

# 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...a world of justice, love and peace filled with people growing in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

JUNE 2022

FATHERS ISSUE

**JUNE 19, SUNDAY**

Happy  
*Father's Day*



***Father's Day,***  
is a day for ALL of the MEN  
who love with a Father's Heart!  
On this day,  
we honor all father's in our life...

Grandfathers, Fathers/Dads, New Dads,  
Step-Dads, Godfathers, Adoptive Dads,  
Dads-in-Law, Expecting Dads, Pet Dads,  
Honorary Dads, and Dads in Heaven.

***Thank You...***

Dear St. Mark's,  
*Thank you* for upgrading the "livestreaming."  
It is working for the long distance services and  
everything looks great too!

With Blessings,  
Dick & Darlene Kuertz



*Thank You,* for your support for the  
Annual Used Book Sale during the Salad Luncheon.  
We raised over \$200.00 in donations!  
This will go to Ruth's Circle missions.



Dear St. Mark's,

*Thank you,* to Everyone, who participated and  
helped with the Annual Salad Luncheon on May 5.

*The Luncheon took in \$1,355.00 and the craft items  
took in \$678.00 for a Total of \$2,033.00!  
\$1,000.00 is going to livestreaming upgrades  
\$ 500.00 is going to Choir for music stands.*

We were especially happy to visit with everyone  
and look forward to next year!

With Gratitude,  
The Monday Craft Ladies



## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOE



Dear St. Mark's Family,

### *What day is this worship commentary describing?*

"On this day we remember and celebrate the fullness of God's promises in Jesus Christ. Before us this day is the whole sweep of Christ's death and resurrection, his ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit with all God's gifts and commissioning power for our ministries."

Can you guess the day? If you guessed Pentecost Sunday you would be correct! If you guessed incorrectly or had no clue, I would not be surprised. Pentecost Sunday is one of the most important days of the Church year, but also one of the least celebrated or known.

In the second chapter of Acts we read how Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke powerfully to the people gathered in Jerusalem that day. And,

"Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day. The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers." Acts 2:41-42

This day marks the birthday of the Church, so you can see why it deserves to be special. So, why isn't it? My theory is the placement of the day in our own calendar, in that it falls Memorial Day, graduation, and the beginning of summer. There are just too many distractions.

This year Pentecost falls on June 5, and to help make this day special, I invite you to join with your church family under the picnic shelter for a Pentecost Church Family Picnic. All food will be provided. There will be grilled burgers an hotdogs and all the fix'ins.

**Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church. Let's celebrate!**

Blessings,  
Pastor Joe



### **NOTICE: IN NEED OF CHURCH TREASURER**

For many years, St. Mark's has been blessed to have Tim Mislansky serve as our treasurer. This summer, Tim and Julie will be moving to Dayton, and they will be sorely missed in countless ways. Their departure leaves an opening for another member of the St. Mark's family to become our next treasurer. Ideally, this person would enjoy working with numbers, have a familiarity with Excel and QuickBooks, and most importantly, consider this volunteer position as a way to live out their vow of service to the Lord.



### **Baptism of Isaac Dutey-Anderson, May 22**

Welcome our newest baptized child of God, Isaac John Dutey-Anderson! Isaac is 3yrs old, is the son of Tim Dutey & Michael Anderson, and the brother of Ethan Sizemore & Kayden Dutey-Anderson.





# YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY JULIE MISLANSKY



### Confirmation Sunday

Pastor Joe and I are so proud of our four

teens who faithfully participated in confirmation classes for the past nine months! *What a journey it has been!*

On May 22, we baptized and welcomed into the church Ethan Sizemore, Ali Leguina, and Kayden Dutey-Anderson. Gunnar Marshall has opted not to join the church at this time. Congratulations and blessings on these youth of our church! They are a blessing to me and add much value to St. Mark's, this community, and the future!



Many thanks to those who provided meals for us in 2022!! Pat Fassnacht, Kym Nguyen, Jenni Hensler, Debbie Bryant, Lynne Schumacker, Ann Brabbs, Cindy Booker, and Peggy Smith. Also, a HUGE thanks to the Monday Night Bible Study group, who generously prepared and served the meal for our Confirmation practice. *(Love these women!!!)*

### Confirmation Dinner & Practice



More thanks, to our entire St. Mark's family for their support, prayers, and guidance for our youth during the confirmation journey and always.

*Your love is felt and appreciated!* 🍷



Summer youth group plans are underway! June 2, we have a pool party at the Leguina home to celebrate the beginning of summer!

**THEN...**

We will have our Second Annual Youth Mission Week, July 11-15, serving a different local ministry each day. Final details will be shared in upcoming bulletins.

In the meantime...



We have contacted New Life Furniture, Cincinnati's only furniture bank, to host a "Fill the Truck" furniture and household goods donation drive on July 15. We will have more details to come but wanted to give a "heads-up" so that you can begin gathering any items you may want to donate.

**Accepted Items:** Sofa/Loveseat (not sleeper or reclining)/Living Room Chairs/Coffee/End Tables/Lamps/Bookshelves/Kitchen/Dining Table and chairs/bar stools/Bufet/Sideboard/Hutch/Dressers/Night Stands/Chest of drawers/ Clothing/Books/New toys/Jewelry/Accessories/ Exercise Equipment/ Electric Appliances/Outdoor Furniture/Décor/Pots/ Radios/Clocks/Wall Art/Decorations/Vacuum cleaner/Flat screen TV/ Dishes/Glasses/Silverware/Pots/Pans/Bakeware/Microwave/Sheets/ Towels/Blankets/Comforters/Coffee Maker/Toasters and more! SEE the full list at: [www.nlfurniture.org](http://www.nlfurniture.org)

**Items not accepted:** Items with stains/tears/pet hair, NO items that need repair or refurbishing, NO King-size mattress/box spring, NO Waterbeds or Platform beds, NO Lawn Equipment, NO Baby Furniture, NO Baby Equipment (due to factory/safety recalls), NO Office Furniture, NO Pianos/organs, NO Stuffed animals, NO USED TOYS, NO Medical Equipment





## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



Thanks to all who donated shorts, underwear, and drinks to the Broken Bus Ministry! These items will be much needed during these upcoming hot, summer days.

### Shared Harvest FOODBANK



Pictured, is our Shared Harvest volunteering group on May 12!



Thank you to these faithful persons who pack food boxes for our community Seniors.

### SERVE CITY "MEAL" FRIDAY, JUNE 10

St. Mark's will provide the meal for Serve City residents on Friday, June 10. We have been consistently feeding 60+ persons, so much food is needed! Please consider donating an item, they need to be in the church kitchen on that day by 5:15pm. For this meal, St. Mark's Cares will provide the meat. We will need side dishes, desserts, and drinks. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you! Please see Charlotte Tierney, if you have any questions.



### MATTHEW 25 "SERVE" SATURDAY, 11-1, JUNE 25

St. Mark's scheduled a "Serve Time" at Matthew 25 Saturday, June 25 from 11am—1pm.

All ages and abilities are welcomed! We never know what the task will be, but it usually involves sorting of items. Last time it was Men's dress shirts. Whatever it will be, it always involves fellowship and laughter.

Please contact Lynne Schumacker with questions. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



**Saturday, June 11**

7:30-9:30 (race begins at 8:30am)  
Marcum Park/Hamilton, OH

Register for this fun family event today!

All paid participants will receive:

-Chipped timing

-A free T-shirt

-A Commemorative Medal

-And the opportunity to do something healthy for their body and their community by helping us to ensure that "every child in Butler County has a home"!

Sign up at <https://dotdash22.givesmart.com>



### JUNE MISSION PROJECT

We are asking everyone to support our Vacation Bible School and their mission project with your money and donations.



They are collecting pet food donations & will deliver to the Fairfield Food Pantry.

Donations will be collected in the Narthex bins during the month of June.

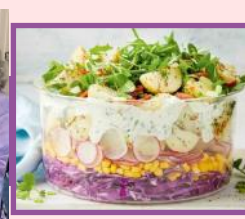




## FELLOWSHIP and GATHERINGS

### 2022 ANNUAL SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON & CRAFTS (in May) *Sponsored by the Monday Craft Ladies*

There was more than just iceberg lettuce...





## MUSIC MINISTRY



### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC CHRIS BEISER

My father was a quiet, gentle, man with a dry sense of humor. He loved his family, his friends, and especially his sports. I always felt I was the disappointing child because I did not have the same passion as he did for sports. My father was a basketball and football player in high school. While at Kentucky Wesleyan University, he was on their championship basketball team, and continued playing for various pick up teams for years. He bowled at least three times a week. For the Thursday night church league, he helped his team to bring home many a trophy for St. Mark's! When my father developed Parkinson's he gave up these sports but just could not sit still, as a result he developed a great love for golf which he played until he could not hold the clubs.



I gave little league my best shot for many years. I was a right fielder. While in the field I excelled in daisy chains and hoping the center fielder could run fast enough to catch the ball if it came my way. I loved the special treat tickets we received for winning a game and for some reason was placed on the best teams year after year, so treat tickets were plentiful!

I enjoyed music and theater from a very young age and although my father hoped I'd excel in sports he was so proud I excelled in the arts. I will always remember him telling a friend I had more talent in my big toe than in his

whole body. Seeing him in the audience at a school or college concert, or a theatrical production made it difficult to perform from getting so choked up on tears.

This tall man that I always looked up too began to weaken as Parkinson's continued to take control of his body. No more basketball, bowling, or golf. He eventually was confined to a wheelchair and began to lose some of his memory capabilities as well. One thing my father was also very good at was the upkeep and maintenance of a car, me not so much. He would always say to me... "make sure you change your oil."



At one of my dad's doctors appointments the doctor told me that Parkinson's was causing my dad's brain to work like a lighter, sometimes it lights the first time, sometimes it takes several tries before the flame happens. He will remember some things and then not, it will be very inconsistent. At my mothers funeral it came time to take my dad back to the nursing home, he had watched people the whole service with no acknowledgement of who they were, but when I said goodbye to him, he looked at me and clear as ever said, "make sure you change your oil".

So even though he was sports, I was the arts, together we had an amazing father and son relationship. Everyday, I miss him still. A song helps me through during the difficult times, "You Raise Me Up"... You raise me up to walk on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I'm on your shoulders. You raise me up to be more than I can be.  
**Proverbs 23: 26...a righteous son is one who gives God his heart and keeps his attention trained on His ways.**

## POEMS WRITTEN BY LINDA PAYNE

**gardens sprout  
in unlikely spots  
boulders, rocks  
and old logs  
carpeted with velvet moss  
plants, ferns and flowers**

**these gardens  
are microcosms  
of beauty  
miracles  
displaying optimism  
and courageous hope**



# FINANCIAL UPDATE

TIM MISLANSKY, TREASURER  
GALE GOODMAN, FINANCE CHAIR



...know how to give  
good gifts to your  
children, how much  
more will your Father  
who is in heaven give  
good things to those  
who ask Him!

— Matthew 7: 9-10

Greetings St. Mark's Family,

*April was a strong month of giving...* which was a relief after our poor March. We had over \$33,000 coming into the church. Most of our typical monthly expenses were in line with other months. Our expenses were a bit above usual as we paid our quarterly insurance bill of about \$2,000 and spent \$2,000 from the operating budget (unbudgeted) to fund the remainder of the video and sound system upgrades.

*Year-to-date, giving is up about \$9,000 or 5%.*

However, expenses are up almost \$12,000 or 12%. The biggest increases are in staff costs (\$6,800), utilities (\$4,000) and capital projects/repairs (\$2,300). These are somewhat offset by reductions in apportionments (\$1,800). Overall, we have received \$3,400 more than we spent for the year. We continue to make our loan payments on time and have paid 1/3 of our total apportionment bill for 2022.

*We ended the month at nearly \$53,000 at the credit union.*

Because of the strong giving in April, we were able to reduce the amount we are borrowing from ourselves by \$4,400 and are now borrowing just under \$4,000 from ourselves. We used \$5,300 from memorial funds to help offset the cost of the video and sound upgrades.

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





# PICK ME UP MOMENTS — JUNE

COMPILED BY CAROL PITTMAN

## *"Honoring Father's Moments"*

- June 01, 2022 One of the benefits of summer was that each day we had more light to read by.—Jeanette Walls  
([The Glass Castle](#))
- June 02, 2022 To walk in nature is to witness a thousand miracles.—Mary Davis
- June 03, 2022 An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.—Henry David Thoreaux
- June 04, 2022 Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.—Isaiah 35:10
- June 05, 2022 Summer memories last forever.—Anon
- June 06, 2022 There is sunshine in my soul today.—Eliza Hewitt
- June 07, 2022 Allow nature's peace to flow into you as sunshine flows into trees.—John Muir
- June 08, 2022 Summer is a state of mind.—Anon
- June 09, 2022 I love how summer just wraps its arms around you like a warm blanket.—Kellie Elmore
- June 10, 2022 Let us relish life as we live it, find joy in the journey and share our love with friends and family.  
—Thomas S. Monson
- June 11, 2022 You may not always see the results of your kindness, but every bit of positive energy you contribute to the world makes it a better place.—Lisa Currie
- June 12, 2022 Use your freedom to serve one another in love.—Galatians 5:13
- June 13, 2022 A father is someone to look up to no matter how tall you grow.—Anon
- June 14, 2022 When we honor our flag we honor what we stand for as a nation: freedom, equality, justice, and hope.  
—Ronald Reagan
- June 15, 2022 A father is someone who, no matter how old you are, will always catch you if you fall.—Anon
- June 16, 2022 When my father didn't have my hand, he had my back.—Linda Poindexter
- June 17, 2022 My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give—he believed in me.—Jim Valvano
- June 18, 2022 A father loves completely, gives quietly, teaches gently and inspires deeply.—Anon
- June 19, 2022 [A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.](#)—Anon
- June 20, 2022 God is always present, regardless of how you feel.—Anon
- June 21, 2022 I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot, together we can do great things.—Mother Teresa
- June 22, 2022 You must learn to trust that there is a future waiting for you that is beyond what you might be able to grasp at this present moment.—Sanjib Sutradhar
- June 23, 2022 I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June.—L.M. Montgomery,  
([Anne of Green Gables](#))
- June 24, 2022 Choose what makes your heart bloom.—Dhiman
- June 25, 2022 There are four very important words in life: Love, Honesty, Truth and Respect. Without these in your life you have nothing.—Helen Barry
- June 26, 2022 Never walk away from someone who deserves help, your hand is God's hand for that person.  
—Proverbs 3:27
- June 27, 2022 In God's grace each dawn is a gift and everyday a miracle.—Anon
- June 28, 2022 No matter what's happening, take time daily to remember all that's good in your life.—Jane Lee Logan
- June 29, 2022 Dare to try something new today, old pathways won't lead to new places.—Jane Lee Logan
- June 30, 2022 Love keeps no record of wrongs.—1 Corinthians 13:5





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

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

## **G.L.O.W. (Sundays) AM:**

Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday for Worship and Bible lessons. There will be one class for children preschool—5<sup>th</sup> grade.



## **Church Family Picnic on June 5, after Worship (10:45-ish):**

Let's celebrate all things spring with a church picnic after worship on Pentecost Sunday. All food (Hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes, desserts) and drinks will be provided. Everyone is Invited!

## **G.L.O.W. @ Night – (Date Change):**

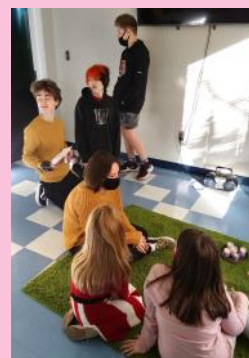
The June date for GLOW @ Night has been changed from June 5 to June 12.  
Time: 5-7PM.



## **VBS – June 26-30, 6:30 until 8:30:**

St. Mark's invites children Pre-school to fifth grade to a Food Truck Party-where we will be On a Roll with God. This party include fun small group time, amazing science, creative crafts, fun games, delicious snacks and memorable Bible stories that will help children turn to God for all they need and join God in providing the needs of others.

Register online at: <https://stmarksumc.mycokeburyvbs.com>



## **Art Camp-July 7, 14 & 21- 12:30 until 3:30 New this summer!**

Thursdays in July are going to be fun and creative! Children 4-12 are invited to join the Art Camp.

*Note: You do not need to attend every week.*

July 7 — Working with clay and bisqueware.

July 14 — Weaving- Basket making and wall hangings

July 21 — TBA

Preregistration is required and a small \$5.00 weekly fee to cover costs.



## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

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



### St. Mark's Trustee's Corner "JUNE SPRUCE UP" Saturday, June 4 at 9am

Summer is just around the corner, we are loving the warmer weather. Join us on Saturday, June 4 at 9am, and we will spend a few hours "Sprucing Up" the lawn, trimming bushes, and work on our list of projects both inside and outside. It will be a great day for fellowship keeping St. Mark's beautiful!

#### Helping Hands...

This is an ongoing effort to identify those who can spend time working on areas in and around the church with minor updates, clean ups or necessary tasks. Sign up on the back of the attendance card, and a St. Mark's

Trustee will contact you. Additionally, the list of items that we are seeking helping hands for will be **posted on the Trustee update bulletin board in Narthex**.

This list will be updated as items are completed or new needs arise. We all can join in to help keep St. Marks beautiful!



### RUTH'S CIRCLE—SUMMER BREAK

We want to remind all of Ruth's Circle members that we **DO NOT** have regular meetings during the summer months of June, July & August

We will look forward to seeing you again at  
Ruth's Circle in September  
Pam Guynes & Charlene Miller, Co-chairs of Ruth Circle



### June Anniversaries

6/01	Rick & Janis Kiefer	37
6/05	Tim Dutey & Mike Anderson	14
6/10	Rick & Jennie Marshall	16
6/19	Dan & Judy Scofield	51
6/20	Greg & Joann Keith	41
6/20	Brodie & Kristy Theiss	13
6/24	Bobby & Jennifer Rinker	27
6/25	Bob & Judy Klingel	62
6/25	Cliff & Cheryl Klug	39
6/25	Tim & Maria Mullen	34
6/25	Rich & Suzan Stracke	45
6/28	Eric & Michele Leyrer	14




### June Birthdays

6/01	June Niederman	89
6/03	Kym Nguyen	
6/06	Will Nguyen	
6/07	Chris Cooper	
6/07	Nancy Lewis	80
6/08	Charlotte Tierney	
6/09	Brian George	
6/09	Dale Shreve	
6/10	Sue Beckett	84
6/13	Aidyn Edmundson	
6/16	Helen Mullen	
6/20	Becky Hamblin	
6/21	Rich Stracke	
6/24	Tim Mislansky	
6/26	Debbie Hill	
6/26	Ardean Pitman	85
6/27	Wes Flannery	
6/27	Kristy Theiss	
6/28	Don Stewart	
6/29	Sue McDaniel	
6/30	Terrill Broshear	
6/30	Mike Fitzpatrick	



# ST. MARK'S UMC CALENDAR

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Happy Fathers Day</b> 			<b>1</b> Men's Prayer Group 7:30am Chancel Choir Practice 7:30pm - 9:00pm	<b>2</b> Small group Bible study 7:00pm - 9:00pm Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> SPRUCE UP WORK DAY 9:00am
<b>5 Pentecost Sunday</b> Holy Communion 9:30am - 10:30am Worship & NO G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC 10:45am	<b>6</b> Crafters Group 10:00am	<b>7</b> CYFM Team 6:45pm Boy Scouts Tr. 960 7:00pm - 8:30pm Trustees 7:00pm	<b>8</b> Men's Prayer Group 7:30am Chancel Choir Practice 7:30pm - 9:00pm	<b>9</b> Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm	<b>10</b> Serve City Meal	<b>11</b> Family Promise 5K 8:00am - 9:00am Memorial Services (Byron Jones) 2:00pm - 3:00pm
<b>12 Trinity Sunday</b> Worship & G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am Dinner 5:00pm - 7:00pm GLOW@NITE 5:00pm - 7:00pm	<b>13</b> Crafters Group 10:00am	<b>14</b> Administrative Board 7:00pm Boy Scouts Tr. 960 7:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>15</b> Men's Prayer Group 7:30am	<b>16</b> Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Father's Day</b> Worship & G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am	<b>20</b> Crafters Group 10:00am	<b>21</b> Boy Scouts Tr. 960 7:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>22</b> Men's Prayer Group 7:30am	<b>23</b> Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Matthew 25 Volunteering Saturday 11:00am
<b>26</b> Worship & G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am VBS Truck Rally 6:30pm - 8:15pm	<b>27</b> Crafters Group 10:00am VBS Truck Rally 6:30pm - 8:15pm	<b>28</b> SPRC meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm VBS Truck Rally 6:30pm - 8:15pm Boy Scouts Tr. 960 7:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>29</b> Men's Prayer Group 7:30am VBS Truck Rally 6:30pm - 8:15pm	<b>30</b> VBS Truck Rally 6:30pm - 8:15pm Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm		



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



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## SPIRIT OF ST. MARK'S JUNE 2022

The  
*righteous*  
**MAN** walks  
*in his*  
*integrity; His children are*  
**BLESSED**  
*after him. - PROVERBS 20:7 -*



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

Pastor, Rev. Joseph M. Payne  
Joe's cell #614-531-2373  
Pastor Emeritus, Bob Klingel  
Admin. Assistant, Lyn Bucalo  
Director of Music, Chris Beiser  
Organist, Sue Combs  
Director of Children & Family Ministries, Peggy Smith  
Director of Youth Ministries, Julie Mislansky

### **Church Office Hours :**

Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Friday  
9:30am - 3:00 pm  
Monday - (Office Closed)

(513) 844-1818  
Fax: (513) 844-2828  
[www.fairfieldstmarks.com](http://www.fairfieldstmarks.com)

Worship Service:  
Sundays 9:30 am