



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 8, 2020, 9:30 am
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brenda Smoot

We enter worship once again this day
choosing to serve you, God, and no other.

With waiting hearts we come to worship.

We enter as witnesses to one another
to live out our baptism and grow into the Body of Christ.

With waiting hearts we come to worship

We enter dependent on the Spirit
to be with us in our thoughts and feelings.

With waiting hearts we come to worship.

<https://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/1209268590.pdf>

HYMN

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

UMH 540

OPENING PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE HEAR THE WORD

SOLO "This is My Father's World / What a Wonderful World"
Chris Beiser

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Peggy Smith

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:1-13

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

SERMON

"Ready, Set, Wait!"

Pastor Joe

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

LITANY OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE
(based on Matthew 25: 1-13)

Brenda

Ten lamps gathered,
with oil enough for all.
Ten lamps gathered,
but five are empty showing careless disregard.
Ten lamps gathered,
five blaze with oil abundant enough to share.
Ten lamps gathered,
five lifeless when laziness and greed collide.
Ten lamps gathered....
How many will burn tonight?

Creator God, giver of oil, hear us as we pray...
For generous hearts to share oil with our neighbors.
Creator God, giver of oil, hear us as we pray...
**For the vision necessary to leave our comfortable seats
in search of oil.**
Creator God, giver of oil, hear us as we pray...
**For forgiveness for the ways our selfishness and our
apathy collide.**

Ten lamps gathered, with oil enough for all.
Come children of God, into a sacred circle
**Where sharing creates abundance
And no one leaves hungry. Amen.**

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HYMN "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
work
pray
sing
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
work
pray
sing
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

JOYS, CONCERNS, OFFERING MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER
(using "sins" and "...sin against us.

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" verse 1

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.
Words and Music by departed saint Gary Weaver**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANGE IN CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 at 6:30 BY ZOOM.

All chairpersons and members of the Administrative Board should participate. All are invited to participate. Church members have voice and vote. A Zoom invite will be sent by email this week.

TODAY - CRAFT SALE: The Monday craft ladies still have items available to purchase, after the service, in Fellowship Hall. **Proceeds go to the Parking Lot.**

FOOD DRIVE for Fairfield Food Pantry:
**Wednesday, November 11 from 4-6 pm and
Thursday, November 12th from 10 am to noon.**

UPPER ROOMS: Upper Rooms for November/December are available in a box outside the kitchen door.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers may be in memory, honor of someone or just because. Price is \$14.50 for each bouquet.

Please call the church office for your request by Wednesday. You may take your flowers home after the service, or let the office know if you need to come another time.

LaCOMEDIA: There are several more tickets available for the Christmas show for Friday, December 4th. Tickets are \$40 each. If interested, please call the church office (844-1818) and let Brenda know as soon as possible.

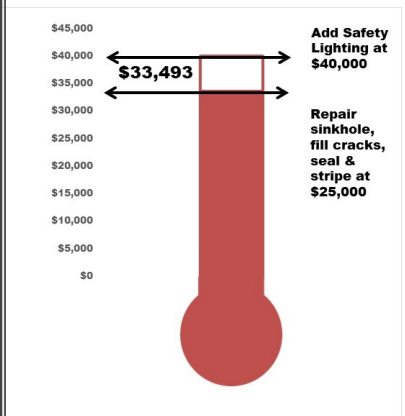
PARKING LOT: WORK BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Great news! Thanks to the contributions of many, work will begin this week on the repairs and repaving of the parking lot!

We are now just \$6,507 short of our overall goal to add additional lighting for greater security and safety. We're working to get an updated quote on the additional lighting in hopes of completing it before winter.

Thanks to all who have generously given to this project!

St. Mark's UMC
Parking Lot
Improvement
Project
11/02/2020



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday Requests and Updates:

Bob Grammel is being moved to Jamestown for therapy.

Kathy Bradley's sister, Norine, whose husband passed.

Friend, Jim, battling Cancer. (Willa Ramsey)

Son, Jeff, recovering from Back surgery. (Pat Pitman)

Sister-in-law, Mary Lou Nguyen, whose mother just went into Hospice. (Kym Nyuyen)

Larry Morris in his fight with Parkinson's.

Aunt Iva (Ruth Stanifer's Aunt) with health issues.

Friend, Joy Sharp, who is in the hospital with Pancreatitis.

Pastor Wes Souders as he recovers from surgery of removing a cancerous Kidney.

Prayers for those who lost loved ones this past year.

Steve Hill (Lois' son) is having a scan & biopsy of the lymph nodes.

Nursing home and hospice workers for managing Covid.

Sarah Luken is feeling ill and is home quarantining.

Friend, Kate Jones, who is in the hospital not feeling well.

Phyllis Tunning having an Angiogram Monday.

Continued prayers for Greg Pullem, Danny Thomas, Bud Aydlett, Jon Shirvin, Jim Jones and all friends who need prayers. (Jeff Gering)

Continued prayers for David Waddell & Megan Riley.

New from last week - George Peters just found out he has Stage 4 Lung Cancer and it has metastasized.

He will begin some treatments soon.

Debbie Pottenger (Zedith's daughter-in-law has Cancer of the hip and in one lung.

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	Prayer & Bible Study Groups	Byron Jones Merianne Cardas
Our Country	Jean Stivers	Kristy Theiss
First Responders	Mitch Thomas	Dick Brewer
United Methodist Church	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter)	Mike Kinnard in Bethesada North Therapy unit.

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sandy Ronningen -Chesterwood
Virginia Shaw	Eleanor McCollum
Nancy & Bob Miracle	Paul Schutte
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201	Sue Webster

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

Karen Riehle 10/11	Jim Ruhl 10/18
Teachers, school staff & children 10/11	Friend, Linda 10/18
Staff member with Covid 10/11	Greg Pullem 10/18
Missy LaMar's friend's father 10/11	Debbie Flannery 10/18
Jim Jones & family 10/11	Neal Menninger 10/25
Jackie Meck 10/18	Phyllis Tuning 10/25
Niece, Leigh Anne 10/18	Elaine Shreve 10/25
	Janice Campbell Rivers 10/25

Joys and Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to Tari Wolf for advancement in her job.
Marty & Gay thanks the choir for coming to sing to them.
Wade & Nancy Lewis send a note of thanks as they were blessed to have the choir come sing to them.

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
Director of Youth Ministries	Julie Mislansky
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist	Brenda Smoot
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

ALTAR FLOWERS ...

... are given to the Glory of God by Brenda Smoot in
thankfulness for her St. Mark's family.

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