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THE WAY



We are a
Stephen Ministry
Caring Congregation



EAST FAIRFIELD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*“Working, playing, and praying together
in our faith journeys to share Jesus Christ
with one another, our community, and the world.”*

Save the Date!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
DR. J. ELLSWORTH KALAS

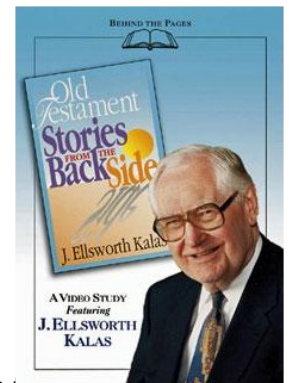
East Fairfield UMC
9:00 am - 12:00 noon
(Includes light breakfast)

Join us for a very special morning of learning
with a premier Bible scholar and teacher in Methodism.

Dr. Kalas, past president of Asbury Theological Seminary, continues to teach
Bible at Asbury and to write “...From the Backside” studies enjoyed by many congregations.

A memorable morning for clergy **and** laity and anyone with a love of Scripture! *Don't miss it!*

*Offered to the District by the Compass Group
of Lisbon, East Fairfield, Winona, and Damascus Churches.*



FALL FUN FEST
Sunday, September 18, 2011
12:00 PM in the Pavilion

We will start off our celebration in the 9:30
worship service with Rev. L. Mark George as the guest speaker.
This will be followed by coffee fellowship time and Sunday School.

At 12:00 Noon we will gather in the pavilion for a picnic. The Fellowship
Committee will provide the main menu, beverages, and table service.
We ask that you please bring a salad or dessert to share.



LOOKING AHEAD

September 25 - Marriage Sunday

During the worship service, we will recognize couples married 50 years or more.

“September tries its best to have us forget summer.” - Bern Williams

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ENTRY POINTS INTO THE CHURCH

People enter the church through a variety of entry points. There is the main entrance on the south side. Most of the people use this entrance, particularly on Sunday mornings. In addition to this, however, there are a couple of downstairs ramp entrances. There is also a side entrance below the bell tower.

These are a few of the entrances used to gain access inside of our church. The one we choose depends on our need. The main entrance is the most direct. However, if you have something to drop off in the kitchen, or you want to go into the fellowship hall, you will likely use one of the ramp entrances. If you are driving someone who does not want to walk across the parking lot, you will most likely use the side entrance below the bell tower.

There are other kinds of entry points into the church. These are not the metal doors that we see around the building. They are other type of doors. They are our choir, our Bible study groups, our Sunday school classes, our Scout troop, our Guardian Angels group, our United Methodist Women's circles, our Stephen Minister groups, and a number of other groups that are part of our church.

Like the entrances around our building, we choose to use these entrances based on our need. Some love the singing and fellowship that go with being in the choir, so they will choose that doorway. Some want to deepen their knowledge of the Bible so they will choose to take part in a Bible study group or a Sunday school class. Some appreciate the work, mission, and fellowship that is part of our United Methodist Women's circles. Some want to provide a listening ear to others, and will choose to be a Stephen Minister.

These are some of the doorways into the life of our church. The challenge in every church—including ours—is to continually review and maintain our current entrances, and to always look for ways to build other entrances into our church.

Rev. Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOY CIRCLE

We had our annual picnic at the home of Thelma Adams on July 6. There were 23 members present. We sent cards to Lois Dickey, Alan Chamberlin, Marie Russell, Evelyn Albright, Herman Gorby, and Doris Garrod. We decided to donate the canning jars to Youth With a Purpose Boys Home. Georgia Farmer is making a quilt for Flat Rock. Our bus trip was August 10 to Middlefield, Ohio. Our next regular meeting will be August 29 with Meryl Esenwein and Vesta Prus as hostesses.

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle has not met this summer.

ICE CREAM FESTIVAL REPORT



We would like to thank everyone who helped with our Ice Cream Festival on August 13. Here is a bit of an overview to let you know some of what was involved.

We made a total of 75 gallons of ice cream, which required 70 pounds of sugar, 360 pasteurized eggs, 40 gallons of Baker's Golden Dairy whole milk, and 700 pounds of ice.

We used 100 pounds of turkey for the hot turkey sandwiches. We served 10 gallons of baked beans, and 9 pounds of pasta salad. There were 36 pies donated (216 servings) and ten cakes (120 servings).

We served over 250 people, who came from Lisbon, Columbiana, East Palestine, New Waterford, Leetonia, Rogers, Negley, North Lima, West Point, St. Clairsville, Cortland, Warren, Youngstown, and Massillon.

**Because of your generous donations, our total expenses were only \$823.96.
Our total profit, to date, is now \$1,630.54 !!! Awesome!**

Thank you again for your faithful support !

COLLEGE STUDENT INFO

We are starting a new list of college students for this school year.

If you have a student in college, please fill out this form and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

Even if we had their address last year, PLEASE resubmit it this year. Also let us know if they have graduated. That way we can be sure we have the most up-to-date information.

Thank you.

2011-2012 COLLEGE STUDENT

Name _____
Address _____

Email _____

Would this student like to receive
a care package from the church?

YES

NO

Comments: _____

College _____

PLANNING AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

Keep Thursday evenings open this fall for your children to practice for the Christmas program. The program is for children Kindergarten through Grade 6.

We are hoping that more children will participate this year—especially our older children who are needed for speaking parts and solos.

Rehearsals will begin toward the end of October. We will have more info as it gets closer.

UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Haiti, Sept 2011.

Team to Haiti from the Rocky Mountain Conference looking for some more volunteers. Contact Rev. Tom Lank, 919-428-0461.

El Salvador, Feb 11-18, 2012.

Two Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity El Salvador mission trips have been scheduled. Registration for the first week only is open. If there is sufficient response, the second week, Feb 18-25 will also be opened up. Both trips will begin and end on a Saturday. The cost is \$1,970. This includes airfare, daily R & B, team transportation, GV required costs, GV required contingency fee, a nominal amount for the meal(s) and transportation away from the hotel or build site, and one T-shirt per person and an overnight in Atlanta. As we are leaving earlier than what we have done in the past, all fees have to be paid by December 15th! Contact Perry Shull, 5516 Dartmouth Dr., Fort Wayne IN 46825.

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH



The Louis Tobin Attention Center is a twenty-bed detention facility in Columbiana County. Youth detained at the Tobin Center are juvenile offenders with an outstanding warrant or have committed a delinquent act. The youth are awaiting court hearings or placement into treatment facilities. While at the center, they attend school, skill-building sessions and other activities, all of which are geared towards a successful life when returned to their homes and communities.

For more information, contact them at:
Louis Tobin Attention Center
8363 County Home Road
Lisbon, Ohio 44432
(330-424-9809)

Mark your offering: "Fund # 43"

UPDATE ON MISSION GIVINGS

Name of Mission	Need	Received	Still Need
Scouts	300	310	0
Way Station	150	276	0
4C's	125	530	0
Warren Com. Center	150	179	0
One Great Hour of Sharing	any donation	109	0
Japan Relief	any donation	110	0
Blankets+	any donation	139	0
Ron & Bonnie Gouge	300	1,056	0
Seth & Veronica Porter	any donation	420	0
Peace With Justice	any donation	61	0
Flat Rock	175	155	30
Community Center of Yo.	150	35	115
Tobin Center	300	0	300



Prayer, Care, and Share



Please keep the following people in your prayers

- ◆ **Bob Hawkins** Was in St. E's in Boardman. Now at Parkside.
- ◆ **Sue Cope** Surgery September 8 for left sacroiliac joint fusion. More surgery later.
- ◆ **Harry Hawkins** Was in Salem Hospital, but is now home.
- ◆ **Sparky Vollnogle** Still recuperating from July 28 shoulder surgery.
- ◆ **Kristi Simcox** Still battling a staph infection. (Denny Farmer's sister)
- ◆ **Autumn Kimble** 16 year old. Kidney transplant failed. Testing family for a match.
- ◆ **Susan** Breast surgery. (Friend of Jim & Ina Bowles)
- ◆ **Marge** Tumor in bowel. Will need surgery. (Dick Sell's sister)
- ◆ **Anita Brown** Thyroid surgery August 22. (Debbie Lawlor's friend)
- ◆ **Olivia** 10 year old on chemo. Serious side effects.
- ◆ **Tom** Cancer of prostate, spine, bones, colon, liver. (Dolly Knight's brother)
- ◆ **Kim Kolp** (Friend of Karen Namy)
- ◆ **Mark** Staph infection after surgery (Keith Wilhelm's co-worker)
- ◆ **Reid** Seizures (the son of Karen Namy's friend Colleen)
- ◆ **Bruce Henry** Working for the military in Bahrain. (Bill & Sue Kariher's nephew)

Sympathy

Doris Garrod - Passed away August 21.
Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

Alma Chuck - Donna Shaw's mother,
passed away August 23. Keep the family in your prayers.

Serving in the Military

Kyle Crook ~ Sam Frost ~ James Frost ~ Kyle Gotch ~ Rob Ray ~ Cody Wine

Our Shut-ins

Evelyn Albright ~ Ramon and Sarah Berger ~ Susan Case
Allan and Carol Chamberlin ~ Virginia Crook ~ Kathryn Firestone
Dorothy McQuiston ~ Evalyn Morris ~ Betty Vollnogle ~ John and Dorothy Ward

Thank You's

Thank you so much for the Bible for my high school graduation gift.
I will take it to Tiffin with me as I leave on August 10. I appreciate all the
support over the years and in my college experience. Thank you again. - Carter Hill

Thank you for attending my graduation party. Also,
thank you for the gift [Bible]. It was greatly appreciated. - Tyler Morris

Lay Speaker Training

Friday, **September 23**, from 5:45 pm to 9:30 pm
and Saturday, **September 24**, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
at Poland United Methodist Church.

Cost is \$30 for books, snacks, and continental breakfast & lunch on Saturday.
(Deadline to register is September 9)

SEPTEMBER 2011 ~ EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Mission of the Month:</u> Tobin Center				1 9:00 AM Men's Coffee Group at Webbers 7:00 SPR	2	3 Bridal Shower - DaLonzo
4 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School	5 LABOR DAY <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> (The Office is Closed)	6	7 6:00 Choir Picnic In the pavilion. Bring a covered dish 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00-8:00 Word & Spirit Bible Study	8 9:00 AM Men's Coffee Group at Webbers 7:00 Nominating Committee Columbiana Street Fair Parade	9	10
11 SS RALLY DAY 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School (resume regular classes) 3:30 SPR meets with DS at Winona UMC 6:30-8 Element 79 at Crestview HS	12 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 Divorce Care 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	13 7:00 SPR	14 Drama Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	15 9:00 AM Men's Coffee Group at Webbers 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth	16 6:00 Guardian Angels Jesus Party	17 9:00-12:00 J. Ellsworth Kalas (Light Breakfast)
18 FALL FUN FEST <i>9:00 Pray for Missions</i> 9:30-10:30 Worship Service - Rev. L. Mark George, speaking 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 12:00 FALL FUN FEST in the pavilion	19 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 Divorce Care 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Drama Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	22 8:30 Newsletter Mailing Committee 9:00 AM Men's Coffee Group - Place TBA 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth	23	24
25 MARRIAGE SUNDAY 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 6:30-8 Element 79 at Crestview HS	26 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 12:00 Joy Circle 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 Divorce Care 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	27 7:00 Finance 7:30 Adm. Council	28 Drama Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	29 9:00 AM Men's Coffee Group - Place TBA 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth	30	

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Jennifer Wilson, Chelsea Townsend
- 3 Carson Evrard
- 4 Susan Cope
- 5 Lynn Noel
- 6 Rev. Mitch Hennessey, Hudson Straney, Adele Zeitler
- 7 Wayne Good, Shawn Hoff
- 8 Tawnya Seachrist, Jacob Hays, MaryAnne Hart, John Steele
- 11 Shawn Fieldhouse, Christy Lopresti
- 12 Randy Hart, Miranda Barnett
- 13 Derek Bable, Keith Cusick, Rev. Jeff Proya
- 14 Anita Cusick, Nate Shaw
- 15 Brian Peppel, Kathryn Firestone
- 16 Sally Chamberlin, Marcy Magill, Kara Noel
- 18 Scott Colian
- 19 Zachary Bable
- 20 Dale Schmidt
- 21 Gayle Noel, Katrina Schmucker
- 22 Craig Kyle
- 23 Dorothy Featherstone, Carrie Holsinger
- 24 Alisha Auer, Kay Crook
- 25 Lindsay Davner, Lynn Harroff, Bob Hawkins
- 26 Chessie Peters
- 27 Wanda Bowman, Melissa Crowl, Dale Cusick Jr (DJ), Shawn Ebben, Rev. Jim Gaston, Sandi Strank
- 28 Kurt Baker, Tim Ridzon
- 30 Ron Chamberlin, Elaine Sell



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Chris & Jacquelyn Evrard
- 3 Rick & Alice Haldiman
- 4 Curt & Jennifer Alaksin
- 6 Keith & Janice Chamberlin
- 7 Bill & Barb Harding
- 8 Brian & Marci Sipe
- 9 Jay & June Chamberlain
Mike & Carrie Holsinger
Mike & April Turvey
- 10 Kurt & Susan Baker
- 11 Jay & Sue Olmstead
Jerry & Marilyn Mong
- 13 Bill & Catherine Gustafson
- 21 Mark & Kelli Harding
Tom & Pam Graham
- 24 Leo & Cathie Hicks
- 25 Rick & Melissa Crowl
- 26 Frank & Kayla Price
- 27 Anthony & Christy Lopresti
George MacGillivray & Maggie Guglielmo

*Funny thing about kindness.
The more it's used, the more you have of it.*

CLASS RESPONSIBLE FOR COFFEE TIME



- Sept. - Helping Hands
- Oct. - New Beginnings
- Nov. - Loyal Workers
- Dec. - Pairs and Spares

9:30 AM Worship Services

Date	Nursery	Jr Church	Greeters	Liturgist	Speaker or Event
Sep. 4	Anita Cusick	Cyndi Straney	Esther Chamberlain	Jon Straney	LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Sep. 11	Kim Burkey	Chris Baker	Harriet Carlisle	Edie Boles	SS RALLY DAY (Grant Roberts gives a meditation)
Sep. 18	Miranda Barnett	Anita Cusick	Joe & Barb DePillo	Rev. Mike	FALL FUN FEST (Rev. L Mark George gives Message)
Sep. 25	Alisha Auer	Pam Boyarko		Grant Roberts	MARRIAGE SUNDAY

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If you were arrested for kindness, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

The Mayonnaise Jar

**When things in your life seem almost too much to handle,
when 24 hours a day is not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.**

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things -- God, family, children, health, friends, and favorite passions -- things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, house, and car. The sand is everything else -- the small stuff.

"If you put the sand in the jar first," he continued, "there's no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. So ... pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children, take time to get medical checkups, take your partner out to dinner. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first -- the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled, "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple cups of coffee with a friend."