

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors,
The people of The United Methodist Church™

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
October 4, 2020, 9:30 am
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ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Light your candle at home.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching
who long for nourishment found at your feast

GATHER US IN,

The done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering,
the puzzled and pondering who long for the company
found at your feast.

GATHER US IN,

the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior,
the never inferior who long for the leveling
found at your feast

GATHER US IN,

the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers,
the kind laughter makers who long for the deeper joys
found at your feast.

GATHER US IN,

from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite,
from fears and obsession, from tears and depression,
from untold excesses, from treasured successes,
to meet, to eat, to be given a seat,
be joined to the vine, be offered new wine,
become like the least, be found at the feast.

GATHER US IN!

Wild Goose Worship Group, A Wee Worship Book, GIA Publications, Inc., pp.80-81

HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" vv. 1,2,5 UMH 546

OPENING PRAYER

As we gather at your table from all over the world, O

God, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit. Knead us together in one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition; unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere. May we sow righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ruth Duck, Flames of the Spirit, Pilgrim Press, p.53.

OFFERING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Share Christ's peace with those close to you. If you are alone, share "Peace be with you" in the Facebook or YouTube comments.

WE HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:4b-14

SERMON

"That I May Gain Christ"
Series: *Pressing On*

Pastor Joe

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision" vv. 1-2

UMH 451

PRAYER PETITIONS and OFFERING MOMENT

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using "sins" and "...sin against us.)

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision" v. 3

UMH 451

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Received in Extremis in your homes, or at the church from your vehicle (**arrive between 11 and 11:30 a.m.**).

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN

"Grace Alone"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION 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 your life be filled with joy!

And may the road you travel always lead you home.

"See" you next week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN PERSON WORSHIP BEGINS: October 25th.

New guidelines are in the October newsletter. The Worship service will still be online for those that can't come to in-person worship.

NOTE: The new "BUILDING GUIDELINES FOR ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS" in the hard copy October Newsletter has a duplication of some of the specific bullet points. It is confusing; however, no part of the Guidelines were omitted. A corrected copy of the newsletter can be found on our website at fairfieldstmarks.com/news. Click "October 2020."

OCTOBER IS OUR ANNUAL COAT DRIVE! We are collecting new or gently used coats, jackets, sweat-shirts, hats, gloves, and scarves. You may bring them to worship on Oct. 25th, or drop them off Monday—Thursday 9 to noon. Bins will be in Fellowship Hall.

FALL CLEANING DAYS: Inside and outside opportunities! **Saturdays, 10/17 and 10/24, 8:00 am to noon.** Come for one hour or the whole time.

CRAFT SALE: Saturday, October 24th & Sunday, October 25th, the Monday craft ladies will have items available to purchase in Fellowship Hall. There will be Fall, Halloween, Christmas and general items available. **Money will go to the Parking Lot.**

THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY: October 25th

If you have a third grade student, please contact Peggy Smith at p.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com

FALL FEST TRUNK OR TREAT: Oct. 25th, 4-6 pm

Be a part of the fun! Decorate your vehicle and park in every other space in our parking lot. Guests will drive (parade) through. We're also looking for fun Halloween yard decorations (electric is available) to add to the fun. Candy will be pre bagged and handed out as cars exit the parking lot. **Candy donations accepted through Sun. Oct. 18th.**

SERVE CITY: Help us serve a meal to our friends at Serve City on **Monday, October 5th.** Because of Covid, we have been purchasing restaurant meals and delivering them. If you would like to contribute towards these meals, you can do so through your weekly giving. Make sure to mark "Serve City" on the designated giving line. Thank You!

BROKEN BUS MINISTRY: We will be serving on the Broken Bus **Saturday, October 24th.** Please let Julie Mislansky know if you are interested in serving on the bus and/or making the meal for the day.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers may be ordered in memory or in honor of someone. The price is \$14.50. **Please call the church office for your request by Wednesday.** Flowers may be picked up Monday—Thursday 9-12.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, November 23rd. You may sign up now on St. Mark's Facebook page.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Recent Requests and Updates:

Betsy Jones is in Ft. Hamilton Hospital with Covid and other medical problems.

Pastor Wes Souders has a cancer on his Kidney.

Journdan, young woman, with Stage 4 Cancer. She and her husband have three small children.

Rose Townsend, Gale's mother, having surgery Monday.

Suzan Stracke for safe travels as she visits her son, Richie, in Chicago.

Greg Pullem having Hip Replacement surgery Sept. 30th.

Jon Skirvin having serious Kidney issues.

Friend, Linda, 73 yrs., recovering from Hip surgery.

Megan Riley, Gay Kubik's granddaughter, was in a car accident and has 60% burns. Family welcomes prayer.

Ardena & Pat Pittman's son, Jeff, is having Back surgery on Wednesday.

Dave Conroy, in hospital because of Dementia and not able to walk. (Jeff Gering)

Sister, Ann, recovering from surgery. (Aletha LeMar)

Paul Schutte hopes to be released from hospital soon.

Rich & Karen Turner's daughter's father-in-law passed away.

Danny Thomas fell and hurt his shoulder and back.

Merianne Cardas, stage four cancer.

Mike Kinnard long term care facility.

Jeff Gering's Sister, Lisa, fell hurting her shoulder & knee.

Mark Huffman having Open Heart surgery Monday.

(Debbie Bryant)

Marlis Hatton Foot surgery.

Sympathy to Marta Hollinger whose sister passed away.

President and First Lady Donald and Melania Trump, diagnosed with Covid-19.

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	Jean Stivers Prayer & Bible Study Groups	Byron Jones Merianne Cardas Kristy Theiss
Our Country	Mitch Thomas	Dick Brewer
First Responders	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter)	Mike Kinnard
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St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sandy Ronningen -Chesterwood
Virginia Shaw	Betsy Jones - Golden Yrs. Nursing Home
Nancy & Bob Miracle	Eleanor McCollum
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201	Paul Schutte
Sue Webster	

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

Granddaughter, Kayla Carr 9/6	Lauren's best friend 9/13
Jenni's brother, Greg 9/6	Loved ones in care facilities and home bound 9/13
Hamblin family 9/6	Phyllis Tunning 9/13
Friend, Larry 9/6	Booker/Zugelter family 9/13
Meinking family 9/6	Julie's brother-in-law, Mike 9/13
All Law enforcement 9/6	Tari Wolf 9/20
John Eng 9/6	Jim Ruhl 9/20
Young women, Amy 9/6	Aunt Iva 9/20
Sarah Luken 9/6	Wes Flannery 9/20
Dick Davis 9/13	Storm Victims 9/20
Lisa Beaumet 9/13	Lori Palmieri 9/20
Betty Winkler 9/13	Debbie Hill 9/20

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

STAFF

Pastor	Joe Payne
Administrative Assistant	Brenda Smoot
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Director of Youth Ministries	Julie Mislansky
Nursery Director	Lauren Dichtl
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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