



*"A Great Cloud of Witnesses"*

CONSECRATION SUNDAY  
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY  
REIGN OF CHRIST



**November 21, 2021, 9:30 am**  
**In-Person & Live-Streamed on YouTube and Facebook**  
**[www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks](http://www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks)**

## GATHER

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joe Payne

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric Leyrer

The King of Kings is raised in glory.

**Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.**

Come, let us worship and bow down to **the** Lord our Creator.

**Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.**

\*HYMN

"We Gather Together!"

UMH 131

\*INVOCATION/OPENING PRAYER

**We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!". AMEN.**

\*PEACE

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

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11–12.2, excerpts

MESSAGE

"Running Through a Cloud"

Pastor Joe

VOCAL REFRAIN

"We Are An Offering"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THANKSGIVING

OFFERING MOMENT

CONSECRATION OF OUR GIFTS AND COMMITMENTS

God cares for us in ways which are passionate, poignant, and enduring,

**and we love God with all our heart and soul, mind and strength.**

We have received much and have much to give and offer.

**As we plan with joy our work together for 2022, we ask, you, O God, to consecrate all that we can bring in love, in care, in resources to the best of our ability, knowing that giving brings healing and helps us embody the life and**

**ministry of Jesus our King of Kings. Surrounded by that great cloud of witnesses, we celebrate and give thanks for our many blessings. Amen.**

HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!" 694  
*During the singing of the hymn, process down the center aisle, place offerings/Commitment Cards in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisles.*

## **DISMISSAL**

\*BLESSING  
Response

"Take Jesus With You"

\*POSTLUDE

*(\*Please stand, if able.)*

### **Beginning next Sunday**

An Advent Series for the whole St. Mark's family—children, youth, and adults.



November 28: When Everything Is Wrong  
December 5 When Christmas Isn't Christmas  
December 12 When Light Shines  
December 19 When Joy Is Our Song

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## Joys/Concerns

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

- 11/18 For the family and friends of Jean Bennett, who passed away on Wednesday, November 17th
- 11/14 Penny Dole's sister and family for the loss of her husband and father, Henry Hull who passed away last week and is no longer in pain but rests in the arms of Jesus.
- 11/14 Rick Broshear, continued prayers. He has lung cancer.
- 11/14 Bud Aydlett has an upcoming knee surgery on November 30th
- 11/07 Danny Thomas who is recovering from back surgery. He is at Mercy hospital for a couple weeks doing rehab for his back.
- 11/07 David & Pam Brockfield's son Mike, who has been fully vaccinated and now diagnosed with Covid a week ago. He is recovering at home, in isolation.
- 11/07 The Leyrer Family, Lauren is recovering from Covid.
- 11/07 The Alcorn Family, both Nick & Kylie are having health issues.
- 11/07 Marlis Hatton's sister Marilyn Schoppenhorst, who is having back surgery. And her husband Erwin Schoppenhorst is having heart problems.
- 10/31 Ben & Meghan Hartwig has a JOY! They have a new baby girl, 6LB-7oz, named Glynn Gracen Hartwig. Miss you all!
- 10/31 Pam Brockfield's bother-in-law Jerry Wallace, is improving. Currently, he does not need long term dialysis and is out of the hospital and at a skilled nursing facility for rehabilitation.
- 10/31 The Klug's sister Donna who has Covid and her husband Tony, is feeling ill also.
- 10/31 Continued prayers for Barbara King who is awake and responding to the doctors.
- 10/31 Becky Hamblin's sisters family for safe travels back to Ohio after having a great time with them in Virginia.
- 10/31 Kathy Bradley's friend Sandy Cline, who is very ill & in the hospital.
- 10/24 Tomie O'Sullivan's sister Pam Drake.
- 10/24 Praise God! Aydlett'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 Rick Marshall's aunt Kathy Kaczmarek, who passed away unexpectedly. Condolences to the family.
- 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 Belinda Peter's daughter, Cynthia tested for breast cancer.
- 10/17 Carl Phillippo for medical issues.
- 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 Burbridge for the loss of her daughter Jennifer.
- 10/10 Doug & Beth Ewald's daughter, Kristi and children, Jeremiah has been deployed to the Texas border for 440 days.
- 10/10 Pat Pitman asks for prayers for Robbin who has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- 10/10 For the family and friends of Mary Raleigh, who passed away.
- 10/10 The Aiken family, Mike's brother, Gary Aiken who passed.

### **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.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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                        | Freida Hawkins  |
| Mitch Thomas                        | Rick Broshear   |
| Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter) |                 |

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

- Phyllis Tunning—Triplecreek
- Dale Shreve—Birchwood, 409
- Greg Pullem—Parkside
- Byron Jones—Majestic Care, Fairfield
- Paul Schutte—Birchwood

### **AT HOME (cont.)**

- Eleanor McCollum
- Paul Schutte
- Zedith Pottenger
- Jim Beckett
- Bob Netherland
- Jean Cottrill
- Dollie Gallihugh
- Jean Bennett (*You are in our hearts!*)

### **AT HOME...**

- Sue Webster
- Virginia Shaw

# ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:

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

## TODAY, 11/21

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

5:00 pm Decorate Church Sanctuary for Advent

## MONDAY, 11/22

10:00 am Crafter Group

## TUESDAY, 11/23

6:30 pm SPRC

7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Tr. 960

## WEDNESDAY, 11/24

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group

2:00 pm Bible Study

6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, 11/25

OFFICES CLOSED

## FRIDAY, 11/26

OFFICES CLOSED

## SATURDAY, 11/27

## SUNDAY, 11/28

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

3:30 pm Confirmation Class

5:00 pm Advent Celebration

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **DONATE HALLOWEEN CANDY TO BROKEN BUS, TODAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Donate your leftover Halloween candy to the Broken Bus Ministry TODAY ONLY November 21st. The collection bins are in the Narthex & kitchen.

### **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!

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

Our Crafting Ladies continue to make beautiful new crafts each week for the Winter and Christmas 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.

### **USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE—NEW BOOKS!**

We had new book's donated this past week! Ruth's Circle is sponsoring a monthly used book sale to help support St. Mark's mission projects. The books are 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.

## **SUNDAY MORNINGS DURING ADVENT, "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes"**

*Finding Faith in the story of the Grinch*

Children will revisit and explore the familiar Christmas story, 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas!' and ways the Grinch's transformation and redemption point us to aspects of the Christian faith, especially the hope we find in Jesus's birth.

## **ADVENT CELEBRATION, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 5-7 PM**

A fun evening for the entire church. No need to cook after the Thanksgiving holiday! Gather for an evening with your friends to kick off the Advent season.

We will do:

- \* Crafts
- \* How the Grinch Stole Christmas! Trivia Contest (with prizes)
- \* Watching the original TV production of How the Grinch Stole Christmas!
- \* Closing the evening outside around our Crèche
- \* **Dinner will be provided**

## **SENIOR CHRISTMAS/COVERED DISH LUNCHEON, SAT, DEC. 11TH, 1PM**

All seniors are welcome! Bring a covered dish to share with everyone in to Fellowship Hall for the Senior Christmas Party/Covered Dish Luncheon on Saturday, December 11th. It is a wonderful time to have fellowship with your St. Mark's family. Contact Shirley Aydlett at (513) 894-5209 for more information.

## **BIBLE STUDY CHRISTMAS PARTY POT LUCK, WED, DEC. 15TH, 12:30PM**

You've heard of tough luck, blind luck, and beginner's luck, but the best luck of all is...POT-LUCK! Please join us for a Potluck Party in Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm. Bring your favorite casserole or appetizer to share! We will have the Bible Study afterwards. *Please Note: December 22, we will not meet for Bible Study.*

## **RUTH'S CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY/LUNCHEON, FRI, DEC. 17TH, 12PM**

Our Ruth's Circle Christmas party/luncheon is December 17th at 12 (noon) in Fellowship hall. (NOTE: This is 1 hour earlier than our normal meeting time.) Bring a \$1.00 grab bag gift and your food/beverage item. This is open to all women of the church. If you are new to Ruth's Circle and plan to attend in December, please contact Pam Guynes or Charlene Miller to discuss what you need to bring to the luncheon. Covid safe practices including masks will be practiced. Questions? Contact Pam Guynes (513)779-9162 or Pamguynes2@gmail.com; or Charlene Miller at (513)844-6793 or chardarmiller@gmail.com. See you there!

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Given by...*

Tari Randall in memory of Carol Grammel

# 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	Eric Leyrer
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Lay Leader/Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

## DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 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.

**January Newsletter deadline is December 15th**

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