

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley

Ministers: The Congregation

Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Epiphany 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

The Star In The East -Higgins

What Star Is That? -Smith

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MINISTRY AND MISSION UPDATES

Jon Vollnogle, Liturgist

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

WORDS OF PREPARATION AND CENTERING

PRELUDE

Good Christan Men, Rejoice -Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Magi followed the star so that they could worship the new King.

The season of waiting is over, the King has come, it is a time of new beginnings.

The darkness that came into this world has been banished by the light of that star.

The Light of the World removes the darkness from our lives.

Let us celebrate and worship the God who brings us light and love.

Let us take that light and love out to the world.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“There’s a Song in the Air”

UMH #249

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 72:1-7 (NIV) pg. 468

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHOIR ANTHEM Sing Merrily to God -Thygerson

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
Angels From The Realms Of Glory -Smith

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-6 (NIV) pg. 606

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "We Three Kings" UMH #254

SERMON TEXT Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV) pg. 783

SERMON *What Gifts Do We Bring?* Pastor Lisa

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION pg. 12

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH #221

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

*BLESSING

LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

~ Go forth with joy to serve the Lord ~

TODAY, JANUARY 5

Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle Sound: Bill Rowley

Computer: Vicki Freeman Greeters:

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Liturgist: Jeanie Arnoto 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

January 5, 2025

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)

Tawnya G.

Connie (Cindy W.)

Vicki F. – Heart ablation on Dec. 17.

Sparky – Had surgery Dec. 9.

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.

Bill C. – Recovering from surgery on his toe.

Kathy M. – Still undergoing cancer treatment.

Davis (Malory's friend's son) – Needs kidney transplant.

Brittany (Malory) – Cancer returned.

Don (Dick's friend) – Pancreatic cancer.

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

Tucker & Parker (Georgia)

HOMEBOUND

Dolly K. Anita M. Bill H.

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

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

IN MINISTRY

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**East Fairfield
United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 5, 2025
9:30 AM**



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



Faith United
A Cooperative Parish of United Methodist Churches

01-05-25
UPCOMING EVENTS

ONE YEAR, ONE STORY

Week 2 begins on Wednesday, January 8

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.



CARING FOR GOD'S LAMBS ~ Food Distribution

New Springfield Trinity UMC

Saturday, January 25, 8:30 am - 10:00 am



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 Week 2 One Year, One Story 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 Week 3 One Year, One Story 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 Week 4 One Year, One Story 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
Jan 26 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 5:00 Family Potluck and Movie night at Emmanuel UM	Jan 27 6:30 Cub Scouts	Jan 28 8:00 Men's Coffee At EF Church	Jan 29 Week 5 One Year, One Story 7:00 Choir Practice	Jan 30 7:00 Scripture & Suds at Ill Will	Jan 31 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Feb 1
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Renewal Leave - - - Jan. 27 through Feb. 23 </div>						