

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley

Ministers: The Congregation

Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Christ the King 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

Praise Medley -Sprunger

Amazing Grace -Arr McDonald/Shackley

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MISSIONS & MINISTRY UPDATES

David Vollnogle, Liturgist

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

WORDS OF PREPARATION AND CENTERING

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF PLENTY

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come -Elvey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us give thanks to the Lord, for God is good and God's love is steadfast.

We gather to praise the One who blesses us in every season of life.

God's gifts meet us in moments of joy and in quiet strength for the days that are hard.

With grateful hearts – whatever this year has held – we turn to the God who walks with us.

Let us worship the Lord with thankfulness and praise!

Thanks be to God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, You are the Source of every good gift. Some of us come today overflowing with gratitude, and some come carrying the weight of a hard year – yet all of us come trusting in your faithful love. Open our hearts to your blessings, renew our gratitude, and guide us to share your goodness with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 65 (NIV) pg 463

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

CHOIR ANTHEM Come, Ye Thankful People, Come -Raney

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY *To Thee, O Lord, Our Hearts We Raise -Turner*

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SEEKING GOD’S WORD

GOSPEL READING Luke 12:22-34 (NIV) pg 846

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN “Give Thanks” TFWS #2036

SERMON TEXT Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (NIV) pg 147

SERMON *Blessed to Be a Blessing* Pastor Lisa

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Gracious God, your Word reminds us of your goodness and the many ways you bless our lives. Help us receive these gifts with grateful hearts and use them in ways that honor you and bless others. Help us to live out your Word with faith and gratitude. Amen.

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

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

*BLESSING

LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

~ Go with joy to serve the Lord ~

**Flowers on the altar are from Deann Davis
In Thanksgiving for all of God’s blessings**

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 23, 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)

Kathy W. (Randy) – Hospice care.

Elaine – Was hospitalized a few days for a change in medication.

Anita C. – Going to be a grandma.

Malory's colleague – Lost his wife.

Lori (Cindy Graffius' sister-in-law) – Double knee replacement Nov 17.

Lexie (Meredith Hart's friend) – Her mom passed away in car accident.

Bev (Jim Gaston's mom)

Bob (David Crook's friend) – Hip replacement.

Dennis (Rev. Lisa's dad) – Procedure Nov. 10.

Malory C. – Upcoming surgery.

Georgette – Recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

Tony, Nancy, and Tony Sr. – Decisions to make.

Sue C. – Surgery on her spine Dec. 5.

Charlotte – Had knee replacement Nov. 3. Surgery went well.

Cyndi S. – Doctors' appointments. More tests.

Randy (Denny's brother)

Carrie (Wayne & Sue's daughter) – Continued prayers.

HOMEBOUND

<u>Dolly K.</u>	<u>Bill & Barb</u>	<u>Anita M.</u>	<u>Tom & Marie</u>
<u>Walt D. (Whispering Pines)</u>	<u>Zelda C. (Whispering Pines)</u>		
<u>Dorothy F.</u>	<u>Esther C.</u>	<u>Linda S.</u>	<u>MaryAnne</u>

IN MINISTRY

<u>Lisa Courtwright</u>	<u>Edie Boles</u>	<u>Jeff Pellin</u>
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East Fairfield
United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 23, 2025
9:30 AM



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New Waterford, OH 44445

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

TODAY, NOVEMBER 23

Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle
Computer: Vicki Freeman

Sound: Bill Rowley
Greeters:

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Liturgist: Grant Roberts

Greeters:

NOVEMBER 16 ATTENDANCE

In-Person: 65

Online: 34

Update on Mission Giving for 2025

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	5,099	4,171	928
33	4C's	125	539	0
32	Cub Scouts	150	225	0
37	Way Station	150	290	0
43	Tobin Center	300	400	0
22	Flat Rock	175	275	0
64	Farmer to Farmer - Liberia	300	310	0
13	UMCOR Sunday	Any Donation	20	
21	UMCOR – U.S. Disasters	Any Donation	240	
14	Blanket Sunday	Any Donation	120	
15	Peace With Justice	Any Donation	9	
16	World Communion	Any Donation	20	
17	Student Day	Any Donation	35	
46	Heroes & Halos	Any Donation	130	
63	InStep Program	Any Donation	290	
49	Caring for God's Lambs	Any Donation	305	
38	Operation Christmas Child Postage	630	748	0

Mission of the Month - Fund #2 – Mission Fund

4C's Item – Canned Fruit

LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Monday, December 8 at 12:00 Noon



The Joy Circle Christmas Luncheon will be held Monday, Dec. 8 at Noon at the Community Room at Southern Terrace Mobile Home Park, Columbiana-Lisbon Road, Columbiana.

Lunch will be provided from Ala Cart Catering. The menu includes a main course, potato, salad, rolls, dessert, & beverage. **The cost is \$13. Reservations due by Sunday, November 30.**

For the White Elephant game, each guest is asked to bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$5.00 or less.



PACKING GIFT BAGS FOR SHUT-INS

Sunday, December 14 during coffee time

We will pack Gift Bags for our Shut-Ins who are homebound or in nursing homes on Sunday, Dec. 14 during coffee time in the fellowship hall. We will take the Gift Bags with us that day when we go Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 14, 12:30

We will have a potluck luncheon following the worship service on December 14 for those who are going caroling.

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

2036

Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the



Ho - ly One, give thanks be - cause he's



giv-en Je - sus Christ his Son. Give Son. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the



poor say, "I am rich be-cause of what the Lord has



done for us." And us." Give

CODA



us." Give thanks!

WORDS: Henry Smith (Luke 1:49-53)

MUSIC: Henry Smith

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GIVE THANKS

Irregular



CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, DEC. 20
MT. ZION UMC AT 6:00 PM

We're hosting a Christmas Party with a covered-dish dinner, followed by a heartwarming candlelight worship service.

Bring your favorite dish to share and embrace the joy of Christmas in a spirit-filled time of worship.

A poster for Christmas Eve Worship. It features a background of a snowy pine branch with a brown pinecone in the bottom left corner. The text is centered and reads: "THE CHURCHES OF FAITH UNITED INVITE YOU TO" in a small, sans-serif font, followed by "Christmas Eve Worship" in a large, elegant script font. Below this, it says "CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR" in a small, sans-serif font. Then, it lists four services: "4pm - New Springfield UMC", "7pm - East Fairfield UMC", "7pm - East Palestine Emmanuel UMC", and "11pm - East Palestine Centenary UMC". At the bottom right, it states "All services will be traditional candlelight worship services".

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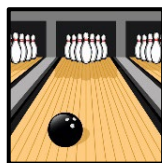
Christmas Eve Worship

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FAITH UNITED YOUTH GROUP
BOWLING ... CHANGE OF DATE
to SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 AT 1:30 PM
at Camelot Lanes, 628 Boardman-Canfield Rd,
Boardman. No cost to youth





Faith United

A Cooperative Parish of United Methodist Churches

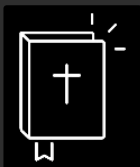
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UPCOMING EVENTS

ONE YEAR, ONE STORY

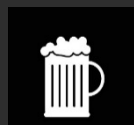
(Reading through the Bible in one year.)

Week 48 begins Wednesday, Nov. 26

SCRIPTURES & SUDS



**NO MEETINGS
IN DECEMBER**



CARING FOR GOD'S LAMBS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The next food distribution will be
8:30-10:00 AM Saturday, Dec. 27
at Trinity UMC in New Springfield.



TIME TO RING THE BELL



We need volunteers to ring the bell for the
Salvation Army at Sparkle Market in East Palestine.
The dates are Saturdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20.

One-hour shifts between 10:00 am and 5:00 PM
Bring your family and friends. Groups welcome!
All the money collected here is used in our local area.
Sign up by calling Centenary UMC 330-426-2629.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP ~ TUESDAYS, 8:00 AM
at East Fairfield UMC, 45675 SR 558, New Waterford.

The second Tuesday of the month is Ladies' Day Covered-Dish.

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