

SPIRIT OF ST. MARK'S

The Mission of St. Mark's United Methodist Church is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

December 2021

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOE

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Dear St. Mark's Family,

The Grinch almost got us last year! Advent and Christmas were unlike any other in our lifetimes. A few souls worshipped in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, and our Christmas Eve service was pre-recorded for viewing on Christmas Eve. Most of us stayed home and worshipped far from our fellow St. Mark's family. If the Grinch could have stolen our Christmas, it would have been then.



But, of course, Christmas came anyway! The pandemic could not keep Advent and Christmas away. The season may not have been as we had hoped, but we made do, we improvised, and we persevered.

What about this year?

Worship will be in person, but Covid-19 has not gone away. And besides, it doesn't take a pandemic for "the Grinch" to steal Christmas. Busy-ness, disappointments, depression...they can all take a toll.

As author Matt Rawle, states, "If we're being honest, there's probably something within the Christmas season celebration that awakens a Grinch within all of us. Maybe the gift we unwrap was all wrong, or memories that were supposed to be joyful never were. When everything seems wrong in the world, even joyful celebrations are much too loud."

This is why I'm excited to team up with Peggy and Julie in bringing a new Advent Series to St. Mark's. Called, **"The Heart that Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch,"** this series is based on the book of the same name

authored by Matt Rawle. In his new Advent study, children youth and adults alike will explore the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* including how did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate, is the one thing that changes our life?

I hope you will join us!

Advent Blessings,

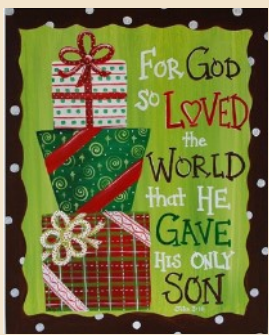
P.S. Thank you so much for remembering us during Pastor Appreciation month. The gift cards, the cookies, and the "Pastor Joe Look-Alike!" Most of all, your loving kindness. We are so Blessed!



Looking ahead:

Advent Series—*The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch*

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"
December 24—Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 PM
December 26—Special Christmas Music Service with Chris and Sue



YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY JULIE MISLANSKY



ST MARK'S YOUTH GROUP

The youth group continues with their confirmation studies, discussing "grace" and "perfection" in November. Tough topics! Even the adults benefit from these lessons!

We have one more confirmation class scheduled for December, plus a visit to the Rockdale Temple to learn more about the Jewish faith, and a trip to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Museum in Cincinnati. *And, of course, we will find some time in December to have a youth Christmas party!*



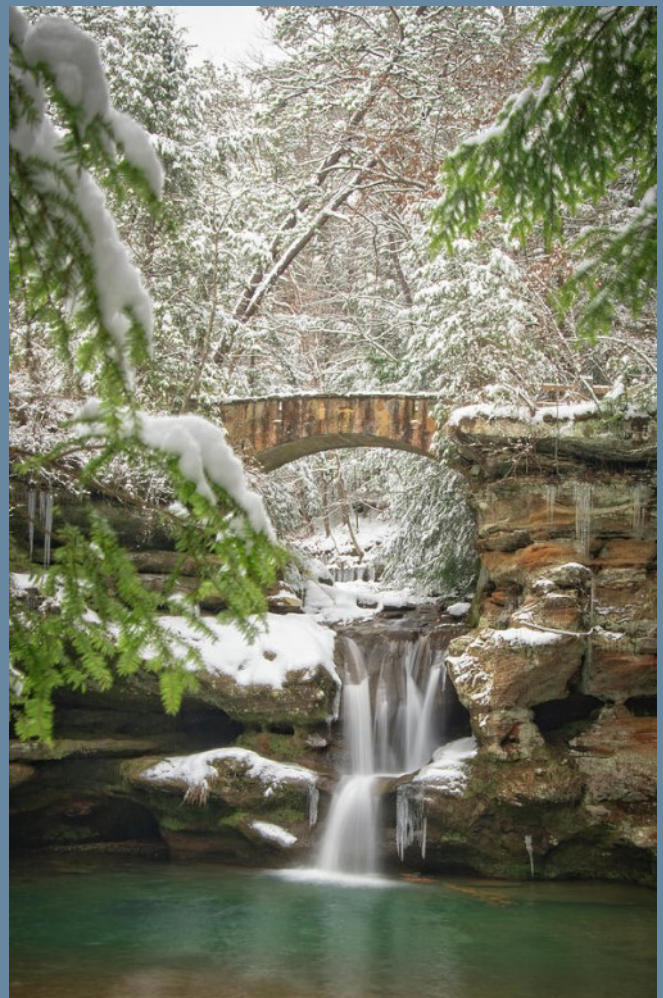
We postponed our weekend retreat to Hocking Hills.

It will now be a "winter retreat" and will happen the last weekend in January.



We are thankful to St. Mark's for their support of our "Don't Give Up" lawn sign sale. Because of your generosity, we sold 50 signs and raised almost \$600 to donate to NAMI of Butler County!

We are scheduled to serve a meal at Serve City in November. Finally, we had tons of fun at the St. Mark's Trunk or Treat at our "Jurassic Park" themed treat station!



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As expected, St. Mark's was super generous and donated overwhelmingly to our canned food drive for the Fairfield Food Pantry. We collected 1,060 pounds of cans and a check for \$135 was delivered to the pantry, just in time for the beginning of the holiday season. Thank you!



OCTOBER COAT DRIVE

Our congregation donated 92 items for our annual October Coat Drive! In addition, our neighbors across the street at the Parkside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center also held a coat drive and added their collection of 23 coats to ours- giving us a grand total of 115! The ministries we partner with, Broken Bus, Serve City, and Hope's Closet are so grateful to receive these coats, just in time for the cold weather.



THE
HEART
THAT GREW THREE SIZES

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

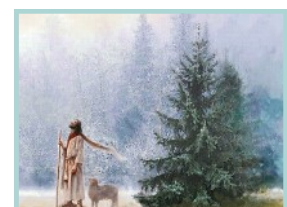
Our Advent Mission project this year will be to support the residents and staff (and our neighbors) at the Parkside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

It has been a challenging and long twenty months for them as they have dealt with Covid-19. Our St. Mark's Cares committee decided that they needed some love and encouragement! There will be a giving tree in the narthex, full of paper ornaments/tags. Each tag will have the wish list of a resident or a staff member. Our hope is to fulfill every wish! Please consider taking a tag or two, buying and wrapping the gift(s), and placing them back under the giving tree.

The tree will be in place by November 28th and gifts will need to be under the tree by December 12th. Thank you for making this an extra special Christmas for our friends across the street!

Christ-Focused Bucket List

- Purchase or make a Nativity ornament
- Visit a Live Nativity
- Watch a Christmas Story movie with family or friends
- Spend an evening singing carols
- Make Christmas Cookies
- Host a simple Christmas gathering
- Put on a Nativity play for the family
- Read a Christmas story book
- Take cookies to family or friends
- Make a nativity craft
- Feed or donate food to homeless
- Attend a Christmas concert
- Read a Christmas Nativity picture book
- Take family on a prayer walk
- Create Christmas countdown prayer chain
- Read a poem about Jesus at Christmas
- Color a nativity coloring page or book
- Plan our Christmas menu or appetizer
- Choose or Do a random act of kindness



ST. MARK'S FAMILY MINISTRY

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

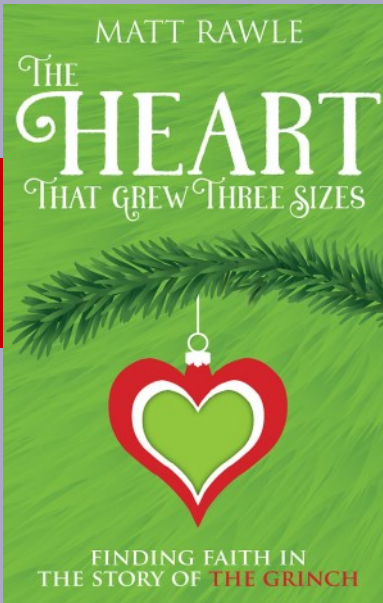
Growing in faith – Loving God and one another – Outward reaching – Worshiping together

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 Nov. 28th 5:00-7:00 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



Welcome Christmas Fohoo Fores

December 20th 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Attention:
St. Mark's Kids and 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"



MUSIC MINISTRY

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC CHRIS BEISER



As the Christmas season fast approaches once again I get so excited about the holiday tradition of the giving and receiving of gifts. I'm one that likes to find something unique, something special, many times something that I have made...

(I love holiday crafting!!)

With the hustle and bustle of getting things ready I pause and reflect on the wonderful gifts that are given and received right here at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. We have talents that are shared with the congregation by singers, instrumentalists, readers/narrators, and our amazing tech team running sound, screen, and cameras. Each week we receive beautifully wrapped gifts, that will be so loved and appreciated when opened and shared.

During this holiday season and all throughout the year I am thrilled with everyone who glorifies God with their gifts, using their talents for His glory. In this time of uncertainty we have discovered new ways to pursue spiritual growth within the music



*These moments
of sharing are
so appreciated!*

ministry programs. Many have used spiritual gifts to assist in so many areas as well, that is also a blessing to have! I thank God for the talents that are shared weekly with the congregation. The use of so many different people's skills is absolutely amazing to me. It's always important to take a moment to point back to Him as the provider of these gifts as we are reminded from where our abilities come from.

Being creative is such an exciting gift to use especially when my eyes and others are opened to ways to use these gifts in many different ways to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ all throughout the year. I am so grateful for the practice that everyone puts into their gift when working on their special song, or presentation. These moments of sharing are so appreciated. I think it is very appropriate we call them "special" in our service each Sunday.

The times that the service theme, scripture, and music all combine together in perfect harmony is one of the most moving examples that God's hand is evident in our Sunday morning services. It is Christmas every Sunday as so many give gifts, and so many receive. Every single gift is perfect, no exchanges, no returns! I look forward every week to the gift giving talents of so many in our congregation, how exciting to get to open those presents all year long!

POEMS WRITTEN BY LINDA PAYNE

GOD'S BLESSING

**I will bless you and care for you:
Like a mother blesses her child
with a tender kiss,
I bless you.**

**Like a father protects his child,
I hold you close in my arms
providing all that you need.**

**I am kind and gracious:
I do not dwell on your faults
or harbor grudges.
I do not keep track
of your transgressions
or number your sins.
My arms are always open
to welcome you home.**

**I look on you with favor:
I delight in being with you.
I do not see flaws and imperfections,
I see the beauty of my child,
for you are my creation
which I declare good, and
I sing and rejoice over you.**



FINANCIAL UPDATE

TIM MISLANSKY, TREASURER
GALE GOODMAN, FINANCE CHAIR

Greetings St. Mark's Family,



After a strong giving month in September, our total giving fell off some in October. We received \$24,000 for the month. Year-to-date we have received \$264,600 which remains down about 4% from last year. Our giving is about \$12,000 or 5% less than what we budgeted for the year.

We spent nearly \$26,000 during the month and year-to-date, our expenses have been \$260,000 – almost \$2,000 less than last year. We continue to handle all our expenses well and keep them in check. We paid our 10th installment on our apportionments and are on our way to our 5th consecutive year of 100% payment! During the month our expenses were normal with nothing extraordinary. Our expenses are about \$6,000 or 3% less than what we budgeted for the year.



While this is being written before consecration Sunday (November 21st), we would like to extend our gratitude to those families that completed a pledge card. As a reminder the pledge is just that, it's a pledge. You will never receive a "bill" from St. Mark's. But the pledge cards help us plan for the giving and our expenses. On Laity Sunday, you heard the wonderful stories of the ministries of St. Mark's. Your gifts make a difference! Your pledges and giving allow us to continue to offer tremendous ministries to all aspects of our congregation and those outside the walls of our church. If you haven't completed a pledge card, there is still time. Contact Lyn in the church office to get a card if you need one.

Thank you for your generosity and cheerful giving to St. Mark's the past year and for your continued support in the future. 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



Hebrews 13:16

Do not forget
to do good and to
share with others,
for with such
sacrifices
God is pleased.

Giving is Worship
GIVING BACK TO THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE



PICK ME UP MOMENTS

COMPILED BY CAROL PITTMAN

December 2021

- Dec 01 God showed us His love us when He sent His only Son into the world to give us life. —1 John 4:9
- Dec 02 Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly Merry Christmas. —Peggy Bracken
- Dec 03 Christmas gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us. —David Cameron
- Dec 04 Jesus isn't just the reason for the season. He's the reason for every day of our life. —Anon
- Dec 05 As we seek Christ; as we find Him; as we follow Him; we shall have a Christmas spirit. Not for one fleeting day each year, but as a companion always. —Thomas Monson
- Dec 06 You can give a great and wonderful Christmas if you remember the gifts God has given you, and as best you can, offer them to others as He would. —Henry B. Eyring
- Dec 07 Jesus is the gift that perfectly fits the size of every heart. —Anon
- Dec 08 His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. —Isaiah 9:6
- Dec 09 Finding the real joy of Christmas comes not in the hurry and scurry to get more done. We find the real joy of Christmas when we make the Savior the focus of the season. —Thomas S. Monson
- Dec 10 May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with joy. —Anon
- Dec 11 Once in our world, a Stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world. —C.S. Lewis
- Dec 12 Jesus took His place in a manger so that we might have a home in Heaven. —Greg Laurie
- Dec 13 I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. —Charles Dickens
- Dec 14 At Christmas let the light of faith and the warmth of family make the season extra bright. —Anon
- Dec 15 The greatest gift of all is free...Jesus is God's gift to you and me. —Matthew 1:18
- Dec 16 At Christmas let the light of faith and the warmth of family make the season extra bright. —Anon
- Dec 17 As Christmas season envelops us with all its glory, may we, as did the Wise Men, seek a bright, particular star to guide us in our celebration of the Savior's birth. May we all make the journey to Bethlehem in spirit, taking with us a tender, caring heart as our gift to the Savior. —Thomas Monson
- Dec 18 Christmas magic is silent. You don't hear it—You feel it; you know it; you believe it. —Kevin Alan Milne
- Dec 19 One cry awakened the world. One birth changed history. One life made all the difference. —Anon
- Dec 20 The sweetest gift given at Christmas will always be the one our Savior Himself gave us: His perfect Peace. —L. Whitney Clayton
- Dec 21 Jesus...the greatest story. The most amazing gift. The blessed hope of all who believe. —Anon
- Dec 22 Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus. —Neal A. Maxwell
- Dec 23 A little child, a shining star, a stable rude, the door ajar. Yet in that place, so crude, forlorn, the Hope of all the world was born. —Anon
- Dec 24 The greatest Christmas gift of all was never placed beneath a tree. He lay within a manger for the entire world to see. —Anon
- Dec 25 And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ The Lord. —Luke 2:10-11
- Dec 26 May our hearts prepare Him room...Our lives reflect His presence, our homes radiate His peace. —Anon
- Dec 27 May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.—Anon
- Dec 28 Wise men still seek Him. —Anon
- Dec 29 When they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. —Matthew 2:10
- Dec 30 The miracle of Christmas shines bright with the hope of God's love. —Anon
- Dec 31 May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all the year through. —Anon





CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE (STARTING NOVEMBER 28TH)

After a brief rest last holiday season, the Christmas Card Post Office will be up and running this Christmas season. The youth group will be in the narthex on Sunday mornings to receive and sort your cards, starting on November 28th and going through December 19th. There is no charge, but donations are always appreciated! They will go towards the ministries and fun we like to have! Thank you and Merry Christmas!

We encourage you to mail cards directly to our homebound friends. Here is our latest list with addresses.

LIST OF HOMEBOUND

Jim Beckett

757 Impala Place
Hamilton, OH 45013

Merianne Cardas

1570 Arbor Trail Court
Cincinnati, OH 45231

Jean Cottrill

5802 Windermere Lane
Fairfield, OH 45014

Dollie Gallihugh

5278 Burgundy Place
Fairfield, OH 45014

Freida Hawkins

11040 Springfield Pike
Apt. G204
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Byron Jones

5251 Dixie Highway
Room #2304-B
Fairfield, OH 45014

Eleanor McCollum

968 Symmes Road
Fairfield, OH 45014

Bob Netherland

801 Symmes Road
Fairfield, OH 45014

Zedith Pottenger

1675 Evalie Drive
Fairfield, OH 45014

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Greg Pullem

908 Symmes Road
Fairfield, OH 45014

Paul Schutte

1245 Shuler Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45011

Virginia Shaw

5581 Williamsburg Way
Fairfield, OH 45014

Dale Shreve

Birchwood Care Center
Room #409
4070 Hamilton Mason Rd
Hamilton, OH 45011

Jean Stivers

1078 Hayes Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45015

Phyllis Tunning

Triplecreek
11230 Pippin Road
Cincinnati, OH 45231

Sue Webster

5778 Gray Road
Fairfield, OH 45014

Iris Jones

7891 Jessies Way #101
Hamilton, OH 45011

A Holiday Wish for...

We want to wish everyone of our loved ones in Nursing or Retirement Homes and to those who are homebound a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR! The pandemic has slowed down somewhat, but still a problem. We pray for the day when things get back to normal and loved ones of St. Mark's may see one another without caution.

**In Christian Love,
Your Nurture & Care Committee**



In Memoriam of Jean Bennett

Jean Bennett 98 years old, passed away on the evening of November 17, 2021 at her home with family by her side. As I read all of the comments on Facebook and spoke with church members, I am emotionally moved by this woman named Jean Bennett. You see, I have heard her name countless times and understand she was a huge part of this church. And honestly, I feel like I somehow know this lovely lady. Unfortunately, I have not had the pleasure to have met her. But my imagination of her in the church kitchen stirring a pot of her specialty homemade cinnamon applesauce or German Potato salad, yum! Or maybe, she is teaching me how to can a bushel of green beans, a peck of pickled beets or maybe she is sharing her sweet jelly/jam recipe. I heard it was amazing! While I imagine she is talking to me about how important it is to "bring your own knives" to the kitchen or be certain that "the knife you use is recently sharpened." She ran that kitchen like a finely sharpened blade.



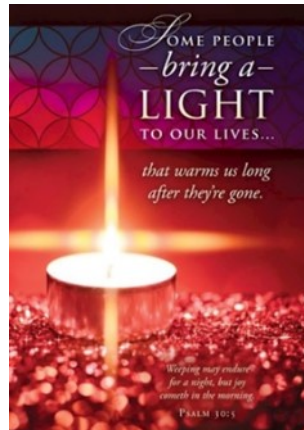
Jean was a remarkable person no doubt about it, she meant a lot to so many people. Some called her "Mother Jean" or "Mama Jean."

As I looked through older church directories, I found a picture of her teaching Sunday school in the basement of this church for years. She was involved in many church events such as the Crafts, Bell Bazaar and Salad Luncheons, just to name a few.



"A life well lived. Will be missed by many!"

Her favorite Hymn was "Cornerstone" which Chris always had choir sing at the first service in September when choir started back up. Someone told me that Chris would sing to her and that must have made her feel so comforted and loved. She must have been delighted to have such an audience and no doubt that brought her so much joy. As I leaf through her pictures over the years, I see this bright eyed woman, full of joy, and a deep love for God. Jean was one of seven charter members received into membership on March 7, 1954. She was a living example of what a Christian woman should be. My deepest condolences for her family, the St. Mark's family and friends of Jean Bennett. May you find peace and comfort in your memories of her. -Lyn



Some of the many comments on Facebook:

"Words escape me. I just hope Heaven is ready for Jean's arrival. She will be missed here, but Heaven won a beautiful soul."

"Heaven gained an angel. There are those we see as invincible in this life.... though we all know none of us are...Jean was one of those people. Always full of energy and life! She never missed a beat...letting you know exactly how she felt and much you were loved and appreciated. It was always magical to see her face when singing a solo or during a cantata...she so enjoyed everything about St Marks. She will be missed by many."

"My heart is heavy hearing about Jean's (aka "Mother") passing."

"Jean was the leader of the annual Turkey Dinner for well over a decade. She worked at one speed and if you ever got in her way as she was carrying a large container of gravy, mashed potatoes or turkey, all I can say is you would be wearing our turkey dinner...at no charge."

"Oh no. I loved Mrs. Bennett. She was my favorite Sunday school teacher and a dear friend of my grandmothers."

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

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

December Birthday's

12/02	Paul Schutte	
12/03	Phyllis Tunning	93
12/04	Tari Wolf	
12/05	Kathy Balchunas	
12/06	Bob Mendenhall	
12/08	Charlie Bryant	
12/08	Cheryl Creach	
12/09	Michele Leyrer	
12/09	Kensington Meyer	8
12/13	Matt Snyder	
12/14	Ben Gallihugh	
12/14	Flo Moore	
12/14	Jennifer Rinker	
12/14	Joyce Zugelter	
12/15	Ali Leguina	15
12/17	Linda Prohaska	
12/18	Rick Broshear	
12/19	Cody Sines	17
12/20	James Kuertz	
12/21	Pam Finrock	
12/24	Marlis Hatton	
12/24	Charlene Miller	
12/25	Sarah Hard	
12/29	Diana Mulunda	10
12/29	Pat Sena	
12/29	Tom Tierney	
12/30	Ira Begley	
12/30	Katherine Luken	

December Anniversaries

12/14	Bud & Shirley Aydlott	64
12/15	David & Pam Brockfield	48
12/28	Marty & Gay Kubik	7
12/29	Tom & Charlotte Tierney	



SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY COVERED DISH LUNCHEON (FELLOWSHIP HALL) DECEMBER 11, SATURDAY 1PM

All seniors are welcome! Please bring a covered dish to share with everyone. This is a wonderful time to have fellowship with your St. Mark's family. Contact Shirley Aydlott for more information at (513) 894-5209.



BIBLE STUDY CHRISTMAS PARTY POT LUCK (FELLOWSHIP HALL) DECEMBER 15TH WEDNESDAY 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.

Note: December 22, we will not have Bible study.

RUTH'S CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY/LUNCHEON (FELLOWSHIP HALL) December 17th at 12(NOON)

Our Ruth's Circle Christmas party/luncheon is on Friday, December 17th at 12pm in Fellowship Hall. NOTE: This is 1 hour earlier than our normal meeting time! Bring a \$1.00 grab bag gift and your food and/or beverage items. 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.*

For questions please contact:
Pam Guynes at (513)-779-9162
Pamguynes2@gmail.com
OR
Charlene Miller at (513)-844-6793
chardarmiller@gmail.com



St. Mark's UMC Calendar

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Prayer Group 7:30am Bible Study 2:00pm - 3:00pm Handbell Choir 6:00pm - 7:00pm Room at the Table meeting 6:30pm - 8:00pm 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Club 1:00pm - 2:00pm Small group Bible study 7:00pm - 9:00pm Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm 	3	4
5 Second Sunday of Advent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Worship (nursery open) Holy Communion. No G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am Confirmation Class 3:30pm - 5:00pm Dinner for youth 5:00pm - 6:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm - 7:00pm 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buckeye online student testing 9:00am - 2:00pm Crafters Group 10:00am 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buckeye online student testing 9:00am - 2:00pm CYFM Team 6:45pm Boy Scouts Tr. 960 7:00pm - 8:30pm Trustees 7:00pm 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Prayer Group 7:30am Buckeye online student testing 9:00am - 2:00pm Bible Study 2:00pm - 3:00pm Handbell Choir 6:00pm - 7:00pm 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth group visit to Rockdale Temple 5:30pm - 9:00pm 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Covered Dish Luncheon 1:00pm - 5:00pm
12 Third Sunday of Advent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship & G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am Youth group visit to the Freedom Museum 1:00pm - 6:00pm 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crafters Group 10:00am 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Board 7:00pm Boy Scouts Tr. 960 7:00pm - 8:30pm 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Prayer Group 7:30am Bible Study Christmas Luncheon Pot Luck 12:30pm - 2:30pm Handbell Choir 6:00pm - 7:00pm 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth's Circle Christmas Party/luncheon 12:00pm - 1:00pm 	18
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship & G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crafters Group 10:00am WhoVille Christmas for Kids & Youth 5:00pm - 7:00pm 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boy Scouts Tr. 960 7:00pm - 8:30pm 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Prayer Group 7:30am Handbell Choir 6:00pm - 7:00pm 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm 	24 Christmas Eve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offices Closed for Holiday Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm 	25 Christmas Day <div> <div>HAVE YOU</div> <div>TALKED</div> <div>TO GOD</div> <div>TODAY?</div> </div>
26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship & G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crafters Group 10:00am 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boy Scouts Tr. 960 7:00pm - 8:30pm 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Prayer Group 7:30am Bible Study 2:00pm - 3:00pm 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm 	31 New Year's Eve	

Access the church calendar on our website:
<https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar/>



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Fairfield, OH 45014

SPIRIT OF ST. MARK'S DECEMBER 2021



St. Mark's Staff

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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,
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