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February 2, 2020, 9:30 am

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*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

Julie Dichtl

Come and hear the good news.

No matter what is happening in your life,

God's blessing and love is with you.

Come and hear what God wants you to do:

live lives of justice and love and truth.

Come and get courage and strength

to be fools for Christ,

embracing Kingdom values

rather than those of the world.

**We're here, ready to listen, open to change,
expecting to be blessed by our time together.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

UMH 145

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

WELCOME

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SONG "Guide My Feet"

Guide my feet while I run this race.

Guide my feet while I run this race.

Guide my feet while I run this race.

For I don't want to run this race in vain!

2. Hold my hand... 3. Stand by me... 4. I'm your child...

5. Search my heart... 6. Guide my feet...

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 1:18-31

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Consider Your Call"

Pastor Joe

HYMN "Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451

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 "Just As I Am" soloist, Sue Luken Chancel Choir

*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

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.*

The table is set and open to ALL.

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN "To God Be the Glory"

UMH 98

*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

TRUSTEES: NO meeting on Thursday, February 6th.

ST. MARK'S CINEMA: "*A Wrinkle in Time*" Friday, February 7th at 7 pm. Enjoy a movie and popcorn in Fellowship Hall. This is for the whole St. Mark's Church family. *A Wrinkle in Time* is a movie adaptation of Madeleine L'engle Newbery Medal Sequoyah Book Award. If you want, you may bring a more comfortable folding chair to use while enjoying the movie. Sponsored by Family Ministries.

SPAGHETTI DINNER - BOY SCOUTS: The Scouts are having a Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday, February 8th from 3-7 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Come & support our Scouts!

SHARED HARVEST: A volunteering date is set for **Tuesday, February 11th from 1-3 pm** where we will be packing food boxes, assembly line style. Sign up at the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board. See or call Debbie Bryant, 673-0412, if you have 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. **Friday, February 14th, 5 - 9 pm.** Don't have any kids? Sign up to help! Donations will benefit St. Mark's Student Ministries. See or contact Erin, 748-1085, with questions or to help.

LUNCH BUNCH: If you like to have a good time, meet people and eat - the Lunch Bunch would like to invite you to join us 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 LaRosas, 5130 Camelot Dr., in Fairfield on **Wednesday, February 19th at noon.** Please see Bob or Carol Pittman or call 829-4548 for reservations by noon, Monday, February 17th.

RUTH CIRCLE: Ruth Circle February calendars are available at the Narthex Welcome Center for members who did not receive one.

The Ruth Circle February meeting is on **Friday, February 21st at 1 pm** in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to come and have fellowship. There will be refreshments and a program. Please see or call Pam Guynes (779-9192) or Charlene Miller (844-6793) if you have any questions.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Wednesday, February 26th at 7 pm. Plan to attend this important service as Lent begins and we begin our journey to Easter. Service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

FRINGE COFFEE HOUSE UPDATE: We are thrilled to let you know that we had enough people commit to a monthly donation, for one year, for the Fringe Coffee House. St. Mark's UMC is officially a sponsor of this exciting new ministry! In addition to becoming a sponsor, you gave generously last week to help "finish the Fringe" and get those doors opened for business. THANK YOU for your generosity and your prayerful support.

BROKEN BUS COLLECTION: We will be collecting donations for the Broken Bus during the month of February. They are in need of: **new or gently used men's jeans, sizes 30, 32, 34 or 36; new or gently used women's jeans, sizes 6, 8 or 10; any size women's sweat - pants; medium, large or x-large men or women's sweat-shirts (bonus if they have a hood); men's boxer brief style underwear, sizes large or x-large; any size women's underwear, and men or women's thermal tops and bottoms, any size.**

ALTAR FLOWER CHART: The 2020 Altar Flower chart is available for you to get flowers in memory or honor of someone. The chart is on the wall next to the Narthex. The price for one Altar vase is \$14.50. You may take the flowers home after the service. Flower inserts should be left in the kitchen.

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

- 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.)
7:00 pm Scouts (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 am Prayer Group (Heritage Rm.)
6:00 pm Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Bible Study (F. Hall)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

- 1:00 pm Community Newcomer's Book Club (Heritage Rm.)
6:15 pm NA Meeting (F. Hall)
7:00 pm Sm. Group Study (Heritage Rm.)

FRIDAY

- 7:00 pm St. Mark's Cinema - Movie: "A Wrinkle in Time" (F. Hall)

SATURDAY

- 3-7 pm Scout's Spaghetti Dinner (F. Hall)

SUNDAY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Requests from 1/26 and this past week:

Peggie Wyatt's son, John, is having a Kidney removed for Cancer on Tuesday.
Cliff Klug is having Shoulder surgery this Wednesday.
Charlene Pullem is back in the hospital.
Nicholas Miller, son of Gary & Cindy Miller, has been deployed to Iran for 60 days and due to come home in the next two weeks. Please pray for safe return to US.

Hospital or Re-Hab

Eleanor McCollum - Home
Flo Moore - Jamestown Therapy

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sue Webster
Virginia Shaw	Sandy Ronningen - Chesterwood
Nancy Miracle	Betsy Jones - Golden Yrs. Nursing Home
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, Rm. 201	

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

Marilyn Knauff 1/5	Flo Moore 1/12
Andrea Grammel 1/5	Bob Lester 1/12
Sam Hurd's Family 1/5	Friend & family 1/26
J.D. Burns 1/12	Hollinger Family 1/26
	Elijah 1/26

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	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's	Merianne Cardas
Country	daughter	Kristy Theiss
United Methodist Church	Bryon Jones	Dick Brewer
Prayer & Bible St. Groups	Jean Stivers	Chet Hard
Mitch Thomas		

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	Julie Dichtl
Head Usher	Don Stewart
Ushers	Marty & Gay Kubik
	Don & Gretchen Menke
Greeter	Russ Carr

The Prayer Room is open for private quiet prayer.

THE ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS

... are given to The Glory of God.

ATTENDANCE: Last week 123

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