

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley
Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Ministers: The Congregation
Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, January 21, 2024
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**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

Sweet, Sweet Spirit - Akers
Jesus Is All The World To me - Thompson

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY UPDATES Grant Roberts, Liturgist

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Abide With Me - Monk

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus calls us to follow him.

Let us have faith to follow.

The path Jesus calls us to is not always easy.

Let us have the courage to follow.

Let us listen for Christ's call.

We are ready, Lord, speak to us today.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, you call us to do your work. Sometimes we are afraid, sometimes we are caught up in our own desires, and sometimes we are confused or have doubts. Help us to remember that with you, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day and make us ready to follow you wherever you might lead us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Lord of the Dance

UMH #261

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 62:5-12 (NIV)

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Everlasting Arms
-Wilson

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Pastorale - Landon

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jonah 3:1-5; 10 (NIV) Page 754

JOY & CONCERNS

PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Where He Leads Me UMH #338

SERMON TEXT Mark 1:14-20 Page 812

SERMON *Who Is This Man? A Call to Action* Pastor Lisa

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*CLOSING HYMN I Have Decided to Follow Jesus TFWS #2129

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

*BLESSING

LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

~ Go forth to serve the Lord ~

Greeters:

Sound: Bill Rowley

Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle

Computer Vicki Freeman

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Liturgist: Deann Davis

Greeters: Harvey & Carol Smith

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

January 21, 2024

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)

Andrew L – admitted to St. E's Boardman. Severe gallbladder infection.

Kathmay + son Caleb – covid

Loree – back surgery Jan. 18

Tammy – breast cancer has spread

Linda (Nancy's sister) – double pneumonia

Denny S (Kyle Crook's father-in-law)

Kody (Cindy W's granddaughter) – procedure Jan. 11

Tucker – surgery Jan. 16

Zavier M. (1 yr. old) – Akron Childrens

Wayne (Denise & Anita's cousin) – ICU

Tom (friend of Tawnya G) – now in Essex

Rich (friend of Cha'Lette)

Jim C (Kay Crook) – in need of prayer.

Perri S –in rehab.

Abby (Marge) - 9 yr. old granddaughter hospitalized. Some improvement.

Jackson (Cindy Rupert) – niece gave birth prematurely. 1 lb. 9 oz.

Carrie W

HOMEBOUND

Betty B. (Caprice) **Anita M.** **Mary V.**

Thelma A. (Whispering Pines) still at Salem Hospital for rehab.

Lucille F. (Whispering Pines) still at Hampton Woods for rehab.

Joanie R. (Whispering Pines) **Evalyn M.** (Parkside)

Zelda C. (Whispering Pines) **Shirley K.** (Grace Woods)

IN MINISTRY

Lisa Courtwright **Tyler Rollinson** **Jeff Pellin.**

Edie Boles **Jim Gaston** **Georgette Gaston**

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**East Fairfield
United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 21, 2024**

9:30 AM



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 21 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers	Jan 22 10:00 Prayer Blankets 6:30 Cub Scouts	Jan 23 8:30 Men's Coffee (Newsletter Deadline)	Jan 24 7:00 Choir Practice	Jan 25 9:00 Mailing Committee	Jan 26 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Jan 27 3:30 Central Valley District Meeting at North Canton UMC
Jan 28 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers	Jan 29 10:00 Prayer Blankets 12:00 Joy Circle Lunch 6:30 Cub Scouts	Jan 30 8:30 Men's Coffee	Jan 31 7:00 Choir Practice	PASTOR'S RETREAT		Feb 3 11:00 4 H Denim & Dust (Ali Cusick)
Feb 4 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers	Feb 5 10:00 Prayer Blankets 6:30 Cub Scouts	Feb 6 8:30 Men's Coffee	Feb 7 7:00 Choir Practice	PASTOR'S RETREAT		Feb 9 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed

Central Valley District Gathering – January 27, 2024

On Jan 1, the East Ohio Conference transitioned from 10 districts to four. The Mahoning Valley District has now become Central Valley District.

Clergy and Laity are invited to participate in the first gathering of the Central Valley District. **We will meet at North Canton Faith UMC at 3:30 pm on Saturday, January 27** for a time of worshipping, connecting, and celebrating together with Bishop Tracy S. Malone, District Superintendents Rev. Edgar Brady and Rev. Cara Stultz Costello, Conference staff, and District leadership.

(North Canton Faith UMC is located at
300 9th St. NW in North Canton, 44720)

**Year-end Financial Contribution Statements
are in the foyer on the small table by the office.**

Update on Mission Giving for 2024

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	6,374	240	6,134
33	4C's	125	100	25
32	Cub Scouts	150	0	150
37	Way Station	150	0	105
43	Tobin Center	300	0	300
49	Feed My Sheep (Rogers food pantry)	150	0	150
22	Flat Rock	175	0	175
57	Farmer to Farmer	300	0	300
13	UMCOR Sunday	Any Donation	0	
21	UMCOR Disasters	Any Donation	0	
14	Blankets+	Any Donation	15	
15	Peace With Justice	Any Donation	0	
16	World Communion	Any Donation	0	
17	Student Day	Any Donation	0	
46	Heroes & Halos	Any Donation	0	

Fund Balances as of end of December

Fund # 1	Ministry Operating	5,256
Fund # 2	Mission Fund	0
Fund # 3	Building Fund	57,842
Fund # 28	Elevator Fund	6,199

Mission of the Month - Blanket Program – Fund #14

Feed My Sheep Item – Comet/Ajax Cleaner

4C's Item – Tuna

SOUP R BOWL SALE

Saturday, February 10, 2024

\$8.00 per quart

Chicken Noodle, Vegetarian Vegetable, Chili,
Stuffed Pepper



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Curb pick up @ The Columbiana Meals on Wheels
office from 10 am to Noon - 11 North Main Street-
Columbiana*

ORDERS DUE BY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

***ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE COLUMBIANA MEALS ON
WHEELS***

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Attributed to an Indian prince
As sung in Garo, Assam

Folk melody from India
Arr. by Norman Johnson

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed
2. Tho no one join me, still I will fol - low, Tho no one join me,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me,

to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus—
still I will fol - low, Tho no one join me, still I will fol - low—
the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me—

No turn - ing back, (No turn - ing back,) no turn - ing back!

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COMMITMENT