

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley
Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Ministers: The Congregation
Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, November 19, 2023
Twenty-fifth 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

Thanksgiving (1620) - MacDowell
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - Jordan

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY UPDATES Missy Roberts, Liturgist

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken - Haydn

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Brothers and sisters, come, let us worship together.

P: We come into God's presence to worship as a community.

L: Let us rejoice together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: We will rejoice always.

L: Let us lift our voices together in prayer.

P: We pray together with all of God's people.

L: Let us give thanks to God, regardless of our circumstances.

P: In the good times and the bad, we give thanks for God's faithfulness and love.

L: Let us gather to hear God's Word for us today.

P: We come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, may everything that we do during this time of worship be to your glory. Let our thoughts, our words, our songs, and our prayers reflect our trust and hope in you. Everything that we are is because of you and everything that we have is yours.

We give you all the praise, all the thanks, and all the glory. Bless our time together as we come to worship you. Surround us with your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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 19, 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)

Kathy Mikesell – seeing an ENT on Monday.

Joanie Ready

Bill Harding

Rick May - cancer

Carol Foy – pneumonia

Ray Chamberlin – hospitalized

Dale A Cusick – home. On medication. It seems to be helping.

Phyllis Webber – Covington for therapy

Kathleen Smith – recovering from surgery

Evalyn Morris

Sue Kellner (Walt's daughter)

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

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 19, 2023**

9:30 AM




**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
19 THANKSGIVING PROCESSION OF PLENTY 9:30 Worship at E Fairfield 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Rogers	20 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 E Fairfield LEADERSHIP BOARD	21 8:30 Men's Coffee In Fellowship Hall	22 Office Closed 7:00 Choir Practice	23 Office Closed 	24 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	25
26 HANGING OF THE GREENS 9:30 Worship at E Fairfield 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers 12:00 Soup Lunch	27 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 1st Sunday Advent 9:30 Worship at E Fairfield 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers 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
Dec 10 2nd Sunday Advent 9:30 Worship at E Fairfield 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers 2:00-4:00 Faith United Choir Practice	Dec 11 6:30 Cub Scouts	Dec 12 8:30 Men's Coffee In Fellowship Hall -- Ladies' Day --	Dec 13 10:30 Advent Study at Rogers UMC 5:30 Rogers LEADERSHIP BOARD 7:00 Choir Practice	Dec 14 7:00 Advent Study at East Fairfield	Dec 15 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Dec 16 8:30-10:00 Feed My Sheep at Rogers UMC 12:00 Fellowship Hall in Use (Deb Baker)

November 12 Attendance

In-Person: 76

Online: 24

Update on Mission Giving for 2023

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	6,374	4,899	1,475
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 Dickriede, UM Missionary DISCONTINUED	300	345	0
56	Annual Conference Special Mission	Any Donation	0	
13	UMCOR Sunday	Any Donation	25	
21	UMCOR Disasters	Any Donation	60	
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

.HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 26

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 hot dogs, hot turkey, beverages, 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.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, Dec. 4, 12:00 Noon

Deadline to sign up is TODAY Sunday, November 19.

It will be held at the Southern Terrace Clubhouse. Menu includes chicken breast, red skin potatoes, rolls, buttered corn, beverage, and dessert. See Georgia Farmer. Cost is \$10.

DEADLINE IS TODAY FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

Please mark the signup sheet so we know your box has been returned.

DEADLINE IS TODAY FOR POINSETTIA ORDERS

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				\$
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Phone:				Env. #
Honor of:				
Memory of:				