

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025 9:30 a.m. at First UMC
11:00 a.m. at Old First UMC

*Congregation is invited to rise if able and comfortable.
Readings in **BOLD** are to be read in unison.

Hymnals: UMH is Red or Purple-TFWS is Black-W&S is Green

Please note that this service is being recorded and viewed on social media.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *Prelude in G* Linley
Pastorale Hayes
As you settle into the sanctuary, please open your phone and share the live service from your Facebook page as a way of inviting the larger community to worship.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (9:30)
He Leadeth Me UMH 128 v. 1
He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate’er I do, where’er I be,
still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP
We follow a God who calls us to go all in!
God, show us our gifts for building your kingdom.
Some are called to teach.
Jesus, show us our gifts.
Some are called to healing.
Spirit, help us see our gifts.
Some are called to prophecy.
We come offering our gifts for the glory of God,
to serve the common good and share the love of our Lord.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST
We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying,
“Peace be with you”
You are invited to respond by saying,
“And also, with you.”

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Together We Serve* TFWS 2175

CENTERING PRAYER

Giving God, you have blessed each of us with unique gifts to be used to express your loving presence in the world. We thank you for these many gifts. May your Spirit lead us to unite these talents and be the church. Guide us in recognizing our gifts, growing in our skills, and seeking ways to use them for the common good. Fill us with your

holy presence as we worship you this day that we may remain faithful in our service to you through all our days. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM (9:30) *Many Gifts, One Spirit* Pote
Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 Pew Bible NT 174
For the Word of God in Scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us
Thanks be to God

HYMN OF RESPONSE *In His Time* TFWS 2203

SERMON Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith
All In: The Common Good

AN “ALL IN” MINISTRY MOMENT

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SHARING OUR PRAYERS
At the **9:30** service, you are invited to name your prayers for the congregation.
After each prayer request, the congregation will respond...
Lord, Hear Our Prayer

PRAYERS FOR ALL GOD’S BELOVED PEOPLE LORD’S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30) UMH 39-44
Avery Jean Fallon
Parents: Katie and Tom Fallon
Godparent: Cynthia Tanta-Nanta

PRESENTATION
*PROFESSION OF FAITH
*GLORIA PATRE *Glory Be to the Father* UMH 70

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER & BAPTISM

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME
Members of the household of God, I commend Avery to your love and care. Will you accept responsibility to assist Katie and Tom in fulfilling these baptismal vows by providing opportunities for Avery to grow in the knowledge and love of God?

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Avery will be surrounded by steadfast love that leads and strengthens her faith.

SONG OF CELEBRATION (9:30) *God Claims You*
Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD
This morning, we ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge to support the work of Christ through this community of faith. You are invited to bring your pledge cards and offerings for God to the chancel rail as an act of commitment as we sing;
Freely, Freely – UMH 389.
Please feel free to pause at the chancel rail for prayer.

God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name, I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name, and in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
Refrain:

He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”

All power is given in Jesus’ name, in earth and heaven in Jesus’ name, and in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.
Refrain

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God of many gifts, we offer ourselves, these pledges, and our offering as an act of faithful commitment to you and to ministry through this church. Bless our gifts and talents that we might be witnesses of your love for the common good of all people. May these offerings unite us as a church and as family in your name as we again, commit our lives to following you. Lead us in the ministry you would envision for us in Jesus’ name. Amen

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Pass It On* UMH 572

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
Sent Forth by God’s Blessing UMH 664 v. 2
With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God’s children of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

*POSTLUDE *Voluntary in A* Selby
Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship. An Adult Study is offered in FUMCO’s Wesley Hall at 11:00 a.m., located on the lower level of the building

Our Service Of Worship Has Ended.
Our Worship Through Service Begins.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAMS THIS MORNING

Greeter/Usher at 9:30: Kitty Amato/Ron Danielson

Acolyte at 9:30: Robert Scott

Lay Reader at 9:30: Joy More

Lay Reader at 11:00:

Counters at 9:30: Randy Danielson, Jane Gittines

Counter at 11:00: Donna Ahrens

Fellowship Host (FUMCO): Jeff Danielson, Pamela Lynch

ALTAR FLOWERS AT FUMCO

Given in celebration of Michael & Alina Haider's wedding on November 14th by Tim & Michele.

Given in honor of Bonnie & Kevin McNamara's 25th wedding anniversary.

ALTAR ROSE

Given in honor of the baptism of Avery Jean Fallon by her grandparents Len & Barbara Gruezke & Tom & Loretta Fallon.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome to this service of worship. We pray this service offered an opportunity to engage with the Divine. If we can be of service to you in any way, please let us know. If you are looking for a church to call home, please consider joining together with us, where we help each other grow in faith, love, and service.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION-FUMCO

- There are **hearing devices** to assist you to experience the service more clearly, with our streaming team in the rear of the sanctuary. Feel free to pick one up.
- A **rocking chair** is available for the comfort of parent and baby, in Blair Chapel behind the pews.
- To access the **restrooms**, please exit the side door to the right of the lectern/chancel area. In the hall, make a left into Fellowship Hall and follow the signs.
- There are **infant changing tables** available in the restrooms.
- **Large print hymnals** are available. If you would like one, please ask the usher.

The United Methodist Church is a Global and Connectional Church which welcomes and invites the church communities to share resources and ministries. The First UMC of Oakhurst and Old First UMC have been linked with the invisible thread of heritage and now by their pastor, Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith. All are invited to share in all our joint ministries, missions and prayers shared in this bulletin.

This Week We Hold in Prayer...



The UM Church, Bishop Cynthia Moore KoiKoi, our church leadership & ministry, our friends, neighbors, community, world and all God's children

COMFORT & HEALING

Bill Strong, George Eitel, Don Whittaker, Ed Ahrens, June Holder, Arlene Shaw, Rose Byrne, Jackie Gilman, Ed Foran, Charles Murphy, Ginny & Vicky, Mary Eitel & the Stearns family

AT HOME: Avery Fallon, Jack Chesbro

OUR HOMEBOUND: David Miller, Bev Itell, Jean Gillette, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Cary Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould

SUNNYSIDE AT WALL: Nancy Burt

IMPERIAL CARE: Peg Kuchen

**FUMCO has a team of prayer warriors, known as the Prayer Chain.

If you have a prayer need, please contact the FUMCO office.

**If you know someone who is in need of pastoral care, please contact our pastor, Jill Hubbard-Smith 732-209-4563 or revjmhs@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-FUMCO

THANKSGIVING SERVICE & BREAKFAST-On Sunday 11/23 at 10 am there will be a joint Thanksgiving worship service with Old First UMC here at our church. Immediately following the service there will be a breakfast for all to enjoy. There is a signup sheet in the kitchen if you would like to contribute your time or make a donation toward supplies.

WORLD THANK OFFERING-If you have been setting aside your WTO for the UWIF, November is the time to turn in your donation. WTO calendars, which give suggestions on daily giving, are located on the entrance tables in the sanctuary.

2026 CALENDARS are available in the foyer. Please take as many as you'd like.

MERCY CENTER: is currently collecting canned proteins, pasta, flour, condiments, olive oil, formula, & peanut butter. Please place your donations in the foyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-OLD FIRST

JAVA WITH JILL will meet this Tuesday, 11/18 at the Blue Swan Diner in Ocean. Please note the date change. December's date has been changed to the 19th.

FREE COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER-The next spaghetti dinner will take place today at 5PM. You may eat in or take out. Please bring family and friends!

LEGACY WORKSHOP at FUMCO, Monday, 11/17 at 6PM. All are welcome. Come learn how you might leave a living legacy of faith.

SERMONS-If you would like a copy of one of Pastor Jill's past sermons, please contact FUMCO's church office. 732-531-1150.



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...is a community of faith committed to Christ, seeking to learn the needs of others and responding with Christian love.

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Sexton: Lisa Costello

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Music Director Emeritus: Gary Farquhar

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