

Advent Series for the whole
St. Mark's family



Today: When Everything Is Wrong



December 5, 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

Pablo, Tonya, and Ali Leguina

Singing:

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright; A candle of Hope in December's dark night. While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

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

*When did you experience an altogether hope in 2020 and 2021?

*What do you hope for?

*Where have you experienced great hope even in pain or suffering?

*Why do you continue to have hope?

*How can you share the gift of an altogether hope in 2022?

Let Us Pray:

Lord Jesus, you have given us a hope that shines a bright light into a suffering world. We are foolish to have hope, and yet it is a gift that you have granted us. Give us eyes to see those who are suffering and hearts of compassion to go to them and offer them the gift of hope. In this way, may hope spread, a light shining and growing, until all people have found hope in the coming of your Kingdom. This Advent, we continue to search for an altogether hope for all people. Amen.

*HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vv. 1-4

UMH 211

*PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"My Wish"

Chris Beiser

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:3-6; Zechariah 7:9-10
Matthew 3:7b-12

MESSAGE

"Looking the Part"

Pastor Joe

HYMN

“Come, Emmanuel”

**Come and speak to us
Come and renew us
Come and live through us,
Emmanuel
Grace to implore us
Ever before us
Come and restore us,
Emmanuel**

**Living inside us
Faithful to guide us
Cover and hide us,
Emmanuel**

**Chorus:
Come Emmanuel
Come Emmanuel (2x)**

Chorus

**Love that begins us
Pardons and wins us
Come and reign in us,
Emmanuel
Come and speak to us
Fill and renew us
Come and live through us,
Emmanuel**

**Once mercy found us
Still You astound us
Hold and surround us,
Emmanuel**

Chorus

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING MOMENT

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. The table is open to ALL.

HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” vv. 2-3 UMH 224

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."

- 11/30 Cindy Miller's co-worker, Sarah Haselden hospitalized in ICU resulting from a car accident. Fractured skull & injured C5 vertebra. Sarah's mother also hospitalized.
- 11/28 Iris Jones fell, resulting in broken pelvis and elbow replacement surgery. Now at Triple Creek for rehabilitation.
- 11/28 Bud Aydlett- knee replacement surgery was 11/30 and he is now home recovering.
- 11/28 Belinda Peters' father, Robert McClelland had a heart attack last week and is now home.
- 11/28 Edith & Dick Davis' son-in-law, Bob Nixon awaiting jaw replacement surgery.
- 11/28 Jennie Marshall's sister-in-law, Katrina Biscay has undergone her 23rd surgery related to Crohn's Disease.
- 11/28 Jennifer Rinker's mom, Johnnie Atkins, on dialysis this week, after suddenly becoming ill Friday.
- 11/28 Doug & Beth Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah deployed to the Texas border for (391) days. Prayers for daughter Kristi and children.
- 11/28 Linda Prohaska's brother, Eugene has Lung cancer. Prayers for wisdom in knowing best treatment.
- 11/28 Update on Linda Prohaska's brother, Glenn had 1/4 of lung removed. Continued prayers.
- 11/21 Zedith Pottenger & family in the death of her daughter-in-law, Deborah Pottenger.
- 11/21 Paul Schutte is now at 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.
- 11/14 Penny Dole and family on the loss of Penny's sister's husband, Henry Hull.
- 11/14 Rick Broshear who has lung cancer, continued prayers.
- 11/07 Danny Thomas 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 now has Covid. Prayers for full recovery.
- 11/07 Nick and Kylie Alcorn are having health issues. Prayers.

11/07 Marlis Hatton's sister, Marilyn Schoppenhorst had back surgery. Marilyn's husband Erwin Schoppenhorst has heart problems.

A Memorial Service for Jean Bennett
(passed away on 11/17/2021) will be held on
Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11:00 AM
in our sanctuary

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	Dick Brewer
Our Country	Gina Hollinger
First Responders	Sharon Hamp
United Methodist Church	Brenda Smoot
Prayer & Bible Study Groups	Freida Hawkins
Jean Stivers	Rick Broshear
Mitch Thomas	Iris Jones
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)	Bud Aydlett
Merianne Cardas	

St. Mark's Homebound:

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

St. Mark's Homebound at HOME:

Sue Webster
Virginia Shaw
Eleanor McCollum
Paul Schutte
Zedith Pottenger
Jim Beckett
Bob Netherland
Jean Cottrill
Dollie Gallihugh

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:

www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 12/05

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion for children and adults sanctuary and livestreamed.

G.L.O.W. preschool—5th grade will meet and join the adults for Communion. Nursery open for infants—age 3

3:30 pm Confirmation Class

5:00 pm Dinner for Youth

6:00 pm Youth Group

MONDAY, 12/06

10:00 am Crafter Group

TUESDAY, 12/07

6:45 pm CYFM Team

7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Tr. 960

7:00 pm Trustees

WEDNESDAY, 12/08

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group

2:00 pm Bible Study

6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 12/09

7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 12/10

5:30 pm Youth Group visits Rockdale Temple

SATURDAY, 12/11

1:00 pm Senior Covered Dish Luncheon

SUNDAY, 12/12

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

1:00 pm Youth Group visits Freedom Museum

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.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE, THROUGH DECEMBER 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, 5:30-9PM

YOUTH GROUP VISIT TO FREEDOM MUSEUM, SUN., DEC. 12TH, 1-6PM

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, MONDAY, 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"

HANDMADE CRAFTS FOR SALE IN CHOIR ROOM, TODAY!

New crafts continue to be available in the Choir room each week! The Crafting Ladies continue to make gorgeous crafts for the 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!

Alethea came in this past week, there may be more new books, check it out! 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.

COMMUNION SETS

Nurture & Care Committee is reminding folks that if you borrowed a communion set, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE LIVE STREAMING AND IN PERSON SERVICE, 7PM

We will have Christmas Eve Service both live streaming and in person on December 24th at 7:00 PM.

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	Sue Luken
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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