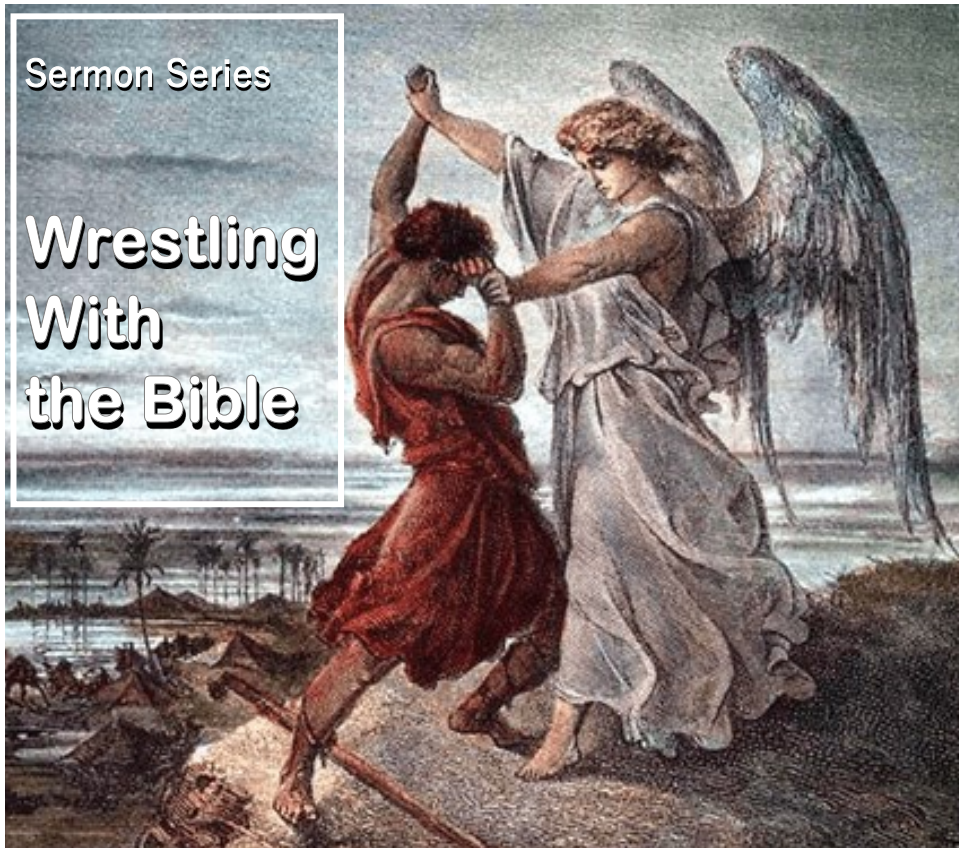


Sermon Series

Wrestling With the Bible



Week 6

“The New Testament, God’s Gift”



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 25, 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 (Romans 11:33-36)

Eric Leyrer

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

"God of Grace and God of Glory" vv. 1,2,4 UMH 577

*OPENING PRAYER

**How we rejoice in You, Heavenly Father, because You
are good and Your grace and mercy endure forever.
We give You thanks and glory in Your holy name, for
Your glory reaches to the heavens and fills our hearts
with great gladness and joy. 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.

ANTHEM "How Long Has It Been" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:1-4; John 20:30-31

MESSAGE "The New Testament, God's Gift" Pastor Joe
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*HYMN "Thy Word Is a Lamp" UMH 601

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus With You" Gary Weaver

**When you leave this place take Jesus with you.
Share His love with others every day.
Share His promises and all the hope it gives you.
Share His joy with those you meet along the way.
Use the strength He gives in pain or sorrow.
Learn to forgive as He forgives your sins.
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 you here again.**

*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."*

- 9/18 Tari Randall's son, Curtis.
- 9/18 Curt Hicks (former member of St. Mark's) has passed away. Prayers for wife Wendy and his family.
- 9/18 The Stoffer family & friends of Michelle Stoffer, who was killed in a motorcycle accident, her husband is in critical care. Michelle was a friend of the Schumacker's and a past co-worker with Bill.
- 9/18 The Nguyen family as they travel home to celebrate their daughter Elle's wedding on Saturday to Zach Zehler.
Congratulations to ALL!
- 9/18 Kayla Goodman's friend Olivia who is having her second eye surgery and asks for prayers for her doctors and for a successful surgery and quick recovery.
- 9/18 Lyn Bucalo's sister suddenly passed away 9/15. Safe travels for family & friends to Canton, OH and back home.
- 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.

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| All service Men & Women | Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah (97) |
| Our Country | Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother) |
| First Responders | Peggy Wyatt (Sanctuary Pointe) |
| United Methodist Church | Residents at Parkside |
| Prayer & Bible Study Groups | Virginia Shaw |
| Merianne Cardas | Virginia Shaw's son Richard |
| Sharon Hamp | |
| Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter) | |

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—Mercy Hospital |
| Eleanor McCollum | Sue Webster |
| Zedith Pottenger | Betty Winkler |
| | Joyce Zugelter (In home health care) |

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 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
6:00 pm G.L.O.W. @ NIGHT

MONDAY, 9/26

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
6:30 pm Women's Monday Night Study (zoom)

TUESDAY, 9/27

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

WEDNESDAY, 9/28

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
2:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study

THURSDAY, 9/29

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 9/30

SATURDAY, 10/01

SUNDAY, 10/02

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

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!

TODAY, 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

TODAY AT 4PM, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT INSTALLATION SERVICE

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.

TONIGHT 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, (513)307-4509 or plsmith307@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 26, WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT STUDY, (ZOOM) 6:30-8:30PM

The book study topic will be "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. Please contact Sue Luken for more details. (513)257-8862 or suzluken@hotmail.com

OCTOBER 3, MON, 7PM, COMMITTED, CONNECTED, and COMMUNITY

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).

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

Meet at the Fitton Center for Creative Arts; 101 S. Monument Ave. Register online at Namiwalks.org, scroll down to click the Oct. 8 Butler County Walk. Search for St. Marks UMC to register to walk or donate. 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 a 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 (513)307-4509 plsmith307@gmail.com
Sue Luken (513)257-8862 or suzluken@hotmail.com
or call Lyn at the church with student's name.

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

Help pack Senior boxes at Shared Harvest on Monday, October 10 at 12:30-2:30PM. Contact Debbie Bryant for details or more info. (513)673-0412 or deb1bryant@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 21, FRIDAY, 1-3PM, RUTH'S CIRCLE MEETING

Ruth's Circle will meet Friday, 10/21 at 1-3pm in Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Pam Guynes at (513)779-9162, email Pamguynes2@gmail.com and Charlene Miller (513)844-6793 or email chardarmiller@gmail.com.

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

We will have 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.(513)307-4509 or plsmith307@gmail.com

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.

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!

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

STAFF

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

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist	Julie Mislansky
Camera	Mark Hensler
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Screen	Jennie Marshall

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

NOVEMBER Newsletter deadline is Monday, Oct. 17

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