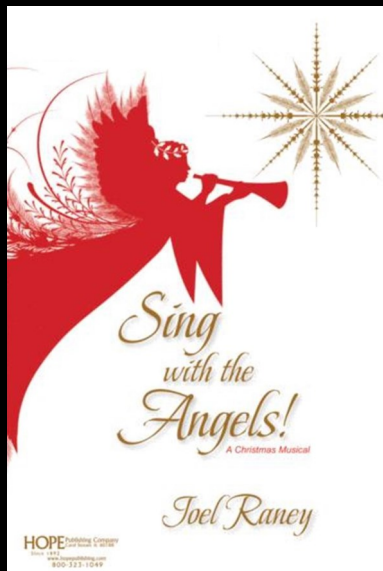


Angels Among Us



FLYING IN THE FACE OF FEAR AT ADVENT
Advent 4—More Love
CANTATA



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 18, 2022, 9:30 am

In-Person & Live-Streamed on YouTube and Facebook

www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks

WELCOME! We are glad you are here.

Please complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew. Pass it to the next person. When the last person completes it, return the pad to its original place, looking at the names of persons in your pew. Greet one another at the conclusion of our worship.

Have a prayer request? Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks. Completed prayer cards will be collected during the opening hymn and shared during our prayer time.

CENTERING *Quiet your hearts and minds, focusing on God's presence with anticipation.*

PRELUDE "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Mark Engel
Acolyte Kallie & Kaden Theiss

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Joe

INTRODUCTION Tonya Leguina
"There Are Angels Among Us" Chris Beiser
*The Candle of Love is brought into the sanctuary
by members of our youth group.*

PRAYER

**Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
alight within us your flame of LOVE this day.
Grant us openness to hear your message.
Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
creating more LOVE in the midst of fear.**

***Singing: Do not be afraid (4x)**

*HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH 220

THE LOVE OF CHRIST
The Love of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WE CARE AND PRAY

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Coventry Carol" Sherry Randall

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

SERMON IN SONG

Chancel Choir

Sing With the Angels!

Chris Beiser, Director; Ali Leguina, Philip Seely, Narrators

Kayla Goodman...flute	Rana Southern...cello
Kyla Tillman...clarinet	Sherry Randall...violin
Mark Engel... trumpet	Tim Cornelius...electric bass
Andrew Osborn...French horn	Sue Combs...piano
Melanie Schackmann...violin	Joe Klein...percussion

"Of the Father's Love"

"The Angel Gabriel"

"The Midnight Clear"

"Run to Bethlehem"

"Angels Watching Over Me"

"Sing with the Angels"

"The Angel Songs"

*CAROL

"What Child Is This"

UMH 219

*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."

- 12/14 Iris Jones had a little fall but she is doing good. She is feeling sore but no broken bones.
- 12/11 A JOY! Ewald's son-in-law Jeremiah is now closer to home. Thank you for your prayers for more than 400 days!
- 12/11 Thank you, Lord, God, for giving us 65 beautiful years together (Wedding anniversary 12/14) with our family, friends, and St. Mark's church family.
- 12/11 Pam Guynes Aunt Flo Moore celebrated her 90th birthday!
- 12/11 With great JOY! June Niederman birth of her fourth great granddaughter, Reese Niederman on December 4, 2022 weighing 8lbs 3oz. Congratulations to all!
- 12/11 Terrill Broshear's sister Leah Menninger had breast cancer surgery and beginning treatments.
- 12/11 Terrill Broshear's son Rick, who had hernia surgery on 12/9.
- 12/11 Suzan Stracke had hip replacement surgery and is home.
- 12/11 Doug Klingel had surgery, is doing well and almost back to full recovery.
- 12/11 Jennie Bernard doing Chemo for breast cancer.
- 12/11 Ron Hamblin is in home.
- 12/11 Rich Mischell back in ICU, pulmonary fibrosis, had lung cancer
- 12/02 Pam Guyne's sister Charlotte Rotroff passed away unexpectedly on 12/01. We send Pam and the family our heartfelt prayers of comfort, strength, and condolences during this challenging 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 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.
- 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 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 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 Jake 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.
- 11/18 Dianne Aiken's daughter Missy & her husband Dave are traveling from Portugal back to Columbus.
- 11/18 Iris Jones' son-in-law Tim Beltz as he continues tests.
- 11/18 Jeff Gering is going through some health issues.
- 11/18 Charlene Miller is recovering from a broken femur.

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	Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother)
Our Country	
First Responders	Peggy Wyatt
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:

Vivian Brill	Zediith Pottenger
Jean Cottrill	Greg Pullem—Parkside
Freida Hawkins	Jean Stivers
Carolyn Janosik—StoryPoint	Virginia Shaw
Gale Logan—Otterbein Community	Paul Schutte—Now HOME
Eleanor McCollum	Betty Winkler
	Joyce Zugelter (In home health care)

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 12/18 (Choir Cantata Sunday)

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

MONDAY, 12/19

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

TUESDAY, 12/20

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 12/21

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer
1:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study Group

THURSDAY, 12/22

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 12/23

SATURDAY, 12/24

- 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Event
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Evening Service

SUNDAY, 12/25

- ALL DAY CHRISTMAS DAY (VIDEO ONLY/NO IN-PERSON SERVICES)
Have a Merry Christmas!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 19, 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

DECEMBER 21, 1PM, WEDNESDAY GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Today we will have desserts & snacks party for all who attend the bible study. *We will resume weekly bible study on January 4 at 2PM.* 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. Contact Sue McDaniel at s.mcdaniel13@hotmail.com for details.

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

DECEMBER 25—CHRISTMAS DAY—RECORDED VIDEO ONLY

LAST MINUTE STOCKING STUFFERS & HOLIDAY CRAFT ITEMS!

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.

USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE

Ruth's Circle sponsors a monthly used book sale to help support St. Mark's mission projects. The books are located in the Choir Room and the cost is your donation. Questions? Contact Alethea LaMar at (319) 750-1323. Thank you for your help with this important mission.

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. 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.

JANUARY 4, 2PM, WEDNESDAY GROUP BIBLE STUDY-RESUMES

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. Contact Sue McDaniel at s.mcdaniel13@hotmail.com for details.

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 January 22. For more details contact Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807.

JANUARY 2023, FRIDAY, 1 PM, 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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE
AFTER WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**



Poinsettias 2022

(A)

In memory of Vernon and Helen Armstrong and In memory of Vernon and Marguerite Samuelson from Bruce & Donna Armstrong (2-Red)
In memory of Donald & Julia Ault from Don & Carol Ault (1-Red)

(B)

In memory of my wonderful husband Bill and In Honor of all The Brabbs Family Children, Grandchildren, and Great-grandchildren from Ann Brabbs (3-Red)
In memory of our parents & my sister from Lyn Bucalo & Bob Ratliff (1-Pink)
In memory of our parents from David & Pam Brockfield (1-White)
In memory of my parents Dick & Helen Moser from Debbie Bryant (1-Red)
In memory of our loved ones and in memory of Judy & Herbert Gross from The Bunte Family (2-Red)
In memory of John Bright, Elza Longmire, Merle & Mae Brelsford, Gloria McGrath & Barbara Newell from Roy & Helen Brown (1-Pink)
In memory of Zura Brown, Sharon Brown, Georgette Brown, Larry Brown and Konar Davenport from Roy & Helen Brown (1-Red)

(D)

In honor of Gale Logan from Bill & Julie Dichtl (1-Red)
In honor of our children from Dick and Edith Davis (1-Red)

(E)

In memory of Beth's mom, Olive Bonham from Beth & Doug Ewald (1-Pink)

(F)

In memory of Lou Fassnacht from Pat Fassnacht & Holly Craig (1-Red)
In memory of Naomi Rowland from Pat Fassnacht & Holly Craig (1-Pink)
In memory of Mike Kinnard from Pat Fassnacht & Holly Craig (1-Red)

(G)

In memory of my parents; Roy & Jolene Goebel from Pam Guynes (1-Red)
In memory of Rose Townsend from Devin & Gale Goodman (1-Red)
In memory of Vina and B.A. Myers and In memory of Joyce and Bob Roberts from Shirley Grant (2-Red)

(H)

In loving memory of my husband Gordon Hill and In honor of my children from Lois Hill (2-White)
In memory of Daniel Hatton from Marlis Hatton (1-Red)
In memory of Marilyn & Scott Schoppenhorst & Jerry McElyea from Marlis Hatton (1-Pink)
In memory of our parents from Mark & Jenni Hensler (1-Red)

(J)

In memory of Betsy Jones from Jim Jones (1-Pink)
In memory of my husband Sam Jones from Iris Jones (1-Red)

Poinsettias Continued...

(L)

In memory of Marilyn Davis and In memory of Carlos Leguina
from Pablo & Tonya Leguina (2-Red)

In honor of my daughter & grandchildren from Alethea LaMar (2-Red)

In memory of our parents Albert & Bettiejean Luken and

In memory of Jim & Shirley Foster from Mark & Sue Luken (2-Red)

(M)

In memory of my husband, John from Ann McWilliam (1-Red)

In memory of Walter & Marilyn Knauff, Mary Shell, and Agnes Adams
from The Mislansky Family (1-Red)

In honor of our St. Mark's Youth Group from The Mislansky Family (1-white)

In memory of Jennie's mother, Karen Mason & Rick's father, Gary Marshall
from Rick & Jennie Marshall (1-Red)

In memory of our grandparents Ed & Ruby Kemp, Raymond Mason, Jewell
Hoskins, Joseph & Eleanore Marshall, and Ignatz & Evelyn Kaczmarek
from Rick & Jennie Marshall (3-Red)

(R)

In memory of Carol Grammel from Tari Randall (1-White)

In memory of Robert Grammel from Tari Randall (1-Red)

In honor of Kristy, Brodie, Kaden and Kallie Theiss
from Susan Rumley (1-Pink)

In memory of Kathryn & Ed Redmond from Susan Rumley (1-Red)

(S)

In memory of French Smoot from Brenda Smoot (1-Red)

In memory of Lou Fassnacht from Rich & Suzan Stracke (1-White)

In memory of our parents from Don & Marilyn Stewart (1-Red)

In honor of our children & grandchildren from Don & Marilyn Stewart (1-Red)

In memory of our parents Bob Schumacker and Craig & Florence Kennedy
from Bill & Lynne Schumacker (2-Red)

In honor of The fabulous children's ministry & servant leaders from
John & Peggy Smith (1-Pink)

In memory of our parents from John & Peggy Smith (1-White)

(T)

In memory of grandmother Rose Stelmach from Rich & Karen Turner (1-pink)

In memory of Lee Rumley from Kristy Theiss (1-Red)

(Z)

In honor of our St. Mark's Family from R & J Zugelster (1-red, 1-white, 1pink)

Why is the Poinsettia the most popular Christmas plant?

'Tis the season when United Methodist sanctuaries around the world bloom into shades of red, pink, and white created by poinsettias, the most popular Christmas plant. With leaves shaped like the Star of Bethlehem, the poinsettia has been a decorative staple for decades.

While most people associate the poinsettia with Christmas, what may get overlooked is how the poinsettia actually represents not only the birth of Jesus, but also Christ's resurrection.

"I can't imagine not having the poinsettias in the church," said the Rev. Donna Friddle, senior pastor at United Methodist churches in High Point, North Carolina. "The plants are a visible reminder for us of Christ's birth and His death and the meaning behind those events."

Symbolically, we have Jesus' life story in one plant. The leaves symbolize the star that led the Wise Men to the newborn Jesus, the red leaves are a reminder of the blood of Christ shed during His crucifixion and the white leaves represent Christ's purity.

"We move through the birth of Christ to get to the cross."

[Link for this article:](https://www.umc.org/en/content/the-poinsettia-tells-jesus-life-story)

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*If you ordered a Poinsettia, pick up is on Dec 24th after the 11:00PM Christmas Eve Service

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
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Lay Leader/Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

February Newsletter deadline is January 16th

ALTAR FLOWERS:

One Floral: Happy Birthday Marlis Hatton on Dec 25th!

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