

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley

Ministers: The Congregation

Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Eighteenth 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

We're Marching To Zion -Lowry
Our Sacrifice Of Praise -Wyrzten

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MINISTRY AND MISSION UPDATES

Grant Roberts, Liturgist

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

WORDS OF PREPARATION AND CENTERING

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken -Gaelic Melody

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Day is coming when the lion and lamb shall dwell together!

The Day is coming when justice will roll down like a river!

The Day is coming when there will be pain and sorrow no more!

The promises of God spur us on toward love and good deeds!

So let us encourage one another and worship our Lord Jesus Christ!

*OPENING PRAYER

God, you know our hearts, you know our innermost secrets.

You know we have faith and trust, until we don't. Keep us in community even when our lives are filled with doubt. You know we have hope and joy, until we don't. Keep us near to you and one another even when our lives are filled with despair. Keep us on the journey with one another for we know you have created us to be in connection. We pray all of this with thanksgiving. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH #369

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 31:1-5, 23-24 (NIV) pg. 445

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:31-40 (NIV) pg. 807

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY Air -Giordani

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" UMH #348

SERMON TEXT Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV) pg. 973

SERMON Pastor Lisa

Created for Connection: Connection with Community

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*CLOSING HYMN "Standing on the Promises" UMH #374

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

*BLESSING

LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

~ Go forth to serve the Lord ~

**The flowers on the altar are given
in honor of Tremaine Cuff's 11th birthday.**

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle

Sound: Bill Rowley

Computer: Vicki Freeman

Greeters: Harvey & Carol Smith

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Liturgist: Cindy Wright

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

September 22, 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)

Susan (Kurt) – Now home.

Jeannie – Dealing with father's estate.

Pam (at Parkside since age 4, now elderly) – Card shower.

Amy (Linda W's friend) – Brain tumor.

Linda C. – Recovering from knee surgery Sept. 5.

Kathy M. – Will start chemo and radiation soon.

Mark (Jim's friend) -Leukemia returned. Started treatments.

Stephanie (sister of Fieldhouse's daughter-in-law) – Brain mass.

Owen (Fieldhouse's friend) – Brain mass.

Bill H. – Parkinson's

HOMEBOUND

Mary V.	Anita M.
Walt D. (Whispering Pines)	Betty S. (Parkside)
Joanie R. (Whispering Pines)	Thelma A. (Whispering Pines)
Zelda C. (Whispering Pines)	Shirley K. (Grace Woods)

IN MINISTRY

Lisa Courtwright	Eddie Boles	Jeff Pellin
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East Fairfield
United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 22, 2024
9:30 AM



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440-339-6463
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New Waterford, OH 44445

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

SEPTEMBER 15 ATTENDANCE

In person: 62

Online: 37

Update on Mission Giving for 2024

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	6,374	4,420	1,954
33	4C's	125	550	0
32	Cub Scouts	150	150	0
37	Way Station	150	225	0
43	Tobin Center	300	310	0
49	Feed My Sheep (Rogers food pantry)	150	165	0
22	Flat Rock	175	225	0
64	Farmer to Farmer	300	400	0
13	UMCOR Sunday	Any Donation	20	
21	UMCOR Disasters	Any Donation	65	
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 August

Fund # 1	Ministry Operating	-20,857
Fund # 2	Mission Fund	821
Fund # 3	Building Fund	63,917
Fund # 28	Elevator Fund	4,654

Mission of the Month – UM Student Day – Fund #17

Feed My Sheep Item – Toothpaste

4C's Item – Cereal

FAIRFIELD RURITAN'S CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, Oct. 5, from 4:00-6:00 PM

Carry-out only at Grace Church in Columbiana.

\$12 Pre-sale ~ \$13 at the door.

See Bill Crook or Randy Hart.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

On Sunday, October 6, Katie Meek,

a United Methodist Missionary, will give a short presentation on UM mission opportunities around the world.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sep 22 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 5:00 Potluck & Movie Night at Emmanuel UMC	Sep 23 10:00 Prayer Blanket 6:30 Cub Scouts	Sep 24 Newsletter Deadline 8:30 Men's Coffee At Larry's Pavilion 2:30 DS/Pastor Consultation With Rev Lisa, Edie, Jeff 6:30 DS & SPR Consult at East Fairfield	Sep 25 7:00 Choir Practice	Sep 26 9:00 Mailing Committee 10:00 Membership Care	Sep 27 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Sep 28 8:30-10:00 Caring for God's Lambs at Trinity
Sep 29 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 12:00 Pizza w/ Pastors at Centenary UMC	Sep 30 10:00 Prayer Blanket 12:00 Women's Joy Circle 6:30 Cub Scouts	Oct 1 8:30 Men's Coffee At Larry's Pavilion	Oct 2 6:00 Choir Picnic 7:00 Choir Practice	Oct 3	Oct 4 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Oct 5
Oct 6 WORLD COMMUNION 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	Oct 7 10:00 Prayer Blanket 6:30 Cub Scouts	Oct 8 8:30 Men's Coffee At Larry's Pavilion -Ladies' Day	Oct 9 7:00 Choir Practice	Oct 10	Oct 11 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed 9:00-5:00 Trinity UMC Rummage Sale	Oct 12 9:00-5:00 Trinity UMC Rummage Sale 4:00 Mt. Zion Weiner Roast
Oct 13 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 12:00 Pizza w/ Pastors at New Springfield Trinity UMC 4:00 4H (Hannah Farmer)	Oct 14 10:00 Prayer Blanket 6:30 Cub Scouts	Oct 15 8:30 Men's Coffee At Larry's Pavilion	Oct 16 7:00 Choir Practice	Oct 17	Oct 18 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Oct 19



FAMILY POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHT at Emmanuel UMC

Sunday, September 22, 5:00 PM



Bring your favorite dish, relax with a family-friendly movie, and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS



- Sunday, Sept 29, at 12 noon at Centenary UMC**
- Sunday, Oct. 13, at 12 noon at Trinity UMC**
- Sunday, Oct. 20, at 12 noon at Mt Zion UMC**
- Sunday, Nov 10, at 12 noon at East Fairfield UMC**

You do not have to attend at your home church. Everyone is welcome to attend at any of these locations that fit your schedule.

NOTE: If you have special dietary requirements (gluten free, etc.), let us know in advance when you will be attending.

In Christ's Service - Pastors Lisa, Edie, & Jeff



WALKING GROUPS

The Columbiana Group meets every **Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM** at the Duck Pond in Firestone Park.

The East Palestine Group meets every **Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM** at the East Palestine City Lake.

For more info call Cindy Wright 330-426-6232 or 330-502-4737

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Caring for God's Lambs, New Springfield UMC

Saturday, Sept. 28, 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Volunteers are always needed and welcome !



MEN'S COFFEE TIME ~ Tuesdays at 8:00 am

at Webber's Pavilion, 45986 Carter Rd, New Waterford.

The next Ladies' Day is Tuesday, October 8.

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

COMFORTING CARDS WORKSHOP

October 5, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Mt Zion UM Church

49255 Pancake Clarkson Road, Rogers, OH 44455

If you love creating beautiful handmade cards and spreading love and positivity through your craft, this is the group for you. Whether you're an experienced card maker or just starting out, all are welcome to join us for crafting, sharing ideas, and making cards for shut-ins and nursing home residents.

Let's come together to inspire creativity, build community, and make a difference one card at a time. Join us for our meetups and unleash your creativity with fellow card enthusiasts!

RUMMAGE SALE at Trinity UMC ~ October 11 & 12 **Friday, from 9:00-5:00 ~ and ~ Saturday, from 9:00-2:00**

Help Needed:

Mon., Sept. 23,	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Tue., Sept. 24,	1:30 PM-5:00 PM
Wed., Sept. 25	6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Thu., Sept. 26,	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Fri., Sept. 27,	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sat., Sept. 28,	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Mon., Sept. 30,	9:00 AM-5:00 PM



Call Bonnie Black at 330-457-7107 or 330-272-7206.

WEINER ROAST at Mt. Zion UMC ~ Saturday, October 12



4:00 PM Kids Crafts ~ 5:30 PM Weiner Roast

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

SOUP SALE at Trinity UMC

Deadline to order is Oct. 13.

Wedding Soup

Potato Soup

Ham-Potato-Green Bean Soup

Broccoli Cheddar

\$4.50 pint or \$8.00 quart.

Call Bonnie at 330-457-7107 or 330-272-7206

Pickup is Sunday, October 20 from 12:00-2:00 PM.



ORGANIST or PIANIST NEEDED AT CENTENARY

For Sunday morning worship services at 10:30 am.

Call Pastor Lisa 440-339-6463 or the church 330-426-2629.