



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 26, 2021, 9:30 am
In-Person & Live-Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks

GATHER

PRELUDE

Ms. Vera Bell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mervin McIntyre

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped in him swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

People: And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Leader: And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them,

People: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you; you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Leader: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God and saying,

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

*HYMN

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

UMH 240

MORNING PRAYER

We give thanks to you God, for this tiny baby, life and breath Immanuel, God with us, a promise of salvation.

We give thanks for the loving parents in Mary and Joseph, for the light of a star, for the radiance of angels, for the running feet of shepherds, for all the joy of that first Christmas.

We thank you today for the life and breath of Christmas, that we are here, now, gathered in this place, joined in one accord in praise to you.

Let the light of Jesus shine in our hearts as we come together for worship. Amen.

*PASSING of the PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

HISTORY of the NATIVITY

CHILDREN'S
SPECIAL MUSIC "The Friendly Beasts" UMH 227

SPECIAL MUSIC "Ding Dong Merrily on High" Mark Hensler

Christmas Around the World Rev. Mervin McIntyre
"Joy to the World"
"Away in a Manger"
"We Three Kings"
"O Come All Ye Faithful"

SCRIPTURE Ms. Vera Bell

FINDING THE PERFECT GIFT Rev. Mervin McIntyre

SPECIAL MUSIC "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" Hannah Hensler

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC "Mary did You Know" Rev. Mervin McIntyre

DISMISSAL

*HYMN "Go Tell it on the Mountain" UMH 251

*BENEDICTION
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."

- 12/22 Prayers for male and his family. He is in mid-50s in ICU.
- 12/19 Mrs. Deedee Edmonson recovering from surgery.
- 12/19 The Klug's sister, Karen Kolde, 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.
- 12/12 Joan Streckfuss has passed away. Funeral is Jan. 4, 2022, Tuesday at 10AM location is Spring Grove Mausoleum.
- 12/12 JOY! Bill Schumacker thanks Matt Snyder for helping to start their car after the battery died. Another angel at St. Mark's!
- 12/12 Doug & Beth Ewald are proud grandparents to Rory Glenn Richardson born to Tami & Greg Richardson.
- 12/12 Betty Jones thanks everyone for their prayers. Her daughter-in-law in Florida has improved! What a blessing & answer to many prayers.
- 12/12 Bud & Shirley Aydlett miss everyone! Bud continues home therapy from his knee replacement on 11/30. It's a slow, painful but productive process.
- 12/12 Kathy Bradley's friend, Sandy Cline is in very poor health.
- 12/12 For the staff & students of our local schools dealing with stress & Covid threat. It is heartbreaking!
- 12/12 (Anon.) Neighbor's daughter, Jennifer Hanson is in critical condition in Cleveland Clinic.
- 12/12 Tim Dutey's nephew, Gabe had surgery on December 10th and is doing very well.

- 12/12 (Anon.) Prayers that ablation procedure is approved to help with back pain.
- 12/12 Gale Logan has moved to Otterbein Community. Her dementia is growing worse and she is feeling alone.
- 12/12 Linda Prohaska's brother, Eugene Campbell. Prayers for wisdom in knowing how to treat for lung cancer diagnoses.
- 12/12 Byron Jones who had a major stroke.
- 12/12 Peggy Smith's friend Chris, who has cancer, she recently lost her husband to cancer 18 months ago.
- 12/05 Jennifer Rinker thanks everyone for the prayers for her mother. She continues to improve and her kidney failure has reversed and her dialysis & biopsy cancelled. Praise God!
- 12/05 Jennifer Rinker's father has a growth between his bladder and prostate. He will need a biopsy to determine if it is cancer.
- 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 & elbow replacement surgery. Now at Triple Creek for rehabilitation.
- 11/28 Edith & Dick Davis' son-in-law, Bob Nixon awaiting jaw replacement surgery.

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

Our Country

First Responders

United Methodist Church

Prayer & Bible Study Groups

Jean Stivers

Mitch Thomas

Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)

Merianne Cardas

Dick Brewer

Gina Hollinger

Sharon Hamp

Brenda Smoot

Freida Hawkins

Rick Broshear—lung cancer

Iris Jones—rehab at Triplecreek

Bud Aydlett—knee replacement

St. Mark's Homebound:

Phyllis Tunning—Triplecreek

Dale Shreve—Birchwood, 409

Greg Pullem—Parkside

Gale Logan—Otterbein Community

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, 12/26

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

MONDAY, 12/27

10:00 am Crafter Group
6:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study

TUESDAY, 12/28

7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Tr. 960

WEDNESDAY, 12/29

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Photo-OP and shOP in the Choir Room, TODAY!

There are two great Opportunities in the choir room to check out & enjoy! A holiday area has been set up for a photo-OP with family & friends, and you can also shop the wonderful handmade crafts designed by the talented Monday Ladies Craft Group. Make sure you stOP in!

HYMNOLOGY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Chris & Sue have (3) videos of Hymnology for the Holidays posted on the church website. There is a Thanksgiving hymn lesson, an Advent Carol lesson, and an Angel Carol lesson. There will be several more posted in the upcoming weeks. Listen, learn, enjoy and then share the videos with others!

HANDMADE CRAFTS FOR SALE IN CHOIR ROOM, LAST DAY TODAY!

Last chance to stop in the Choir room to pick up any items that are on display that the Monday Crafting Ladies made. Beginning January, they will begin the Spring craft making and they have great things planned!

USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE

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.

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS 2022 SIGN UP SHEET FOR MEALS

Thanks to all who provided meals for our hungry youth this fall! This is such a huge help to the leaders, and we are very grateful.

The sign-up sheet for meals in 2022 is on the narthex bulletin board.

JANUARY 4, TUESDAY AT 10AM, JOAN STRECKFUSS FUNERAL

Joan Streckfuss passed away December 12th. There is a funeral planned for Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 10AM, location is Spring Grove Mausoleum.

JANUARY 5, WEDNESDAY AT 2PM, BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP HALL

We will break for Christmas holiday and resume January 5, 2022. See you next year! *Please Note: December 29, we will not meet for Bible Study.*

JANUARY 9, 16 & 23 AFTER WORSHIP, SUNDAYS, LITURGIST CLASS

Linda Payne will be offering another Liturgist class beginning Jan. 9, 16, and 23, 2022. We will meet after worship in the front of the sanctuary. Anyone interested, please contact Linda after church to sign up.

JANUARY 15, SATURDAY, 11AM-1PM, JEAN BENNETT MEMORIAL

There is a memorial service for Jean Bennett on Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 11AM—1PM in St. Mark's UMC Sanctuary.

JANUARY 21, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH'S CIRCLE, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Ruth's Circle is open to all women of the church. Come for snacks and fellowship. Questions? Contact Pam Guynes (513)779-9162 or Pamguynes2@gmail.com; or Charlene Miller (513)844-6793 or chardamiller@gmail.com. See you there!

JANUARY 22, SATURDAY, 9AM, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

St. Mark's is scheduled to serve at Matthew 25 on Saturday, January 22, 9-11AM. All church family are invited to join us! A sign-up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board. For more information contact Lynne Schumacker at (513) 382-0488 or email at Lynneshoe@icloud.com.

COMMUNION SETS

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit your announcements to the office by Wednesday each week. Contact Lyn at the church office or send to L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com.



Poinsettias 2021

(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 & 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 and support.

Love ALL of you! From Pam Guynes (Red)

Poinsettias Continued...

(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)

Why is the Poinsettia the most popular Christmas plant?

'Tis the season when United Methodist sanctuaries around the world bloom into shades of red, pink, and white created by poinsettias, the most popular Christmas plant. With leaves shaped like the Star of Bethlehem, the poinsettia has been a decorative staple for decades.

While most people associate the poinsettia with Christmas, what may get overlooked is how the poinsettia actually represents not only the birth of Jesus, but also Christ's resurrection.

"I can't imagine not having the poinsettias in the church," said the Rev. Donna Friddle, senior pastor at United Methodist churches in High Point, North Carolina. "The plants are a visible reminder for us of Christ's birth and His death and the meaning behind those events."

Symbolically, we have Jesus' life story in one plant. The leaves symbolize the star that led the Wise Men to the newborn Jesus, the red leaves are a reminder of the blood of Christ shed during His crucifixion and the white leaves represent Christ's purity.

"We move through the birth of Christ to get to the cross."

[Link for this article:](https://www.umc.org/en/content/the-poinsettia-tells-jesus-life-story)

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*If you ordered a Poinsettia, pick up is Dec 24th after Christmas Eve Service

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 **FEBRUARY** NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Wednesday each month.

February Newsletter deadline is January 19th

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