

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley

Ministers: The Congregation

Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Ninth 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 & mind to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING

Veni, Creator Spiritus -Wilson

Beautiful Savior -Davis

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MINISTRY AND MISSION UPDATES

Jon Vollnogle, Liturgist

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

WORDS OF PREPARATION AND CENTERING

PRELUDE

Thy Word Have I Hid In My Heart -Bennett

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024*)

Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

Come! Let us worship!

The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

Come! Let us worship!

God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

Come! Let us worship!

So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God.

***OPENING PRAYER** (*Kwasi I. Kena, The Africana Worship Book, Year B*)

Equip us, God, for the work of ministry. For the work involved with building unity of purpose and vision. Equip us with saints who will say yes to your will and yes to your way. Equip us, God, to journey with Jesus through life's uncertain paths. Equip us, God, with maturity that comes from knowing you. Equip us, God, to speak the truth in love even when it's uncomfortable.

Equip us to move beyond a childish faith that whines for more while giving less. Equip us, O God, for the work of ministry that you have called us to do. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 89:20-37 (NIV) pg 479

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC Linda Martin

GOSPEL READING Mark 6:30-34 (NIV) pg 817

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY O For A Thousand Tongues -Glasser-Jarman

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SEEKING GOD’S WORD

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER / PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN “Lord, Speak to Me” UMH #463

SERMON TEXT 2 Samuel 7:1-14a (NIV) pg 245

SERMON *Whose Agenda Are We Following?* Pastor Lisa

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Almighty God, open our eyes to see your vision.

Help us to see the world through your eyes.

Lord, you have called us into a new way of being.

Help us to live as your people.

Today we put aside our own agendas to follow God’s call on our lives.

Let us hear God’s call and live out our worship in the world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” UMH #451

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

*BLESSING

LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

~ Go forth to serve the Lord ~

**The altar flowers are in celebration of
Denny & Georgia Farmer’s Wedding Anniversary.**

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

July 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)

Prayers for our Country.

Ray & Donna Queen – House fire.

Unspoken prayer request.

Suzie (Mother of Sparky's co-worker) – Stage 4 colon cancer.

Kathy M. – Recovering from surgery. Waiting for test results.

Noah & Nicole – Baby boy July 13. Owen Dominic. 8lb. 4oz.

Tom H. – 6-week motorcycle trip. In Alaska. Starting return.

Joann (Joyce's friend) – Still needs kidney.

Bob & Kathleen

Gerald L. (Dollie's husband)

Larry & Ruby (Barb Harding's friends)

Gary (David Crook's co-worker) – Stent failed, heart attack, in a coma.

Joanne (Elaine's neighbor)

Perry (Anita & Denise's nephew) – Stage 4 lung cancer.

Walt – Under Hospice Care.

Janet (Terry's sister)

Shirley (Anita's cousin) – Health issues and recently had a stroke.

Terri (Marge's friend) – ALS. Under Hospice Care.

Bill H. – Parkinson's

HOMEBOUND

Mary V.

Anita M.

Joanie R. (Whispering Pines)

Thelma A. (Whispering Pines)

Zelda C. (Whispering Pines)

Shirley K. (Grace Woods)

IN MINISTRY

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**East Fairfield
United Methodist Church
Sunday, July 21, 2024
9:30 AM**



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New Waterford, OH 44445

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

JULY 14 ATTENDANCE

In person: 78

Online: 34

Update on Mission Giving for 2024

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	6,374	3,180	3,194
33	4C's	125	300	0
32	Cub Scouts	150	115	35
37	Way Station	150	50	100
43	Tobin Center	300	100	200
49	Feed My Sheep (Rogers food pantry)	150	165	0
22	Flat Rock	175	225	0
64	Farmer to Farmer	300	200	100
13	UMCOR Sunday	Any Donation	20	
21	UMCOR Disasters	Any Donation	25	
14	Blankets+	Any Donation	35	
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 June

Fund # 1	Ministry Operating	-11,946
Fund # 2	Mission Fund	93
Fund # 3	Building Fund	62,442
Fund # 28	Elevator Fund	4,838

Mission of the Month – Feed My Sheep – Fund #49

Feed My Sheep Item – Window cleaner

4C's Item – Ramen noodles

TODAY, JULY 21

Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle

Sound: Bill Rowley

Computer: Vicki Freeman

Greeters: Harvey & Carol Smith

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 28

Liturgist: Missy Roberts

Greeters:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 21 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers 2:00-4:00 Concert in the Park with Leanne Binder & Friends	July 22	July 23 8:30 Men's Coffee At Larry's Pavilion Newsletter Deadline	July 24	July 25 9:00 Mailing Com 6:00 4H (Ali Cusick)	July 26 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed Make Ice Cream for Festival and Prep Food	July 27 4:30-7:00 ICE CREAM FESTIVAL
July 28 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers	July 29 12:00 Joy Circle Women's Picnic Beverages provided. Bring covered dish and table service.	July 30 8:30 Men's Coffee At Larry's Pavilion	July 31	Aug 1	Aug 2 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Aug 3
Aug 4 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers	Aug 5	Aug 6 8:30 Men's Coffee At Larry's Pavilion	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Aug 10
Aug 11 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship at Rogers	Aug 12	Aug 13 8:30 Men's Coffee At Larry's Pavilion -Ladies Day	Aug 14	Aug 15 5:30 Rogers UMC Leadership Board	Aug 16 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Aug 17 8:30-10:00AM Feed My Sheep at Rogers UMC



Faith United

A Cooperative Parish of United Methodist Churches

07-21-24 Insert of UPCOMING EVENTS

EAST FAIRFIELD ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 27, 4:30-7:00 pm



East Fairfield invites you to their annual ice cream festival.

Featuring homemade ice cream made with farm fresh milk from Baker's Golden Dairy. Hot turkey sandwiches, sloppy joes, hot dogs, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, pasta salad, pie, cake, beverages.



WOMEN'S PICNIC

Monday, July 29, at 12:00 noon

East Fairfield invites all women of the Faith United Cooperative Parish to a Picnic in the pavilion at East Fairfield on Monday, July 29.

Bring a covered-dish and table service.

In case of inclement weather, this will be held in the fellowship hall.

SOCKLESS MONSTER DRIVE

We are collecting new, used, and mismatched socks for Unity Grange **until the end of September.**



To donate, contact a member of the ministerial team to get your donation to Emmanuel for delivery to the Unity Grange.

UPCOMING FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Volunteers are always needed and welcome at both!



Feed My Sheep Rogers UMC

Saturday, August 17
8:30 am - 10:00 am

Caring for God's Lambs New Springfield UMC

Saturday, July 27
8:30 am - 10:00 am



*The purpose of Faith United is to grow spiritually,
learn and love together, and lead others to Christ.*



CARD MINISTRY

Saturday, August 3 at 10:00 am

Mt Zion UMC has a ministry of making cards (on the first Saturday of the month) which are then distributed to area nursing homes (currently Whispering Pines) and those who are ill or homebound. They invite anyone who would like to join this ministry to come help make the custom cards and prepare them for distribution.

CORN ROAST

at New Springfield Trinity UMC

Saturday, August 24 at 5:00 PM till ?

All are invited. Corn and hot dogs will be provided. You may bring a dish to share, if you'd like.



FIRST RESPONDERS SUNDAY

Sunday, September 8, at Mt. Zion UMC

Service at 11:00 AM ~ Lunch at 12:00 Noon

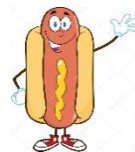
WEINER ROAST

Saturday, October 12 at Mt. Zion UMC

4:00 PM Kids Crafts

5:30 PM Weiner Roast

Bring ... your favorite dish, drink, or dessert
... a chair to sit around the fire
... a roasting stick



MEN'S COFFEE TIME

Tuesdays at 8:00 am

at the Webber Pavilion (45986 Carter Road)

Ladies are invited to join on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.