



*Christmas Eve*

*Festival of  
Lessons & Carols*

*St. Mark's United Methodist Church*  
*7:00 p.m.*

PRELUDE  
Welcome

Sue Combs  
Pastor Joe

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Theiss Family

*singing*

**We honor Messiah with Christ's candle flame  
Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim  
O Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night  
As God comes among us, we share Christ's true light.**

On this Holy night, ponder these questions:

When have you felt that you truly led a Christian life in this past year?  
Where have you experienced God breaking into the world this year?  
What are the challenges this Christmas? How can you overcome them?  
How can you be an "altogether Christian" this coming year?

Let us pray:

**Lord God, tonight we celebrate your Son's birth and give thanks for his life in the midst of ours. You have called us not only to celebrate, but to model our lives after Him. You desire more than outward appearances, but the true nature of one who has been transformed by Christ. Help us, O God, to live a life worthy of that calling. We pray this in the name of the One we have come to adore this night. Amen.**

\*CAROL

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" vv. 1,2,3,6

UMH 234

PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER  
OFFERING MOMENT

\*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

"To the World, Joy"

Bell Choir

FIRST LESSON

**Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19**

Linda Payne

*God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

Hymn

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" v. 1

UMH 196

Solo

"Do You Have Room?"

Penny Dole

SECOND LESSON

**Genesis 22:15-18**

Tonya Leguina

*God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessing.*

Duet

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Mark Hensler

THIRD LESSON

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7a**

Ali Leguina

*The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.*

Carol

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" vv. 1&2

UMH 216

Solo

"Away In a Manger"

Hannah Hensler

FOURTH LESSON **Micah 5:2-5a** Julie Dichtl  
*The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor  
and peace for all God's creation.*  
Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH 230

FIFTH LESSON **Luke 1:26-35,38** Brenda Smoot  
*The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth  
to God's promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.*  
Solo "O Holy Night" Linda Payne

SIXTH LESSON **Luke 2:1-7** Brodie Theiss  
*Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.*  
Solo "Still, Still, Still" Kayla Goodman

SEVENTH LESSON **Luke 2:8-16** Dennis Mullen  
*The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.*  
Solo "Special Delivery" Chris Beiser

EIGHTH LESSON **Matthew 2:1-11** Ira Begley  
*The wise men follow the star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.*  
Carol "What Child Is This" UMH 219

#### 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.*

*Please join in singing carols. Words will be projected.*

Prayer after Communion

*Lights are Dimmed*

\*NINTH LESSON **John 1:1-14** Pastor Joe  
*John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*  
\*Carol in candlelight "Silent Night, Holy Night" UMH 239  
\*Prayer for Christmas  
*Lights on, candles extinguished*

\*CLOSING CAROL "Joy to the World" UMH 246

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

(\*Stand in body or spirit)

(A)

In memory of our parents from Bud & Shirley Aydlett (Red)

In memory of departed family and friends from Bud & Shirley Aydlett (Red)

(B)

In honor of my wonderful family from Ann Brabbs (3-Red)

In honor of our parents from David & Pam Brockfield (White and Pink)

In memory of Dave's dad from Dave & Cindy Booker (Red)

In memory of Frederick Bunte, Herb Gross and our Bunte/Schueneman relatives from The Bunte Family (Red)

In honor of our family and friends from The Bunte Family (Red)

In memory of our parents from Lyn Bucalo & Bob Ratliff (2-Red)

In memory of John Bright, Gloria McGrath & Barbara Newell from Roy & Helen Brown (Red)

In memory of Sharon Brown, Georgette Brown and Konar Davenport from Roy & Helen Brown (Red)

In memory of my parents Dick & Helen Moser from Debbie Bryant (Red)

(C)

In memory of John Bright from Vicki, Kraig, Chelsey, Shelby Cavender (Red)

(D)

In memory of Bill & Gennie Summers and Bill Dichtl from Bill and Julie Dichtl (Red)

In memory of Jack Anderson from Tim Dutey, Michael Anderson, Ethan, Kayden, and Isaac (Red)

In memory of Jean Dutey from Tim Dutey, Michael Anderson, Ethan, Kayden, and Isaac (White)

In memory of Marion Dutey from Tim Dutey, Michael Anderson, Ethan, Kayden, and Isaac (Pink)

In honor of our great grandchildren from Dick and Edith Davis (Red)

(F)

In memory of Lou Fassnacht from Pat Fassnacht & Holly Craig (Red)

In memory of Naomi Rowland from Pat Fassnacht & Holly Craig (Red)

In memory of Mike Kinnard from Pat Fassnacht & Holly Craig (Red)

(G)

In memory of Vina and B.A. Myers from Shirley Grant (Red)

In memory of Joyce and Bob Roberts from Shirley Grant (Red)

In memory of our parents; Harold & Ruth Warren and George & Elizabeth Gering from Jeff & Carol Gering (Pink)

In memory of my parents; Roy & Jolene Goebel from Pam Guynes (Red)

In honor of Nurture & Care Committee for all of your help & support.

Love ALL of you! From Pam Guynes (Red)

(H)

In loving memory of my husband and parents from Lois Hill (White)

In honor of my three children: Debbie, Tari & Steve from Lois Hill (White)

In memory of Daniel Hatton from Marlis Hatton (Red)

In memory of our parents from Mark & Jenni Hensler (Red)

(J)

In memory of Betsy Jones from Jim Jones (Red and Pink)

(K)

In memory of Jill Klingel Szul & Conner Szul from Pastor Bob & Judy Klingel (Red)

(L)

In memory of Marilyn Davis from Pablo & Tonya Leguina (Red)

In memory of Carlos Leguina from Pablo & Tonya Leguina (Red)

In honor of my grandchildren from Alethea LaMar (2-Red)

(M)

In memory of Joey Miller from Cindy Miller (Red)

In memory of my husband, John from Ann McWilliam (Red)

In memory of Jennie's mother, Karen Mason & Rick's father, Gary Marshall from Rick & Jennie Marshall (Pink)

In honor of our grandchildren; Sophia, Tommy, Millie and Tatum from Rick & Jennie Marshall (Pink)

In honor of our children, Sami (Josh), Jacob (Camry), Morgan and Gunnar from Rick & Jennie Marshall (Pink)

(P)

In memory of George Peters and my mother, Donna McClelland from Belinda Peters (Pink)

(R)

In memory of David Robinson from Kyle Robinson (Red)

In memory of Carol Grammel from Tari Randall (Pink)

In memory of Robert Grammel from Tari Randall (Red)

In honor of Maryada Millsbaugh from Susan Rumley (Red)

(S)

In memory of Lou Fassnacht from The Stracke's (Pink)

In memory of our parents from Don & Marilyn Stewart (Red)

In honor of our children & grandchildren from Don & Marilyn Stewart (Red)

In memory of French Smoot from Brenda Smoot (Red)

In memory of our parents Bob Schumacker and Craig & Florence Kennedy from Bill & Lynne Schumacker (White)

(T)

In memory of James McCann from Rich Turner (2-Red)

In memory of Lee Rumley from Kristy Theiss (Red)

## ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:

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

### SUNDAY, 12/26

9:30 am Music Sunday with Chris & Sue in sanctuary and livestreamed (G.L.O.W.) Nursery open for infants—age 3

### MONDAY, 12/27

10:00 am Crafter Group

### TUESDAY, 12/28

### WEDNESDAY, 12/29

### THURSDAY, 12/30

7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### FRIDAY, 12/31

### SATURDAY, 1/01

ALL DAY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!

### SUNDAY, 1/02

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



*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and he shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God."*

*—Isaiah 9:6-7*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Requests are from December 19, 2021 only:

- 12/19 Mrs. Deedee Edmonson recovering from surgery.
- 12/19 The Klug's sister, Karen, her boyfriend & his 2 son's have Covid.
- 12/19 Patty Coyle's, sister, Karmen who has kidney stones.
- 12/19 Prayers for all those struggling during this time as they work to provide for their families and loved ones.
- 12/19 Susan Bunte's mother is recovering from a stroke & pneumonia.
- 12/19 Pam Guynes' friend, Pat Anthony who is diagnosed with Liver Cancer.
- 12/19 Continue prayers for Byron Jones.
- 12/19 The Hensler's neighbor, Darrell having open heart surgery on December 22.
- 12/19 Belinda Peters' father, Robert McClelland who has heart failure and is now in Hospice care.
- 12/19 Doug & Beth Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah deployed at Texas border for (370) days. Prayers for daughter Kristi & children.
- 12/19 Belinda Peters' niece, Megan, her husband passed away. She had just got married this past Spring.
- 12/19 Joan Streckfuss has passed away. Funeral is Jan. 4, 2022, Tuesday at 10AM location is Spring Grove Mausoleum.

## **Continuing Prayers:**

|                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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—lung cancer       |
| Mitch Thomas                        | Iris Jones—rehab at Triplecreek |
| Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter) | Bud Aydlett—knee replacement    |
| Merianne Cardas                     |                                 |

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

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Phyllis Tunning—Triplecreek | Gale Logan—Otterbein Community |
| Dale Shreve—Birchwood, 409  | Byron Jones—Majestic Care      |
| Greg Pullem—Parkside        |                                |

## **St. Mark's Homebound at HOME:**

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

# **WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S!**

Our Mission is 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     |

Special Thanks to all who served as ushers, greeters,  
audio/visuals, and all who came to this special service.

**Merry Christmas!**



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