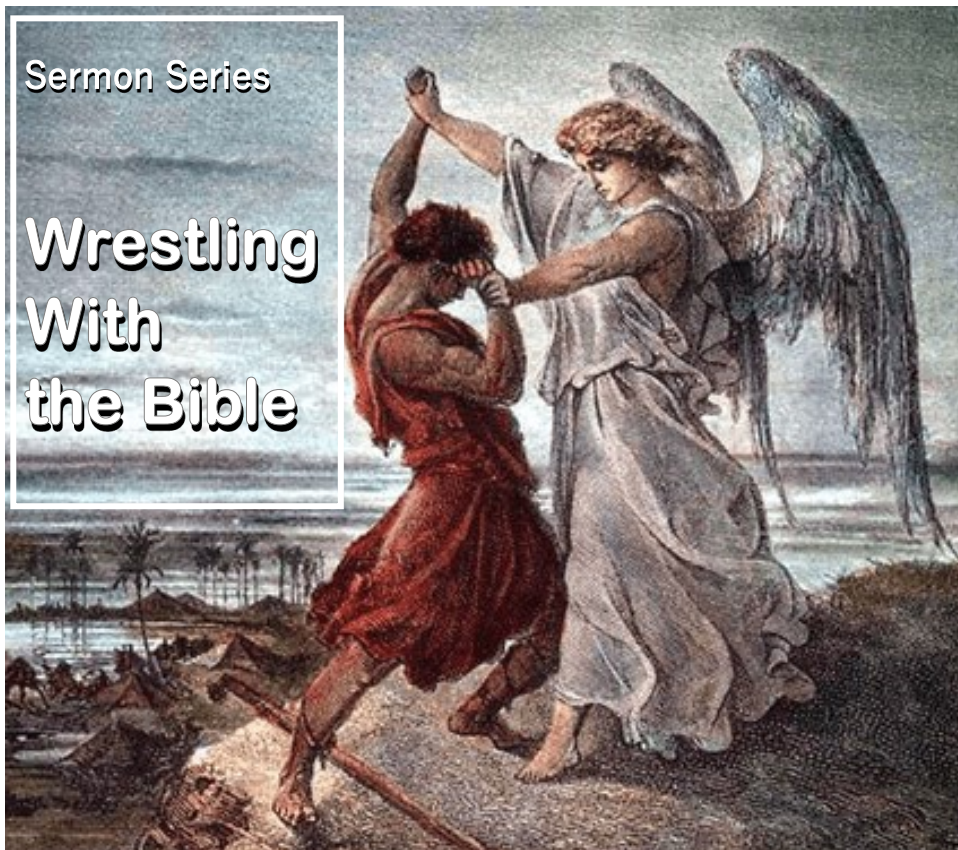


Sermon Series

# Wrestling With the Bible



Week 3

“Violence and God in the Bible”



**ST. MARK'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**September 4, 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  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Combs  
GREETING/  
Pastor Joe

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 34:8)

O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
**happy are those who take refuge in him.**

\*HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH 454

\*OPENING PRAYER

**We come to church hungry, Lord!  
We are hungry for comfort, hungry for love,  
hungry for a new way of living, hungry for your word.  
Thank you for giving us this place and this time to  
worship, and we are eager to taste your goodness  
in community, with our brothers and sisters.  
Bless us as we feast on the Bread of Life today.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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](http://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 Exodus 32:27-28; Joshua 10:40; Romans 12:2

MESSAGE "Violence and God in the Bible" Pastor Joe  
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\*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 everylasting life, what wondrous word is 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!**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

UMH 13

Invitation: As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and with the risen Christ. All are welcome to receive the sacrament.

\*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."*

- 8/31 Peggy and John Smith were in a minor car accident and doing okay. Peggy has a pinched neck nerve that is affecting movement in her arm.
- 8/28 A BIG Happy 98th Birthday (August 24) to Freida Hawkins!
- 8/28 Ann McWilliam is doing much better but still recuperating at home. She is improving every day and is looking forward to coming back to church soon.
- 8/28 Bob & Judy Klingel's son Doug is now home and continues to recuperate and do rehab (3 times a week) at OSU.
- 8/28 Evan Huxsoll, find peace and know I love and miss him!  
—Jennifer Specht
- 8/28 For ALL of the families and friends of Evan Huxsoll,  
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
—Matthew 5:4" We pray that God wrap his arms around you and give you peace and strength during this difficult time.
- 8/28 Jennifer Specht in the loss of her boyfriend, Evan and his family for strength and comfort. From Mom (Missy).
- 8/28 Our Youth! St. Mark's put out your yard signs from last year for the youth of Fairfield need to see our love and ALL of them matter!
- 8/28 Joyce Zugelter is now home in Hospice care.
- 8/28 Elaine Shreve's sister-in-law, Jeannie Shreve passed away last week. Our hearts go out to you and your family and we continue to keep you and your family uplifted in prayers.
- 8/28 Bud & Shirley Aydlett's niece, Bonnie and her family.
- 8/28 Iris Jones' son-in-law Tim Beltz is having testing (WCUC).
- 8/28 Hensler's family friend Jennie Hall recovering from surgery and sepsis.
- 8/28 Greg Pullem's friend Brandy, young lady from Parkside with an unknown illness. Also, for Greg's new friend, Otis.
- 8/28 For the family of Sister Norine Hopkins.
- 8/28 Sandy Cline and her family.
- 8/28 Lois Hill's neighbor, Dale Hanson had a couple more kidney surgeries and is doing very well. He left for a vacation with his wife to Canada. Wow, God is good!
- 8/28 Sue Beckett's neighbor Joyce Bell is doing well and still recuperating from heart surgery a few weeks ago.
- 8/28 Elaine Goodman's aunt Dorothy Townsend passed away.
- 8/24 The Goodman family and friends on the passing of Gale's mother, Rose Marie Townsend on 8/23. We send our prayers and heartfelt condolences.
- 8/21 Elaine Shreve and the family in Memorial service for Dale.
- 8/14 Peg Wyatt is ill and in rehab at Sanctuary Pointe.
- 8/14 Sharieda from Parkside may need a heart operation.
- 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 across the United States as well as around the world!
- 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 Andy & Ann Shellman, as they move to Charlotte, NC and begin a new chapter in their lives.
- 8/07 Prayers for compromise and peace between traditional and reconciling faith at St. Mark's.

### **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.

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| All service Men & Women     | Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)                    |
| Our Country                 | Virginia Shaw  |
| First Responders            | Virginia Shaw's son Richard                            |
| United Methodist Church     | Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah <b>(118)</b>              |
| Prayer & Bible Study Groups | Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother) |
| Merianne Cardas             | Peggy Wyatt (Sanctuary Pointe)                         |
| Sharon Hamp                 |  |

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

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Vivian Brill                   | Greg Pullem—Parkside          |
| Jean Cottrill                  | Jean Stivers                  |
| Freida Hawkins                 | Virginia Shaw                 |
| Carolyn Janosik—StoryPoint     | Phyllis Tunning—Triplecreek   |
| Gale Logan—Otterbein Community | Paul Schutte—Triplecreek      |
| Eleanor McCollum               | Sue Webster                   |
| Zedith Pottenger               | Betty Winkler                 |
|                                | Joyce Zugelter (Hospice care) |

# ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: [fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)  
**TODAY, 9/04**

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

**MONDAY, 9/05 (Labor Day—offices closed)**

**TUESDAY, 9/06**

6:45 pm CYFM Team  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 960  
7:00 pm Trustees

**WEDNESDAY, 9/07**

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group  
2:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, 9/08**

11:00 am Nurture & Care Meeting  
1:00 pm Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow Small Group Study  
6:30 pm (ZOOM) Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow Small Group Study  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

**FRIDAY, 9/09**

**SATURDAY, 9/10**

**SUNDAY, 9/11**

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3  
(Children/Family New Curriculum year begins)  
11:00 am All Church Picnic

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT—THE FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting cleaning supplies for the "Fairfield Food Pantry". We are collecting: Laundry detergent, Fabric Softeners and Dishwashing liquid. Contact Debbie Bryant for details. Collection tub is located in the Narthex. Thank you!

### SEPTEMBER 7, WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP HALL, 2-3PM

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](mailto:smcdaniel13@hotmail.com). See you then!

### SMALL GROUP STUDY POSTPONED:

Please note that the four-week study, "The United Methodist Church: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," has been postponed to a later date beyond the busy fall season.



**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!

**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. Contact Lynne Schumacker (513)382-0488 with details.

The LINK is:

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



**SEPTEMBER 19, WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT STUDY, (ZOOM) 6:30PM**

The Women's Monday Night Study (zoom) will be zooming on September 19 from 6:30—8:30pm. The book study topic will be "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. Contact Sue Luken for more details.

**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.

**NOW AVAILABLE! HOLIDAY CRAFT ITEMS FOR SALE IN CHOIR ROOM!**

Come into the Choir room to see what the Monday Craft Ladies have been working on all summer! The craft items and gifts can be purchased now for this year's Holiday Season. Be sure to check it out every week as the ladies offer new items. Don't miss out, items get sold quickly.

# 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

Pianist	Sue Combs
Liturgist	Linda Payne
Camera	Mark Hensler
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Screen	Jennie Marshall

### **DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Contact Lyn Bucalo at [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto: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: Happy Birthday (Sept 2) Alethea LaMar from your sister, Ann.

One floral: In Memory of Jim Beckett's heavenly birthday (Sept. 2).

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