

# EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley  
Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Ministers: The Congregation  
Choir Director: Randy Hart

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**  
**Twenty-sixth 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

*Praise the Lord, Ye Hosts of Heaven - Bach  
Majesty - Hayford*

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY UPDATES David Vollnogle, Liturgist

*PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP*

PRELUDE

*God So Loved the World - Stainer*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

**With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

**With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

**With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.**

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Song of God?

**By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.**

For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

UMH #179

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

*Sicilian Hymn - Price*

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

\*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

JOY & CONCERNS

PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE *see green insert*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*UNISON PRAYER

**Eternal God, in Your providence You made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of Your Son. Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN      Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming      UMH #216

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

\*BLESSING

LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

*~ Go forth to serve the Lord ~*

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**TODAY, Sunday, November 26**

Liturgist: David Vollnogle

Sound: Bill Rowley

Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle

Computer: Vicki Freeman

Greeters: Harvey & Carol Smith

**NEXT Sunday, December 3, 2023**

Liturgist: Cindy Wright

Greeters: Larry & Maralyn Porter

*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 26, 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)

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**Carrie Waters** (Wayne & Sue's daughter)

**Lucille Fitzsimons** – at Hampton Woods for rehab after bronchitis.

**Warner** (Jeannie Arnoto's father) - liver cancer

**Dan Becker** (Deann's friend) – passed away. Pray for his family.

**Dick Sell** – has a cold and sinus infection.

**Gavyn** (Bettianne's grandson) – Ohio State

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**Kathy Mikesell**

**Joanie Ready**

**Bill Harding**

**Rick May** - cancer

**Carol Foy** – pneumonia

**Ray Chamberlin** – hospitalized

**Phyllis Webber** – now home.

**Kathleen Smith** – recovering from surgery

**Evalyn Morris**

**Sue Kellner** (Walt's daughter)

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

**Tony** (Tony Setinsek's dad)

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

Evalyn M (Parkside) Shirley K (Grace Woods)

Lucille F (Whispering Pines)

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**IN MINISTRY:** Lisa Courtwright, Tyler Rollinson, Jeff Pellin

Eddie Boles, Jim Gaston, Georgette Gaston

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**East Fairfield  
United Methodist Church  
Sunday, November 26, 2023**

**9:30 AM**



*Hanging of the  
Greens*

Rev. Lisa Courtwright  
440-339-6463

*“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
<b>26</b> <b>HANGING OF THE GREENS</b> 9:30 Worship at E Fairfield 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers <b>12:00 Soup Lunch</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>28</b> 8:30 Men's Coffee	<b>29</b> <b>10:30 Advent Study at Rogers UMC</b> 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 Advent Study at East Fairfield</b>	<b>Dec 1</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	<b>Dec 2</b> 11:00 4H (Ali Cusick) <b>7:00 PM E.Palestine Snowflake Parade</b>
<b>Dec 3</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent</b> 9:30 Worship at E Fairfield 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers <b>12:30 CAROLING</b>	<b>Dec 4</b> <b>12:00 Joy Circle Christmas Party</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>Dec 5</b> 8:30 Men's Coffee	<b>Dec 6</b> <b>10:30 Advent Study at Rogers UMC</b> 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>Dec 7</b> <b>7:00 Advent Study at East Fairfield</b>	<b>Dec 8</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	<b>Dec 9</b>
<b>Dec 10</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent</b> 9:30 Worship at E Fairfield 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers <b>2:00-4:00 Faith United Choir Practice</b>	<b>Dec 11</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>Dec 12</b> 8:30 Men's Coffee -- Ladies' Day --	<b>Dec 13</b> <b>10:30 Advent Study at Rogers UMC</b> <b>5:30 Rogers LEADERSHIP BOARD</b> 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>Dec 14</b> <b>7:00 Advent Study at East Fairfield</b>	<b>Dec 15</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	<b>Dec 16</b> <b>8:30-10:00 Feed My Sheep at Rogers UMC</b> 12:00 Fellowship Hall in Use (Deb Baker)
<b>Dec 17</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent</b> 9:30 Worship at E Fairfield 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers <b>2:00-4:00 Faith United Choir Practice</b>	<b>Dec.18</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts <b>7:00 LEADERSHIP BOARD</b>	<b>Dec 19</b> 8:30 Men's Coffee <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>Dec 20</b> <b>10:30 Advent Study at Rogers UMC</b> 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>Dec 21</b> <b>9:00 Mailing Committee</b> 7:00 Advent Study at East Fairfield	<b>Dec 22</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	<b>Dec 23</b>

**November 19 Attendance**  
**In-Person: 75      Online: 17**

**Update on Mission Giving for 2023**

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	6,374	4,959	1,415
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	470	0
22	Flat Rock	175	205	0
<del>57</del>	<del>Kathy Dickride, UM Missionary</del> <i>DISCONTINUED</i>	<del>300</del>	<del>315</del>	<del>0</del>
56	Annual Conference Special Mission	Any Donation	0	
13	UMCOR Sunday	Any Donation	25	
21	UMCOR Disasters	Any Donation	65	
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 October**

Fund #1 Ministry Operating      -16,477  
Fund #2 Mission Fund                      -29  
Fund #3 Building Fund                      55,117  
Fund #28 Elevator Fund                      15,558

**Mission of the Month for November**  
**General Mission Fund – Fund #2**

**4C's Item**  
**Canned Fruit**

**Feed My Sheep Item**  
**Stuffing Mix**



CHOIR ANTHEM

My Savior

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Isaiah 49:5-6

The living Christ declares, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

**May this tree remind of Jesus Christ, who gives life to the world and made the executioner's cross into a tree of light.**

HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel

UMH #209

THE POINSETTIA

Matthew 2:1-11

At the birth of Jesus, God appointed a new star to shine in the sky over Bethlehem – a star that led wise men from afar to seek the child who had been born "King of the Jews." These flowers are a reminder that, in Jesus, God is calling all people to himself.

**Let these flowers be a sign that draws us all to God.**

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH #230

THE NATIVITY

Luke 2:1-20

God chose to send his son into the world as a baby of humble birth, born in common surroundings, to make it possible for us to know Him because He came to us, at our level.

**Whenever we see the Nativity, we find ourselves with Mary and Joseph and the shepherds, bowing before the manger, overwhelmed by God's expression of love in coming to us.**

HYMN

Away in a Manger

UMH #217

THE ADVENT WREATH

John 1:1-5, 9-14

Advent is a season of watching and waiting. This Advent wreath helps us wait with patience and anticipation for the Good News that a Savior has been born.

**Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever.**

HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

UMH #203