

Angels Among Us



FLYING IN THE FACE OF FEAR AT ADVENT

Advent 3

"Do Not Be Afraid: #morejoy"

#MoreJoy
#DoNotBeAfraid

Worry never robs tomorrow
of its sorrow,
it only saps today of its joy.
- Leo Buscaglia



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 11, 2022, 9:30 am

In-Person and Live-Streamed

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WE CARE AND PRAY

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of joy and possibility,

**we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed
into your good news for the sake of the world. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

Narrator: Tonya; Messenger: Chris

SOLO

"A Strange Way to Save the World" Chris Beiser

MESSAGE

"Do Not Fear: #morejoy" Pastor Joe

Week Three of the Advent/Christmas Worship Series

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*HYMN

"Joy to the World"

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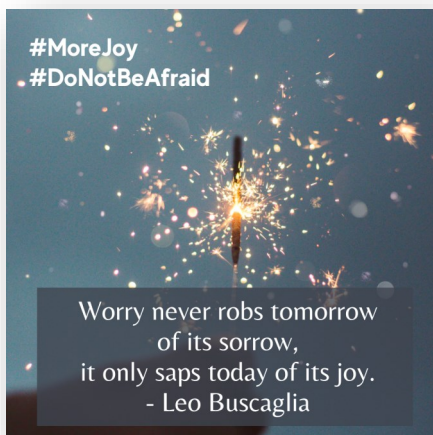
*THE MISSION TO THE MESSENGERS

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

**Star-Child, earth-Child,
go-between of God
Love Child, Christ Child,
heaven's lightning rod,
This year, this year,
let the day arrive
When Christmas comes
for everyone,
everyone alive!**

*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."*

- 12/02 Pam Guyne's sister Charlotte Retroff passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 1. We send Pam and the family our prayers of comfort, strength, and condolences during \ this time.
- 12/04 Rick Marshall's cousin, Donald "Corky" Marshall who passed away after a massive heart attack on Saturday, Dec 3. He was only 59 years old. We pray that his memory be a blessing.
- 12/04 Patty Coyle's, friend Teri Pritchard is having a brain tumor removed and thankfully it is not cancerous.
- 12/04 Ruth Ritenbaugh recovering from Covid.
- 11/27 Rich & Karen Turner thanks everyone for all of the love and prayers.
- 11/27 Friends of the Schumacker's, the Demois family in the passing of Mary on November 26.
- 11/27 Betty Jones' granddaughter, Kayla Bates, who had major surgery on Nov 29.
- 11/27 The Klug's sister, Karen Kolde recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- 11/27 Sue Rumley's friends daughter has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- 11/27 Julie Dichtl's brother-in-law, Jim Nickens is now home after being in the hospital with a blocked bowel.
- 11/27 Bill Dichtl's mother, Camille is having serious health issues.
- 11/27 Ron Hamblin is in the hospital with bleeding ulcers.
- 11/27 Pat Fassnacht's long time friends, Kay & Paul Peterson dealing with a painful life transition.
- 11/27 Hattie Halcomb (our cleaning lady) mother unexpectedly passed away on Nov 22. It has devastated the entire family and we send them peace & comfort during this time
- 11/27 Ron Hamilton, Royce Butler, and Rich Mischell, may they be healthier very soon.
- 11/20 JOY! Thanking God for our friend, Rich Mischell's lung transplant surgery. He continues to recover.
- 11/20 JOY! Jennie & Rick Marshall's birth of their granddaughter, Belle Morgan Howard on 11/16. Daughter of Jack and Camry joins sisters Millie and Tatum. We are overjoyed!
- 11/20 Aydlett's neighbor Ann Weaver as she is regaining strength and good health.
- 11/18 A JOY! Jeff & Carol Gering's daughter, Stephanie gave birth to a baby girl this morning, Sophie Madeline Paige. She weighed in at 8lbs 10oz. We congratulate and are thrilled for the entire family and filled with joy!

- 11/18 Lois Hill's neighbor is having health issues; a tumor on the bladder & thyroid cancer.
- 11/13 Bud Aydlett's friend, Gary Roberts who is recovering from back surgery.
- 11/13 Dianne Aiken's daughter Missy & her husband Dave are traveling from Portugal back to Columbus.
- 11/13 David & Pam Brockfield's daughter-in-law Traci & grandson Tyler recovering from Covid. Also, Traci's father Kyle Kennedy fell & fractured his back recovering in rehab.
- 11/13 Iris Jones' son-in-law Tim Beltz as he continues tests.
- 11/13 Jeff Gering is going through some health issues.
- 11/13 Karen Clendenin is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.
- 11/13 Charlene Miller is recovering from a broken femur.
- 11/13 Susan Hendrickson is recovering from spinal surgery.
- 11/13 Mark Hensler's niece, Rene and her husband who both passed away from pneumonia.
- 11/13 Jenni Hensler's friend and colleague, Kristine who unexpectedly lost her 17 year old daughter on 11/04.
- 11/13 Don Kemen's mother having some health issues.
- 11/13 Betty Jones' son, Martin loss of his wife and is struggling.
- 11/13 Dave Brockfield's brother, Bob Brockfield loss of his wife, Kathleen on November 2.

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 (20)

Eugene Campbell—lung cancer

(Linda Prohaska's brother)

Peggy Wyatt

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 Pullen—Parkside

Jean Stivers

Virginia Shaw

Paul Schutte—Now HOME

Betty Winkler

Joyce Zugelter (In home health care)

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 12/11 (Third Sunday of Advent)

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
OPEN St. Mark's Christmas Post Office in Narthex

MONDAY, 12/12

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

TUESDAY, 12/13

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 960
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 12/14

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

THURSDAY, 12/15

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 pm Administrative Board

FRIDAY, 12/16

12:00 pm Ruth's Circle Christmas Potluck Luncheon Party
5:00 pm Scouts Night

SATURDAY, 12/17

1:00 pm Senior Covered Dish Christmas Party
3:00 pm Orchestra/Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, 12/18 (Choir Cantata Sunday)

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3
5:00 pm Youth & Children's Ministries Christmas Party

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE HELP DELIVER CHRISTMAS GOODIES TO HOMEBOUND

In the church kitchen is a box that has Christmas goodies for each of our homebound members. Please help by signing your name on the sheet and delivering the item to the homebound recipients.

PLEASE HELP TO NOTIFY US "CARDS OF THOUGHTFULNESS"

Occasionally, we miss people who may want to receive a card and to let them know that we are thinking of them. Can you please help by letting us know of those people in the hospital, illness, temporarily stuck at home, sympathy, celebrations and cheerful cards. Please contact Lois Hill at 49seabiscuit@gmail.com or Lyn Bucalo at the church office (513) 844-1818.

ST. MARK'S CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE IS IN THE NARTHEX

The youth have set up the traditional 'Christmas Card Post Office' in the Narthex and is ready to help with your Christmas cards list. We appreciate all donations as we sort & pass out the cards to our congregation.

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

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

CHECK OUT THE HOLIDAY CRAFT ITEMS FOR SALE IN THE HALL!

A sample table is in the Narthex! Also, check out the Narthex hallway for more items being sold that are being hand made each week. The craft items and gifts can be purchased now through the Holiday Season.

DECEMBER, 2PM, WEDNESDAY GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is welcome to join us who want to learn about the bible. Currently, we are studying the book of Luke. Feel free to attend when you are able, this is a casual bible study. For more information, contact Sue McDaniel at s.mcdaniel13@hotmail.com. **NOTE Date and Time change: Dec 21 at 1PM** Will have desserts & snacks party for all who attend the bible study this day.

NURTURE & CARE MEAL OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

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. Sign up at welcome desk. For details contact Pam Guynes (513) 779-9162.

DECEMBER 16, FRIDAY, 12PM, RUTH CIRCLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Ruth Circle Christmas Party is a Potluck Luncheon with entrée and drinks provided. NOTE: This is an earlier start time since it's a luncheon. Bring a covered dish and \$1.00 Grab Bag Gift. For more details, contact Pam Guynes at (513)779-9162, email Pamguynes2@gmail.com. **Save the Date: Jan 20, 2023**

DECEMBER 17, SATURDAY, 1 PM SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Covered Dish Senior Christmas party is Dec. 17 at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. Linda Payne will sing and Sue Combs will play the piano during our party. For details contact Bud & Shirley Aydlett at (513) 894-5209. **The DEADLINE to let them know if you are attending is Sunday, December 11th in order to get an accurate head count.**

DECEMBER 18, 5-7PM, YOUTH & CHILDREN MINISTRIES PARTY

On Sunday, Dec. 18, the Youth & Children Ministries will have their special Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall 5-7pm. **Dinner will be provided.** Contact Julie Mislansky and Peggy Smith for more details.

DECEMBER 18, SUNDAY, CHOIR CANTATA "Angels Among Us"

DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: 6:00PM & 11:00PM

DECEMBER 25—CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE LIVESTREAM ONLY

JANUARY 19, THURSDAY, 7-9PM, MOCKTAILS PARTY

Please join us for a Ladies Night out, "Mocktails & Snacks Party" meeting in the Narthex. It is a fun opportunity to socialize and get to know each other. Please feel free to bring a friend along too. Watch for the sign up sheet in Narthex after January 1, 2023. Sponsored by Children & Family Ministry Team. Contact Sue Luken for more details.

JANUARY 24, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH at OLIVE GARDEN

This month we will meet at Olive Garden on Route 4 (Fairfield). Reservation for this event is Jan. 22. For more details contact Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807.

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	Tonya Leguina
Camera	Mark Hensler
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Screen	Jennie Marshall

ALTAR FLOWERS:

One Floral: Happy Birthday Joyce Zugelter! Love Cindy, Dave & Kids

One Floral: Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary to Bud & Shirley Aydlett!
(On December 14)

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