

EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Courtwright

Organist: Ruth Rowley

Ministers: The Congregation

Pianist: Nancy Setinsek

Choir Director: Randy Hart

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**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 All Things Bright and Beautiful -Trad. English
O Worship The King -Haydn

CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY UPDATES David Vollnogle, Liturgist

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

WORDS OF PREPARATION & CENTERING

PRELUDE Trust and Obey -Towner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains tremble.**

We gather to proclaim our trust in the Lord, who is faithful in every circumstance.

**Whether in trial or in triumph, nothing can separate us from
God's love.**

Come, let us worship the One who calls us to stand firm in faith.

We lift our hearts, our voices, and our lives in praise!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Faithful God, you are our rock and our strong foundation. In moments of uncertainty, you remain steadfast. When the world feels unsteady, your love does not fail. As we begin this time of worship, strengthen us with courage, center us in your presence, and remind us that our hope is secure in you. Receive our praise, O Lord, and let your Spirit move among us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH #110**

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 46 (NIV)

pg 455

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

Andrew Lawlor

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Morning Song -Elliot

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:31-39 (NIV)

pg 917

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH #529

SERMON TEXT

Daniel 3 (NIV)

pg 721

SERMON

But Even If He Does Not

Pastor Lisa

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

**Lord, strengthen our faith so that in every trial we may trust you.
Teach us to stand firm, even when the way is uncertain. Keep us
rooted in your love, and let our lives bear witness to your steadfast
grace. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH #377

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

*BLESSING

LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

~ Go forth with joy to serve the Lord ~

**Altar flowers are from Richard Sell in
celebration of Elaine Sell's birthday on Sept. 30.**

**Flowers by the organ are in honor of Kay Crook's
90th birthday on Sept. 24, from her family**

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Livestream: Hannah Vollnogle

Sound: Bill Rowley

Computer: Vicki Freeman

Greeters:

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Liturgist: Cindy Wright

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

September 28, 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)

Jason Roberts – Passed away. Pray for the family.

Matt S. – Cleveland for heart evaluation.

Wade H. – Heart procedure Sept. 26.

Denise F. – Cancer free. Next scan in three months.

Meagan & Leila (6 yr. old daughter) – Head-on collision. Mom required facial reconstruction. Daughter has spleen + spinal damage.

Joann V. (Deann) – Kidney transplant Wed, Sept. 10.

Wayne (Marcia's brother) – In the hospital.

Vicki (Kay) – Back surgery delayed for further testing.

Janice (Cha'Lette's friend)

Nicole (Noah's wife) – Nausea and headaches with pregnancy

Gene (Grant's cousin) – Fractured shoulder.

HOMEBOUND

Dolly K.

Bill H.

Anita M.

Walt D. (Whispering Pines)

Zelda C. (Whispering Pines)

IN MINISTRY

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**East Fairfield
United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 28, 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."***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sep 28 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	Sep 29 12:00 Women's Joy Circle 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Faith United Leadership Board	Sep 30 8:00 Men's Coffee at Webber's Pavillion	Oct 1 Week 40 One Story 10:00 AM Walking at EP City Lake 7:00 Choir Practice	Oct 2	Oct 3 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Oct 4 4:00-6:00 Fairfield Ruritan Chicken BBQ Carry-out Only Grace Church in Columbiana
Oct 5 World Communion 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	Oct 6 6:00 Cub Scouts	Oct 7 8:00 Men's Coffee at Webber's Pavillion	Oct 8 Week 41 One Story 10:00 AM Walking at EP City Lake 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Scripture + Suds Brew Lounge @ Firestone Farms	Oct 9	Oct 10 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Oct 11 6:00 Mt. Zion Weiner Roast Bring a chair, roasting stick, & picnic food to share. We Provide hot dogs, buns, & S'mores.
Oct 12 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School	Oct 13 6:00 Cub Scouts	Oct 14 8:00 Men's Coffee at Webber's Pavillion -Ladies' Day	Oct 15 Week 42 One Story 10:00 AM Walking at EP City Lake 7:00 Choir Practice	Oct 16 Charge Conference Papers Due	Oct 17 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Oct 18
Oct 19 9:30 Worship at EF 10:30 Coffee Time 10:45 Sunday School 1:30 Youth Maze Craze at New Springfield	Oct 20 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Leadership Board	Oct 21 8:00 Men's Coffee at Webber's Pavillion 6:30 Craft Night with Elaine Newsletter Deadline	Oct 22 Week 43 One Story 10:00 AM Walking at EP City Lake 7:00 Choir Practice	Oct 23 9:00 Mailing Committee 7:00 Scripture & Suds at SunDog at Firestone Farms	Oct 24 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	Oct 25 8:30-10:00 Caring for God's Lambs At Trinity 2:00-4 Drive Thru Creamed Chicken Dinner at Emmanuel

SEPTEMBER 21 ATTENDANCE

In-Person: 70

Online: 29

Update on Mission Giving for 2025

FUND	NAME OF FUND	NEED	RECEIVED	STILL NEED
2	General Mission Fund	5,099	3,391	1,708
33	4C's	125	435	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	295	5
13	UMCOR Sunday	Any Donation	20	
21	UMCOR – U.S. Disasters	Any Donation	240	
14	Blanket Sunday	Any Donation	65	
15	Peace With Justice	Any Donation	5	
16	World Communion	Any Donation	20	
17	Student Day	Any Donation	35	
46	Heroes & Halos	Any Donation	30	
63	InStep Program	Any Donation	190	
49	Caring for God's Lambs	Any Donation	100	

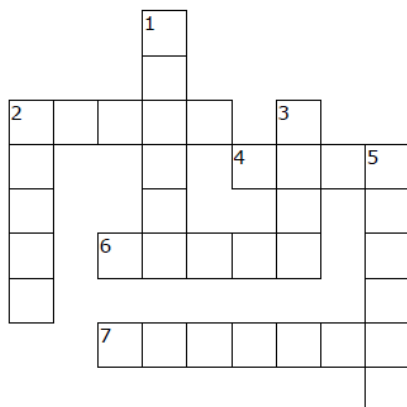
Mission of the Month - Fund #14 – Blanket Sunday

Help blanket the world in love just in time for the winter months ahead.

Show our love in action – one blanket at a time.

4C's Item – Quick Oats

Word Search



ACROSS

2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
6. To speak with a very loud voice
7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

DOWN

1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
2. A large group of people who have gathered together
3. A young male horse (or donkey)
5. An animal like a small horse with long ears

BRANCH
SHOUT

COLT
VILLAGE

ROAD
DONKEY

CLOAK
CROWD

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2025

November 17 - 24, 2025

This year a Good Samaritan has generously donated enough gift items to pack many, many boxes with love for Operation Christmas Child. The Joy Circle ladies volunteered to pack the donated items into shoeboxes for the children.

To ensure each shoebox is delivered safely, we invite the congregation to help by donating toward the shipping cost (\$10 per box) so every shoebox reaches its intended destination to bring joy to a child during the holiday season.

Please mark your offering envelope
"Fund 38 Operation Christmas Child"
(make checks payable to: East Fairfield UMC)

If you have any questions, please contact
Marcia Mayberry at 330-787-1404.

FAIRFIELD RURITAN CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, October 4 from 4:00-6 PM

Carry-out only at Grace Church in Columbiana
\$12 Presale ~ \$13 at the Door. See Bill Crook or Randy Hart

Craft Night with Elaine

Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 PM

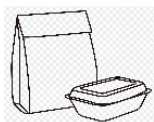
Sign up on the clipboard in the foyer.

ANNUAL WEINER ROAST ~ SATURDAY, OCT. 11
6:00 PM at Mt. Zion UMC

Bring your favorite chair, roasting sticks, and picnic food to share. Hot dogs and buns provided, along with s'more.



DRIVE THRU CREAMED CHICKEN DINNER ~ SATURDAY, OCT. 25
2:00 - 4:00 at Emmanuel UMC



\$10 donation includes
creamed chicken over biscuit,
mashed potatoes, green beans, and a brownie.

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP DINNER – SUNDAY, OCT. 26
5:00 PM at Emmanuel UMC

Bring a covered-dish and enjoy
an evening of fun and fellowship.



CHARGE CONFERENCE ~ SATURDAY, NOV. 1
at 10:00 AM at Boardman UMC

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP ~ TUESDAYS, 8:00 AM

At Larry Webber's pavilion, 45986 Carter Rd, New Waterford.
The second Tuesday of the month is Ladies' Day Covered-Dish.

WALKING GROUP

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM at the East Palestine City Lake.
For info call Cindy Wright 330-426-6232 or 330-502-4737.

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

ONE YEAR, ONE STORY

(Reading through the Bible in one year.)
(Week 40 begins on Wednesday, Oct. 1)

**The next One Story Gathering
is Wednesday, October 8, 6:00 pm
at East Fairfield UMC. Bring a covered-dish.**

 SCRIPTURES	10.08.25 2 nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 7:00 PM BREW LOUNGE @ FIRESTONE FARMS
10.23.25 4 th THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 7:00 PM SUNDOG @ FIRESTONE FARMS	& SUDS 

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



THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

At the food distribution on November 22, we will be giving Thanksgiving food to those who are in need. We are accepting **money** toward the purchase of turkeys and/or donations **of boxes of stuffing mix**. If you can help by donating one or both of these, it would be much appreciated and will help the families that we serve through this important ministry. Mark your donation "Trinity - Caring for God's Lambs"



DONUTS

&

Decisions



Saturday, October 11, 2025

9:00 - 10:30 am

**Centenary United Methodist Church
Breakfast & Information Session**

Pastor Jeff Pellin (who is a Licensed Social Worker at Sharon Regional Medical Center) will lead us through the process of creating our **advance directives for healthcare**.

Advance directives are legal documents that express a person's healthcare wishes in the event they become unable to make medical decisions for themselves. They play a crucial role in ensuring that individuals receive the care they desire during critical or end-of-life situations. He will walk us through the process of creating living wills and power of attorney documents.

FAITH UNITED YOUTH GROUP
UPCOMING
EVENTS 2025

Youth grades 5-12
Join us and invite your friends!!

MAZE CRAZE

14070 Woodworth Rd, New Springfield

Meet at the entrance at 1:30pm

No cost to youth.

Dinner w/ hotdogs, chips, s'mores included

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BOWLING

Camelot Lanes in Boardman

628 Boardman-Canfield Rd.

Meet there at 1:30

No cost to youth.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR TEXT...
PASTOR LISA (440.339.6463) OR PASTOR JEFF (330.953.8797)