

Sermon Series

Wrestling With the Bible



Week One

“Making Sense of the Bible”



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 21, 2022, 9:30 am

In-Person and Live-Streamed

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WELCOME! We are glad you are here.

- Please complete the "Welcome to St. Mark's" insert and place it in the stewardship box in the narthex as you leave.
- Have a prayer request? Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks. Cards will be collected during the opening hymn.

PRELUDE

Tisha Patton

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Joe

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Romans 11:33-36) Tonya Leguina

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN

"Wonderful Words of Life"

UMH 600

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, thank You for this invitation to be transformed in Your presence; heart, mind and soul. We belong with You. We need You. We love You. We worship You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-4

MESSAGE

"Making Sense of the Bible"

Pastor Joe

Sermon Series: *Wrestling With the Bible*

WE CARE AND PRAY

Concerns & Joys

Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING MOMENT

*Place offerings in the Stewardship Box in the narthex, or
Mail to 4601 Fairfield Ave., Fairfield, OH 45014, or
Give online at fairfieldstmarks.com/give*

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to render to you all that we have and all that
we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only,
but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the
sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living
sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

*HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UMH 420

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus With You" G. Weaver

**When you leave this place take Jesus with you.
Share his love with others every day.
Share his promises and all the joy he gives you.
Share the hope with those you meet along the way,
Share the strength he givesthrough pain or sorrow.
Learn to forgive as He forgives our sin.
In your quiet time give thanks in prayer a
and praise his holy name,
And he will bless you, and he will keep you,
until we meet here in this place.**

*POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

If updates are unknown, these items are listed for four weeks. Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."

- 8/14 Mike & Dee Aiken's relatives that were affected from the floods, they are still struggling in Kentucky.
- 8/14 For all the flood victims in Kentucky, W. Virginia & Tennessee and the recovery efforts.
- 8/14 Sharieda from Parkside may need a heart operation.
- 8/14 Ann McWilliam had a fall and is recuperating at home with bruised ribs but is improving well.
- 8/14 Peg Wyatt is ill and in rehab at Sanctuary Pointe.
- 8/07 JOY! Mark & Sue Luken's daughter, Katie and her husband Mike are expecting their 1st baby in February 2023. Pray for a continued healthy pregnancy.
- 8/07 Bob & Judy Klingel's son Doug as he recovers. Doug is scheduled to come home and has a great deal of recovering and rehab (3 times a week at OSU). Doug has been diagnosed with Guillain-Barré Syndrome, a very rare and serious condition where the person's own immune system harms their body's nerves. Thankfully, Doug's wife is an ICU nurse and can care for him.
- 8/07 Elaine Shreve's sister-in-law, Jeannie Shreve has been diagnosed with throat cancer.
- 8/07 Andy & Ann Shellman, as they move to Charlotte, NC and begin a new chapter in their lives.
- 8/07 The Klug's great nephew, Cooper Argo is doing great! He's at home and in therapy after having emergency surgery in June to remove a blood clot. He is not allowed to ride his bike or do any contact sports for 3 months. Thanks to everyone for their prayers!
- 7/31 Congratulations to Rick & Jennie Marshall, a new (5th) grandchild, Theodore "Theo" Edmund Hannah. Continued prayers for mom Sami, who is struggling with high blood pressure and 3 delivered weeks early. Theo has had breathing issues that he will hopefully outgrow.
- 7/31 Prayers for compromise and peace between traditional and reconciling faith at St. Mark's.
- 7/24 Lois Hill is recovering and is grateful for all of the prayers, texts, calls, and cards.
- 7/24 Virginia Shaw who is recovering from back issues.
- 7/24 Richard Shaw is slowly recovering; his open sore is slowly getting smaller.

- 7/21 Larry Miller's brother, Neal has pneumonia and blood clots in his leg and lung and also has cancer in his kidney. He is in Christ Hospital in ICU.
- 7/17 A JOY! Tomie has a new great grandson as of July 15. Congratulations!
- 7/17 Tomie's neighbor, Bill Jackson in in hospital with Dementia.
- 7/17 Ruth Stanifer's, Aunt Wilma (Mother's sister) is having health issues.
- 7/17 Rick Mischell is having health issues (from Becky Hamblin)
- 7/10 Tim Mullen recovering at home.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE for DALE SHREVE on August 26
(in Cochranton, PA):**

Dale Shreve's Memorial service will be August 26 at the Cochranton UMC in Cochranton, PA. Dale passed away on May 25 and we continue to send our love, prayers and our deepest condolences to Elaine, the family and friends.

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
Merianne Cardas
Sharon Hamp

Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
Virginia Shaw's son Richard
Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah **(132)**
Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother)
Peggy Wyatt (Sanctuary Pointe)

St. Mark's Homebound:

Vivian Brill
Jean Cottrill
Freida Hawkins
Carolyn Janosik—StoryPoint
Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
Eleanor McCollum
Zedith Pottenger

Greg Puller—Parkside
Jean Stivers
Virginia Shaw
Phyllis Tunning—Triplecreek
Paul Schutte—Triplecreek
Sue Webster
Betty Winkler

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 8/21

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3

MONDAY, 8/22

10:00 am Crafters Group

TUESDAY, 8/23

6:30 pm SPRC meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 8/24

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group

THURSDAY, 8/25

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 pm Finance Meeting

FRIDAY, 8/26

SATURDAY, 8/27

SUNDAY, 8/28

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST MISSION PROJECT—THE CARING CLOSET

The Caring Closet is dedicated to improving the lives of children ages K-12 in the Hamilton city school district by providing clothing and basic necessities to those in need. Currently, their toiletry pantry is low. They always need unopened items that are full sized. We are collecting: *2 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant bar soap, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Feminine Hygiene (pads only, no tampons) and Men's size boxer brief underwear (Med and Large)*. Collection tub is located in the Narthex.

We will be collecting these items through Sunday, August 28.

Contact Sue Luken (513) 257-8862 for questions. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER 7, WEDNESDAY, 2-3PM, BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Wednesday Bible Study returns after our summer break beginning on September 7 from 2-3pm. We will meet in Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Sue McDaniel at smcdaniel13@hotmail.com. See you then!

SEPTEMBER 8, 15, 22, 29: SMALL GROUP STUDY:

"The United Methodist Church: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

This four-week study is designed to assist anyone trying to understand the current political turmoil in the United Methodist Church. Those who designed the study plan to stay in the UMC and hope for a more just, diverse, and inclusive future.

Two options to attend:

- In-person in Fellowship Hall from 1:00-2:15 PM.
- Zoom (on your laptop, tablet, or smart phone) from 6:30-7:45 PM.

Register in the narthex or email smumc@fairfieldstmarks.com, with your name and your meeting preference. Please consider joining this study (no worries if you cannot attend all 4 sessions) and being a part of this important conversation.



**SEPTEMBER 11, SUNDAY, AFTER WORSHIP
(ALL CHURCH PICNIC)**

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Chips, Dessert and Drinks will be provided. See you there!

SEPTEMBER 12, MONDAY (ZOOM) BIBLE STUDY, 6:30-8:00PM

The Monday night (zoom) bible study will be starting its weekly meetings on September 12 at 6:30pm. Contact Sue Luken for more details.

SEPT 17, BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER RUN 4 KIDS 5K WALK/RUN, 8:30AM

St. Mark's team is joining the BBBS Run 4 Kids 5K Walk/Run once again. We have a Sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board and/or you can register online at the BBBS (Butler County) The fee is \$30. Check-in and opening ceremony at 8:30 and the 5K Walk/Run begins at 9:30. We will meet at Rentschler Forest Metro Park. For questions, contact Lynne Schumacker (513) 382-0488. *The LINK is:*

<https://ca-p2p.engagingnetworks.app/24485/run4kids2022/139655/st.-mark-s-Methodist-church>

SEPTEMBER 23, FRIDAY, 1-3PM, RUTH'S CIRCLE MEETING

The Ruth Circle will have our first meeting on Friday, September 23 at 1-3pm in Fellowship Hall. (Note: This meeting is later than usual date and is for this month only). For more information contact Pam Guynes at (513)779-9162 or email Pamguynes2@gmail.com and Charlene Miller (513)844-6793 or email chardarmiller@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 23, FRIDAY, SERVE CITY MEAL

We are signing up for Breakfast items such as *Casseroles*. There will be a sign up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board as well as on the Facebook Community page. Please contact Tari Randall for more information.

USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE

Help support St. Mark's mission project by checking out the books located in the Narthex hallway and the cost is your donation. Contact Alethea LaMar at (319) 750-1323 with questions. Thank you for your help with this important mission.

2022 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP SHEET IN NARTHEX HALLWAY

The 'Altar Flower Sign Up' sheet is located in the Narthex hallway. 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 morning, 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.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

STAFF

Pastor	Joe Payne
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Director of Children & Family Ministries	Peggy Smith
Director of Youth Ministries	Julie Mislansky
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Pianist	Tisha Patton
Liturgist	Tonya Leguina
Camera	Mark Hensler
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Screen	Jennie Marshall

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

OCTOBER Newsletter deadline is Monday, SEPT 19

ALTAR FLOWERS:

One floral: In Honor of Nicole Specht's Birthday!

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