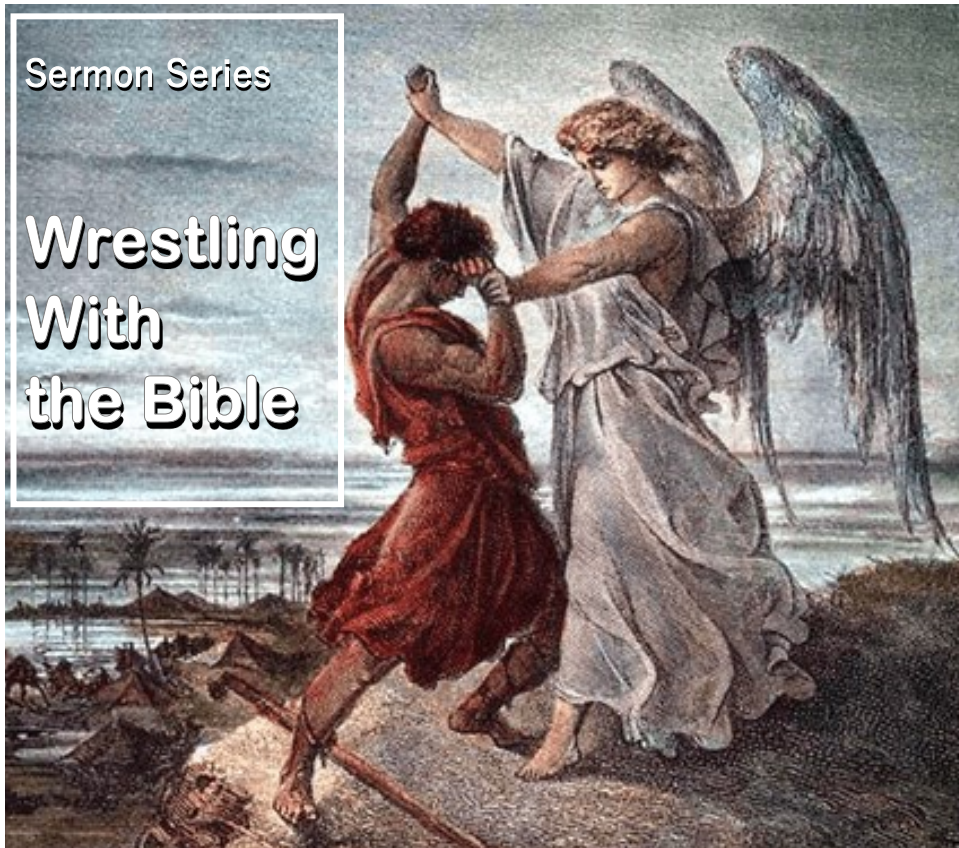


Sermon Series

Wrestling With the Bible



Week 5

Sexuality and the Bible:



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 18, 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

Sue Combs

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Joe

*CALL TO WORSHIP+

Eric Leyrer

We come today from different places, different moods, different mornings.

Some are hectic and rushed, others quiet, perhaps forlorn. Regardless, we are loved equally in God's eyes.

We pray in joy and hope and longing, and God hears each prayer the same.

We worship with different voices and talents, and we lift up our hearts united in praise.

*HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH 98

*OPENING PRAYER+

Life-giving God, you created us in your image, and with a rich diversity of character and personality. Inspire us to embrace our individuality; to give thanks for the quirks and abilities that make us who we are. Guide us to respect and value difference in each other and to appreciate the variety that makes life interesting; that makes friendship vibrant; that sparks creativity. Encourage us to love without judgment or fear, and with confidence in your eternal love for us. 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*

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All things come from you O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SOLO

Chris Beiser

SCRIPTURE

Acts 11:1-8

MESSAGE

"Sexuality and the Bible" Pastor Joe
Sermon Series: *Wrestling With the Bible*

*HYMN

"The Gift of Love" UMH 408

*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 gives through pain or sorrow.
Learn to forgive as He forgives our sin.
In your quiet time give thanks in prayer
and praise His holy name,
And He will bless you, and He will keep you,
until we meet here in this place.**

*POSTLUDE

+Call to Worship and Opening Prayer by Gill Le Fevre

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

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

- 9/13 Paul Schutte at Mercy hospital.
- 9/13 Peg Wyatt receiving therapy at home.
- 9/11 Debbie Hill having severe back pain.
- 9/11 Friend of Aydlett's, Richard Butler.
- 9/04 For the family and friends of Sandy Cline who passed away. Send them peace and strength during this time as we give our condolences.
- 9/04 Willa Ramsey's dear friend with health and family concerns.
- 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 receiving in home health care.
- 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 provide peace & 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 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.
- 8/28 Hensler's family friend, Jennie Hall recovering.
- 8/28 For the family of Sister Norine Hopkins.
- 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 Gale 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.

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)

Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah **(104)**
Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother)
Peggy Wyatt (Sanctuary Pointe)
Residents at Parkside
Virginia Shaw
Virginia Shaw's son Richard

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—Mercy Hospital
Sue Webster
Betty Winkler
Joyce Zugelter (In home health care)

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 9/18

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

MONDAY, 9/19

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
6:30 pm Women's Zoom Study

TUESDAY, 9/20

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 9/21

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

THURSDAY, 9/22

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 9/23

Serve City Meal
1:00 pm Ruth's Circle

SATURDAY, 9/24

SUNDAY, 9/25

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
2:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT—THE FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting: Laundry detergent, Fabric Softeners and Dishwashing liquid.
Contact Debbie Bryant for details. Collection tub is in the Narthex. Thank you!

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

Check out the Choir room each week to see what the Monday Craft Ladies have been working on! The craft items and gifts can be purchased now through the Holiday Season. Don't miss out, items get sold quickly!

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

The Women's Monday Night Study (zoom) will be "RE-zoom" 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, 9/23 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 chardamiller@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.

SEPTEMBER 25, SUNDAY, 6:00-7:30 PM G.L.O.W. @ NIGHT

For children 4 years old through grade 5, we have planned a fun time of fellowship with a Bible based video lesson. More dates are set for October 9 and November 13. For more information, contact Peggy Smith.

SEPTEMBER 25, SUNDAY, 2—4PM, ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Any youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us! If you have a child that age and haven't heard from me, please let me know! I want all to feel welcomed and wanted! Julie Mislansky, knauffjj@icloud.com or phone (513)-505-4061

OCTOBER 8, SATURDAY, 8:30AM-12:00, NAMI WALK, #Together4MH

Meet at the Fitton Center for Creative Arts; 101 S. Monument Ave. Their mission is to open up doors for everyone from every walk of life and to have access to Mental Health Resources and the community they deserve. Register online at Namiwalks.org. Search for St. Marks UMC. Thank you!

OCTOBER 9, THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY

We will celebrate all 3rd grade children that have connection to St. Mark's with the presentation of personalized Bible. If you have a student (child, grandchild, or other 3rd grade family member) that would like to receive their Bible, please contact Peggy Smith, Sue Luken or call Lyn at the church with student's name.

OCTOBER 10, MONDAY, 12:30—2:30PM, SHARED HARVEST

We have a volunteer opportunity to help pack Senior boxes at Shared Harvest on Monday, October 10 at 12:30-2:30PM for 10 Volunteers. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. See Debbie Bryant for details. Thank you.

OCTOBER 23, SUNDAY, FALL FEST/TRUNK or TREAT 4:30-6:00PM

Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat Sunday from 4:30-6:00pm. Food, games, and trunk or treat. Decorate your cars. This event is open to everyone, public included. Rain date is October 30 (*following Sunday*) For more information, contact Peggy Smith.

OCTOBER 30, SUNDAY, AFTER WORSHIP, CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our Presiding Elder and guest preacher for the day will be the Rev. Patricia Matthews. Included on the agenda will be a recommendation from the Trustees that we sell the vacant half-acre lot behind the garages and picnic shelter. More background information and details about this recommendation will be made available soon. All are welcome to attend; voting privileges are granted to professing members of St. Mark's UMC in attendance, during meeting.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT INSTALLATION SERVICE 9/25 @ 4:00 PM

All are invited to attend the Installation Service of Jenn Lucas to the office of Ohio River Valley District Superintendent. The service will be led by Bishop Palmer and will be held at Sharonville UMC, 3751 Creek Rd., Sharonville, OH. A reception will follow.

COMMITTED, CONNCTED, COMMUNITY: OCTOBER 3 @ 7PM

Bishop Gregory Palmer encourages ALL United Methodists, laity and clergy, to gather at one of his "Committed, Connected, Community" Events. This will be a time of preaching, teaching and testimony. You won't want to miss it. The event closest to St. Mark's will be held on Monday, October 3 at 7:00 PM, at Mason UMC, [6315 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH 45040](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6315+Mason+Montgomery+Road,+Mason,+OH+45040).

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OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pianist	Sue Combs
Liturgist	Eric Leyrer
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 Memory of Robert Bradley, from your wife Kathy.

One floral: In Memory of Al Fenzel, love Linda.

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