



# Geared Up for Life

WORSHIP SERIES



**ST. MARK'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**July 25, 2021, 9:30 am**

**In-Person & Live-Streamed on YouTube and Facebook**

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# GATHER

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joe Payne

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Payne

Turn your hearts to God.

**What shall we do when we are worried?**

Place your trust in God's love and mercy.

**What shall we do when our lives seem too crowded and busy?**

Take time for the refreshing words of God's love for you.

**Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready for your words to us. AMEN.**

\*HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH 384

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, we come into your presence this morning with the busy schedules of summer activities crowding our lives. Our souls need to be fed and yet we seem powerless to find nurture and feeding that will sustain us. Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts this day to hear your words of hope and healing for us. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

\*PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:14-21

SERMON

"Rooted and Grounded In Love"

HYMN

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

# THANKSGIVING

## RECOGNITION AND THANKS

Brenda Smoot, retirement

Prayer

**Almighty God, we thank you for instilling in Brenda her devotion and commitment to Christian service in her role as St. Mark's administrative assistant. She stepped out of retirement at a time of great need and served this congregation once again with grace. As she begins this new chapter in her life, give her the assurance that she served well as a good and faithful servant of Jesus Christ. Bless her, Lord; and strengthen all of us in our own Christian vocations of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.**

SOLO

"Thank You"

Chris Beiser

OFFERING MOMENT

Pastor Joe

## DISMISSAL

\*HYMN

"O Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 539

\*BLESSING

Response

"Take Jesus With You"  
*Words & Music by Gary Weaver*

words on screen

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand, if able.*

*A reception in Brenda's honor follows in Fellowship Hall.  
All are welcome.*

*The silk altar flowers are given by the St. Mark's family  
to the glory of God  
and in honor of Brenda Smoot.*

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## Joys/Concerns

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

- 7/21 Karen Riehle's son-in-law, Sam Bedford, died of cancer. Prayers for daughter Christina and family. Visitation Sunday; Service Monday.
- 7/18 Lois Hill asks for sympathy for the Farrell family in the loss of Bobby who has passed away a few days ago.
- 7/18 For Debbie Flannery's sister-in-law, Karen, who passed away on July 19th. Prayers for Karen's daughter and her family.
- 7/18 For Becky Mendenhall, Knee Surgery on Tuesday
- 7/18 Gale & Devin Goodman's daughter-in-law, Joy & Thanksgiving that she is now home from her deployment.
- 7/18 Good friends Jack & Ginny Hoffman here today
- 7/11 Diane Aiken's nephew, Drew, who is getting better and will return home with his parents.
- 7/11 Close friends of Willa Ramsey. Prayers for new beginnings.
- 7/4 from Sue Combs: praise for a trip with Hensler's to watch Hannah in the musical, Quilters. An amazing talent.
- 7/4 From Jenni Hensler: school principal diagnosed with MDS and will need a bone marrow transplant.
- 7/4 For Betty Jones' daughter-in-law, Jessie. Cancer worsening.
- 7/4 Brenda had good results from PET scan. No cancer. Many more procedures to come.
- 7/4 Jennifer Specht diagnosed with type 1 Diabetes
- 7/4 Nguyen Family: Thank you for the prayers for Kym's back surgery and for the delicious meals
- 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 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.

## **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  
Our Country  
First Responders  
United Methodist Church  
Prayer & Bible Study Groups  
Jean Stivers  
Mitch Thomas

Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's  
daughter)  
Merianne Cardas  
Dick Brewer  
Gina Hollinger  
Sharon Hamp  
Brenda Smoot

## **St. Mark's Homebound**

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek  
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 409  
Byron Jones—Majestic Care of  
Fairfield

AT HOME  
Greg Pullem  
Sue Webster  
Virginia Shaw  
Eleanor McCollum  
Bob Netherland—home Hospice  
Paul Schutte

# ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:

[www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar](http://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)

## Today, 7/25

- 9:30 am      Worship, sanctuary and livestreamed.  
Nursery open for infants—age 3.  
G.L.O.W. children's ministry, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 am     Reception in Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am     Membership Exploration Class, Fellowship Hall  
No Youth Group tonight or this week

## MONDAY, 7/26

- 10:00 am     Crafter Group

## TUESDAY, 7/27

- 6:30 pm      SPRC meeting  
7:00 pm      Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, 7/28

- 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

## THURSDAY, 7/29

- 7:00 pm      Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

## FRIDAY, 7/30

- 5:15 pm      Serve City Meal deadline

## SATURDAY, 7/31

## SUNDAY, 8/01

- 9:30 am      Worship with Holy Communion for children and  
adults sanctuary and livestreamed. (No G.L.O.W.)  
Nursery open for infants—age 3.  
No Youth Group tonight or this week
- 11:00 am     Membership Exploration Class, Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 -  
8:30 pm      VBS—Rocky Railway

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Membership Exploration Class will be held at 11:30am this morning. Anyone interested in learning more about membership at St. Mark's is welcome.

**FAITHFUL and INCLUSIVE:** New 6-week class begins September 12 after worship. Join Pastor Joe as we look deeply into the scriptures and grow closer to Christ. So far, 42 folks have taken the class. Sign up on the back of your Welcome Page.

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS RUN4KIDS AUGUST 14** St. Marks has a team of 10 walkers/runners but we can always use more! The walk is Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>; check-in and opening ceremony at 8:30, walk to begin at 9:30. You can join our team or donate to our team at <https://amplify.e-activist.com/19381/run4kids2021/event> or see Lynne Schumacker, our team captain.



**VBS AUGUST 1-5, 6:30 – 8:15 pm**  
JOIN THE FUN BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW  
<https://vbspro.events/p/14c893>

**ROUTE 127 YARD SALE IS AUGUST 5-8.** Space is available Saturday, August 7th for those wishing to set up in our parking lot. Interested? Contact David Brockfield (513) 829-6598 or [brockfield@fuse.net](mailto:brockfield@fuse.net)

### **SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please sign up on the calendar: Name, Email/Phone located in the Narthex. The cost per bouquet is \$15.00 each.

**DESSERT & DISCUSSION ON AUGUST 3, 1:00—2:30** The Room at the Table group will be re-viewing the 2 documentaries we've already shared during the day for those who might not have been free to come in the evenings! **We will watch and discuss "Through Our Eyes"**. There will be a sweet treat to enjoy. Please sign the back of the welcome card to join us. See you there.

**DESSERT & DISCUSSION ON AUGUST 17, 10:00—NOON** The Room at the Table group will be re-viewing the 2 documentaries we've already shared during the day for those who might not have been free to come in the evenings! **We will watch and discuss and "An Act of Love"**. There will be a sweet treat to enjoy. Please sign the back of the welcome card to join us. See you there.

**THANK YOU!** The youth want to thank all who came out to support our car wash on Tuesday. We washed 17 cars and collected \$317 for Hamilton Living Water Ministries!

### **"TASTE THE BREAD" CLASS ON SEPT. 26, 10:45-NOON**

The class is for families with children under 12 yrs. old. It's a fun and meaningful way to learn and celebrate Holy Communion and what it means to us as a family of Christ.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** need to be submitted to the office by Wednesday each week. Please put in Lyn's mailbox, by the church office or sent to [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com)

# 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	Lyn Bucalo
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
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

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