

# *The Light of Home*



Second Sunday of Christmas



**January 2, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Payne

Sing aloud with gladness:

**God is gathering the people!**

From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

**All who struggle; all who labor with new life!**

Those who are weeping, God will console;

**Those who get lost find a clear path home.**

Let us worship the God who gathers us!

\*HYMN

"Christ Is the World's Light"

UMH 188

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Ever-calling God,**

**We give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence.**

**We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church.**

**Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation**

**for the church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful**

**people may be one in you. Amen**

*Written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website, <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways>.*

*Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/10/call-to-worship-prayer-jeremiah-31.html>.*

\*PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-9

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"The Light of Home"

Pastor Joe

HYMN

“What Feast of Love”

**What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?**

**What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?**

**This, this is Christ the King,  
the bread come down from heaven.**

**Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!**

**What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word if given?**

**This, this is Christ the King,  
the sun come down from heaven.**

**Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given.**

**What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?**

**What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?**

**This, this is Christ the King,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.**

**Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!**

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.*

**DISMISSAL**

\*HYMN

UMH 206

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” vv. 1 & 2

\*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."*

- 12/26 Bud Aydlett begins out-patient therapy for his knee replacement. Thank you for your prayers.
- 12/26 Lois Hill's grandson & family who are on the cruise ship that has Covid outbreak.
- 12/26 Marlis Hatton's friend, Dave Meier has blood clots in lung and going through some difficult life challenges.
- 12/26 All of the residents at Parkside Nursing & Rehab. Center
- 12/19 Deedee Edmondson recovering from surgery.
- 12/19 The Klug's sister, Karen Kolde, her boyfriend & his 2 sons 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, recovering from a stroke & pneumonia.
- 12/19 Pam Guynes' friend, Pat Anthony, with liver cancer.
- 12/19 Continue prayers for Byron Jones, on hospice care.
- 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 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.
- 12/12 Tim Dutey's nephew, Gabe had surgery on December 10th and is doing very well.
- 12/12 Gale Logan has moved to Otterbein Lebanon SeniorLife Community. Dementia is worsening 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 Peggy Smith's friend Chris, who has cancer. Chris recently lost her husband to cancer 18 months ago.
- 12/05 Jennifer Rinker's mother. 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 Edith & Dick Davis' son-in-law, Bob Nixon awaiting jaw replacement surgery.

In memoriam. Joan Streckfuss, Aug. 18, 1931—Dec. 12, 2021  
Funeral is Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, 10 AM at Cedars of Lebanon Chapel (on the grounds of Spring Grove Cemetery, 4521 Spring Grove Ave.) where family and friends will be received from 9:30 AM until the time of service. Joan was a St. Mark's member since 2005.

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

Our Country

First Responders

United Methodist Church

Prayer & Bible Study Groups

Jean Stivers

Mitch Thomas

Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)

Merianne Cardas—cancer

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—Hospice

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

Sue Webster

Virginia Shaw

Eleanor McCollum

Paul Schutte

Zediith Pottenger

Jim Beckett

Bob Netherland—Hospice

Jean Cottrill

Dollie Gallihugh

# ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our updated online calendar:

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

## TODAY, 1/02

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion sanctuary and livestreamed.  
G.L.O.W. preschool—5th grade will meet and join the adults for  
Communion. Nursery open for infants—age 3

## MONDAY, 1/03

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

## TUESDAY, 1/04

10:00 am Joan Streckfuss Funeral—Spring Grove  
6:45 pm CYFM Team  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Tr. 960  
7:00 pm Trustees

## WEDNESDAY, 1/05

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

## THURSDAY, 1/06

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

## FRIDAY, 1/07

## SATURDAY, 1/08

## SUNDAY, 1/09

9:30 am Epiphany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord  
Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade. Nursery for infants—age 3  
10:30 am Liturgist Class (meet front of Sanctuary)  
5:00 pm Christmas Décor—TAKE DOWN.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK UP IN THE NARTHEX.**

Boxes of offering envelopes with unique numbers have been prepared for our church families. Using the envelopes assist our financial secretaries when they count and credit our offerings to the correct households.

### **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DÉCOR REMOVAL NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 9 @ 5PM.**

Join your church family for fun and fellowship while taking down our Advent/Christmas decorations for another year. An Epiphany Pizza Party for the helpers will follow.

### **BRAND NEW HOMEMADE ITEMS FOR SALE IN CHOIR ROOM!**

Visit the Choir room to shop for a variety of unique handmade items and gifts. The new winter/spring items are on display starting today and the 'Monday Crafting Ladies' continue to create beautiful one-of-a-kind items throughout the 2022 year.

## **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.

## **YOUTH GROUP 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.*

## **LITURGIST TRAINING JANUARY 9, 16 & 23 AFTER WORSHIP.**

Linda Payne will be offering another Liturgist Training 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 21, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH'S CIRCLE, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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

## **JAN. 21, FRIDAY, 2PM, SALAD LUNCHEON COMMITTEE.**

Mark your calendars now for the 2022 Salad Luncheon, scheduled for May 5, 2022. More details are coming soon. The first committee meeting will be immediately following Ruth's circle on January 21 at 2pm.

## **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.

## **NEW 2022 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP SHEET IN NARTHEX HALLWAY**

The NEW 'Altar Flower Sign Up' sheet is located in the hallway of the Narthex. Please provide: Name, Email/Phone and type of event. The cost per bouquet is \$15 each. The order should be submitted to the office by Wednesday. Thank you.

# 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	Linda Payne
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Lay Leader/Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

## **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Contact Lyn Bucalo at [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto: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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