki Flowers
Cindy Olson-Tuma
- 30 Elliot Tuma

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All church members are invited to attend as the charge conference votes on clergy compensation. Meeting ID: 856 5216 8878

If Zoom is inaccessible, contact the office for alternatives.

FAIRMOUNT AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MINISTERS: *The Congregation*

Pastor

Music/Choir Director and Organist

Children's Ministries Director

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Rev. Shawna Horn

Michael Ferguson

Ashton Pappas

Cindy Radtke

Heritage Ringers

Parish Nurse

IT Ministries

Custodial Ministries

Administrator/Communications

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Happenings at Fairmount

Week of November 26, 2023

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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 Sunday School: Time for a "Christmas Vacation"

Christmas is the best time, all the time. On this Christmas vacation, explore the power of Jesus from before he was even born to the first people he met, and in the lives of all God's people today.

December 3: Jesus is Born

December 10: Perform "A Room in the Inn"

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.

Speaking of Christmas... Preparations for this year's Christmas program have officially begun! **The program will be during worship on Sunday, December 10.** Please email Ashton with questions or to participate.

Followers Youth Sunday Faith Formation— Sundays, 9:00-10:00am. Come often; come when you can!
What to expect: Questions, learning with conversation, and at least one fun activity/game.

Followers T.G.I.W. Youth Group— Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00pm. Come often; come when you can!
What to expect: We will build community through games, activities, prayer, and faith in action! Contact Cindy, Director of Youth Ministries, at cindy@faumc.net with any questions.

Y.A.M. Faith Exploration— Sundays, 11:45am-12:45pm. Come often; come when you can! All young adults invited. *Today, meet in the Susanna Room.* Hybrid option available: ID 81239500489; Passcode 048277.
What to expect: Building a small group, time for questions, learning about early church community, and faith in our daily lives.

Y.A.M. Spaghetti and Scripture Chat— Saturday, December 2, 5:00-6:00pm. All young adults invited.
What to expect: After introductions and grace, we will eat spaghetti and listen to a short scripture reading before sharing a dialogue. We'll wrap up by sharing our personal joys and concerns, and close in prayer.



Adult Sunday School— Sundays at 9:00am. There are many ministries that people participate in faithfully at FAUMC. On Sunday mornings this November, come hear about some of them! Members of our community will share about how their participation has impacted their faith and the broader community.

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 Hucke at linda.hucke@centurylink.net.

Adopt-A-Drain— Sign up to Help

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 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4fada828a2fa7-adopt>. 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.



Children's Clothing Collection

We are collecting gently used clothing as well as winter outerwear (jackets, snowpants, hats, mittens, boots) for Folwell Community School in Minneapolis. The school houses Pre-K- 5th grade and has a population dealing with many challenges— lack of stable housing and income, food insecurity, etc. The nurse's office tries to keep extra clothes on hand and, particularly heading into the winter season, extra outerwear for children who might otherwise not be able to go outside for recess.

There is a labeled bin in the Wesley Room for any donations. Thank you!