

Please keep in mind that the service is live-streamed and recorded for public access. Please keep prayer requests brief and do not use last names or identifying details.

PRAYER REQUESTS

October 8, 2023

To submit a prayer request call Denise at 330-457-2465 or 330-727-9832

If you desire a home or hospital visit call Pastor Lisa (440-339-6463)

Prayer Blankets: call Joyce Ward (330-692-3346)

Jackie (Pat MacAleese's mother) passed away last week

Tori Pappic - developed pulmonary edema after tonsillectomy

Jon Esenwein

Carter (Heroes & Halos) - seizures every 10 minutes

Rick & John (Dick Sell) - police officers, cancer

Carolyn Witherstine - broke her hip

Jodi (Mary VanBuren's friend) (61) - stroke, aneurysm, brain bleed

Bill Harding - broken nose and stitches

Marlene (Marge's friend) - macular degeneration

Brenda (Marge's friend) - Parkinsons

Barbara (Elaine's friend) - Alzheimer's

Joanne (Joyce's friend) - appendicitis, fell and broke her ankle

Bill Braden (Kay Crook) - has been paralyzed, now has an infection

Retta Lindsay (Denise's sister) - broken and displaced rib, wound on leg

Jenna (Jerry & Alice's daughter) - medical issues

Jim Crowl - therapy for cancer at Cleveland Clinic (lives in S. Carolina)

Ann Fitzsimons - surgery

Kenny (Anita's brother)

Gary (Bettianne's friend) - continued prayers needed

HOMEBOUND: Thelma A (Whispering Pines) Mary V Betty B

Evalyn M (Parkside) Shirley K (Grace Woods)

Lucille F (Whispering Pines)

IN MINISTRY: Lisa Courtwright, Tyler Rollinson, Jeff Pellin

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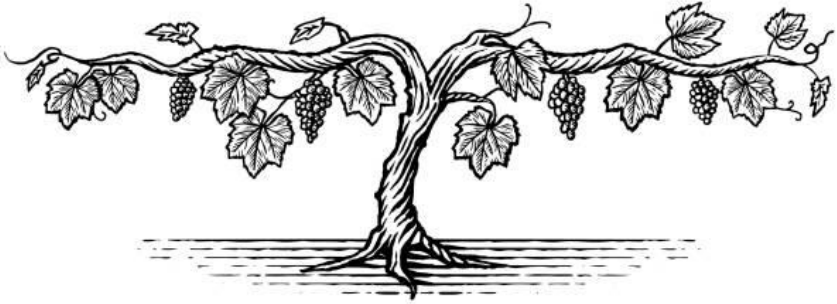
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**East Fairfield
United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 8, 2023**

9:30 AM



Rev. Lisa Courtwright
440-339-6463

*“Working, playing, and praying together on our faith journey,
to share Jesus Christ with everyone.”*

45675 State Route 558
New Waterford, OH 44445

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley
Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Ministers: The Congregation
Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, October 8, 2023
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Please stand in body or spirit as you are able*

Welcome! *You are invited to take this time to prepare for worship.
In these moments, quiet your inner voice,
become aware of being in community with others,
and open your heart and mind to the leading of the Holy Spirit.*

GATHERING *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name -Benjamin
At Peace with God -Hughes*

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY UPDATES Cindy Wright, Liturgist

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us -Bradbury*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Nancy C. Townley, ministrymatters.com)

L: Welcome to God's house, a place of faith.

P: From our homes, we come seeking God's word.

L: Here you will find nourishment and hope.

P: May we learn lessons of courage and peace.

L: Here you will find rest from your struggles.

**P: Lord, prepare our hearts to receive your words that we may
leave this holy house of faith and return to our homes,
encouraged and challenged to be your people.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, you have called us to be your faithful witnesses.
We struggle with this because so often we are caught up in our
doubts and our despair about this world. Help us to turn again
to you, living in your household of freedom and peace, of
reconciliation and witness. We off this prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** The Church's One Foundation UMH #545

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 19 NIV Page 439

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHOIR ANTHEM *One Step, He Leads -Choplin*

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Because He Lives -Gaither*

*DOXOLOGY

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 5:1-7 NIV Page 556

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & OUR LORDS PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION My Hope Is Built UMH #368

SERMON TEXT Matthew 21:33-46 NIV Page 803

SERMON *Producing Fruits* Pastor Lisa

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*CLOSING HYMN Trust and Obey UMH #467

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

*BLESSING

LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

~ Go forth to serve the Lord ~

The flowers on the altar are from Bill & Ruthie Rowley,
in memory of Bob & Ruth Hawkins.

Liturgist: Cindy Wright
Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle
Sound: Bill Rowley
Computer: Vicki Freeman

NEXT Sunday, October 15, 2023

Liturgist: Jon Vollnogle

Greeters:

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 9:30 Worship at EFUMC 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at RUMC	9 10:00 Prayer Blankets 6:30 Cub Scouts	10 8:30 Men's Coffee ~Ladie's Day~	11 7:00 Choir Practice	12	13 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	14
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29 9:30 Worship at EFUMC 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at RUMC	30 10:00 Prayer Blankets 12:00 Women's Joy Circle Lunch 6:30 Cub Scouts	31 8:30 Men's Coffee In Fellowship Hall	1 7:00 Choir Practice	2	3 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	4

October 1 Attendance

In-Person: 70

Online: 20

Update on Mission Giving for 2023

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	6,374	4,192	2,182
33	4C's	125	500	0
32	Cub Scouts	150	350	0
37	Way Station	150	150	0
43	Tobin Center	300	300	0
49	Feed My Sheep (Rogers food pantry)	150	220	0
22	Flat Rock	175	205	0
57	Kathy Dickriede, UM Missionary	300	315	0
56	Annual Conference Special Mission	Any Donation	0	
13	UMCOR Sunday	Any Donation	25	
21	UMCOR Disasters	Any Donation	30	
14	Blankets+	Any Donation	30	
15	Peace With Justice	Any Donation	5	
16	World Communion	Any Donation	5	
17	Student Day	Any Donation	5	
46	Heroes & Halos	Any Donation	50	
20	Heifer International	Any Donation	40	

Fund Balances as of end of August

Fund #1	Ministry Operating	-22,999
Fund #2	Mission Fund	276
Fund #3	Building Fund	53,317
Fund #28	Elevator Fund	12,313

Mission of the Month:

World Communion – Fund #16

4C's Item: Quick Oats

Feed My Sheep Item: Dish Soap

FAITH UNITED COOPERATIVE PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, October 14 – 4:00 pm
2ND ANNUAL WEINER ROAST**

Mt Zion UMC is inviting everyone to join them for an afternoon and evening of fun. Kids games will start at 4pm. Hot dogs and buns will be provided by the church. Bring your favorite picnic food, your favorite roasting stick, and your favorite chair to sit around the fire.

**Friday, October 13, 9am-5pm
& Saturday, October 14, 9am-2pm
RUMMAGE SALE**

Trinity UMC in New Springfield will be hosting their annual rummage sale. Stop by and find some “new to you” treasures. Also, if you have any donations, they will be accepting them up until Wed, October 11.

**Sunday, October 15, 5:00 pm
FAMILY POTLUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT**

Emmanuel UMC is hosting their monthly potluck and movie night. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship!

**Saturday, October 21 – 8:30 am – 10:00 am
FEED MY SHEEP FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Rogers UMC will hold their monthly food distribution. Volunteers to help distribute the food are always welcome. If you know someone in need of help with food, please pass this information on to them.

**Saturday, October 28, 2:00 pm
CHARGE CONFERENCE**

All churches in our district will be meeting with our District Superintendents for our annual charge conference meeting. All are invited to attend. It is important that we have representatives from all churches in attendance at this meeting.

It will be held this year at:

**Western Reserve United Methodist Church
4580 Canfield Rd, Canfield**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We have suggested items lists for boys and girls boxes and we also have boxes that you can take with you to pack.

There is a bin with boxes to take and a clipboard in the foyer. If you take a box home, please sign the clipboard so that we know how many to expect back.

When you bring your box back, please mark that it has been returned.

If you have any questions, Marcia Mayberry is coordinating.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday will be November 5.

We will be remembering those that have passed away in the congregation since last All Saints'.

If you have a loved one who passed away since Nov. 1, 2021, please submit the name of that family member or friend to Pastor Lisa or Denise in the church office. Please send us a photo, if possible, so that we can use it as part of the remembrance during this special service.

In order to include these persons in the service, please submit the information no later than October 29.

THANKSGIVING BAGS

We are packing 12 bags on Sunday, November 12 during coffee time.

Signup on the clipboard.
We need items by Sunday, Nov. 12