



Heart of the Matter

a worship series for the
Season of Easter



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 3, 2020, 9:30 am
Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks

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CENTERING

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Light your candle at home

GREETING

HYMN

"Christ Is Alive"

UMH 318

PRAYER

**Holy and Surprising God,
We gather in your name...
invited by Jesus...
bound together with your Spirit...
in union with each other...**

**Feed our bodies and our spirits...
with your comforting presence...
so that we might be your comfort to others...**

**Bless this food...
and break open our hearts...
Bless this drink...
and pour out your love...
Amen...**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Peggy Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO

"Be Thou My Vision"

Hannah Hensler

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"Straight From the Heart"

Pastor Joe

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN

"The Gift of Love"

UMH 408

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

THE 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.**

BELL DUET

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
Gale and Kayla Goodman

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Received In Extremis in your homes, or at the church from
your vehicle (arrive between 11 and noon).

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**We know Jesus is present among us.
even in this very home.
We will not let fear be louder than love.
but with glad hearts and rejoicing souls.
we will sing God's praise.
for we are Easter People!**

HYMN

"Father, We Have Heard You Calling"

BENEDICTION

Pastor Joe

CLOSING SONG

**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 you life be filled with joy!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Worship Services through at least May 17th will be live streamed on Facebook Live at 9:30 am every Sunday. Tune in to facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks.

Staying connected during this Corona Virus Crisis

Julie Mislansky (chair of St. Mark's Cares), Pam Guynes (Chair of Nurture and Care), and Sue Luken (Lay Leader) have organized our congregation into groups, with approximately ten households in each group.

The purpose of these groupings is to aid in communication.

A caller is assigned to each group to keep in touch with everyone.

Tired of sitting in your house and staring at the same 4 walls? Well, then get outside and take a walk, and at the same time, help support the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County!

St. Mark's Cares is excited to share that we have started a St. Mark's Team to participate in the BBBS virtual 5K walk/run! Due to Covid-19, the scheduled walk on April 26th has become a virtual one. **Any movement counts - walk, run, ride a bike, take a scenic drive in your convertible, walk your dog, walk laps around your house! Any distance counts - 1 mile, 5K, marathon, one time around the block! Any amount of time you commit counts - one day, every day, once a week!** Anything you do between now and May 16th counts to quality as your "race".

To register: **<https://amplify.netdonor.net/.../st.-marks-united-methodist>**
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Registration is \$25.



COMING JUNE 14-18*



See or call Jennie Marshall, 515-1224, or Peggy Smith, 307-4509, for the many ways you can become involved in this exciting summer ministry for and with our kids.

***dates subject to change, depending on the status of the Covid-19 pandemic.**

IN NEED OF KITCHEN TOWELS: Since the kitchen has been repainted, cleaned and organized, it would be nice to have some new kitchen towels. If you would like to donate some towels, please put them in the kitchen, on the table, next to the oven. Thank you!

Employment Opportunity:

Part -Time Administrative Assistant / Bookkeeper

As sad as this makes us (especially Pastor Joe), Brenda is retiring. The Staff/Parish Relations Committee is in search of her replacement. SPRC is making this announcement first "in house" in order to allow an opportunity for St. Mark's family and friends to respond. We anticipate the hours required for this combined Admin. Assistant and Bookkeeper position to be approximately 25 hours per week. Please see Kym Nguyen, chair of SPRC. (sknewy@aol.com), with your questions or to apply.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Family & friends of Candance who passed away this pass week.
Mark Hensler's brother dealing with Leukemia and unable to work.
Bob Grammel's cousin's family who had someone pass from Covid 19. (Tari Randall)
Neil Humes who had Triple By-pass. (Willa Ramsey)
Penny Dole's cousin's 14 yr. old daughter in ICU due to car accident.
Front Line Workers
Friend's son, Ryan, struggling with clinical depression after father's death. (Susan Bunte)
Marianne, Marta's sister, has Shingles.
Lori Palmieri, Pat Coyle's daughter, has to have more surgical procedures.
Rachel, daughter of niece in GA. (Aydlett's)

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

Healthcare workers, Grocery store workers 3/22
Jason Johnson 3/29
Greg Pullem 4/12
Bruce Rotroff 4/12
Riley Hughes family 4/12
Linda P's nephew 4/19

Susan Olivia Evan Wade 4/19
Mande Roach 4/19
Julie's sisters 4/19
Depressed friend 4/19
Health Care community 4/19
Aydlett's daughter-in-law 4/19

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

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

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
First Responders
United Methodist
Church

Prayer & Bible St.
Groups
Mitch Thomas
Lori Palmieri (Pat
Coyle's daughter)
Byron Jones

Jean Stivers
Merianne Cardas
Kristy Theiss
Dick Brewer
Chet Hard

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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 and flute soloist	Kayla Goodman
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