

* - 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
 Welcome
 * Greeting One Another in Christ (with a nod or a handshake)
 * Call to Worship by Nancy C. Townley, alt.
 Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Leader: For some of us, it was tempting to "sleep in" this morning.
People: But God has called us to this place, to hear God's word, to open our hearts in prayer and praise, and to seek direction for our lives.
 Leader: There are many temptations placed in front of us. We are called to be strong and place our trust in God.
People: Because God is always faithful to us, comforting, guiding, and lifting us.
 * Hymn "Glory in the Cross" (Insert # 3075)
 Opening Prayer (in unison) by Matthew J. Packer, alt.
In the quiet of this moment, in the stillness of this place, draw near to us, O God. As we seek the shelter of your refuge, as we celebrate the bounty of your provision, hearken to our need, O Holy One.

Transform this time and place into our Promised Land of milk and honey – a land where you are among us, a land where your mighty hand and your outstretched arm protect us, a land where you alone are worthy of our worship and service. We ask this in the grace-giving and saving name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Special Music "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Agape Choir
 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 Romans 5:1-11 Robynn Buhmann
 This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
 Message "Thank God for Grace! Prevenient Grace" # 378
 Response Hymn "Amazing Grace"

We Respond to God's Word with Thanksgiving

Our Time of Prayer
 Girl Scout Sunday Prayer (see insert)
 Birthdays, Announcements and Opportunities for Fellowship and Service
 Our Offering
 Offertory
 *Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 94
 *Prayer of Dedication
 *The Lord's Prayer # 895

We Go Forth To Serve God and Our Neighbors

*Dismissal with Blessing by Nancy C. Townley, alt
 Leader: The journey of Lent has begun. God is with you.
 Go forth to learn, to teach, and to serve.
People: We go bringing grace and peace and hope to all in the name of Jesus Christ.
 Leader: Go in grace and peace. Serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
 * Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" # 348
 * Postlude

Romans 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness combined with our faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. ³ But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, ⁴ endurance produces character, and character produces hope. ⁵ This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.
⁶ While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. ⁷ It isn't often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. ⁸ But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ So, now that we have been made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. ¹⁰ If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son while we were still enemies, now that we have been reconciled, how much more certain is it that we will be saved by his life? ¹¹ And not only that: we even take pride in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the one through whom we now have a restored relationship with God.



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.

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.

Forget your checkbook? You can contribute to the church by credit card or smartphone! Visit our website at www.umcfairmont.org/giving/ or use the QR code.



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: Congratulations to the Baruth family as they welcome Makenna Mae to the world.

Of concern: Roger Lohse, Jerry Simon, Makenzie Fink

Our joys & concerns for the previous 4 weeks: Dale Bryan, Aries Shefrate, Scott Slater, Mindy Thompson, Joan Hicks, Ruth McGowan, Donna McGowan, Dave Fulton (brother of Lori Higgins, Shirley McCoy (mother of Cindy Tonne), Gordon Franzen, Doug Richards, Jr, the families of Stuart Tanquist, David Shelstad; Stephen Newnum in Brazil, leadership of our country & other countries, leadership of our church.

Pray for our Military: EM1(SW) Lance Broolsma/NSB Bangor, Bangor, WA, son of Denise & Dale Baruth, Tim & Diane Broolsma, grandson of Bev Fenske

Calendar

Sunday, March 10

Girl Scout Sunday
8:30 am. Hospitality Coffee/Narthex
9:00 am. Worship
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth & Adult Bible Studies
10:10 am. Growing in Faith
11:30 am. Brunch Bunch-Pizza Rch
2:00 pm. Festival of Music

Monday, March 11

9:00 am. Exercise Group
10:00 am. All-Clergy gathering with the Bishop
12:30 pm. Yoga
6:00 pm. Building Design Team
6:15 pm. M.C Daycare Assoc.

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 am. Exercise Group
1:00 pm. Lakeview Bible Study
1:00 pm. Quilters
2:00 pm. Lakeview Communion
5:15 pm. Yoga
7:00 pm. Cub Scouts
7:00 pm. Church Council

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 am. Staff Meeting
9:00 am. Exercise Group
12:30 pm. Yoga
3:15 pm. CLICK
5:00 pm. Wed. Lenten Supper – Broccoli Cheese & Chicken Noodle Soup, Cornbread
5:45 pm. Bible Study-Media Rm (121)
5:45 pm. Agape Choir
6:15 pm. Confirmation Check-in
6:30 pm. Lenten Service
7:15 pm. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 14

9:00 am. TOPS
9:30 am. Grief Counsel-Conference Rm
10:00 am. Goldfinch
12:00 pm. AI-ANON
5:15 pm. Yoga
6:00 pm. Refresh Worship

Friday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 16

No scheduled activities

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day
8:30 am. Hospitality/Narthex
9:00 am. Worship
10:10 am. CLICK, Youth and Adult Bible Studies
10:10 am. Growing in Faith

Today's Worship

Ushers

Russ Thompson, Bruce Moore, Bob Koch
Brad Musser, Mike Thompson

North Door Greeter

Buhmann Family

Narthex Greeter

Gene & Ione Cross

South Door Greeters

Neal & Alma Barber

Acolytes

Allison Janssen

Scripture Reader

Robynn Buhmann

Special Music

Agape Choir

Liturgist

Lori Higgins

Organist

Ann Wehner

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Worship Attendance on

March 3, 2019

9:00 Worship: 133

Events

Keep Bringing in those Receipts!!

Hy-Vee total - \$95,563 Round 18

Fareway total - \$132,718 Round 7

(only receipts from the Fairmont stores please)



Flower – the rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Makena Mae Baruth, born 3/2/19 in Waterloo, IA. She is the daughter of Caleb & Taylor Baruth, granddaughter of Dale & Denise Baruth.

Festival of Music – today, March 10, at 2:00 pm. at the Fairmont United Methodist Church. We invite you to come and enjoy music presented by area church choirs and musicians to celebrate the love of God. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit CREST.



Lenten Services – beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 6), we will be serving Lenten suppers. Rather than Wednesday Night Worship, we will have a Bible study at 5:45 during the Easter Season. This group will meet in the Media Room (121). Lenten services will begin at 6:30 in the Sanctuary for the next 6 weeks. After Easter, our regular Wednesday activities will resume.

Milk Moola Program – Kwik Trip will be discontinuing this program at the end of March 2019. Please have all your bottle caps and bag tops to the church by **March 20** to allow time to get them sent in. After that, please throw these items in your personal recycling/trash.

Coins For Camping – the UMW and Missions are combining efforts to raise money for camping funds to send local kids to summer camps. Please put your donations in the little cabin, canoe or campfire that are set up in the Narthex.

Tornado Kits – the Missions Committee is collecting for tornado kits. The list of items can be picked up in the Narthex, from Audrey Schwab or in the office. Monetary donations are preferred as they are easier to send.

Martha Circle – will be meeting at Green Mill at 9:30 am. on March 21.

A Note from the Monday Offering Counters -Attendance is down because of our nasty February weather! When attendance is down, money does not flow in! We need to keep the lights and heat on and our staff paid. There are many different opportunities to support the church's needs. (Online giving at <https://umcfairmont.org/giving/>, or mailing your "catch up" contribution to Fairmont UMC, 119 E. 2nd St, Fairmont MN 56031, to name two ways.) Questions? Ask Renee Poppe, Ralph McMillan, Gene Cross, Larry Hill, or Charlie Roatch. Please keep your giving up to date. Thank You!

Bad Weather Reminder

On Weekdays... as in the past, if weather conditions close the Fairmont Area Schools early, any scheduled activities at the church that day/evening will also be cancelled. (Choir rehearsals are sometimes an exception to this policy, so please check with your choir director if you are unsure.) **On Sunday mornings** we will have worship regardless of the weather. Yet, we do ask that you remember that your safety is our upmost concern. *If it is too hazardous for you to make it to worship, please stay home and catch worship on our website at umcfairmont.org/worship-services/*



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

March 10, 2019

