

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley
Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Ministers: The Congregation
Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, December 29, 2024
First Sunday After Christmas

***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

He Is Born -Sikes

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY UPDATES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given,
**And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

The Christ child has come, he is among us now.
Come, let us adore him!

*CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH #234 v1-3

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Bring A Torch -Smith

*DOXOLOGY

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

THE PRAYER

OUR LORDS PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

The Word Became Flesh
John 1:1-14

CHOIR ANTHEM

This Child -McDonald

SECOND LESSON

John the Baptist
Mark 1:1-3; Luke 1:76-79

CAROL “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH #211 v1,2,4,7

THIRD LESSON

The Birth of Jesus
Luke 2:1-7

CAROL “O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH #230

FOURTH LESSON

The Shepherds
Luke 2:8-19

CAROL “Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH #238

FIFTH LESSON

The Magi
Matthew 2:1-11

CAROL “What Child Is This” UMH #219

SIXTH LESSON

And then...
Luke 2:20; Matthew 2:12-15a

CAROL “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” UMH #240

SEVENTH LESSON

Jesus Presented in the Temple
Luke 2:22-33; 36-40

CAROL “Joy to the World” UMH #246

*BLESSING

*LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

~Go with the Love of the Christ Child to Serve the Lord~

TODAY, DECEMBER 29

Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle

Sound: Bill Rowley

Computer: Vicki Freeman

Greeters: Harvey & Carol Smith

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Liturgist: Jon Vollnogle

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

December 29, 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)

Jeff Pellin – Prayers for Jeff, the community of Sharon, and employees of Sharon Regional Medical Center, which is closing in January.

Jan (Joann Crook's sister) – Fell and injured her foot. Needs surgery.

Sue S. – Back problem. Lots of pain. Fell and fractured her ankle.

Heather (Cindy W.)

Larry Kannal – Passed away Dec. 13. Memorial service at a later date.

Betty Stoffer – Passed away Dec. 15. Our sympathy to the family.

Sparky – Had surgery Dec. 9 (3 months non-weight bearing).

Vicki F. – Heart ablation on Dec. 17.

Perri S. – Recovering from surgery on Dec. 20.

Bob B. – Had a stroke. Now in hospital in Youngstown.

Jim P. – Had surgery Dec. 3.

Wayne (Marcia's brother) – Improving after a stroke. Continued prayers.

Dolly – Lung cancer. May be starting treatment soon.

Frank (Terry's friend) – Leukemia.

Amanda (Jeannie's friend) – Leaky heart valve.

Kathy M. – Still undergoing cancer treatment.

Dalton H. (20) – Open-heart surgery in January. Pray for the family.

HOMEBOUND

Dolly K. Anita M. Bill H.

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

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

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United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 29, 2024
9:30 AM



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



COMFORTING CARDS WORKSHOP
Saturday, January 4, 10:00 am at Mt. Zion UMC

SCRIPTURES and SUDS Bible Study
SunDog Cider House (Firestone Farms Plaza)
145 Town Center Ave, Columbiana



Brew For Jesus...A Beer-Based Bible Study by Ray Thomas
Thursdays at 7:00 PM on January 9, 16, 23, 30.
For details, contact Pastor Jeff Pellin 330.953.8797



Saturday, January 25, at 6:00 PM
at East Fairfield UMC

If you want to enter your homemade chili, just show up with your crockpot full. Anyone is welcome to come and participate, eat some chili, and help us choose the winners. Bring a dessert to share. (There will be prizes awarded to the winners.)



FAMILY POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHT
Sunday, January 26, 5:00 PM at Emmanuel
Bring your favorite dish, relax with a family-friendly movie, and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP Tuesdays at 8:00 am
East Fairfield UMC, downstairs in the fellowship hall.
The second Tuesday is Ladies' Day covered-dish.



WALKING GROUPS are on winter break until March.

CARING FOR GOD'S LAMBS ~ Food Distribution
New Springfield Trinity UMC
Saturday, January 25
8:30 am – 10:00 am



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 29 9:30 Worship at EF -Lessons & Carols 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	Dec 30	Dec 31 8:00 Men's Coffee At EF Church	Jan 1 New Years Day	Jan 2	Jan 3 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Jan 4 10:00-12:00 Comfort Cards At Mt. Zion
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Jan 5 Communion 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	Jan 6 Epiphany 6:30 Cub Scouts	Jan 7 8:00 Men's Coffee At EF Church	Jan 8 7:00 Choir Practice	Jan 9 7:00 Scripture & Suds at Sundog Ciderhouse	Jan 10 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Jan 11
Jan 12 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	Jan 13 6:30 Cub Scouts	Jan 14 8:00 Men's Coffee At EF Church -Ladies Day	Jan 15 6:00 Worship Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	Jan 16 7:00 Scripture & Suds at Sundog Ciderhouse	Jan 17 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Jan 18
Jan 19 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 4:00 4-H (Hannah Farmer)	Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day 7:00 Leadership Board	Jan 21 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 Men's Coffee At EF Church	Jan 22 6:00 One Year One Story Gathering 7:00 Choir Practice	Jan 23 9:00 Mailing Committee 7:00 Scripture & Suds at Sundog Ciderhouse	Jan 24 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Jan 25 8:30-10:00 Caring for God's Lambs Food Pantry at Trinity UMC 6:00 Chili Cook Off