

Beginning Today
an Advent Series for the whole
St. Mark's family



Today: When Everything Is Wrong



November 28, 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

*ADVENT WREATH

Eric, Michele, & Lauren Leyrer

**A candle is burning, a candle of Peace;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.**

As we light the Candle of Peace, consider these questions:

- When did you experience an altogether peace in 2020?
- Where does anger live in your body? How can you release the anger?
- When did you last lose your cool?
- Why does peace feel unachievable?
- How can we share the gift of an altogether peace in 2021?

Let Us Pray:

Lord Jesus, you have given us a peace that is unlike the peace that this world gives. It is not a peace born of a lack of conflict, but a peace that means justice has been achieved for all people. We seek that peace today, knowing you have brought it into being and that there is still so much more to do. This Advent, we continue to search for an altogether peace for all people. Amen.

*HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196

*PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"My Wish"

Chris Beiser

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 61:1-2; Amos 5:21, 23-24;
Micah 5:2-5a; Romans 12;9

MESSAGE

Pastor Joe

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year?"

CAROL "I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day"

**I heard the bells on
Christmas Day
Their old, familiar
carols play,
and wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good
-will to men!**

**And in despair I bowed
my head;
"There is no peace on
earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good
-will to men!"**

**And thought as now
this day had come,
The belfries of all
Christendom
Had rung so long
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good
-will to men!**

**Then pealed the bells
more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor
doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth,
good-will to men."**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING MOMENT

HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light!" UMH 206

DISMISSAL

*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."*

- 11/21 For Lauren Leyrer is recovering from Covid. Thank you for all of the prayers!
- 11/21 Iris Jones had a fall and fractured her Pelvis and elbow.
- 11/21 Zedith Pottenger and the family in the death of her daughter-in-law, Deborah Pottenger
- 11/21 Paul Schutte is back at his home.
- 11/21 Belinda Peter's uncle Rev. Larry Thornton passed away in Kansas City. Prayers for the family.
- 11/21 The Aydlett's niece, Valerie and her husband Gene Morrell living in New York. Both have Covid.
- 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 brother-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.
- 10/24 Tomie O'Sullivan's sister Pam Drake.
- 10/31 Kathy Bradley's friend Sandy Cline, who is very ill & in

the hospital.

- 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.
- 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.

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

St. Mark's Homebound

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

AT HOME...

Sue Webster
Virginia Shaw

AT HOME (cont.)

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

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:

www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 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

MONDAY, 11/29

- 10:00 am Crafter Group

TUESDAY, 11/30

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Tr. 960

WEDNESDAY, 12/01

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
- 2:00 pm Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Room at the Table meeting

THURSDAY, 12/02

- 1:00 pm Book Club
- 7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 12/03

SATURDAY, 12/04

SUNDAY, 12/05

- 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
- 3:30 pm Confirmation Class
- 5:00 pm Dinner for Youth
- 6:00 pm Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE NOV. 28TH THRU DEC. 12TH

The Christmas giving tree is in the Narthex decorated with paper ornaments/tags. Each tag will have the wish list of a resident or a staff member at Parkside Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Our hope is to fulfill every wish! Please consider taking a tag or two, buying and wrapping the gift(s), and placing them under the giving tree by December 12th. Thank you for making this an extra special Christmas for our friends at Parkside Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

YOUTH GROUP VISIT TO ROCKDALE TEMPLE, SAT., DEC. 10TH, 1-5PM

HANDMADE CRAFTS FOR SALE IN CHOIR ROOM, TODAY!

Each week the Crafting Ladies continue to make gorgeous crafts for the Winter and Christmas holiday season. The crafts are selling quickly so be sure to pick up your handmade items this week before they are gone! 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 books donated last 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.

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!

WHOVILLE CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS & YOUTH, MON, DEC. 20TH, 5PM

St. Mark's Kids & Youth, let's gather for a WhoVille Christmas feast and fun! Bring a WhoVille type dish/snack to share and a comfy camp chair or pillow as we watch Dr. Seuss', "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given by...

Belinda Peters & family in loving memory of George Peters

Given by...

Ron & Becky Hamblin in memory of Jami Hamblin

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 to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Wednesday each month.

January Newsletter deadline is December 15th

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