

# EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley

Ministers: The Congregation

Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Choir Director: Randy Hart

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**Christ the King / Thanksgiving Sunday**

*\*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

His Glory -Sikes

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MINISTRY AND MISSION UPDATES

Jon Vollnogle, Liturgist

*PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP*

PRELUDE

Prayer Of Thanksgiving – Netherlands Folk Song

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Nancy C. Townley, MinistryMatters.com*)

Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

**God has blessed us with God's great love.**

Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.

**Let us come to this time praising God.**

Come, now is the time to worship.

**We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God of Abundance and God of Life, we thank you for the many blessings you have given us throughout our days. We thank you for this time of worship. We thank you for your presence among us. We thank you for the love and grace that you give to us. We come to give you our praise and thanksgiving this day. In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” UMH #694

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 95:1-7a (NIV)

pg 482

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

CHOIR ANTHEM Not One Falls -Sorenson

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty -Traditional/Rasley

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

\*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SEEKING GOD’S WORD

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (NIV) pg. 960

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

SERMON TEXT Matthew 6:25-33 (NIV) pg. 787

SERMON *Don’t Worry, Be Thankful* Pastor Lisa

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” UMH #102

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

\*BLESSING

LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

*~ Go forth to serve the Lord ~*

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**Flowers on the altar are from Deann Davis  
in thanks for all of God’s blessings.**

TODAY, NOVEMBER 24

Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle

Sound: Bill Rowley

Computer: Vicki Freeman

Greeters: Terry & Chase McCoy

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Liturgist: Missy Roberts

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

November 24, 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)

### Outer Banks storm damage.

Alan (Grant's cousin) – Passed away.

Tucker & Parker (Georgia)

Dolly K. – Was in the hospital. Now home.

Heather (22) (Daughter of Cindy's cousin) – Surgery for brain tumor.

Kathy M. – Started internal radiation.

Debbie L. – Had hip replacement Nov. 16. Went well.

Cady (15) – Severe reaction to an unknown allergy. Doing well.

Betty S.

Marge (Grant's aunt) – Passed away.

Larry K. – Hospitalized.

Wayne (Marcia's brother) – Had a stroke. Partially paralyzed.

Dalton H. (20 yrs. old) – Needs heart valve replacement surgery.

Lynda (Betty's daughter) – A lot of tough decisions.

Mary F. (Darleen's mother) – Pancreatic cancer.

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

Owen (Fieldhouse's friend) – Brain mass.

Bill H. – Parkinson's

### HOMEBOUND

Betty S. (Parkside)      Joanie R. (Whispering Pines)      Anita M.

Walt D. (Whispering Pines)      Zelda C. (Whispering Pines)

### IN MINISTRY

Lisa Courtwright

Eddie Boles

Jeff Pellin

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**East Fairfield  
United Methodist Church  
Sunday, November 24, 2024  
9:30 AM**



Rev. Lisa Courtwright  
440-339-6463  
45675 State Route 558  
New Waterford, OH 44445

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

## NOVEMBER 17 ATTENDANCE

In person: 77

Online: 61

### Update on Mission Giving for 2024

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	6,374	6,175	199
33	4C's	125	550	0
32	Cub Scouts	150	150	0
37	Way Station	150	225	0
43	Tobin Center	300	310	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	185	
14	Blankets+	Any Donation	35	
15	Peace With Justice	Any Donation	5	
16	World Communion	Any Donation	10	
17	Student Day	Any Donation	5	
46	Heroes & Halos	Any Donation	0	

### Fund Balances as of end of October

Fund # 1	Ministry Operating	-22,758
Fund # 2	Mission Fund	630
Fund # 3	Building Fund	66,750
Fund # 28	Elevator Fund	5,625

**Mission of the Month – General Mission Fund – #2  
4C's Item – Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple)**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>Nov 24</b> <b>Thanksgiving Sunday</b> 9:30 Worship at EF -Procession of Plenty 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School <b>12:00 Luncheon            and Hanging of            the Greens</b>	<b>Nov 25</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>Nov 26</b> 8:00 Men's Coffee At EF Church 2:00 Walking At Firestone Duck Pond	<b>Nov 27</b> Office Closed 10:00 Walking at EP City Lake 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>Nov 28</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Nov 29</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	<b>Nov 30</b>
<b>Dec 1</b> <b>Communion</b> 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	<b>Dec 2</b> <b>12:00 EF            Joy Circle            Christmas party            at the Clubhouse            at Southern            Terrace</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>Dec 3</b> 8:00 Men's Coffee At EF Church 2:00 Walking At Firestone Duck Pond	<b>Dec 4</b> 10:00 Walking at EP City Lake 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>Dec 6</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	<b>Dec 7</b> 10:00-12:00 Card Workshop 5:30 Line up for E. Pal. Parade 6:00 Mt. Zion Christmas Party & Candlelight Service 6:30 Snowflake Parade
<b>Dec 8</b> 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	<b>Dec 9</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts	<b>Dec 10</b> 8:00 Men's Coffee At EF Church -Ladie's Day 2:00 Walking At Firestone Duck Pond	<b>Dec 11</b> 10:00 Walking at EP City Lake 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>Dec 13</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	<b>Dec 14</b>
<b>Dec 15</b> 9:30 Worship at EF -Eddie Boles speaking 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School <b>11:45 Potluck            Luncheon</b> <b>12:30 Caroling</b> 4:00 4H (Hannah Farmer)	<b>Dec 16</b> 6:30 Cub Scouts <b>7:00 East            Fairfield            Leadership            Board</b>	<b>Dec 17</b> 8:00 Men's Coffee At EF Church <b>Newsletter            Deadline</b> 2:00 Walking At Firestone Duck Pond	<b>Dec 18</b> 10:00 Walking at EP City Lake 7:00 Choir Practice	<b>Dec 19</b> 9:00 Mailing Committee	<b>Dec 20</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	<b>Dec 21</b>



**Poinsettia Order Form**  
**Deadline to order is December 8.**

6" Pot Single Stem	Red	@ 7.50	\$
	White	@ 7.50	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Phone:</b>			<b>Env. #</b>
<b>In Honor of:</b>			
<b>In Memory of:</b>			

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**TODAY is the last day  
to return your shoeboxes !**



**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**Monday, December 2, 12:00 PM**  
**at Southern Terrace Mobile Home**  
**Park in the Clubhouse**



Menu includes pork roast, potatoes, corn, and dessert.  
 Cost is \$12. Sign up on the clipboard.  
**Deadline is Sunday, Nov. 24.**

## **SPECIAL GIVING TREE**

This year you will again have an opportunity to help with the shortfall in our Operating Funds.



This should be a special gift in addition to your regular offering.

Simply place your gift in the offering box located next to the “Giving Tree” in the foyer.

Then select an ornament from the table, and place it on the “giving tree” to symbolize your gift.

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## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING** **Sunday, December 15 at 12:30**

We will have a potluck luncheon following the worship service on December 15 for those who stay to go caroling.



We will leave the church at 12:30 to spread some Christmas Cheer while we visit our homebound members and area nursing homes.



## WALKING GROUPS

**Tuesdays 2:00 PM** at the Duck Pond in Firestone Park.  
**Wednesdays 10:00 AM** at East Palestine City Lake.  
Call Cindy Wright for info 330-426-6232 or 330-502-4737

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### **MEN'S COFFEE GROUP** **Tuesdays at 8:00 am**

At East Fairfield UMC, downstairs in the fellowship hall.  
The second Tuesday is Ladies' Day covered-dish.

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### **FAMILY POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHT** **Sunday, January 26, 5:00 PM** **at Emmanuel UMC**

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

*( No event in December )*

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### **CARING FOR GOD'S LAMBS ~ Food Distribution** **New Springfield Trinity UMC** **Saturday, December 28** **8:30 am – 10:00 am**



### **SCRIPTURES and SUDS Bible Study**

at Ill Will Brewing, 45417 State Route 14, Columbiana

Pastor Jeff Pellin will lead a Bible Study by Ray Thomas, titled, *Brew For Jesus ... A Beer-Based Bible Study.*

The First Session is 4 weeks.

**We will meet on Thursdays at 7:00 PM**

**January 9**  
**January 16**  
**January 23**  
**January 30**



For more details, contact Pastor Jeff Pellin 330.953.8797

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



### COMFORTING CARDS WORKSHOP

**Dec. 7, 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon at Mt. Zion UMC**  
49255 Pancake Clarkson Rd, Rogers

### CHRISTMAS PARTY & CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**Saturday, Dec. 7, 6:00 pm at Mt. Zion UMC**

Bring your favorite covered dish for dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by pictures with Santa, then a Candlelight Service with music provided by Jeryl Schreiner.



### EP SNOWFLAKE FESTIVAL and PARADE Saturday, December 7, 6:30 PM



The Faith United Cooperative Parish will participate in the East Palestine Snowflake Festival and Parade on Saturday, December 7 at 6:30 PM

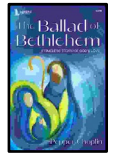
We need volunteers to walk with our float in the parade to hand out candy and information for our cooperative Advent Season and Christmas Eve Services.

**(Parade lineup begins at 5:30 at Centenary UMC parking lot.)**

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA at Emmanuel

**Sunday, Dec. 22, during 9:00 am Worship**

Practice is **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** at Emmanuel  
*The Ballad of Bethlehem*. Anyone welcome.



### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES



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|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>4:00</b>  | <b>New Springfield Trinity UMC</b> | <b>(Pastor Edie)</b>            |
| <b>7:00</b>  | <b>East Fairfield UMC</b>          | <b>(Pastor Lisa)</b>            |
| <b>7:00</b>  | <b>Emmanuel UMC</b>                | <b>(Pastor Jeff)</b>            |
| <b>11:00</b> | <b>Centenary UMC</b>               | <b>(Pastor Lisa &amp; Jeff)</b> |

# ONE YEAR, ONE STORY

**Pastors Lisa, Edie, & Jeff invite you to join us in 2025 for a year-long devotional journey as we read through the Bible together.**

We are excited to offer a unique opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection. Over the course of the year, we will use *The Grand Sweep* by J. Ellsworth Kalas as our guide. This resource is designed to help you connect deeply with Scripture through daily readings, devotionals, and thought-provoking reflections. The book includes:

**Daily Bible Readings:** Three to four chapters per day, allowing you to engage with the narrative of Scripture.

**Daily Devotional and Prayer:** A brief, meaningful reading and prayer each day (less than a page) to help you reflect on what you've read.

**Weekly Summaries:** A recap of the week's Scripture, tying it into the broader biblical story, providing context and insight (a page or two).

**Weekly Life Application:** A second reading that invites you to see life through the lens of Scripture, offering practical guidance for daily living (a page or two).



We will be placing an order for books for all who wish to participate. If you would like a copy, please sign up by December 15 on the sheets available at each church, or contact the East Fairfield church office at [efumc@comcast.net](mailto:efumc@comcast.net), or by calling 330-457-2465.

To foster community and support throughout the year, we'll also offer **optional monthly gatherings** toward the end of each month. These informal sessions are a chance to reflect on the month's readings, ask questions, share insights, and discuss how God is speaking to us through the Word. While not a traditional Bible study, these gatherings will offer encouragement and connection on our shared journey.

Our first *One Year, One Story* gathering will take place on **Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm** at East Fairfield UMC. Please note that the time and location of future monthly gatherings may vary, so be sure to check your bulletins and newsletters for the date/time/place of the next gathering.

We hope you'll join us on this journey through God's Word in 2025.

**May we experience spiritual renewal and growth  
as we walk this path of faith together.**