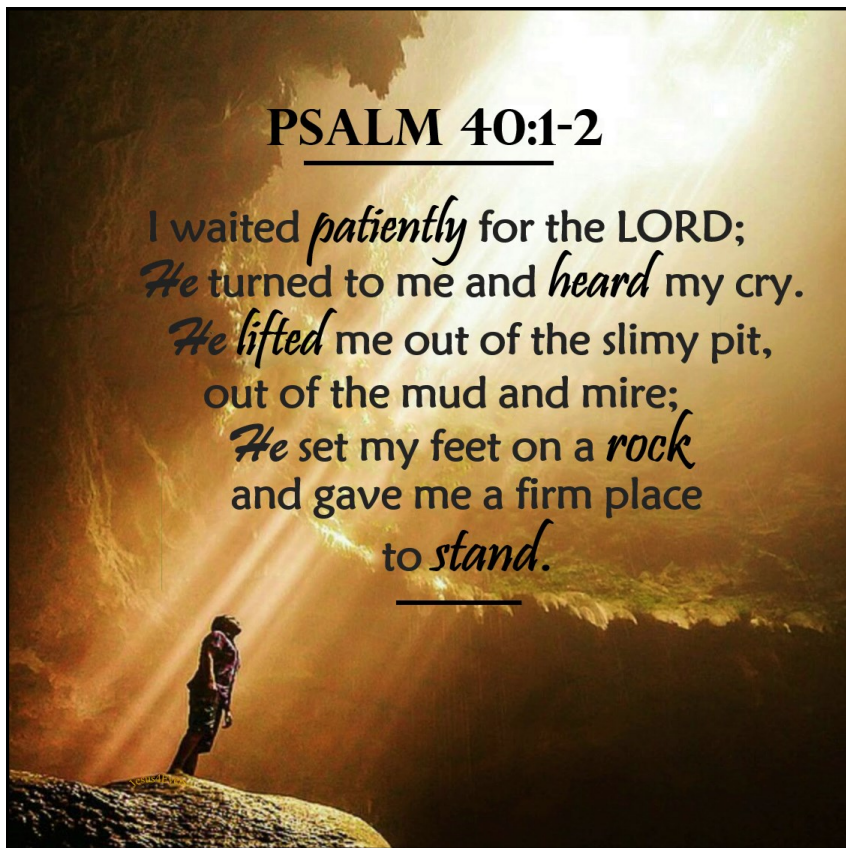


Help for the Helpless

PSALM 40:1-2

I waited *patiently* for the LORD;
He turned to me and *heard* my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
He set my feet on a *rock*
and gave me a firm place
to *stand*.



January 19, 2020, 9:30 am

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

RESPONSE, W/HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

Stanza 1 **I was there to hear your boring cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.**

Spoken: Even before you were born, I have been with you.
My love for you is beyond time.

**Fill us with your love.
Equip us for your work.**

St. 2 & 3 **I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.**

Spoken I have given you a song of praise.
I will teach you a new melody.

**Fill us with your music.
Equip us to sing your harmonies.**

St. 4 & 5 **If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.**

Spoken **You are my faithful servants.
I offer you all that you need
to do the work given you.**

**Fill us with your Spirit.
Equip us to share your love with the world.**

St. 6 & 7 **When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise. *cont'd. next page***

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I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.**

Spoken Even before you were born, I have been with you.
My love for you is beyond time.
**Fill us with your light.
Equip us to become beacons of your salvation.**

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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

*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

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Begins **tomorrow night, 1/20, 7-8:30 pm** in the Heritage Room. It's not too late to sign up for this **5-week study**. Sign up at Welcome Center. See or call Julie Mislansky (505-4061) with questions.

TRUSTEES: Special called meeting **Thursday, January 23rd at 7 pm** in the Choir/meeting room. We will begin to address open projects and challenges.

THE FRINGE COFFEE HOUSE: We are excited to welcome Sarah & Patrick Davis, from The Fringe Coffee House, to our worship service **next Sunday, January 26th**. This is a new ministry we are supporting through St. Mark's Cares and your designated missions offering. You won't want to miss their personal testimony and their inspiring dedication to empower inmates, ex-felons, and those on the fringes of society to live healthy, whole lives. thefringecoffeehouse.com

ST. MARK'S CINEMA: "A Wrinkle in Time" Friday, February 7th at 7 pm. Enjoy a movie and popcorn in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by Family Ministries.

SHARED HARVEST: On **Tuesday, February 11th from 1-3 pm**, we will be packing food boxes, assembly line style. Sign up at the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board to join in this ministry. Debbie Bryant will be happy to answer your questions!

VALENTINE'S DAY PARENT'S NIGHT OUT: Drop your kids off at the church and we'll take care of the rest - dinner, crafts, games and more. Don't have any kids? Sign up to help! Donations will benefit St. Mark's Student Ministries. **Friday, February 14th, 5 pm - 9 pm**. See or contact Erin, 748-1085, with questions or to help.

BROKEN BUS MEALS: We are in need of meal help for the Broken Bus Ministry on February 8th and 15th. See Julie Mislansky or sign on the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board.

FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY URGENT NEEDS: This is the time of year that they receive the least amount of donations. 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!

WALKING PROGRAM: This is a great way to stay active in the winter months. Meet in Fellowship Hall, walk in place to a DVD. Interested? Notify Ruth Ritenbaugh at 829-5550. She is happy to do the class if enough people are interested. She will decide this week, so let her know.

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

MONDAY

Church Office Closed

- 10:00 am Craft Group (Rm. 104)
7:00 pm Mon. Nt. Bible Study group (Heritage Rm.)

TUESDAY

- 10:30 am Bible Study (Heritage Rm.)
6:45 pm Children & Family Ministry (Heritage Rm.)
7:00 pm Scouts (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 am Prayer Group (Heritage Rm.)
6:00 pm Handbelll Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Bible Study (F. Hall)
No Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

- 6:15 pm NA Meeting (F. Hall)
7:00 pm Trustees (Choir/meeting Rm.)

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

12:00 pm

Lew Hollinger's Funeral

SUNDAY

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

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 or (513) 374-5215.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Requests from 1/12 and this past week:

Florida friend, JD Burns, undergoing Brain surgery. (The Aydlett's) Charlene Pullem is back home from the hospital. Thank God and all of you for your prayers. Love, Greg
Bob Lester is going through some serious health problems.

New this week:

Lew Hollinger passed away on Tuesday, January 14th. Sympathy and prayers for Marta and family. Services will be at St. Mark's on Saturday, January 25th at 12 pm. Visitation 10-12.

Flo Moore - Fairfield Mercy Hospital

Hospital or Re-Hab

Eleanor McCollum - Home

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning, Triplecreek

Virginia Shaw

Nancy Miracle

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

Marilyn Knauff 1/5

Andrea Grammel 1/5

Chelsey Cavendar 1/5

Sam Hurd's Family 1/5

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

Mitch Thomas

Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's
daughter

Bryon Jones

Jean Stivers

Merianne Cardas

Kristy Theiss

Dick Brewer

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	Merianne Cardas
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 marriage of Jeff & Jamie
Guynes. (2 vases)

... are given in celebration of the birthday of Bud Aydlett
on January 20th.

ATTENDANCE: Last week 138

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