

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley

Ministers: The Congregation

Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

**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

*Lo The Winter Is Past -Landon
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah -Hughes*

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY UPDATES Jon Vollnogle, Liturgist

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

WORDS OF PREPARATION AND CENTERING

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace -Arne

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wilderness-wanderers, holiness-seekers, listen for God's voice today—

A voice of holy righteousness, not human rightness.

What does God say as God looks at your life?

Lord, give us strength to listen with honesty.

Where does God affirm, and where does God challenge?

Lord, give us strength to listen with humility.

Where does God call us to take responsibility? What is ours to do?

Lord, give us courage to accept and to act on what we hear.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, source of all that is good and right, we confess that at times we find safety in our own sense of rightness. We confuse our own thoughts and beliefs with yours. We don't leave room for you to challenge or change us. And when we sense you nudging us to a change or shift, we fear what might happen. Forgive us. Give us the courage to speak and act where you call us to speak and act, and the humility not to where you don't. We trust you to be God,

**so that we can simply be the human beings we are—flawed,
faithful, and figuring it out. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

- *OPENING HYMN “Amazing Grace” UMH #378
READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 32 (NIV) pg 446
*APOSTLES’ CREED *see insert*
*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70
CHILDREN’S MOMENT
CHOIR ANTHEM “Man of Sorrows” -Larson
OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS
INVITATION
OFFERTORY *My Savior Is Love -Gabriel*
*DOXOLOGY UMH #95
*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SEEKING GOD’S WORD

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD’S PRAYER

- *HYMN “I Need Thee Every Hour” UMH #397
SERMON TEXT Acts 9:1-22 (NIV) pg 890
SERMON *It’s Not Too Late to Take Ownership* Pastor Edie

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

- *CLOSING HYMN “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” UMH #402

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

*BLESSING
LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

~ Go with joy to serve the Lord ~

**As we conclude our service, please join us downstairs for a time to relax,
continue conversations, and enjoy coffee and refreshments.**

TODAY, MARCH 15

Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle Sound: Bill Rowley Computer: Vicki Freeman

Liturgist Next Sunday, March 22 – Cindy Wright

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

March 15, 2026

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)

Bud & Phyllis – Health issues.

Sue (Kermit's Wife) – Some improvement.

John (Brent & Becky's friend) – 4-wheeler accident.

Ryan Houck (12 yr. old) – Passed away from rare disease.

Cameron (Cyndi's son) – In Reserves. Set to deploy to the Middle East.

Ryan (Bettianne's co-worker's son) – Deployed to the Middle East.

Bobby S. – Hip surgery.

Georgia – Health issues.

Anita M. – Health issues.

Perry Bilsky (Denise & Anita's nephew) – Fighting cancer.

Nancy (Denise's cousin) – 2 blocked arteries in her head and an aneurysm in her neck.

Kristen (Anita Magill) – Hysterectomy in March due to cancer.

Rodney (Bud & Phyllis' son) – At Parkside.

HOMEBOUND

Dolly K.

Bill & Barb

Anita M.

Tom & Marie

Walt D. (Whispering Pines)

Zelda C. (Whispering Pines)

Dorothy F.

Esther C.

Linda S.

IN MINISTRY

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**East Fairfield
United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 15, 2026
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.”*

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Easter Flower Order Form

Deadline to order is March 16

(Easter is April 5)

Name

Phone

ENV #

How Many	Item Description	Cost Per Item	Amount Due
	Lily - Single (6" pot)	@ \$ 9.25	
	Lily - Double (8" pot)	@ \$19.25	
	Tulip – red	@ \$ 8.00	
	Tulip – pink	@ \$ 8.00	
	Tulip – yellow	@ \$ 8.00	
	Tulip – orange	@ \$ 8.00	
	Tulip – purple	@ \$ 8.00	
	Hyacinth – blue	@ \$ 8.00	
	Hyacinth – pink	@ \$ 8.00	
	Daffodil	@ \$ 8.00	
	Gerbera Daisy - pink	@ \$ 9.25	
	Gerbera Daisy – yellow	@ \$ 9.25	
	Gerbera Daisy - orange	@ \$ 9.25	
	Hydrangea – blue	@ \$15.75	
	Hydrangea - pink	@ \$15.75	
	Azalea – red	@ \$15.75	
	Azalea – pink	@ \$15.75	
	Azalea – purple	@ \$15.75	

TOTAL \$

In Memory of

In Honor of

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 15 4th DAY OF LENT 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	Mar 16 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Leadership Board	Mar 17 8:00 Men's Coffee at East Fairfield UMC	Mar 18 6:00 Lenten Study at East Fairfield 7:00 Choir Practice	Mar 19	Mar 20 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Mar 21
Mar 22 5th DAY OF LENT 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 5:00 Potluck Fellowship at Emmanuel UMC	Mar 23 1:00-4:00 Prayer Blankets 6:00 Cub Scouts	Mar 24 8:00 Men's Coffee at East Fairfield UMC Newsletter Deadline	Mar 25 6:00 Lenten Study at East Fairfield 7:00 Choir Practice	Mar 26 9:00 Mailing Com. at EF 7:00 Scripture & Suds at Sundog	Mar 27 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Mar 28 8:30-10:00 AM Caring for God's Lambs Food Pantry at Trinity UMC
Mar 29 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	Mar 30 12:00 Joy Circle Lunch at EF UMC 1:00-4:00 Prayer Blankets 6:00 Cub Scouts	Mar 31 8:00 Men's Coffee at East Fairfield UMC	Apr 1 7:00 Choir Practice	Apr 2 Maudy Thursday 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Worship w/ Communion	Apr 3 Office Closed 7:00 PM Good Friday Service at Centenary	Apr 4
Apr 5 Easter Sunday 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	Apr 6 Office Closed 6:00 Cub Scouts	Apr 7 8:00 Men's Coffee at East Fairfield UMC	Apr 8 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Scripture & Suds at Brew Lounge	Apr 9	Apr 10 Office Closed	Apr 11
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> Pastor's Vacation – April 7 thru April 13 </div>						

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE (March 8)

In-Person: 72

Online: 27

Update on Mission Giving for 2025

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	5,099	1,520	3,579
33	4C's	125	100	25
32	Cub Scouts	150	345	0
37	Way Station	150	0	150
22	Flat Rock	175	140	35
64	Farmer to Farmer - Liberia	300	80	220
13	UMCOR Sunday	<small>Any Donation</small>		
21	UMCOR – U.S. Disasters	<small>Any Donation</small>	5	
14	Blanket Sunday	<small>Any Donation</small>	65	
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>	100	
63	InStep Program	<small>Any Donation</small>		
49	Caring for God's Lambs	<small>Any Donation</small>		
38	Operation Christmas Child Boxes (\$118)			

Fund Balances as of end of January

Fund # 1	Ministry Operating	-11,315
Fund # 2	Mission Fund	521
Fund # 3	Building Fund	59,570
Fund # 28	Elevator Fund	3,083

Mission of the Month for March

Farmer to Farmer – Fund #64

Our mission is to provide technical and mechanized training in profitable and productive farming to Liberian farmers. Our work in Harrisburg, Liberia focuses on serving God, serving community, farming, education, working together, and building relationships.

4C's Item – Cereal



Faith United

A Cooperative Parish of United Methodist Churches

03-15-26
UPCOMING EVENTS

 SCRIPTURES	03.11.26 2 nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 7:00 PM BREW LOUNGE @ FIRESTONE FARMS
03.26.26 4 th THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 7:00 PM SUNDOG @ FIRESTONE FARMS	& SUDS 

LENTEN STUDY: A BEAD AND A PRAYER
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 6:00 PM
at East Fairfield UMC

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP – SUNDAY MARCH 22
at 5:00 PM at Emmanuel UMC

CARING FOR GOD’S LAMBS FOOD PANTRY
SATURDAY MARCH 28, 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
at Trinity UMC

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 2 at East Fairfield UMC
6:00 Covered Dish Dinner
7:00 Worship Service

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – APRIL 3
7:00 PM Worship Service at Centenary UMC

MEN’S COFFEE GROUP at East Fairfield UMC
meets on Tuesdays at 8:00 AM
(The second Tuesday of the month is Ladies’ Day.)

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



Columbiana County InStep
invites you to join them for:

Build Your Own Pasta Night

Saturday, March 28, 2026
from 4:00 – 6:00 PM
at The Upper Room Fellowship
500 Sponseller Road, Columbiana

PASTA

Spaghetti
Penne
GF Penne

TOPPINGS

Fresh Tomatoes
Meatballs (2)
Parmesan Cheese
Crushed Red Pepper
Salt & Pepper

DESSERTS

Brownie w/Ice Cream
Chocolate Chip Cookie

SAUCES

Marinara
Alfredo
Vodka

REFRESHMENTS

Ice Water
Lemonade
Iced Tea

Take Out available!
Orders placed inside!

*All Donations go to the
Columbiana County InStep General Fund*