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

TRUNK OR TREAT Saturday October 29, 2011 6:00 - 7:30 PM



We will “trunk or treat” from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.
From 7-7:30 we will have hotdogs, chips, and hot cocoa.
You are welcome to bring snacks, cookies, or something to share.

ALL SAINTS’ DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6



We will remember the following congregational members
who have passed away during this past year.

† HELEN RADLER	05-27-11	† HERMAN GORBY	07-23-11
† DOTTIE GARROD	08-21-11	† ROBERT HAWKINS	09-03-11

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 20, 2011

- 9:30 Worship Service
 - Children’s Procession of Plenty
(Children should bring in food items for the altar)
 - Food Drive to benefit 4C’s
(Please bring canned goods for the 4C’s)
- 7:00 4C’s Community Thanksgiving Service *(Location to be announced)*
 - The offering goes to the 4C’s to help people
with food, heat, electricity, etc.



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OUR CHURCH CONFERENCE IS SUNDAY, OCT. 30 AT 1:30 AT LISBON UMC



STATISTICS, PROGRAMS, AND STRUCTURES (From my State of the Church Report)

As I reflect upon 2011 at East Fairfield, my focus is in three areas. The first is with regard to statistics. Thus far this year, we have welcomed seven new members into full membership in our church through the Confirmation process. In addition to this, we have welcomed six adults who, after a period of time visiting with our congregation, made a commitment to join us as full members. Two of these adults joined through a Profession of faith, which means that they had no church home from which to transfer from. In addition, we celebrated five Baptisms. Three of these Baptisms were of infants, one involved an adult, and one involved a Confirmand. Our Sunday morning worship attendance has been approximately the same as last year. While this is not indicative of growth, we seem to have stabilized from the steep decline of a year ago. Financially, we are in better shape than we were a year ago at this time insofar as our General Ministry budget is running a net positive balance of several hundred dollars, compared to last year when we were running a net negative balance of several thousand dollars.

The second area of focus is with regard to programs. Our Sunday school program continues to show strength, particularly in our adult and youth classes. Our children's classes, however, have been inconsistent, despite a group of dedicated and Christ-led teachers. We now have a Sunday School Superintendent (which we have not had for a number of years) who is providing our Sunday school staff with direction, focusing on our children's classes. This year we revived our Stephen Ministries program, which had been inactive for a number of years. We currently have eight persons who completed the training to be Stephen Ministers, and three Stephen Minister Leaders. Four of these eight persons have been assigned a care receiver and are in various stages of involvement with them. We also recently revived our Ice Cream Festival. While this involved a great deal of work, it also involved significant participation by a number of persons who are relatively new to our congregation. This event also brought us some community visibility, as approximately 250 people from the community were on our church grounds joining together in fellowship. Another event that brought us some community visibility was our sponsorship of one of the Concerts in the Park that is a part of the Columbiana Concert in the Park series. These are some of the newer (or revived) events and programs that have been significant for us this year. There are many more that can be mentioned—Element 79, various support groups such as grief share, a Disciple for youth Bible study and a number of short term Bible studies. In addition to these, we continue to have a number of active groups that have been part of our congregation for a number of years. To mention all of our groups, events, and programs would be beyond the scope of this report. It is sufficient to say, however, that there are many doorways into the life of our congregation, and we continually think about how we can build more.

The third area of focus is with regard to structure. Form generally follows function. If the mission of the church is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (function), we need to have structures in place that optimize this mission, in ways that are consistent with our Book of Discipline. In addition to this, since we who are involved in the church are included in the mission of the church (i.e. we are disciples who the church seeks to mature) I believe that we need to have structures in place that optimize Christian growth, as opposed to church burn-out. This takes an emphasis on teamwork. It takes an understanding that sometimes less can mean more—less time in meetings can mean more time in reaching out in mission, less number of committees can mean more number of gifted people who will do the necessary work, less number of years that we ask people to serve can mean more willingness to balance life's other obligations in service. We have been in the midst of a process of discovering the proper form that fits the new ways that congregations such as ours has had to function in a changing society and that fits the Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

Overall, statistics, programs, and structures are the aspects of East Fairfield United Methodist church that lie at the tip of the iceberg. But like all icebergs, there is a greater reality that lies under the surface. Under that surface there is a depth, spirit, and profound connection to One who is beyond measure. The statistics, programs, and structures are the tools that we employ which are an attempt—with all of the human limitations of such attempts—to grasp the ways in which God is working in our midst.

Rev. Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOY CIRCLE

The Joy Circle met on Monday, September 26th with 15 members present. Sue Kariher gave a devotional and prayer before we had a delicious lunch served by Sue and Jan Selby. We sent cards to Sarah and Ramon Berger and Tom Crook. We will send \$100 to UMCOR for Health kits and \$200 to Youth With a Purpose in Salineville. Christian Women will meet here on October 10 with the Hope Circle as host. We can start to bring in items on Oct. 24 for the Bazaar. Adele Zeitler gave a report on Haiti from the *Response* magazine. Thelma Adams and Janet Logan will be hostesses for the October 31st meeting. We will make chocolate-covered pretzels that day.

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle met on Sunday, October 16 with ten members present. We served 78 women at the Community Christian Women Luncheon on October 10. The menu was chicken salad croissants, layered salad, potato chips, and apple crisp with homemade ice cream. We discussed plans for making soup for the Bazaar and set up a work schedule. We will have Potato Soup, Bean Soup, and Vegetable Beef Soup. We will also serve hot turkey sandwiches, sloppy joes, hot dogs, and apple dumplings.

Women's Christmas Party Luncheon Wednesday, December 7, 2011 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

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| 1. Steak Salad | \$ 5.25 |
| 2. Chicken Caesar Salad | \$ 4.95 |
| 3. Mandarin Chicken Salad | \$ 4.95 |
| 4. Stuffed Tilapia | \$ 6.25 |
| 5. Chicken Parmesan | \$ 4.94 |
| | |
| A. Hot Apple Crisp | \$ 1.75 |
| B. Old Fashioned Sundae | \$ 1.50 |

There are flyers at the church with descriptions of what's included with each meal.

**Contact the church office
(330.457.2465) by November 23
with your menu choices.**

Cookbook Korner

Submit your favorite recipe.

We will choose one for every newsletter, when space allows.

Sweet Potato Pudding

(from the kitchens of Barb Crook and Kay Crook)

- 2 c. Squash (cooked)
- ¼ c. Oleo
- 1 c. Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- ¼ t. Nutmeg
- ¼ t. Cinnamon
- ¼ t. Cloves
- 1 c. Evaporated Milk
- (½ c. Coconut, if desired. Add during last 10 minutes of baking)

Cook squash in microwave 10 minutes, till soft.
Mix all ingredients together. Pour into a greased 9x13 pan.
Bake at 375° for 35 minutes.



Prayer, Care, and Share



Please keep the following people in your prayers

- ◆ Autumn Kimble
- ◆ Marge Delcastello
- ◆ Bonnie Hicks
- ◆ Betty Vollnogle
- ◆ Skip Lanzendorfer
- ◆ Taylor Watson
- ◆ John
- ◆ Sarah Thorne
- ◆ Patty Walters

In need of kidney transplant. (16 years old)
 Open heart surgery soon (Dick Sell's sister)
 Cancer of the esophagus (Leo Hick's mother)
 Has a touch of pneumonia
 Heart surgery Sept. 25.
 Tumor at the base of her skull (9 yrs. old—Evalyn Morris's granddaughter)
 Liver surgery Oct. 25. (Sandi Payne's cousin)
 Trying to adjust hypothyroidism medications. Has chronic hives.
 Tests in Cleveland.

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

The Membership Care Team would like to thank all of you who go out of your way to express love and care for fellow congregational members. You may have no idea how much it means to someone to receive a card, letter, email, phone call, or visit. We encourage all of you to continue this vital ministry to one another.

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH "Student Day Offering"



Donations to U.M. Student Day help to award scholarships and loans to students attending United Methodist and other accredited colleges and universities.

**Mark your offering envelope:
"Fund # 17 - Student Day"**

You can also donate toward the General Mission Fund during November to help East Fairfield UMC meet our budget needs. Just mark "Missions" on your regular offering envelope.

UMW Election Day Bazaar
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011
9:00am to 6:00pm

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon – Served 11:30 to 1:30 pm. The Hope Circle will prepare and serve the lunch. Food will also be served at Monday night shopping (church members only) from 5-7:00 pm.

Soup Sale - Signup sheets are available now. Potato, bean and vegetable soups are on the menu this year. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up.

Bake Sale – We need donations of baked goods on Monday, Nov. 7 until 7:00 pm or Tuesday, Nov. 8 as early as 7:00 am. (We can use baked goods for Monday evening shopping as well as Tuesday).

Homemade Candy – Look for your old favorites again this year. Zelda Cook and Jan Selby along with Phyllis Porter are the candy makers this year.

Household Treasures – We will take donations of your household items starting Oct. 23. They can be left in the Fellowship Hall against the back wall. Please make sure that your items are clean, ready to sell and priced, if possible. Contact Kay Crook or Joyce Ward.

Clothing – Clothing may be brought to the church beginning Oct. 23 as well. Please bring only clean, gently used items that are laundered and stain free. Sweat shirts, jeans and casual clothing sell best. Dress clothes are also needed. Children's clothing sells well (we had beautiful children's clothing last year) baby and toddler's things are also needed.

Book Sale – Used books and magazines may also be left in the Fellowship Hall beginning Oct. 23. Contact Betty Beight, Sue Kariher or Norma Nulf.

Help Needed –We need help from able-bodied men on Sunday, Nov. 6 to bring items from the church parsonage basement to the fellowship hall. We do this immediately following Sunday School.

Help is also needed on Wednesday Nov. 9 (the day after the bazaar) to take the leftovers to Goodwill and other charities. We need help from men or anyone that can lift and that has a van or pickup truck. We also store some leftovers in the parsonage basement. Talk with Kay Crook.

The proceeds from the Bazaar go to support the various mission projects of the UMW.
Thank you in advance for all of your donations. We hope to see you there.



MILITARY BOXES

The Membership Care Team would like to send Christmas Boxes to our military personnel. Please turn in addresses to the church office.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2011

5:00 PM Family Candlelight Service

We are changing this service to make it easier to bring small children. It will be a shorter service



7:00 PM Traditional Candlelight Service

RELAY FOR LIFE ~ SILENT AUCTION

Thank you to everyone who helped with the 2011 American Cancer Society Relay For Life. Our team raised \$4,000.00 to help in the fight against cancer!

It's time to start fundraising for 2012. We will hold a silent auction November 27 and December 4. We will take bids on both of those days, and will distribute items to the highest bidder on December 4.



We are looking for people to donated items for the auction. See Deann Davis on Sunday mornings or call 330-482-0213 if you have items to donate. Thank you for helping us with the fight against cancer.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE



Practice for the Christmas Program will begin on Thursday, November 3 from 6:00-7:00 PM. It is open to children from Kindergarten through 6th Grade. We especially hope our older children will participate as there are speaking parts and solos that we really need their help with.

Parents, please encourage your children to participate.

PRAYER MINISTRY Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 PM

If you are in need of prayer, or if God has placed something on your heart that needs prayer, please come and pray with us.

If you need to meet at another time, please contact
Edie Boles 234.855.2557
Darleen Kotas 330.423.3168



UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

The Fellowship Committee is encouraging members to attend any of these events that they can, and even carpool to the activities in Salem.

- Crown Theater Productions is doing a play called "The Delivery" for two weekends, *featuring the music of local composer Andrew Lawlor*. Everything they do is faith based. Here's the link: <http://www.crowntheaterproductions.org/crown/Events.html>
It's only a little scary, so it's family friendly, but probably not for little ones.

Showtimes: October 28, 29 - 8:00PM
 October 30 - 2:00PM
 November 4, 5 - 8:00PM
 November 6 - 2:00PM

Tickets: \$10

- Sunday, December 4, at 3 pm is the Festival of Choirs in Salem. Church choirs from the northern Columbiana County area and the Kent Salem Community Choir will each sing an anthem, then all will join together to sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Tom & Sherri Hawkins and Andrew & Debbie Lawlor sing in the Kent choir. The concert is free, though there will be a free will offering taken. It's sponsored by the Salem Music Study Club.
- Saturday, December 17, at 7:00 pm is the Kent State Salem Community Choir Christmas concert. Again, the Lawlors and the Hawkins sing in that choir. We could car pool, as it's held in the evening, at the Kent Salem City Center (old high school, north of KFC). The concert is free. We always have a great turnout of East Fairfield members for these concerts.

UPDATE ON MISSION GIVINGS			
Name of Mission	Need	Received	Still Need
Scouts	300	330	0
Way Station	150	286	0
4C's	125	715	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	1,131	0
Seth & Veronica Porter	any donation	420	0
Peace With Justice	any donation	61	0
Flat Rock	175	185	0
Community Center of Yo.	150	150	0
Tobin Center	300	195	105
World Communion Sunday	any donation	55	0

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">Mission of the Month Student Day Offering and the regular "Missions" fund</p>		<p>1</p> <p>6:30 Finance 7:30 Adm. Council</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00-7:00 Christmas Program Practice 6:30 Sew Heavenly 7:00-8 Prayer Ministry 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 PM "The Delivery" at Crown Theater in Columbiana</p>	<p>5 </p> <p>Turn clocks back one hour</p> <p>8:00 PM "The Delivery" at Crown Theater in Columbiana</p>
Accepting items for Election Day Bazaar and Soup Sale						
<p>6 ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY </p> <p>9:30-10:30 Worship 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 2:00 "The Delivery" at Crown Theater in Columbiana 6:30 - 8:00 Element 79 at Crestview HS</p>	<p>7 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i></p> <p>making soup and apple dumplings In kitchen</p> <p>10:00-11:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>8 ELECTION DAY</p> <p>9:00-6:30 Bazaar 11:30-1:30 Luncheon</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00-7:00 Kids Club 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00-7:00 Christmas Program Practice 6:00-8 G.A. Training 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth 7:00-8 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>11 VETERAN'S DAY</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00-5:00 Fellowship Hall (Erin Ridzon)</p>
Setting up for Election Day Bazaar and Soup Sale						
<p>13 VETERAN'S SUNDAY </p> <p>9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>14 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i></p> <p>10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 Trustees 7:00 Membership Team</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00-7:00 Christmas Program Practice 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth 7:00-8 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 Guardian Angels Jesus Party</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>22 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY </p> <p>9:00 Pray for Missions 9:30-10:30 Worship Service - Children's Procession of Plenty - Canned Food Drive 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time - Pack Thanksgiving Boxes 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 7:00 4C's Community Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>21 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i></p> <p>10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 Newsletter Mailing Com 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THANKSGIVING DAY</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Hanging of the Greens 12:00 Lunch</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT </p> <p>9:30-10:30 Worship Service - Baptism - Student Day Offering 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time - Silent Auction Bids 10:45-11:45 Sunday School</p>	<p>28 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i></p> <p>10:00-11:30 Bible Study 12:00 Joy Circle 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 Finance 7:30 Adm. Council</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p>			

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mark Graffius Sr., JoAnne Peppel
- 2 Janie Crowl, David Vollnogle
- 3 Kayla Hart
- 4 Lelia Gamble
- 5 Ruth Rowley
- 6 Joshua Hays, Brooke Wilson
- 7 Sue Chamberlin, Steven Groubert
- 9 Jordan Reynolds, Joe Rieseck, Dorothy Ward
- 10 Ernie Zeitler
- 11 Linda Gregorino
- 12 Daisy Day, Ben Harding
- 13 Carol Chamberlin, Erica Gustafson
- 14 George Schmidt
- 16 Sarah Hively, Justin Knepper
- 18 Zachary Chaplow, Jamie Stacy, Derrick Hart, Jean Shellenbarger, Amy Watson
- 19 Jennifer Alaksin, Valerie Bates, Brian Cross
- 10 Brenda Korchnak, Erin Mellinger, Megan Mellinger
- 21 Kyle Hart
- 22 Seth Fieldhouse
- 24 Kris McLaughlin
- 25 Chris Groubert, Sarah Traywick
- 27 Ann Peters, Marie Russell
- 29 Mark Dattilio
- 30 Amanda Cusick, Justin Townsend



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 8 Jay & Lynn Noel
- 25 John & Tami Steele
- 30 Jim & Teri Morris

CLASS RESPONSIBLE FOR COFFEE TIME



- Nov. - Loyal Workers
- Dec. - Pairs and Spares
- Jan. - Helping Hands
- Feb. - New Beginnings

*Never be angry at your weaknesses.
As long as you acknowledge them, you can
work on them. That's the definition of excellence.*



Pumpkins in the cornfields
Gold among the brown
Leaves of rust and scarlet
Trembling slowly down
Birds that travel southward
Lovely time to play
Nothing is as pleasant
As an autumn day!



9:30 AM Worship Services

Date	Nursery	Jr Church	Greeters	Liturgist	Speaker or Event
Nov. 6	Kim Burkey	Chris Baker	Ross & Phyllis Porter	Deann Davis	ALL SAINT'S DAY (DEANN GIVES MEDITATION)
Nov. 13	Miranda Barnett	Anita Cusick	Gary & Denise Fieldhouse	Edie Boles	VETERAN'S DAY (EDIE GIVES MEDITATION)
Nov. 20	Alisha Auer	Pam Boyarko		Grant Roberts	THANKSGIVING SUNDAY (KELLI GIVES MEDITATION)
Nov. 27	Anita Cusick	Cyndi Straney	Joe & Barb DePillo	Cindy Wright	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CINDY GIVES MEDITATION)

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So God Made a Farmer

And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the field, milk cows again, eat supper, then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the township board." So God made a farmer.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to wrestle a calf and yet gentle enough to cradle his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait for lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies, then tell the ladies to be sure to 'come back real soon,' and mean it." So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from an ash tree, shoe a horse, who can fix a harness with hay wire and feed sacks and shoe scraps. Who, during planting time and harvest season will finish his 40-hour week by Tuesday noon and then, paining from tractor-back, put in another 72 hours." So God made the farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place. So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to help a newborn calf begin to suckle and tend the pink-comb pullets, who will stop his mower in an instant to avoid the nest of meadowlarks."

It has to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed, and brake, disk, plow, and plant, strain the milk, replenish the self-feeder, and finish a hard week's work with an eight mile drive to church. Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft, strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh, then sigh, and then reply with smiling eyes when his family says they are proud of what Dad does, "so God made a farmer."