

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley

Ministers: The Congregation

Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, January 12, 2025 Baptism of Our Lord 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 How Lonely Are Thy Dwellings -Liddle
Fantasia On "Duke Street" -Paxton

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY UPDATES Jeanie Arnoto, Liturgist

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

WORDS OF PREPARATION & CENTERING

PRELUDE Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing -Sikes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are marked as God's beloved ones.

What have we done to deserve God's love.

God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

God's love never vanishes from us.

Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us!

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God of glory and majesty, you have called us by name. We pray in this moment for the courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of your Son's baptism, open our hearts also, that we may experience again the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship, that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children. We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 29:1-4;10-11(NIV) pg. 444

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

CHOIR ANTHEM “We Shall Rise”

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY Rock Of Ages -Hastings

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SEEKING GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43:1-7 (NIV) pg. 589

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN “When Jesus Came to Jordan” UMH #252

SERMON TEXT Luke 3:15-17; 21-22 (NIV) pg. 833

SERMON *You Are Beloved* Pastor Lisa

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*CLOSING HYMN “Spirit Song” UMH #347

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 19

Liturgist: David 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

January 12, 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)

John (friend of Wayne & Sue) – Serious health issue.

Burbick Family

Jackson Family

Andrew & Debbie

Mary F. (Darleen's mom)

Kaiden (Brent & Becky's grandson)

Aria Peterson (Paul C's granddaughter) – Had stomach surgery.

Dalton H. (20) – Open-heart surgery on January 9.

Tawnya G.

Connie (Cindy W.)

Sparky – Had surgery Dec. 9.

Jim P. – Had surgery Dec. 3.

Dolly – Lung cancer. May be starting treatment soon.

Kathy M. – Still undergoing cancer treatment.

HOMEBOUND

Dolly K.

Anita M.

Walt D. (Whispering Pines)

Zelda C. (Whispering Pines)

Joanie R. (Whispering Pines)

Bill H.

IN MINISTRY

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**East Fairfield
United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 12, 2025
9:30 AM**



Rev. Lisa Courtwright
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New Waterford, OH 44445

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

JANUARY 5 ATTENDANCE

In person: 58

Online: 37

Update on Mission Giving for 2025

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	5,099	80	5,019
33	4C's	125	0	125
32	Cub Scouts	150	0	150
37	Way Station	150	0	150
43	Tobin Center	300	0	300
22	Flat Rock	175	0	175
64	Farmer to Farmer - Liberia	300	0	300
13	UMCOR Sunday	<small>Any Donation</small>		
21	UMCOR – U.S. Disasters	<small>Any Donation</small>		
14	Blanket Program	<small>Any Donation</small>		
15	Peace With Justice	<small>Any Donation</small>		
16	World Communion	<small>Any Donation</small>		
17	Student Day	<small>Any Donation</small>		
46	Heroes & Halos	<small>Any Donation</small>		

Fund Balances as of end of December

Fund # 1	Ministry Operating	0
Fund # 2	Mission Fund	47
Fund # 3	Building Fund	65,339
Fund # 28	Elevator Fund	9,802

Mission of the Month

Fund #14 - Blanket Program

The Blanket Program helps families to recover from a disaster and resume the challenge of building self-sufficient, sustainable lives. From something as simple as a blanket, amazing things can happen. You can provide warmth and protection to victims of a disaster, seeds and tools to struggling farmers, and water and health to impoverished communities by giving to the Blanket Program.

4C's Item – Tuna

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
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Feb 2 9:30 Worship at EF -Pastor Jeff Pellin 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	Feb 3 6:30 Cub Scouts	Feb 4 8:00 Men's Coffee At EF Church	Feb 5 Week 6 One Year, One Story 7:00 Choir Practice	Feb 6	Feb 7 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Feb 8
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Faith United

A Cooperative Parish of United Methodist Churches

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ONE YEAR, ONE STORY

Week 3 begins on Wednesday, January 15

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.