



Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

~ Mark 12:29

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**REFORMATION DAY**

**BIBLE SUNDAY**



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

**October 31 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

Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer.

**Happy are those who live in your courts—  
those who are satisfied with the goodness  
of your house and your holy temple.**

You are the hope of all things, Holy One,  
from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.

**You make the gateways of the evening  
and the morning shout for joy.**

Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.

**Let us shout and sing together for joy.**

\*HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

UMH 110

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity, we thank you that you  
are also the Spirit of reformation and renewal.**

**Re-form in the whole Church that passionate desire for  
the coming of your kingdom which will unite all  
Christians in one mission to the world. May we all grow  
up together into him who is our head, the Savior of the  
world. Amen.**

*(Olive Wyon, England, 20th cent., alt., from the UMC Book of  
Worship, #503)*

\*PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

*Peggy Smith*— On behalf of the Children and Family Ministry  
Team and St. Mark's Church, I present to you these Bibles. You  
are at an age where you are old enough to read these words on  
your own, to study them, pray with them, and ask questions  
about them. You do not only read these words on your own.  
You come to God's word in the context of a community.

***Congregation:***

**We hope that as you read the Bible, you will bring not  
only your faith, but also your questions and your doubts  
to St. Mark's to find a loving, supporting listening and  
teaching community. We want to grow with you in faith  
and knowledge.**

*Peggy* – As you read the word of God, you also read it as part  
of your earthly family.

**Families:**

**We promise to read these words with you,  
to listen to your questions,  
to share our ideas,  
and be honest about our doubts.**

**We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.**

*Presentation of Bibles- Sue Luken*

*Students:*

Mallory Creager, Lillianya Edmundson,  
Diana Mulunda, Carson Randall

*Pastor Joe- Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.*

**Students –**

**We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will read with curiosity, listen with openness, and ask questions in trust. We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.**

*Pastor Joe – Let us pray together for the blessing of the Holy Spirit on these young people as they encounter the Word of God.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Hannah Hensler

“What a Beautiful Name”

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

SCRIPTURE  
SERMON

Mark 12:28-34  
“The Basics”

HYMN

“Jesus, United By Thy Grace” vv. 1, 2, 6

UMH 561

JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THANKSGIVING**

OFFERING MOMENT

**DISMISSAL**

\*HYMN

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

UMH 569

\*BLESSING  
Response

“Take Jesus With You”

\*POSTLUDE

(\*Please stand, if able.)

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## Joys/Concerns

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

- 10/24 Tomie O'Sullivan's sister Pam Drake.
- 10/24 Praise God! Aydllett's have reconnected with their Florida friends, the Kings. Unfortunately, they have some health issues. Please pray for them.
- 10/24 Get well wishes for Virginia Shaw's son, Richard Shaw, he has been moved from Mercy hospital to Bradford Place (Hamilton).
- 10/24 Penny Dole's daughter-in-law's grandmother, Barbara King, fell and is having complications after having brain surgery. She is in the ICU in Florida.
- 10/24 Lois Hill's daughter Tari, has Covid. Please pray for her and for all others facing Covid.
- 10/24 Belinda Peter's daughter, Cynthia's test came back with no breast cancer, but will possibly have surgery in the summer of 2022 due to family history.
- 10/17 Mary Kay, is recovering from surgery and is back in nursing home with Hospice. She is having irregular heart beats and doesn't want to eat nor talk much.
- 10/17 Rick Marshall's aunt Kathy Kaczmarek, who passed away unexpectedly this past week. Condolences to the family.
- 10/17 Belinda Peter's daughter, Cynthia is being tested for possible breast cancer.
- 10/17 Bud & Shirley Aydllett's daughter, Sharon has severe vertigo.
- 10/17 Sue Luken's friend, Jason Braxton has Covid and his daughter Caitlyn is having difficulty with this news.
- 10/17 Richard Stracke having pains in thigh.
- 10/17 For anyone who is struggling & feeling lost. May God give you peace and know that you are loved.
- 10/17 Jean Bennett had a stroke & is now home with Hospice care.
- 10/17 Carl Phillippo for medical issues.
- 10/17 Danny Thomas upcoming surgery on November 1.
- 10/17 Prayer Group asks for prayers for Bud Aydllett and Greg Pullem
- 10/17 Brenda Smoot, for a quick recovery from a procedure done last week.
- 10/17 Americans & Allies trapped in Afghanistan
- 10/17 Mark Hensler's co-worker who has been in ICU for over 21 days with auto-immune disease affecting his lungs.

- 10/17 Pam Brockfield's brother-in-law Jerry Wallace, has renal failure and on dialysis.
- 10/17 Edith Davis' son-in-law Bob Nixon, has a lot of pain in his jaw.
- 10/17 Pam Burbridge for the loss of her daughter Jennifer.
- 10/17 Mike & Dianne Aiken thanks everyone for all of the prayers.
- 10/10 Doug & Beth Ewald's daughter, Kristi and children, Jeremiah has been deployed to the Texas border for 440 days.
- 10/10 Paul Schutte recovering and moved to Birchwood.
- 10/10 Pat Pitman asks for prayers for Robbin who has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- 10/10 Pat Pitman's sister-in-law, Carol has Covid19 and she has been vaccinated.
- 10/10 For the family and friends of Mary Raleigh, who passed away after a short battle with stomach cancer.
- 10/03 The Aiken family, Mike's brother, Gary Aiken who passed.
- 10/03 Donna Armstrong's neighbor's daughter, Becky Bilby has been diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer.
- 10/03 Barb, who is having an upcoming knee replacement surgery.

## **Continuing Prayers**

Please help us keep this list current by emailing or calling the church office with updates. Contact Lyn at [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com) or call the office (513) 844-1818).

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

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

Phyllis Tunning—Triplecreek	<u>AT HOME</u>
Dale Shreve—Birchwood, 409	Sue Webster
Bob Netherland—Birchwood	Virginia Shaw
Greg Pullem—Parkside	Eleanor McCollum
Byron Jones—Majestic Care (Fairfield)	Paul Schutte
	Zenith Pottenger
	Jim Beckett

# ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:  
[www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar](http://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)

## TODAY, 10/31

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed (G.L.O.W.)  
Nursery open for infants—age 3.

## MONDAY, 11/01

10:00 am Crafter Group

## TUESDAY, 11/02

6:45 pm CYFM Team  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Tr. 960  
7:00 pm Trustees

## WEDNESDAY, 11/03

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group  
2:00 pm Bible Study (NOTE TIME)  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir practice  
6:30 pm Room at the Table meeting

## THURSDAY, 11/04

1:00 pm Book Club, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm St. Mark's Cares meeting  
7:00 pm Small Bible Study  
7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

## FRIDAY, 11/05

Youth Fall Retreat

## SATURDAY, 11/06

Youth Fall Retreat

## SUNDAY, 11/07

Youth Fall Retreat  
9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion for children and adults in  
sanctuary and livestreamed (NO G.L.O.W.)  
Nursery open for infants—age 3.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POINSETTIAS ORDER DEADLINE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

Please see the order form on the other side of the Welcome/Attendance sheets to place your tentative orders. We will have 6 1/2" pots with 5-7 blooms that are wrapped in Gold foil with color choices of Red, Pink, or White. Poinsettias are \$10 each and may be ordered "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone or if you just want to help decorate the chancel area for Christmas. Payment is due along with the order by Sunday, November 14th. Please contact Lyn at the church office or email to [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com).

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

All Saints is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people, living and dead. Next Sunday, we will celebrate

the communion of saints, especially those in our congregation (members and active non-members) who have died during the past year. These persons are **George Peters, Mike Kinnard, Nancy Miracle, Bob Grammel, Don Jackson, Diana Griffith, Sandy Ronningen, and Laura Spahn**. If we have inadvertently missed anyone, contact Pastor Joe or Lyn in the church office. Thank you.

### **HANDMADE CRAFTS FOR SALE IN CHOIR ROOM, TODAY!**

Our Crafting Ladies are busy making beautiful crafts for the Fall and Winter holiday season. Be sure to pick up your handmade items this week! The craft items are currently for sale and on display in the Choir Room. The proceeds go to the St. Mark's Missions.

### **USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE**

Ruth's Circle is sponsoring a monthly used book sale to help support St. Mark's mission projects. The books are on a cart located in the Choir Room, and the cost is your donation. Questions? Contact Alethea LaMar at (319)750-1323. Thank you for your help with this important mission project!

### **FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY THRU SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH (LAST WEEK)**

The Fairfield Food Pantry is in EXTREME need of the following canned goods: mixed vegetables, green beans, kernel corn, fruit (any kind) and soup. We will be collecting these items ONLY until Sunday, November 7th. This is the LAST WEEK to donate. Collection bins are located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

### **CHURCH CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 14TH, 10:45, FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Reminder to SAVE THE DATE for the Church conference in the sanctuary after worship.

### **RUTH'S CIRCLE, FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19TH , 1PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Ruth's Circle is open to all women of the church. Come for snacks and fellowship. Questions? Contact Pam Guynes (513)779-9162 or Pamguynes2@gmail.com; or Charlene Miller (513)844-6793 or chardarmiller@gmail.com. See you there!

### **DECORATE CHURCH SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT, SUNDAY, NOV. 21, 5PM**

Join your church family to make the church ready for Advent! A pizza party will be held afterwards. For more information, please contact Sue Luken. Thank you!

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Please submit your announcements & prayer requests to the office by Wednesday each week. Contact Lyn at the church office or send to [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com).

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

Please sign up on the Narthex calendar: Name, Email/Phone and event. The cost per bouquet is \$15 each. The order should be submitted to the office by Wednesday, thank you.

# 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

## DEADLINE FOR DEC/JAN NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com) to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Wednesday each month.

**December/January Newsletter deadline is November 17th**

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[facebook.com/groups/stmarkschildrenfamily](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarkschildrenfamily)

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