



All-Ages Worship Holy Communion

Celebrating Our Freedom to Worship



July 4, 2021, 9:30 am
In-Person & Live-Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks

GATHER

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

SONG "God Bless America"

**God bless America, Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joe Payne

*HYMN

"America the Beautiful "

UMH 696

OPENING PRAYER: FREEDOM

**Gracious God,
you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your
glory.
You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace.
Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice
and the strength for forbearance,
that we may use our liberty
in accordance with your gracious will.
We ask this on a day of celebration,
a day of hope for a nation made free.
We ask this in the name of the one
who welcomes all to be free indeed.
Inspire us to live and worship in your freedom
and for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.**

Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer. Accessed from [https://
www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship)

*PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 5:1-5

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Peggy Smith

SOLO

Linda Payne

MEDITATION

"The Power of 'We'"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING MOMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

DISMISSAL

*HYMN

"Forward Through the Ages"

UMH 555

*BLESSING

Response

"Take Jesus With You"

words on screen

Words & Music by Gary Weaver

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, if able.*

The altar flowers are given in celebration of the 70th anniversary of Dick and Edith Davis. Dick and Edith were married on July 1, 1951.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

If updates are unknown, these items are listed for four weeks. Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."

- 6/27 Thanks for those who provided meals for Kym Nguyen.
- 6/27 For several members of Lois Hill's family.
- 6/27 for all of the lives lost in the Florida condo, and their families.
- 6/27 Pat Coyle's daughter, Lori, has no new brain tumors. Praise.
- 6/27 For Betty Jones' daughter-in-law, Jessie. Cancer worsening.
- 6/27 For Debbie Flannery's sister-in-law, Karen.
- 6/27 Happy 70th Birthday, Wes Flannery.
- 6/27 Brenda Smoot having a PET/CT scan. **UPDATE:** No cancer!
- 6/27 For Gunnar and Boy Scout Troop 967, on 6-night camping trip.
- 6/27 From Dick & Debi Brewer: for brother John, with cancer.
- 6/27 family of Linda Goecker, friends of the Aydletts.
- 6/27 The Family of Sandy Ronningen. Service was on 6/26.
- 6/20 From Aletha Lamar: "Joy" that my sister Ann is here with me today!
- 6/20 From Kym Nguyen: Prayers for back surgery on Tuesday.
UPDATE: Kym thanks everyone for their prayers as she recovers from this extensive surgery.
- 6/20 From Susan Bunte: Please pray for a friend's father who was diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer.
- 6/20 Please pray for Barbara and Sherry who both are beginning their battle with cancer.
- 6/20 From the Aydletts: Please pray for our daughter Sharon Hoefelmeyer, who had knee-scopic surgery this past week.
- 6/20 Please pray for the family of Majorie Capehart who passed last Sunday. May her memory be a blessing. (Beloved friends of the Marshall's)
- 6/17 From Dianne Aiken: Stepmother (Norma Pester) has leukemia, undergoing treatment.
- 6:17 From Dianne Aiken: Nephew (Drew) had seizure. Badly injured.
and unresponsive at this time.

- 6/13 For Michael Anderson, who broke his nose in a bad fall.
- 6/13 Debbie Flannery: For former boss Collin Climer and family on the passing of his father, Bruce.
- 6/13 Congrats to Ben Hartwig and Meghan Davis on their wedding Friday, June 11.
- 6/13 From Sue Rumley: family of Bonnie Faucett, who passed away Friday, June 11.
- 6/13 From Ann & Andy Shellman: Two sons-in-law battling cancer.

Continuing Prayers

Please help us keep this list current. Email or call the church office with any updates. (smumc@fairfieldstmarks.com / 844-1818)

All service Men & Women	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter)
Our Country	Merianne Cardas
First Responders	Dick Brewer
United Methodist Church	Gina Hollinger
Prayer & Bible Study Groups	Sharon Hamp
Jean Stivers	Brenda Smoot
Mitch Thomas	

St. Mark's Homebound

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	AT HOME
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201 (fractured vertebrae)	Greg Pullem
Byron Jones—Majestic Care of Fairfield	Sue Webster
	Virginia Shaw
	Eleanor McCollum
	Bob Netherland—home Hospice
	Paul Schutte

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Keep informed! Check out our updated online calendar on our website at www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar.

Today, 7/4

9:30 am All-Ages Worship, Holy Communion, sanctuary and livestreamed.
Nursery open for infants—age 3.
NO G.L.O.W. (children's ministry)

MONDAY, 7/5

10:00 am Crafter Group (time approximate)

TUESDAY, 7/6

6:45 pm CYFM Team
7:00 pm Scouts, picnic shelter
7:00 pm Trustees

WEDNESDAY, 7/7

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room and by phone)
6:30 pm St. Mark's Choir "Hymns by the Yard." Meet at church.
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Room at the Table Team Meeting

THURSDAY, 7/8

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, 7/9

7:00 pm Garden Care, weather permitting.

SATURDAY, 7/10

SUNDAY, 7/11

9:30 am Worship, sanctuary and livestreamed.
Nursery open for infants—age 3.
9:30 am G.L.O.W. children's ministry, Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MID-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

are coming to contributor's mailboxes. These Statements are to help you verify the amounts you have given to St Marks. Please receive them only as a review tool; they are not meant to be seen as a "bill" to be paid to the Church. After your review, if you do find any discrepancies, please reach out to Ruth Ritenbaugh or Cheryl Creach so we can make sure your statement is corrected. Thanks. Tim Mislansky, Treasurer, and Gale Goodman, Finance Chairperson

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Our next Membership Exploration Class will be held soon. Mark your interest on the back of the Welcome Card. Thank you.

FAITHFUL and INCLUSIVE: New Classes to begin soon.

In this 6-week class, we will dive into the Scriptures. We will look

at the culture of today and of 2000+ years ago. We will look at these passages through the lens of the life of Jesus Christ. This Bible study will aid in your study of the whole Bible. So far, 42 folks have taken the class. Dates and times are forthcoming. If interested, **sign your name on the back of your Welcome Page.**

PART-TIME ADMINISTRATOR

St. Mark's has an opening for a part-time office administrator. 20 hours per week. A job description is available on request. Contact Jennifer Rinker (jlrinker1@aol.com, (513) 703-5063).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

We will be collecting school supplies during the month of July for Fairfield students. Supplies collected will be given to Dougie and Ray's to include in their back-to-school backpacks. There will be collection bins in the narthex and the Fellowship Hall. July 25th will be the last day to donate. Please donate only what is asked for as this is what the Fairfield Schools require: **Glue sticks, #2 pencils, 4 oz Elmer's glue bottles, dry erase markers, 24 count Crayola crayons, 12-24 count colored pencils, packs of 3x5 index cards, packs of loose-leaf paper (wide or college ruled), composition notebooks, and packs of blue, black, or red pens.**

SERVE CITY MEAL

Our next Serve City meal will be Friday, July 23. We will be having a cookout theme for this meal. All donations need to be in the church kitchen by 5:15 on that day. If you would like to prepare something for this event, please see the sign-up on the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board or talk to Charlotte Tierney.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS RUN4KIDS 5k WALK/RUN: This year's walk will be in person and St. Marks will have a team! The event is on Saturday, August 14th, check-in and opening ceremony at 8:30 and the 5K beginning at 9:30. If you'd like to join our team, go to <https://amplify.e-activist.com/19381/run4kids2021/event> or see Lynne Schumacker, our team captain! She will guide you in getting signed up!

VBS AUGUST 1-5, 6:30 – 8:15 pm.

JOIN THE FUN BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW
<https://vbspro.events/p/14c893>



St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Our Mission: 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	Linda Payne
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