



# Well Pleased

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES  
The United Methodist Church



**ST. MARK'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**January 12, 2020, 9:30 am**

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

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

CENTERING

*Quiet your minds and hearts,  
focusing on God's presence with anticipation.*

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to worship this day!

**We have come seeking God's blessings and love.**

They shall be given to you.

**We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.**

These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive  
God's Good News.

**We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for  
us. AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN

"Fairer Lord Jesus"

UMH 189

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again, let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name.

**AMEN.**

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.

**AMEN.**

WELCOME

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SONG

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior,  
glorious Lord.**

**Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer,  
living Word.**

## **WE HEAR THE WORD**

CHORAL ANTHEM "To God Alone"

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:13-17  
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Well Pleased" Pastor Joe

INVITATION TO REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM

HYMN "Water, River, Spirit, Grace"  
**Water, River, Spirit, Grace sweep over me, sweep over  
me!  
Re-carve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting  
me.**

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

## **WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Lord of the Dance" UMH 261

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG RESPONSE "May You Run and Not Be Weary"

**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**

**NEW PRE K GLOW** on Sunday mornings begins **today**. Any child from 4 to 6 years old will meet at 9:30, across from the Campfire Room, Room 102.

**LUNCH BUNCH:** If you like to have a good time, meet people and eat - the Lunch Bunch would like to invite you to join them for lunch and socializing once a month at various restaurants around the area. The Lunch Bunch is a group made up of 55 and older adults. We will be meeting at Berd's Grill & Bar, 500 Wessel Dr. in Fairfield on **Wednesday, January 15th at Noon**. Please see Bob or Carol Pittman or call 829-4548 for reservations by noon, Monday, January 13th.

**RUTH CIRCLE:** The January meeting of the Ruth Circle will be **Friday, January 17 at 1 pm** in Fellowship Hall. All Women of the church are invited. There will be refreshments and a short program. A staff member from the Butler County NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be present and talk about all the services that are offered in the community. Please see or call Pam Guynes (779-9192) or Charlene Miller (844-6793) if you have questions.

**MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Starting date change - We will be starting on Monday, January 20th.** We will be studying Adam Hamilton's, Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say. "Join Adam Hamilton in exploring popular sayings that miss the point. They are simple phrases: "God helps those who help themselves", "Love the sinner, hate the sin", and others. They sound Christian - like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Discover the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture." This is a **5-week study, meeting on Monday nights from 7-8:30** and the study book is \$7. Anyone is welcome to join us! Sign-ups are at the Welcome Center and you can see or call Julie Mislansky, 505-4061, with any questions.

**ST. MARK'S CINEMA: Friday, February 7th at 7 pm.** Come with your family and friends to enjoy a movie and popcorn in Fellowship Hall. The movie is "A Wrinkle in Time". This is a movie adaptation of Madeleine L'engle Newbery Medal Sequoyah Book Award. This is sponsored by Family Ministries.

**WALKING PROGRAM:** If anyone is interested in this class, see or notify Ruth Ritenbaugh at 829-5550. She is happy to do the class if enough people are interested.

**MISSION UPDATE - 2020 is full of opportunities to serve!** Besides the bulletin and newsletter, be sure to check out our St. Mark's Cares bulletin board in the hallway, right outside the Narthex. That is where we post upcoming events and sign-up sheets. You can also see a short description of the various missions we support. Our focus in January & February will be on The Fringe Coffeehouse and The Broken Bus. The Fringe Coffee House, [thefringecoffeehouse.com](http://thefringecoffeehouse.com) is a new mission we are excited to be a part of. Look for more about them our next newsletter and be sure to be in worship on January 26th when they will be our guest speakers. We will have two opportunities to serve on The Broken Bus, [thebrokenbusministry.org](http://thebrokenbusministry.org) in February - watch our bulletin board for sign-ups coming soon.

**FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY URGENT NEEDS:** Just a reminder that we collect for the Fairfield Food Pantry year-round. This is the time of year that they receive the least amount of donations, so this is our time to be there for our neighbors. Here is a list of their current needs: peanut butter, canned fruits/veggies, mac & cheese, cereal, snacks, spaghetti & sauce, canned meats, dried pasta & rice, bars of soap, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish soap, sanitizing wipes, baby wipes & diapers. The collection bin is in the Narthex. Thank you!

## 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)

### TUESDAY

- 10:30 am Bible Study (Heritage Rm.)
- 7:00 pm Scouts (F. Hall)
- 7:00 pm Administration Council

### WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 am Prayer Group (Heritage Rm.)
- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (Berd's)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study (F. Hall)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY

- 6:15 pm NA Meeting (F. Hall)
- 6:30 pm St. Mark's Cares (Heritage Rm.)

### FRIDAY

- 1:00 pm Ruth Circle (F. Hall)

### SATURDAY

Fellowship Hall Reserved

### SUNDAY

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

**WANTED:** Persons 18 yrs. or older to assist in loving and caring for our infants / toddlers during worship. Serve once a month or less. Training offered and background check required. This a much-needed and rewarding opportunity to serve the Lord at St. Mark's. Contact our Nursery Director, Lauren Dichtl, [laurend526@fuse.net](mailto:laurend526@fuse.net) or (513) 374-5215.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Requests from 1/5 and this past week:

Tari Randall's son & family of Sam Hurd. Sam had been missing since Christmas and has died. He was my son's best friend.

Chelsey Cavender has been very ill.

My sister-in-law, Andrea Grammel, was in a skiing accident over the holidays. (Tari Randall)

Marilyn Knauff, Julie Mislansky's mom has Pancreatitis and will be having surgery this week.

Continued prayers for Shirley. She is much better. Praise the Lord!

**Thanks:** I want to thank everyone from St. Mark's for all the prayers & support you gave Don & myself. I really appreciated it so much. (Mary Jane Olson)

### Hospital or Re-Hab

Eleanor McCollum - Home

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

Phyllis Tunning, Triplecreek

Virginia Shaw

Nancy Mirade

Dale Shreve, Birchwood, Rm. 201

Sue Webster

Sandy Ronningen - Chesterwood

Betsy Jones - Golden Yrs. Nursing Home

**Joys / Concerns** (listed in the order received, and kept for four weeks unless requested to remain on our "Continuing Prayers" list.)

Charlene Pullem 12/22

Jack & Flo Gill 12/22

Weisman Family 12/22

Bill & Shirley Maston 12/22

Shirley Aydlett 12/22

Riley Hughes 12/29

Debbie Thomas & family 12/29

Sympathy to Marjorie Gaddis's family

Betty Stover & family 12/29

Debbie Thomas & family 12/22

### Continuing Prayers ,

(Help us keep this list current. Email or call the church office (b.smoot@fairfieldstmarks.com / 844-1818) with any updates.)

All service Men & Women  
Country

United Methodist Church

Prayer & Bible St. Groups

Merianne Cardas

Dick Brewer

Kristy Theiss

Mitch Thomas

Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's

Daughter

Bryon Jones

Jean Stivers

# **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	Bob Hamp
Head Usher	Andy Shellman
Usher	Jerry & Gail Hartwig
	Larry & Sue Miller
Greeter	Russ Carr

The Prayer Room is open for private quiet prayer.

## **THE ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS**

... are given in celebration of the 6th birthday of  
Kallie Theiss from Nana. Happy Birthday, Kallie!

... are given in celebration of the birthday of Ann Shellman  
from Andy.

**ATTENDANCE:** 01-132

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