

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley
Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Ministers: The Congregation
Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Twenty-fourth 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.
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

*Come Thou Almighty King - Giardini
Lord, Be Glorified - Kilpatrick*

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY UPDATES Jon Vollnogle, Liturgist

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art - Hine

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come before God not with fear, but with adoration,

P: We come with praise and thanksgiving.

L: We come to worship not because it is our duty, but because we
love our Lord.

P: We love you, Lord Jesus.

L: We come as God's children.

P: We are children of the light.

L: Put away your anxieties and the fears that are of this world.

**P: We put on faith and love as our breastplate, and the hope of
salvation as a helmet.**

L: Encourage one another, for we are all brothers and sisters in the
Lord.

*OPENING PRAYER

**Lord God, we thank you that we can gather together in your
presence. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit to be among us.
Speak to us, Lord. Clear away all that would distract us from you.
Let us hear the message that you have for us today. We are
grateful for our salvation that comes through Jesus Christ. Help
us to witness to your saving power and your love and may we be
ready and prepared for the day of Christ's return. In Jesus' name
we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN Battle Hymn of the Republic UMH #717
A READING FROM THE PSALMS 90:1-12 (NIV) Page 480

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHOIR ANTHEM Way Down Deep in My Soul

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Autumn Song - Smith*

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:32-37 (NIV) Page 826

JOY & CONCERNS

PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH #714

I Know Whom I Have Believed

SERMON TEXT 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV) Page 958

SERMON *A Story of Hope: We Have Salvation in Christ* Pastor Lisa

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*CLOSING HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH #206

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

*BLESSING

LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

~ Go forth to serve the Lord ~

**Flowers on the altar today are in
memory of Ron Cook from Linda Cook.**

Liturgist: Jon Vollnogle
Sound: Bill Rowley
Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle
Computer: Vicki Freeman
Greeters:

NEXT Sunday, November 19, 2023

Liturgist: Missy Roberts Greeters: ?

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

November 12, 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)

Carol - pneumonia

Ray C - hospitalized

Dale A - can't swallow. On a feeding tube. No diagnosis.

Phyllis W - Covington for therapy

Linda (Anita's Cusick's cousin) - long recovery after surgery

Linda (Anita's friend) - arthritis in knee

Charlotte (Malory's friend) - breast cancer

Rich (Cha'Lette's friend) - health issues

Kathleen S - recovering from surgery

Evalyn M

Sue K (Walt's daughter) - pneumonia

Britt (Malory's co-worker) - cervical cancer

Wendy (Carols foy's sister) - lung cancer, mass has increased

Erica (teacher at EP) - blood clots in brain

Cathy (Cindy's friend) home from the hospital

Paula P (Elaine)

Tony (Tony's dad)

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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**East Fairfield
United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 12, 2023**

9:30 AM

Encourage
one another
and
build
each other
up.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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

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November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 9:30 Worship at EFUMC 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at RUMC 4:00-5:00 4H (Jamie Stacey)	13 10:00 Prayer Blankets 6:00 Worship Mtg 6:30 Cub Scouts	14 Newsletter Deadline 8:30 Men's Coffee In Fellowship Hall ~Ladies Day~ 6:00 Parade Float Decorating	15 5:30 Rogers LEADERSHIP BOARD 7:00 Choir Practice	16 9:00 Mailing	17 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 5:30 Columbiana Christmas Parade	18 8:30-10:00 Rogers Feed My Sheep 12-3:00 Co-op Luncheon with Paul Nickerson
19 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY PROCESSION OF PLENTY 9:30 Worship at EFUMC 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at RUMC	20 10:00 Prayer Blankets 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Leadership	21 8:30 Men's Coffee In Fellowship Hall	22 Office Closed 7:00 Choir Practice	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed	24 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	25
26 Hanging of the Greens 9:30 Worship at EFUMC 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at RUMC 12:00 Soup Lunch	27 10:00 Prayer Blankets 6:30 Cub Scouts	28 8:30 Men's Coffee In Fellowship Hall	29 10:30 Advent Study at Rogers UMC 7:00 Choir Practice	30 7:00 Advent Study at East Fairfield	Dec 1 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Dec 2 11:00 4H (Ali Cusick)
Dec 3 1 st Sunday Advent 9:30 Worship at EFUMC 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at RUMC 12:30 CAROLING	Dec 4 12:00 Joy Circle Christmas Party 6:30 Cub Scouts	Dec 5 8:30 Men's Coffee In Fellowship Hall	Dec 6 10:30 Advent Study at Rogers UMC 7:00 Choir Practice	Dec 7 7:00 Advent Study at East Fairfield	Dec 8 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Dec 9

November 5 Attendance

In-Person: 72

Online: 24

Update on Mission Giving for 2023

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	6,374	4,837	1,537
33	4C's	125	1,000	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 Dickriode, UM Missionary <i>DISCONTINUED</i>	300	345	0
56	Annual Conference Special Mission	Any Donation	0	
13	UMCOR Sunday	Any Donation	25	
21	UMCOR Disasters	Any Donation	55	
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 September

Fund #1	Ministry Operating	-26,447
Fund #2	Mission Fund	472
Fund #3	Building Fund	53,917
Fund #28	Elevator Fund	13,373

Mission of the Month for November

General Mission Fund – Fund #2

4C's Item

Canned Fruit

Feed My Sheep Item

Stuffing Mix

THANKSGIVING BAGS – NOV. 12

We are packing 12 Thanksgiving bags today during coffee time.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Sunday, November 26

It will soon be time to usher in the joy, hope, and togetherness that this time of year brings. We invite you to join us in a cherished tradition, the “Hanging of the Greens” service on November 26 during our 9:30 am worship service.

During this service, we will prepare our sacred space for Advent and Christmas, adorning our church with evergreen wreaths, garlands, and decorations, symbolizing the eternal hope and life that the season represents.

The service will be a time of reflection and celebration. We will hear scriptures, sing carols, and hear the meaning behind many of the decorations we use to bring the spirit of the holidays into our homes and communities.

Following the service, we will complete the decoration of our sanctuary and church building.

**THEN... join us at 12:00 noon for a Soup Luncheon.
Bring a soup, side, or dessert to share as we fellowship.**

The Fellowship committee will provide beverages, hot dogs, hot turkey, and table service. Come prepared to “deck the halls” as we light up the season with our love and joy through this beautiful tradition.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

We invite you to embark on a meaningful journey with us through a four week Advent study, led by Pastor Lisa. We will be using Rachel Billups’ *An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story* as we look at the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace in the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds.

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am at Rogers UMC

Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm at East Fairfield UMC

Nov 29 & 30	What If I Missed It?	(Zechariah & Elizabeth)
Dec 6 & 7	Playing the Villain	(Herod)
Dec 13 & 14	A Curious People	(the Magi)
Dec 20 & 21	When God Shows Up	(the shepherds)

Rev. Lisa will use a DVD. Purchase of the book is not required.

PROCESSION OF PLENTY – NOVEMBER 19

Thanksgiving Sunday is Nov. 19. Please have the children meet in the Chapel before the service to help with the procession.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – NOVEMBER 19

We still have boxes available. When you bring your packed box back, please mark the signup sheet that it has been returned. All boxes must be returned by next Sunday, November 19

POINSETTIA ORDERS – NOVEMBER 19

2023 Poinsettia Order Form Deadline to order is November 19.				
6" Pot Single Stem		Red	@ 7.00	\$
		Pink	@ 7.00	\$
		White	@ 7.00	\$
		Marble	@ 7.00	\$
8" Pot Three Stems		Red	@ 16.00	\$
		Pink	@ 16.00	\$
		White	@ 16.00	\$
		Marble	@ 16.00	\$
TOTAL				\$
Name:				
Phone:				Env. #
Honor of:				
Memory of:				

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Monday, Dec. 4, 12:00 Noon

The Women's Christmas Party is at the Southern Terrace Clubhouse on Dec. 4. Menu includes chicken breast, red skin potatoes, rolls, buttered corn, beverage, and dessert. See Georgia Farmer to sign up. Deadline is next Sunday, November 19.