



# SPIRIT OF ST. MARK'S

## SEPTEMBER 2021

*THE MISSION OF ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD.*



*"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other." John 13:34-35*

Dear St. Mark's family,

As you know, the CDC is once again recommending that all persons – vaccinated or not – return to wearing masks when indoors in public settings. It took me a while to understand why we should continue to mask even after being fully vaccinated. Call me a slow learner.

To be real with you, it's frustrating and irritating! Masks are a nuisance! You may feel the same way as I do. And, it took me a while to understand. Everything I had read and heard states that those who are vaccinated and healthy need not fear. Even if the vaccinated get the virus, the symptoms are few or non-existent. I'm vaccinated. I'm healthy. Why should I mask?

I was so frustrated I emailed Jennifer Bailer, our Butler County Health Commissioner. I knew it would do little good, but I needed to vent. "Why, Ms. Bailer, do I and others need to mask. We are fully vaccinated. We are safe, right?" Ms. Bailer replied graciously:

"I have heard that sentiment too, and I understand. I wish we were in control of the pandemic. But, the truth is the virus is in charge and we are running as fast as we can after it :("

Right now, this new and aggressive variant is raging around the globe, with increasing numbers of cases, which has forced the health community to rethink their protocols. Those at high risk are unvaccinated. The unvaccinated include those who cannot receive the vaccine for health reasons and our kids younger than twelve years of age. Others at risk are those persons who are fully vaccinated but are also immunocompromised. Currently, the vast majority those hospitalized for Covid-19 are unvaccinated persons.

It's true that even healthy vaccinated individuals may on rare occasions contract the virus, but we also know that the vast majority of these cases exhibit mild or non-existent symptoms. That's good news! However, this means that it's possible for a vaccinated person to have the virus and not even know it. And this means that vaccinated persons like myself could spread the virus to children, to unvaccinated adults, or to vaccinated adults with weakened immunity. I don't want to do that.

So, in order to protect and care for the most vulnerable, I will be wearing a mask to worship and to other indoor public places. Yea, masks are a pain. They can be hot and uncomfortable. They can fog my glasses! But, I suppose the inconveniences are minor if it means helping to keep others safe.

I'm not mandating masks. However, if you plan to worship in-person with us, I strongly suggest/encourage you to continue masking up if you can. Bottom line, I know we all want to protect our kids and the most vulnerable among us. I'm thankful for all of the ways you show your love for others.

Blessings,

Here's a helpful link: <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/2021/08/23/ohio-sees-summer-surge-respiratory-illnesses-rsv-and-covid-19/8241012002/>

Looking ahead:  
Sept. 5: Communion,  
Baptism, Guest Preacher  
Eva Marie Wolfe.  
Sept. 12: Mark 8:27-38  
Sept. 19: Mark 9:30-37  
Sept. 26: Mark 9:38=50



# YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

JULIE MISLANSKY, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

The youth have had a great summer serving others, washing cars, working in the courtyard, weeding, and picking corn in the church garden, eating ice cream, helping with GLOW Sunday School, watching movies, and helping at VBS and our back-to-School Sunday Service! WOW! We squeezed in everything we could into one summer!



With the new school year, it is time to get back to a regular schedule and routine but, don't worry, we will still find time to have fun! Pastor Joe and I are excited to be offering confirmation classes for our youth, starting this fall and concluding in May with Confirmation Sunday. At this writing, we have four, possibly six, by youth who will be participating! We will meet two Sundays a month, starting on September 12th. Our schedule will be as follows:

3:30- 5:00	Confirmation Class
5:00- 6:00	Dinner offered for all confirmation students and youth group members
6:00- 7:30	Youth Group

**Dates are September 12 & 26, October 3 & 24, November 14 & 28, and December 5<sup>th</sup>. The 2022 dates will be announced soon.**

We will also continue to have a monthly "fun night out" and a monthly service opportunity!

**I would like to invite the congregation to help us on the Sundays we meet by providing dinner!** We typically have 6-10 youth/adults to feed. Simple, easy meals are the best as some of us are picky eaters. You can make the meal or even pick up some fast food. Thank you for considering serving our youth in this way! See the dates above to choose and there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please see Julie Mislansky if you have any questions or want to sign up! Thanks!!



## St. Mark's Prayer Partners

We were excited to re-start our prayer partners ministry on our Back-to-School Sunday! With over 40 kids and youth to match, we only have four left to match! Please see Julie Mislansky if you'd like to help us make sure all of our kids are covered in prayer this school year.

For those who were matched, please remember to pray for your child every day! If you haven't met them yet, seek them out at church. If you are not sure who they are, Peggy Smith, Julie Mislansky, or Sue Luken will help you find them! Everyone was given the child's address, grade, and birthdate. If you'd like any other info, please see the parents or grandparents.

Parents of the kids- I encourage you to share this info with your child and encourage him/her to keep his/her adult prayer partner in prayer as well. The adult's address and birthdate is in the church directory or Peggy or Julie would be happy to help you get this information. We want this to be a mutual prayer ministry!

# ST. MARK'S CARES

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



Our Big Brothers Big Sisters RUN4KIDS Team was a huge success! Our team **raised \$1164 for the cause** and received a trophy for having the biggest team! Our 16 members were Tom Tierney, Pat Fassnacht, Holly Craig, Cindy and Dave Booker, Devin and Kayla Goodman, Linda and Joe Payne, Tari Randall, Lynne and Bill Schumacker, Debbie Bryant, Shannon Cooper, Jennifer Rinker, and Julie Mislansky. Thanks to everyone who donated! And thanks to Lynne for being our team captain!



We have another opportunity to walk in a 5K coming up! **On October 9<sup>th</sup>, NAMI of Butler County will be holding their annual walk fundraiser.** St. Mark's Ruth Circle women's group is a faithful sponsor of this walk and has been for over 5 years. More details to come! Watch the bulletin and our Facebook page.



## The Caring Closet

The Caring Closet is a ministry in Hamilton that serves students in Hamilton schools. They work with school liaisons to provide clothing and basic necessities for kids in need. Their current greatest need is toiletries, and we will be having a donation drive to help fill their shelves. There will be collection bins in the Narthex.

**The last Sunday to bring in your donations will be September 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Items we are collecting: 2n1 shampoo/conditioner, men's and women's deodorant, deodorant bar soap, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene pads (no tampons needed)

**LOOKING AHEAD.... We will have our annual coat/jacket/sweatshirt donation drive during the month of October, so as you are cleaning out closets and switching over from summer to winter clothing, set these aside!**

Shared Harvest Foodbank in Fairfield is accepting in-person volunteers again! We have secured a date for up to 10 volunteers on Wednesday, **September 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30.** They are requiring masks to be worn while volunteering. Look for a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board or see Debbie Bryant with questions.





# ST. MARK'S FAMILY MINISTRIES

St. Mark's Children's Ministry  
**G.L.O.W.**

*Growing in faith – Loving God and one another – Outward reaching – Worshiping together*



## **Taste the Bread**

**September 26 directly after worship**

A fun opportunity for families to come together and explore the meaning of Holy Communion. Learn why all are included in this meal, no matter the age. Partaking in this meal each month helps us feel more connected to God as well as the community of church.

## **Third Grade Bible Sunday**

**October 17th**

We will celebrate our 3rd grade class during worship on October 17th. This is an important milestone in the life of our Sunday school class, and I am very glad that we can be together to honor and support the children on their faith journey.

If you have or know of a third grade student, please have them contact Peggy Smith [p.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:p.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com).



## **Fall Fest—Trunk or Treat**

**October 24th, 4:00—6:00pm**

Fall Fest Trunk or Treat is happening. We are looking for church members who want to be part of the fun. Decorated vehicles will be parked in every other space in our parking lot and guests will drive through parade style.

We are also looking for members that have fun Halloween yard decorations (we will have electric available).

All candy will be pre-bagged and handed out as cars exit the parking lot.

We will be accepting candy donations until October (ask Peggy the date)

# ST. MARK'S FINANCIAL UPDATE

Hello St. Mark's Family,

July was a typical financial month for the church. Total giving was about \$26,000 – the same as in June. Year-to-date we have received \$181,000. We continue to handle all our expenses and keep them in check. We have faithfully made our apportionments each month and have reduced our loan balance to under \$50,000!

I've heard some comments that our giving is down because of people who've left St. Mark's. So, we did some research and actually found that the opposite is true!

For 2021, we have seen the following:

Declines in giving due to deceased members:	-\$2,500
Declines in giving due to members leaving:	-\$3,100
Increases in giving due to new members/attendees:	\$5,800
Net Change from new and departing members:	\$200

That's positive news for the church on the giving front. Unfortunately, we will always have people leaving the church for various reasons but when new givers more than make up for the loss it's a good financial thing for the church. Thank you to all who continue to support St. Mark's financially and those who have been able to increase their giving this year, as well as giving from our new members!

Recently, the Finance Committee and the Administrative Board decided to investigate the start of a legacy endowment fund. The endowment would be funded through a member's designating St. Mark's to receive a contribution from their will. Many members have spent a meaningful part of their life supporting St. Mark's through their generous contributions and a well-established legacy endowment fund can be a way for our members to ensure St. Mark's remains a vital part of people's faith-based lives long into the future. The purpose of the endowment fund is still to be determined, but most often they are designated for building maintenance and capital improvements. It will not be created to be used for normal operations of the church. Endowment should not replace the congregation's annual giving but should expand giving. There's a lot of work to do on this to decide if St. Mark's wants a legacy endowment fund and more work to set one up. If you have thoughts on this, please share them with us.

If you have questions about anything related to St. Mark's finances, please do not hesitate to ask either me or Gale.

Sincerely,

Tim Mislansky, Treasurer  
Gale Goodman, Finance Chair



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### CHRIS BEISER - DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Hello everyone! I hope you're all enjoying the summer, but fall is approaching and it's time to gear up for some Music Ministry groups to begin rehearsing. Let me say right off that I want all music participants to feel safe and comfortable with returning to the chancel choir and/or bell choir. SO with that in mind I'm proposing a rehearsal/singing plan for the early fall that will hopefully accomplish just that!

I would like to begin by meeting on Sunday mornings at 8:30 to rehearse a song for that same Sunday morning. I will choose anthems we have sung before and each will be one we can easily go through from 8:30 -9 am, and be able to sing. I want to begin this on Sunday September 12 @ 8:30 am.

A detail that still needs to be worked out is...sing in the choir loft every other chair...come up from congregation to the steps, sing, and return to seats (like we do for Christmas Eve), or seated in the choir loft as we've always done. The ongoing COVID issues will have an effect on this decision. Again everyone being comfortable is important!

I want to continue this process of rehearse/sing on Sunday mornings for September 12, 19, 26, October 3, and 10. Choir rehearsals would resume on Wednesday October 13 from 7:30-9. At that time we can assess where we are with COVID restrictions and how it is effecting our arrangement for rehearsing and Sunday morning singing. If all is going well my plan would be to begin a Christmas cantata that would be presented mid-December, along with our weekly anthem selections.

The choir is missed and getting you all back together will be a huge blessing to everyone...BUT...I want us to come together with small steps first, then building onto that foundation as the fall progresses. Anyone who would like to join the choir, this would be a great time because we will only be focusing on one song at a time for several weeks. This is a chance for everyone, returning or new, to get those voices back into shape again!

Please don't hesitate to talk, call, text, Facebook message, or email me with thoughts, concerns, or questions.



Get your LaComedia Dinner Theater tickets for  
***A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder***  
**Featuring Christopher Beiser and Hannah Hensler.**  
**August 19-September 19.**



Penniless Monty Navarro finds out he is 9th in succession to the D'Ysquith family fortune, so instead of taking the chance to outlive all of them he sets out on a plan to off each one without getting caught. But murder and fortune isn't all that's on Monty's mind, there is also love. This musical comedy is filled with wonderful music, lots of laughs, and one actor playing all the members of the D'Ysquith family.

Chris Beiser will be playing the eight family members and Hannah Hensler will be playing Phoebe, Monty's beautiful love interest! Call LaComedia Dinner Theater for tickets, 1-937-746-4554.

# SEPTEMBER PICK ME UP MOMENTS

COMPILED BY CAROL PITTMAN

- Sept 01, 2021 If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all. — Isaiah 7:9
- Sept 02, 2021 Even as a Christian, you'll have good days and you'll have hard days; but you will never have a day without God. —Anon
- Sept 03, 2021 One of the hardest decisions you'll ever face in life is choosing whether to walk away or try harder. — Zais K. Abdelnour
- Sept 04, 2021 Don't worry about anything. Instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. —Philippians 4:6
- Sept 05, 2021 We will never change the world by going to church. We will only change the world by being the church. —Anon
- Sept 06, 2021 If you don't have time for what matters, stop doing things that don't. —Courtney Carver
- Sept 07, 2021 The Bible is no ordinary book. The words are like medicine to your soul, and it has the power to change your life! —Joyce Meyer
- Sept 08, 2021 Life and time are the world's two teachers. Life teaches us to make good use of time, while time teaches us the value of life. —Manoj Sharma
- Sept 09, 2021 The Savior provided the perfect example of how to live in an imperfect and unfair world. -K. Brett Nattress
- Sept 10, 2021 Prayer is the ultimate source of hope and encouragement for the journey that lies ahead. —Tripp Prince
- Sept 11, 2021 Teach me to do Your will, for you are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground. —Psalm 143:10
- Sept 12, 2021 When we agree to disagree, we honor the relationship above trying to change the person. —Anon
- Sept 13, 2021 Sometimes God stays silent until we are ready to listen. —Anon
- Sept 14, 2021 Never underestimate your own strength. You were born for a purpose and are blessed with the power to achieve it. —Leo Brown
- Sept 15, 2021 God, help me to begin again today with gentleness and kindness. —Steph Whittle
- Sept 16, 2021 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. —Ecclesiastes 9:10
- Sept 17, 2021 It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do. —Jane Austen
- Sept 18, 2021 You can never know that ripple effect you create with one tiny gesture of kindness. —Elle Sommer
- Sept 19, 2021 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. —2 Corinthians 9:8
- Sept 20, 2021 Focus on Jesus, not your circumstances, and you will rise above your circumstances. —Jill Hooper
- Sept 21, 2021 For every set back, God has a major come back. —Jaylen Taylor
- Sept 22, 2021 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. —Lamentations 3:22-23
- Sept 23, 2021 Anyone can find the dirt in someone, be the one that finds the gold. —Proverbs 11:27
- Sept 24, 2021 It doesn't matter what's been written in your story so far, it's how you fill up the rest of the pages that count. —Anon
- Sept 25, 2021 God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves. -1 John 3:20
- Sept 26, 2021 Stay true to your convictions. —Matthew 7:13
- Sept 27, 2021 I have called you by name; you are Mine. —Isaiah 43:1
- Sept 28, 2021 We overthink happiness. Keep it simple. There is something good in every moment, find it and keep your focus there. —Kristen Butler
- Sept 29, 2021 People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. —1 Samuel 16:7
- Sept 30, 2021 God understands the cries of your heart, even when they're too deep for words. —Romans 8:26





**Poem by Linda Payne**  
**Double Haiku: Majestic Green Stalks**

Majestic green stalks  
 Arise from the fertile soil  
 Birth of a cornfield  
 Birth of a cornfield  
 Pregnant with plump golden seeds  
 Late summer harvest

*When you gather your crops, leave some for the foreigners, orphans and widows so that the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do. Deuteronomy 24:19*

How I love looking out at the garden that was planted, tended and harvested by folks from our church. Like this garden, our church family is growing and productive and the garden is just another example of our care and generosity toward others. We have donated over 100 lbs. of produce to the Fairfield Food Pantry and Soul Food in Springdale! Our congregation gives to others in myriads of ways out of our love for God and others. God promises to bless us when we use our gifts, whatever they may be, to bless others. Thank you for giving and caring. — Linda Payne



**Ruth's Circle**

**September 24 at 1pm**

We are planning to resume Ruth Circle meetings in Fellowship Hall. NOTE: This is one week later than normal and we will return to our regular 3rd Friday schedule in October. Ruth Circle is open to ALL women of the church and we would love to have you join us. Please contact Pam Guynes at 513-779-9162 or Pamguynes2@gmail.com or Charlene Miller at 513-844-6793 or chardarmiller@gmail.com if you have any questions.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please contact the church office if you would like to have flowers on the Sunday Altar. The price is \$15 per vase. Sign up on the calendar located in the Narthex or contact Lyn in the church office at 513-844-1818 or email: L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com

Orders must be received by end of day on Tuesday.  
 You can get the flowers after the service, Monday morning.







## ROOM AT THE TABLE

We are so thankful to all who have attended our “Desserts and Discussions!” Sixty people total attended the evening offerings and fourteen came to our daytime events. Both sessions included the viewing of “Through Our Eyes,” a documentary that follows the coming-out story of several young adults to their friends, their families, and their churches. The other film, “An Act of Love,” detailed the story of Rev. Frank Schaeffer, a UMC pastor who was stripped of his ordination credentials after performing the same-sex marriage of his son. Both films were the stimulus of great conversation around the idea of St. Mark’s becoming a reconciling ministry. If you weren’t able to attend and would like to see either film, please see Julie Mislansky and I will loan you the DVD.

Our team continues to have graceful, honest, one-one-one conversations with members to help us all think about the topics of whether or not we think homosexuality is a sin, same-sex marriage, the ordination of gay and lesbian persons, and the idea of St. Mark’s becoming a Reconciling Church. The vast majority of our discussions have been positive and many are affirmative about this idea. If you are not sure how you feel have questions or concerns, or are against the idea, we need to hear from you. Please reach out to one of the members of our team. We are not trying to change your mind! We want to have a graceful conversation with you where everyone involved is heard and able to speak their truth. It is only through sharing our stories and our hearts that we can make this important step together as a church family. We would like to plan future educational events around your feedback.

**Our team members are: Tim and Julie Mislansky, Peggy and John Smith, Charlotte Tierney, Sue Luken, Alex and Kyle Robinson, Jennie Marshall, Debbie Hill, Lois Hill, Pam Brockfield, Kathleen Lang, Bob Hamp, Julie Dichtl, Zach Dichtl, and Pastor Joe.**

A reminder that our committee does not get to make this decision! Nor does the administrative board. There will be a congregational vote in the future that will determine whether or not we become a reconciling church. Again, what exactly does this mean? It means that we would be a congregation that DOES NOT agree with the wording in the UMC Book of Discipline that states that “homosexuality is not compatible with Christ’s teachings.” We would be saying that we DO NOT believe that homosexuality is a sin, that we affirm the validity of a same-sex marriage, and that we agree that members of the LGBT community may be ordained in the UMC church. St. Mark’s would make that a public statement on our website, Facebook page, signage around the church, and in our printed materials. That would let anyone outside our church know that St. Mark’s is a safe place, that ALL are welcome, and that all LGBT persons are affirmed, embraced, and encouraged to live their lives authentically in our church family.

**Here is a link to the Reconciling Ministries Network website for more information.**

**<https://rmnetwork.org/>**

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect,  
please contact the church office (513-844-1818).

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/02	Jim Beckett
9/02	Dee Dee Edmundson
9/02	Missy LaMar
9/02	Alethea LaMar
9/02	Suzan Stracke
9/04	Ruth Ritenbaugh
9/06	Carol Ault
9/06	Andy Shellman
9/07	Chelsea Menke
9/08	Pam Guynes
9/09	Tari Randall
9/10	Sam Moser
9/10	Carol Pittman
9/12	Patty Coyle
9/12	Edith Davis
9/13	Mary Kay Bowling
9/15	Linda Fenzel
9/15	Jennie Marshall
9/19	James Robinson - 4
9/20	Ruth Stanifer
9/21	Maryada Millsbaugh - 96
9/24	Nancy Hole
9/24	Peggy Woods
9/26	Sue Luken
9/27	Michael Balchunas
9/27	Kelly Hampton
9/27	Hannah Hensler
9/27	Ginny O'Dell
9/28	Dale Addis
9/28	Shirlene Norris

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/01	Batt, Alan & Wilma	26
9/01	Hensler, Mark & Jenni	37
9/02	Smith, John & Peggy	44
9/03	Booker, Dave & Cindy	33
9/04	Nguyen, Steve & Kym	28
9/10	Chambers, Ben & Heather	16
9/11	Creach, Cheryl & Larry	50
9/14	Ault, Don & Carol	58
9/16	Cavender, Kraig & Vicki	32
9/16	Mullen, Denny & Sue	60
9/20	Brown, Roy & Helen	13
9/20	Luken, Mark & Sue	35
9/29	Hamblin, Ron & Becky	42

### **"THANK YOU"**

Thank you for the kind words,  
prayers, and cards for the  
passing of my mother. She lived  
a long life and is now in heaven  
with our loving God, free of pain  
and able to see. -Sue McDaniel

# St. Mark's UMC Calendar

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ● Pastor Joe Away ● Men's Prayer Group 7:30am ● Bible Study 6:30pm - 7:30pm	2 ● Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm	3	4
5 ● Family Worship (nursery open), Hampton Baptism, Holy Communion. No G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am	6 Labor Day	7 ● CYFM Team 6:45pm ● Boy Scouts Tr. 960 7:00pm - 8:30pm ● Trustees 7:00pm	8 ● Men's Prayer Group 7:30am ● Shared Harvest volunteering 12:30pm - 2:30pm ● Bible Study 6:30pm - 7:30pm ● Room at the Table meeting 6:30pm - 8:00pm	9 ● Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm	10	11
12 ● Choir 8:30am - 9:00am ● Worship & G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am ● Faithful and Inclusive Class 10:45am - 12:15pm ● Cavender Wedding Shower 12:00pm - 7:00pm ● Confirmation Class 3:30pm - 5:00pm ● Dinner for youth 5:00pm - 6:00pm ● Youth Group 6:00pm - 7:30pm	13 ● Crafters Group 10:00am	14 ● Administrative Board 7:00pm ● Boy Scouts Tr. 960 7:00pm - 8:30pm	15 ● Men's Prayer Group 7:30am ● Bible Study 6:30pm - 7:30pm	16 ● Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm	17 ● Nurture & Care Cmte 11:00am - 12:00pm	18
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Access the church calendar on our website at <https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar/>

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### FALL FOLIAGE TOUR 2021

We are still hoping to return to Hocking Hills this Fall! If this becomes a reality, we will charter a bus as we did in 2019. We will visit Ash Cave, eat at the Olde Dutch Restaurant, and more.

This day-trip is in the preliminary planning stages, including determining fees and complete itinerary, as well as monitoring the current Covid 19 situation.

Stay tuned...

### **ST. MARK'S STAFF**

Pastor, Rev. Joseph M. Payne -  
Joe's cell #614-531-2373

Pastor Emeritus, Bob Klingel

Admin. Assistant, Lyn Bucalo

Director of Music, Chris Beiser

Organist, Sue Combs

Director of Children & Family Ministries, Peggy Smith

Director of Youth Ministries, Julie Mislansky

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS :**

Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday

9:30 - Noon, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday - Office Closed

(513) 844-1818

Fax: (513) 844-2828

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

Worship Service:

Sundays 9:30 am