

JESUS LOVES

THE LITTLE CHILDREN

LUKE 18:15-17

Third Grade Bible Sunday



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 9, 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

Sue Combs

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Joe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Payne

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

We celebrate the good news of God's love for all of God's children.

Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens!

*HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

UMH 185

*OPENING PRAYER

For the love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Peggy Smith— On behalf of the Children and Family Ministry Team and St. Mark's Church, I present to you these Bibles. You are at an age where you are old enough to read these words on your own, to study them, pray with them, and ask questions about them. You do not only read these words on your own. You come to God's word in the context of a community.

Congregation:

We hope that as you read the Bible, you will bring not only your faith, but also your questions and your doubts to St. Mark's to find a loving, supporting listening and teaching community. We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.

Peggy – As you read the word of God, you also read it as part of your earthly family.

Families:

We promise to read these words with you, to listen to your questions,

**to share our ideas,
and be honest about our doubts.
We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.**

Presentation of Bibles- Sue Luken
Students:
Kallie Theiss, Kensington Meyer

Pastor Joe- Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Students –
We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will read with curiosity, listen with openness, and ask questions in trust. We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.

Pastor Joe – Let us pray together for the blessing of the Holy Spirit on these young people as they encounter the Word of God.

WE CARE AND PRAY
Concerns, Joys, 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

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:15-17

MESSAGE "Let the Children Come" Pastor Joe

*HYMN "Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus With You" Gary Weaver

*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."*

- 10/04 Carol Smallwood passed away on October 1, 2022. Our prayers and condolences for the Smallwood family and friends during this time. There will be a visitation 11am followed by services at 1pm at Avance Funeral Home on Saturday, October 8.
- 10/02 A Joy! Steve & Kym Nguyen thank everyone for all the prayers for their son, Jack. He received an interview at Miami University and they offered him a spot into Miami's Inaugural Physicians Assistant program starting 5/15/23.
- 10/02 Steve & Kym Nguyen's dear friend, Lisa who lives in Ft. Myers for power restore and supplies. Continued prayers for all survivor of Hurricane Ian.
- 10/02 Prayers for all of the families and friends affecting by Hurricane Ian.
- 10/02 Joyce Zugelger thanks St. Mark's Family for all the lovely cards, good wishes, and love sent to her. Everyone has been such a blessing. May God bless you all!
- 10/02 Jennie Marshall's aunt Cindy Meredith and her family have survived Hurricane Ian with few possessions. Their home and vehicles are destroyed.
- 10/02 Tari Wolf recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- 9/29 The Hamblin family, Becky's 47 year old nephew passed away suddenly after having a heart attack. We send our prayer of comfort and condolence's to family and friends.
- 9/29 Debbie Hill's granddaughter Kylie Alcorn having medical issues.
- 9/25 Bud & Shirley Aydlett's grandson living in Florida.
- 9/25 For everyone managing through Hurricane Ian storms.
- 9/25 Pam Brockfield had cataract surgery on left eye Sept 26, and will have surgery on right eye Oct. 10.
- 9/25 Special prayers for Linda who is bedridden at Parkside.
- 9/25 Jeff Gering's friend, Del Burfitt's wife, Pat in Hospice care.
- 9/25 Greg Pullem's friend who has Stage 4 prostate cancer.
- 9/25 For Bud, Greg and Jeff with some health issues.
- 9/25 Rick Dunavent has cancer in jaw bone.
- 9/25 Patty Coyle's neighbor.
- 9/25 Roy Brown's brother diagnosed with Stage 4 Liver Cancer.
- 9/25 Susan Bunte's friends, Zoe and John are having difficult medical situations.
- 9/25 Ruth Stanifer's Aunt Wilma, mom's youngest sister passed away. We send our condolences and prayers to the family & friends.
- 9/25 Debi Brewer's brother John recovering from a major operation.

- 9/25 Paul Schutte at Mercy hospital receiving therapy.
- 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 Kayla Goodman's friend Olivia who is recovering from surgery.
- 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 who worked with Bill.
- 9/18 The Nguyen family, Congratulations to Elle and Zach Zehler on their wedding.
- 9/18 For the family and friends of Lyn Bucalo's sister, Dianna Ring passed away 9/15.
- 9/13 Peg Wyatt receiving therapy at home.
- 9/11 Debbie Hill having severe back pain.
- 9/11 Friend of Aydlett's, Richard Butler.

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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ewald's son-in-law, Jeremiah (83) Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother) Peggy Wyatt (Sanctuary Pointe) Residents at Parkside Virginia Shaw Virginia Shaw's son Richard |
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St. Mark's Homebound:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vivian Brill Jean Cottrill Freida Hawkins Carolyn Janosik—StoryPoint Gale Logan—Otterbein Community Eleanor McCollum Zedith Pottenger Greg Pullem—Parkside | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jean Stivers Virginia Shaw Richard Shaw Phyllis Tunning—Triplecreek Paul Schutte—Mercy Hospital Sue Webster Betty Winkler Joyce Zugelter (In home health care) |
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ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 10/09 (*Third grade Bible Sunday*)

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
6:00 pm G.L.O.W. @ NIGHT (*Grow, Love, Outreach, Worship*)

MONDAY, 10/10

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
12:30 pm Shared Harvest
6:30 pm Women's Monday Night Study (zoom)

TUESDAY, 10/11

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 960
7:00 pm Administrative Board

WEDNESDAY, 10/12

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
2:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Practice
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, 10/13

- 1:00 pm Book Club
6:00 pm Family Promise Gala
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 10/14

SATURDAY, 10/15

SUNDAY, 10/16

- 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT

We will be having our annual coat drive in October. We will be collecting new and gently used coats, jackets, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, and scarves for men, women, and children. Donation bins will be in Narthex. Share the Warmth!

OCTOBER 9, 6:00-7:30 PM G.L.O.W. @ NIGHT, TONIGHT

Children 4 years — grade 5, we have planned a fun time of fellowship with a Bible based video lesson. For more information, contact Peggy Smith at (513)307-4509 or plsmith307@gmail.com. Additional dates: November 13.

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

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

OCTOBER 10, 6:30 - 8:30PM, WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT STUDY, (ZOOM)

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 13, THURSDAY, 6-8PM, FAMILY PROMISE GALA EVENT

Family Promise of Butler County announces a "Special Black & White "event. Keeping the promise is because every child deserves a home. This event is being held at The Courtyard by Marriott Hotel at 1 Riverfront Plaza in Hamilton on Thursday, Oct. 13. St. Mark's will have a table again this year. See Kym Nguyen for details!

OCTOBER 16, SUNDAY, 2—4PM, YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Youth in grades 6—12 are welcome to join us from 2-4pm. If you have a child that age, please let me know! We want all to feel welcomed! Additional dates: Oct 30., November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18. Contact Julie Mislansky, knauffjj@icloud.com or phone (513) 505-4061.

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

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

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

We are planning a bigger and more exciting Fall Fest this year! There will be games, trunk or treating, and the music department is planning to have an awesome Halloween Karaoke/Dance party at the picnic shelter! Please consider joining the fun by decorating your car for trunk or treat, dressing up and handing out candy or just hanging out with your friends. If you would like to donate candy, there will be a box in the kitchen marked Fall Fest. *This event is open to everyone, public included.* Rain date is October 30 (*following Sunday*) For more information, contact Peggy Smith at (513)307-4509 or plsmith307@gmail.com. Also, hot dogs, chips and drinks provided.

OCTOBER 25, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH, BERD'S GRILL (Fairfield)

The popular Lunch Bunch, after 2 years we are starting back up again. The Lunch group is a "come when you can" monthly group meeting at various restaurants. You need to make reservation. The first meeting is Oct 25, 12pm at Berd's Grill in Fairfield. *We need a head count by Oct. 23.* Contact: Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807.

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.*

NOVEMBER 27, SUNDAY, 5:30-7PM, ADVENT CELEBRATION

We will have Potluck with program to follow.

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! *More items for fall season added!*

NURTURE & CARE MEAL OPPORTUNITY—MEAL OPPORTUNITY!

We are coordinating meals for those in our congregation, who have recently been discharged from the hospital or very ill. Please consider donating a meal. Contact Pam Guynes at (513) 779-9162 for more details.

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
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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