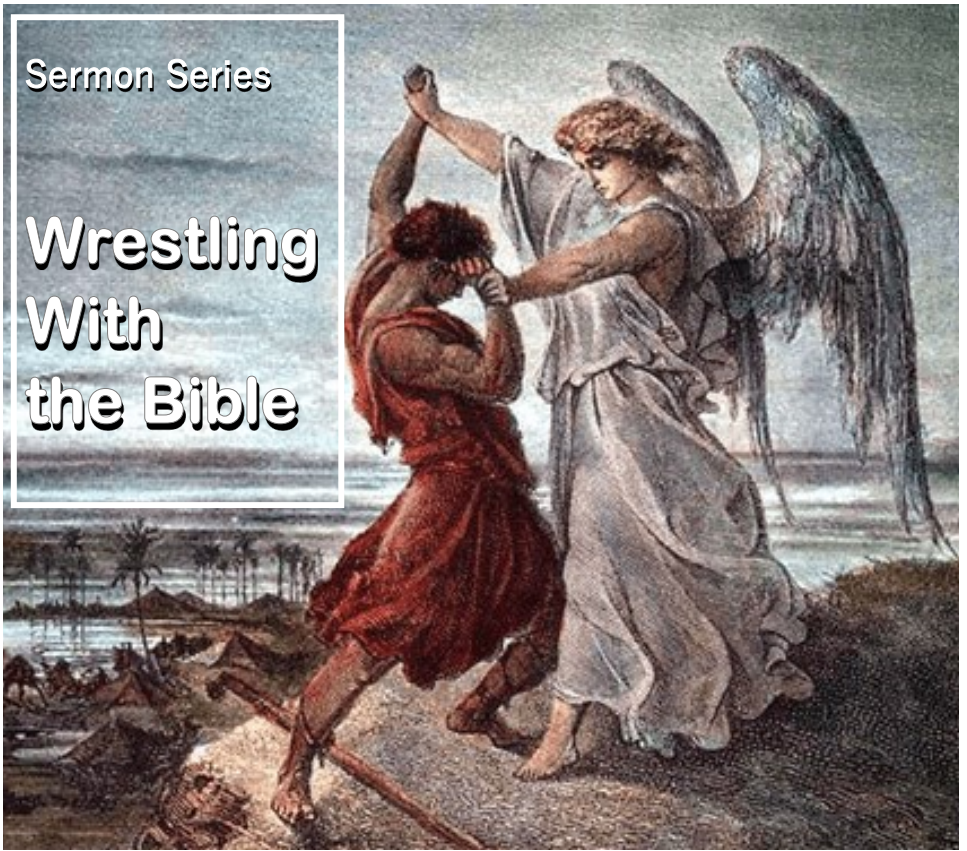


Sermon Series

Wrestling With the Bible



Week Two

“Making *Even More* Sense of the Bible”



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 28, 2022, 9:30 am

In-Person and Live-Streamed

www.fairfieldstmarks.com

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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 (Psalm 136:1-3)

- Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH 384

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, thank You for this invitation to be transformed in Your presence; heart, mind and soul. We belong to 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.

ANTHEM

"All Night, All Day"

The Bell Choir
(previously recorded)

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.**

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

MESSAGE "Making *Even More* Sense of the Bible" Pastor Joe
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*HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" UMH 430

*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."*

- 8/24 Gale & Devin Goodman family and friend on the passing of Gale's mother, Rose Marie Townsend on 8/23. May all of your happy memories of your mother give you peace and comfort. We are sending our prayers and heartfelt condolences to you and the entire family. Service will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at Rose Hill Funeral Home; Visitation 10-11am, Services at 11am.
- 8/21 Sue Beckett's neighbor Joyce Bell who is recovering from heart surgery.
- 8/21 Elaine Shreve and the family in Memorial service for Dale. Safe travels to Pennsylvania and back home.
- 8/21 Becky at Parkside who is recovering being ill & has Covid.
- 8/21 Lois Hill's neighbor, Dale Hanson who had Kidney surgery on Monday, August 22 and is now recovery process.
- 8/21 God bless the Ukrainian people and all those inflicted around the world.
- 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 and the recovery efforts in Texas, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Virginia, West Virginia, and the Las Vegas Valley.
- 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.
- 8/14 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 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 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!

- 8/07 Andy & Ann Shellman, as they move to Charlotte, NC and begin a new chapter in their lives.
- 8/07 Elaine Shreve's sister-in-law, Jeannie Shreve has been diagnosed with throat cancer.
- 7/31 Prayers for compromise and peace between traditional and reconciling faith at St. Mark's.
- 7/31 Congratulations to Rick & Jennie Marshall, a new (5th) grandchild, Theodore "Theo" Edmund Hannah. Continued prayers for mom Sami. Theo has had breathing issues that he will hopefully outgrow.
- 7/31 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.
- 7/31 Tim Mullen recovering at home.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Rose Marie Townsend
August 31, 2022 at Rose Hill Funeral Home
Visitation: 10-11am
Memorial Services: 11am
Memorial Meal at St. Mark's UMC (after services)

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
 Virginia Shaw's son Richard
 Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah **(125)**
 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 Pullem—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, 8/28

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

MONDAY, 8/29

10:00 am Crafters Group

TUESDAY, 8/30

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 8/31

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, 9/01

1:00 pm Book Club

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

7:00 pm Small Group Thursday Bible Study

FRIDAY, 9/02

SATURDAY, 9/03

SUNDAY, 9/04

9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS LAST DAY, 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 are 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 1:00-2:15pm.
- Zoom (on your laptop, tablet, or smart phone) from 6:30-7:45pm.

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. The book study topic will be "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. 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. *****The September calendar is located on the counter in the Narthex.***

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 helping this important mission.

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
Administrative Assistant	Lyn Bucalo
Director of Music	Chris Beiser
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	
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 Joe Specht's Birthday!

One floral: In Honor of Missy LaMar's Birthday!

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