

# Fairmont United Methodist Church

## First Sunday in Lent

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

9:00 AM

\* - You are invited to stand at these times.

(Hymn numbers over # 2000 are from "The Faith We Sing" supplement)

### We Gather as God's People

Prelude and Candle Lighting

\* Greeting One Another in Christ (with a nod or a handshake)

\* Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lead us in the way of truth, O God.

**People: Show us your holy pathways.**

Leader: Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

**People: Teach us to follow where you lead.**

Leader: We trust in your way, O Lord.

**People: To you, we lift up our souls.**

\* Hymn "Holy Ground" # 2272

Opening Prayer (in unison) Mark 1

**God of rainbow promises,  
we seek to know your ways of love and truth,  
As we walk with Jesus in this season of Lent  
through our wilderness journeys,  
your Holy Spirit is with us,  
as it was with Jesus at the Jordan River.  
Help us clearly perceive the pathway  
that proclaims your kindness  
and your kin-dom.  
Help us undertake the journey within  
to the source of our best selves,  
that we may remember anew  
that are you are with us, in us and near us,  
on every step of life's journey. Amen.**

Chancel Choir "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" W. Hornibrook  
*Susan Billett, Flutist*

For All of God's Children "Where Children Belong" # 2233 (twice)

### We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Mark 1: 9-15 Warren Beaty  
*This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Good News From Lonely Places" T.J. Lewis

Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River" #723

### We Respond to God's Word with Thanksgiving

Our Time of Prayer

Birthdays, Announcements and Opportunities for Fellowship and Service

Our Offering

\*Doxology "My Tribute" # 99

\*Prayer of Dedication

*Bless these gifts we offer this day. Through these offerings, may the blessing of your spirit flow to every corner of the world, that all people may know they are your beloved children. As we join together with the prayer Jesus taught us, Our Father...*

\*The Lord's Prayer # 895

### We Go Forth To Serve God and Our Neighbors

\* Dismissal with Blessing

Leader: Go from this place and continue your journey. Stay attuned to the present of God who created you, and follow Jesus through your wilderness places, as you are lead by the Holy Spirit into new life. Go in peace, stay in peace. Amen.

\* Hymn "Spirit of God" # 2117

\* Postlude

**Mark 1: 9-15**

<sup>9</sup>About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup>While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. <sup>11</sup>And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

<sup>12</sup>At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, <sup>15</sup>saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"



### Welcome to Worship

It is a joy to welcome you to worship today. Thank you for joining us as we worship and are blessed by our Lord. We are glad you are with us today!

**Our mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Our vision:** Resounding God's Grace!

Please sign the **Ritual of Friendship** pads when they are handed out by the ushers. After everyone in the pew has had a chance to sign them, please return them to near the center aisle.

**Nursery Care** is staffed and available for children, 4 years of age and younger, every Sunday morning from 8:45-11:15 am. Adults are asked to accompany and sign in their child/children. The Nursery is located on the 1st floor of the educational wing.

**Children's Bulletins** can be found in the narthex, located in the manila envelopes attached to the outside of the plastic boxes. Following the service, please return crayons to the Ziploc bag, clip the bag to the clipboard and return to the box.

Thank you!

**Busy Bags** can be found on the Busy Bag Tree in the narthex.

**Bibles, large print hymnals, and hearing amplification devices** are available in the narthex. Hearing devices are available from the ushers.

**Texts** of Pastor Tony's sermons are available from the ushers for persons who wish to have one to follow during the sermon or to pass on to others.

Our church's **Unisex Handicapped Accessible Restroom** is located near the elevator off the Fellowship Hall in church basement.

**Gluten-free Communion wafers** are available for those with allergies. If you would prefer one, please ask your communion server for one. It is the tradition of the United Methodist Church to serve grape juice for Communion.

**Hospitality Coffee/Beverages:** are being served in the Narthex. Enjoy some refreshments and fellowship! Thanks to Lois Fransen and her team for serving. (Profits go to the youth program.)

### OUR PRAYERS

**Of joy:** Happy Birthday to Marlowe Potter (2/24) and Golda Schwab (2/24)

**Of concern:** Rainy Patricca, Ethan Grunewald, Diane Mattson, Dawn Doolittle, Mackenzie Fink

**Our joys & concerns for the previous 4 weeks:** Chuck Armbrust, Ione Cross, Wesley Malo, Vicky Jordan, Douglas Fink, Soon Ogren, Shirley Doolittle, the family of Leon Beckendorf, Mark Kabanuk; Stephen Newnum in Brazil, leadership of our country & other countries, leadership of our church.

**Pray for our Military:** Caleb Witham/National Guard in Bagram Afghanistan (Emily O'Connor's friend), Ethan Doolittle, Army/Basic training in Ft. Jackson, SC. (Dawn Doolittle's nephew); EM1(SW) Lance Brolsma/NSB Bangor, Bangor, WA, son of Denise & Dale Baruth, grandson of Bev Fenske.

## Calendar

### Sunday, February 18

8:30 am. Hospitality Coffee in Narthex  
9:00 am. Worship  
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth & Adult Bible Studies  
10:00-12:00 Winter Wonderland Youth Pork Dinner followed by Dessert Auction

### Monday, February 19

9:00 am. Exercise Group  
12:30 pm. Yoga

### Tuesday, February 20

9:00 am. Exercise Group  
1:00 pm. Quilters  
1:00 pm. NO Lakeview Bible Study  
3:30 pm. Circuit Rider Deadline  
5:15 pm. Yoga  
7:00 pm. Cub Scouts

### Wednesday, February 21

9:00 am. NO Staff Meeting  
9:00 am. Exercise Group  
12:30 pm. Yoga  
3:15 pm. CLICK  
5:00 pm. Lenten Supper-Vegetable Beef/Potato Dumpling Soups  
5:45 pm. Agape Choir  
6:15 pm. Confirmation Check-in  
6:30 pm. Lenten Service  
7:15 pm. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 22

9:00 am. TOPS  
11:30 am. Rachel Circle  
12:00 AM-ANON -Fireside  
2:00 BAM-Fireside  
5:15 pm. Yoga  
6:00 pm. NO Refresh Group

### Friday, February 23

9:00 am. Exercise Group  
12:30 pm. Yoga

### Saturday, February 24

No scheduled activities

### Sunday, February 25

8:30 am. Hospitality Beverages in the Narthex  
9:00 am. Worship  
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth & Adult Bible Studies

### Worship Attendance on February 11, 2018

9:00 Worship: 136

Sunday School Leaders/Students: 36

## Today's Worship

### Ushers

Craig Van Egdome, Jack & Jeanne Doolittle, Reed Gethmann

### North Door Greeter

Dave Johnson

### Narthex Greeters

Ralph & Charlene McMillan

### South Door Greeters

Ken & Helga Anderson

### Acolytes

McKayla Byers  
Rachel O'Connor

### Scripture Reader

Warren Beaty

### Special Music

Chancel Choir – Susan Billett/Flutist

### Liturgist

Warren Beaty

### Organist

Ann Wehner

### Media Team

Sherman Kumba, Cordell Kain,  
Dylan Kennedy

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday**  
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## Events

### Keep Bringing in those Receipts!!

Hy-Vee total - \$37,752 Round 16

Fareway total -\$142,673 Round 6

(Only entire, intact receipts from the Fairmont stores please)



**Flowers** – the flower on the Communion Table this morning is given by Ellis & Arlene Saxton.

### Winter Wonderland Youth Fundraiser – TODAY! Sunday, Feb. 18 from

10:00-noon in the Fellowship Hall. Serving pork loin, hash brown casserole, green beans, breadstick, jello salad, beverage and dessert. A dessert auction will follow dinner. Tickets are: 13 & older: \$12, 4-12 yrs. \$6, 3 & under are free.

All proceeds go to Fairmont UMC Youth Ministry.



**Minnesota Food Share** – March Campaign. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the church between February 28-April 1. On the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, these donations will be distributed to the local food shelves.

**Save The Date:** March 4, 10:10 am. There will be a farewell gathering to honor Jenny Lewis and the time she has been a part of our church. Join us for cake and beverages. Jenny will be pursuing other adventures with Hope United Methodist Church in Blue Earth that are more in line with her career and ministerial goals. We wish her all the best!

**The Lighthouse** – needs volunteers to work Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-6:30 (2 volunteers each day). They also could use snacks (cookies, bars, cake, chips, etc.) each day. It's a great way to make a difference in the lives of young people. Call 235-6016 if you would like to volunteer.

**Festival of Music** – March 11 at 2:00 pm. This year the "Festival" will be at the First Congregational Church, 319 Downtown Plaza. Please plan to attend this wonderful musical event sponsored by CREST of Martin County

**Free In-Person Tax Preparation** – beginning February 1 – April 17, free tax appointments will be available at **The First Congregational Church**, 319 Downtown Plaza (balcony), Fairmont. This program is available only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:45 am – 4:00 pm. If you have questions and/or want to make an appointments, call (507) 230-4400.

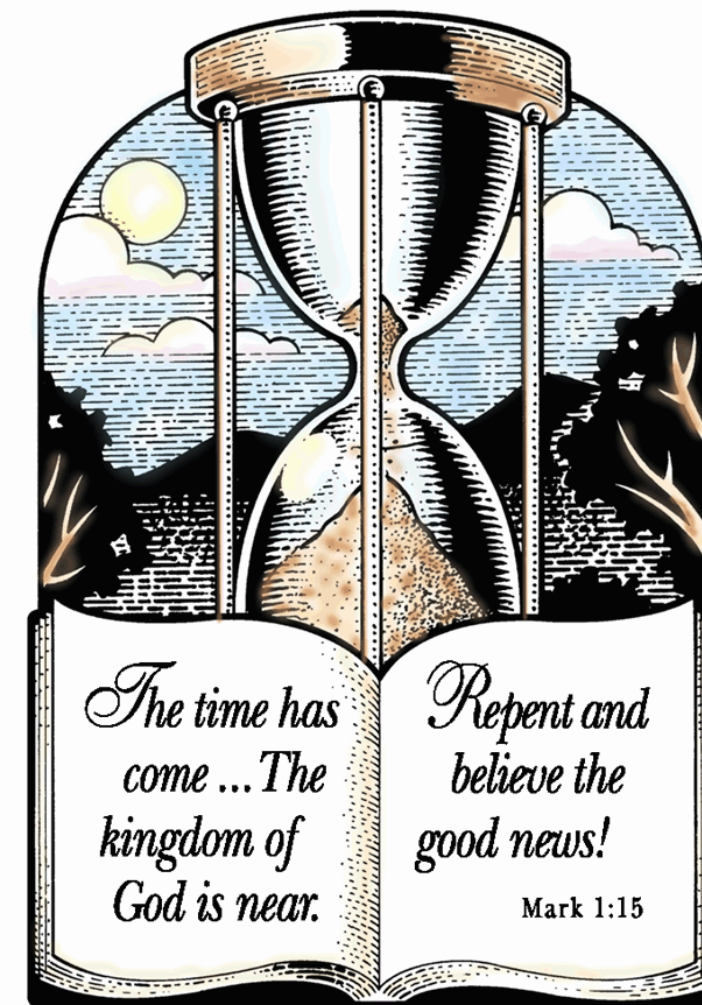
**Cinderella's Closet at Hope Prom Dress Giveaway** – helping girls afford the prom dress and prom experience of their dreams! Cinderella's Closet at Hope wants to help girls get a dress for one of the most memorable days of their lives. They have various sizes, colors and styles of new and gently used formal gowns. Attendees will be able to pick out a dress, a pair of shoes, jewelry and other accessories. The best part is that it is all for FREE or a good will donation! There are limited days and times, so please call Heather at 952-240-0269 if you have questions or visit Hope's Facebook Page for more details. They are also accepting donations of gowns, shoes and jewelry for this event. A flyer with days/times is also posted on our bulletin boards by our front and back doors.

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### Resounding God's Grace!

- *Relating with love and grace*
- *Radically welcoming our guests*
- *Reaching out to our communities in love*

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