



**A WONDER-FULL LIFE WORSHIP SERIES**  
Looking at Money and Meaning

*LOOKING BACK, LOOKING IN,  
LOOKING OUT, LOOKING WITH GRATITUDE*

*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."  
John 10:10b*

**Today — "Looking Back"**

All Saints Day

Holy Communion

**November 10 — "Looking In"**

**November 17 — "Looking Out"**

6pm Church Conference Potluck

**November 24 — "Looking With Gratitude"**

Thanks-Giving Sunday

2020 Giving Estimates Received

Church Family Brunch

5pm: Hanging of the Greens

**St. Mark's United Methodist Church**  
November 3, 2019, 9:30 am

You are invited to read aloud the **bold text**.  
(\* Please stand as you are able.)

## GATHERING: COMPASSION

We open our eyes and come to terms with any discomfort we have about money. We illumine a candle, asking God to be with us on this journey. We ask God to give us fresh perspectives on any "dis-ease" that holds us back from a courageous vision about our money paths. We have compassion for ourselves and each other, because the systems of money we live in are not easy to navigate.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP "Illuminating the Shadows" Brodie Theiss

\*HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" v. 1 Hymnal (UMH) 451

We light this flame to affirm that where there is light,  
**there is understanding;**  
where there is understanding,  
**there is compassion;**  
where there is compassion,  
**there is possibility;**  
where there is possibility;  
**there is transformation.**

Holy and Living God,  
transform our fears into awe-inspired wonder.  
**Open us to this light,**  
**and to the rich possibilities that it brings us**  
**for a "wonder-full" life. Amen.**

\*HYMN "Christ Is the World's Light" vv. 1 & 4 UMH 188

WELCOME Pastor Joe Payne

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME Peggy Smith

## A Wonder Full Life

Two-part round

① Easy, flowing ♩ = 92

To be full of love, to be full of grace,  
Giv-ing o - thers love, giv-ing o - thers grace,

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to be full of peace is a won-der full life.  
giv-ing o - thers peace is a won-der full life.

## PROCLAIMING: CURIOSITY

*We become curious—full of “wonder-ing”—further transforming our tendencies of avoiding money issues into a desire to learn more, know more, about the systems of money and our own relationship to it. We explore what our faith story invites us to do about the systems of money in which we find ourselves.*

THE WORD IN MUSIC “Be Thou My Vision” v. 2

UMH 451

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 22:15-22 (CEB)*

This is a Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Re-Membering”

## RESPONDING: CREATIVITY

*This part of the service helps us to “wonder” in a different way. We invite a state of awe at the abundance of our lives by noticing the “rich” beauty around us, the presence of “treasured” saints with us today, and those now present in spirit. This day, we remember and give thanks for members of our church family who have passed away this past year.*

SONG “Thank You, Lord”

UMH 84

**Thank you, Lord,  
Thank you, Lord,  
Thank you, Lord,  
I just want to thank you Lord.**

*As each name is spoken, a bell will ring. The white carnations represent the life of each person named today. Following the service, family members of the deceased may take a carnation home.*

## PRAYERS

Donald Hegner  
Robert Janosik  
Ethel Stanifer  
Daniel Hatton  
Lynda Combs

Jonathan Payne  
William Hurd  
L. Michael Robinson  
M. Juanita Pool  
Norma Cooper

Gary Weaver

SONG “Thank You, Lord”

UMH 84

OFFERING WITNESS  
OFFERING

Tim and Julie Mislansky

Anthem “He’s Always Been Faithful”

Doxology “Be Thou My Vision,” v. 3

UMH 451

***Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.***

Offering Prayer

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. All are welcome.

*Communion is by intinction. Process down the center aisle at the ushers' direction. Receive the bread, dip the bread in the cup, partake, and return to your pew via the side aisles.*

## **SENDING FORTH: COMMITMENT**

*Having walked with God in "looking" into our heart's relationship to money, we commit to take the practices out into the world and our daily lives with renewed compassion, curiosity and creativity.*

SENDING HYMN

"What Gift Can We Bring"

UMH 87

\*BENEDICTION

Sung Response

**May you run and not be weary,  
May your heart be filled with song,  
And may the love of God continue to give you hope  
and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary,  
May your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel always lead you home.**

\*POSTLUDE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SCOUT TROOP POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER:** St. Mark's Cub Scout Pack 969 is selling Poinsettias to be delivered at church on December 7th so you can have them in your home the Christmas season. Information and price list is at the Welcome Center. **There are small poinsettias for \$4.99 up to a large container one.** Payment must be with order. Cash or make checks to Cub Scout Pack 969. **Orders are due Tuesday.** Put order form and payment in envelope and leave in designated basket at Welcome Center. Thank you for supporting our scouts.

**ST. MARK'S POINSETTIAS for Christmas & Christmas Eve:**

Orders, \$10 each, start next Sunday.

**SHARED HARVEST FOOD BANK ([sharedharvest.org](http://sharedharvest.org)):** We will be volunteering at Shared Harvest **this Tuesday, November 5th from 1-3 pm.** We need a group of ten people to help us pack food boxes, assembly-line style. Sign-up on the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board. See or call Debbie Bryant (673-0412) with questions.

**BROKEN BUS MINISTRY ([brokenbusministry.org](http://brokenbusministry.org)):** Our next Broken Bus serve will be **this Saturday, November 9th: 10:30-1:30.**

The bus is full, but we still need food donations to feed those we meet in the city. See the sign-up sheet on the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board or see /contact Julie Mislansky (505-4061). If you are providing food, Julie will contact you this week with details. Thank you !

**OCTOBER COAT DRIVE WRAP-UP:** Thank you for your donations! We have over 50 coats to share with The Broken Bus, Serve City, Hope's Closet and Dougie and Ray's!

**RUTH CIRCLE: Friday, November 15th.** All women of the church are invited to come and have fellowship. There will be refreshments and Linda Payne will do a program on her Poetry. Please see or call Pam Guynes (779-9192) or Charlene Miller (844-6793) if you have questions.

**ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE with Pot-Luck Dinner:**

**Sunday, November 17th at 6:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome! Please make plans to attend this very important night for St. Mark's. We will be voting on 2020 officers and other items. You must be a member to vote but everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

**THANKSGIVING MEAL GIVING PROJECT:** We continue to collect money, **through next Sunday**, for **Fairfield Food Pantry** ([www.fairfieldfoodpantry.org](http://www.fairfieldfoodpantry.org)) to help provide meals to families in need this Thanksgiving. The cost to provide this meal is \$25 for families with 4 or less members; \$30 for families with 5 or more. The display, in the Narthex, will show you exactly what items they will get for their meal. If you'd like to contribute, write "Fairfield Food Pantry" on the memo line of your check or on your offering envelope and place it in the offering plate.

**LUNCH BUNCH:** If you like to have a good time, meet people and eat, the Lunch Bunch would like you to join us for lunch and socializing once a month at various restaurants in the area. The Lunch Bunch is a group made up of 55 and older adults. Due to several requests, we will be meeting in November. We will be meeting at Shooters, 4981 Winners Circle in Liberty Township on **Wednesday, November 20th at noon.** Please see Bob or Carol Pittman or call 829-4548 for reservations by Monday, November 18th. We will not meet in December, but will start back in January.

## ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

### TODAY

- 8:30 am Fellowship, Donuts, Coffee, Juice and Milk. (Fellowship Hall and the Narthex)
- 9:30 am Worship Celebration
- 6:00 pm Youth

### MONDAY

- 10:00 am Craft Group (Rm. 104)
- 7:00 pm Three Simple Rules Book Study (Heritage Rm.)

### TUESDAY

- 10:30 am Bible Study (Heritage Rm.)
- 1-3 pm Shared Harvest Volunteering
- 7:00 pm Scouts (F. Hall)

### WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 am Prayer Group (Heritage Rm.)
- 1:00 pm Three Simple Rules Book Study (Heritage Rm.)
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study (F. Hall)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY

- 6:15 pm NA Meeting (F. Hall)
- 7:00 pm Small Group Study

### FRIDAY

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### SATURDAY

- 10:30-1:30 pm Broken Bus Volunteering

### SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Fellowship, Donuts, Coffee, Juice and Milk. (Fellowship Hall and the Narthex)
- 9:30 am Worship Celebration
- 6:00 pm Youth

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## 10/27 Requests & Updates

Don Olson is returning home with Hospice. Pray for Don & family.  
Shay Irvin, will have surgery on Tuesday to remove part of her brain in hopes of controlling her seizures. (Niece of Pam Guynes)  
John Best is having Health issues and now at Sanctuary Pointe.  
My daughter-in-law's cancer has returned. (Betty Jones)  
Prayers for daughter & her husband near the fires in California.

### **New since last Sunday:**

Eleanor McCollum was in the hospital and now at Berkley Square.  
Lew Hollinger in Fairfield Mercy hospital after a fall and broke his T6 in his back. Also, has been having treatments for Cancer.  
Gina Hollinger, Lew & Marta's daughter, having treatments for Breast Cancer.

## **Hospital or Re-Hab**

Betsy Jones - Jamestown Therapy  
Max Stover - Tri-County Extended Care.

## **St. Mark's Shut-ins / Homebound**

John Best - Sanctuary Pointe                      Virginia Shaw  
Nancy Mirade    Sue Webster  
Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek  
Evelyn Rewerts (Hospice) -Triple Creek  
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, Rm. 201

## **Continuing Prayers for St. Mark's Family**

Merianne Cardas	Byron Jones	Jean Stivers
John McWilliam	Sandy Ronningen	Nancy Bumpus
Betsy Jones	Laura Spahn	Prayer & Bible St. Groups
Dick Brewer	Kristy Theiss	Pastor Joe & Linda

## **Continuing Friends of St. Mark's & Week of Special Request**

All service Men & Women	Judy Gross 10/6
Our Country              UM Church	Charlie Bryant 10/6
Mitch Thomas	Suzan Stracke 10/6
Jack Cook	Nephew 10/6
John Tellep 10/13	Karen Clendenin 10/6
Co-workers 10/13	Jennifer Rinker's Dad 10/20
Rickie Stracke 1013	Friend, Karin 10/20
Lyla Brink 10/20	Nicole 10/20
Family of Richard Fassnacht 1020	
Charlene Pullem 10/20	

# **WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S!**

Our Mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.

## **STAFF**

Pastor	Joe Payne
Administrative Assistant	Brenda Smoot
Director of Music	Chris Beiser
Organist	Sue Combs
Director of Children & Family Ministries	Peggy Smith
Youth Director	Erin Theodor
Nursery Director	Lauren Dichtl
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

## **OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Liturgist	Brodie Theiss
Head Usher	Andy Shellman
Ushers	Cliff & Cheryl Klug
	Marty & Gay Kubik
Greeter	Russ Carr
Prayer Room	Julie Mislansky

## **THE ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS**

... are given to the Glory of God.

**ATTENDANCE:** 10/27 - 125

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