



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP, PRAYERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 01, 2023, 9:30 am



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		Sue Combs
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Joe
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Linda Payne
	All creation proclaims the greatness and love of God. God's love permeates even the deepest darkness. The light of God shines on us with new hope. We are called to be people of compassion and justice. Open our hearts, O Lord, to see your light and live in your hope. Prepare us for service to all your people and to this world. AMEN.	
*HYMN	"We Three Kings" vv 1&5	UMH 254
*OPENING PRAYER	Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. AMEN.	
*PASSING OF THE PEACE	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.	
WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD	Lord's Prayer	

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.

*OFFERING PRAYER (Psalm 29, Acts 8)

Gracious God, we come today with joy for your baptism;

we come with praise for your glory;

we come with gratitude for your love.

As we offer these gifts to you, send your Spirit upon us, that our hands and our hearts may do your work in the world.

As we offer our lives to you,

bless us with your strength, that we may join with you to work for the blessing of peace throughout the world. Amen.

ANTHEM

"We Believe"

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12; 3:1-2, 13-17

SERMON

"A Star Rising, A Dove Descending"

Pastor Joe

*HYMN

UMH 451

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" vv. 1,2

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 15

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

UMH 451

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" v. 3

*POSTLUDE

*(*Please rise in body or spirit)*

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***some of the numbers have been changed**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

If updates are unknown, these items are listed for four weeks.

Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."

- 01/07 Ron Hamblin now receiving therapy at home. He's grateful to be back home.
- 01/07 Rich Mischell, lung transplant, pulmonary fibrosis and lung cancer. In care facility for more rehab.
- 01/05 Rick Marshall, Mark Hensler, Matt Snyder, and Cliff Klug have Covid. Jennie Marshall has RSV. Healing prayers for them and all who have Covid, Flu, RSV, and any other virus going around.
- 01/01 Peggy Smith and extended family, on the loss of her sister's husband on December 26.
- 01/01 Shirley and Bud Aydlett have a new great granddaughter, born December 31.
- 01/01 from Belinda Peters: Jean Cottrill, broken hip. At Loveland Healthcare Center. Jean and her daughter, Sue also have Covid.
- 01/01 Peggie Wyatt and family on the loss of her son, Johnny Collins.
- 01/01 Jerry & Marian Brockfield have Covid. Jerry is Dave Brockfield's brother.
- 01/01 Lois Hill heart problems. Is home. More tests in 6 weeks.
- 01/01 Rick and Janis Kiefer and family on the loss of Rick's mother, age 95, on December 19th. Services were held January 8.
- 01/01 from Mark Hensler: prayers for the family of a fellow musician who passed away on Christmas Day.
- 01/01 Cliff Klug has Covid.
- 12/24 Belinda Peters' niece who had a heart attack and passed away on Wednesday, December 21, 2022
- 12/22 The family and friends of Becky Black's father, Arno who passed away on December 19. They are close friends of the Mislansky family.
- 12/20 Iris Jones fractured her pelvis and is at Berkley Square for rehabilitation.
- 12/19 The family and friends of Matthew Joseph Rotuno-Johnson, who died suddenly on Dec. 18 at 22 yrs old. The Rotuno-Johnson family are dear friends of the Mislansky family.
- 12/18 Belinda Peters' daughter, Cynthia Kirkham, has a breast mass with suspicions for malignancy.
- 12/18 Jenni Hensler recovering from Covid.
- 12/18 Brooke Becker's father who was recently hospitalized and for a co-worker's daughter diagnosed with liver cancer.
- 12/18 Jeff Evans to gain strength & recover from his health issues.
- 12/18 Helen Bowman has skin cancer on her head in three places and is doing better now.
- 12/18 Dee Aiken's neighbor recovering from Covid.
- 12/11 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 (Aydlett 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 the 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 began 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 home.
- 12/11 Rich Mischell back in ICU, pulmonary fibrosis, had lung cancer

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 | Charlene Miller (Berkeley) |
| Our Country | Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter) |
| First Responders | Eugene Campbell—lung cancer |
| United Methodist Church | (Linda Prohaska's brother) |
| Prayer & Bible Study Groups | Peggy Wyatt |
| For the sick and/or homeless. | Residents at Parkside |
| Merianne Cardas | Virginia Shaw |
| Sharon Hamp | Virginia Shaw's son Richard |
| Iris Jones (Berkeley, for rehab) | |

St. Mark's Homebound:

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| 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, 1/08/2023 (*Happy New Year with Chris and Sue!*)

- 9:30 am 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed.
NO G.L.O.W. for kids in 5th grade and under. Nursery open for infants—age 3
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10:45 am Youth Group
11:00 am Fellowship Hall Reserved for Luken Baby Shower.

MONDAY, 1/09

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

TUESDAY, 1/10

- 7:00 Administrative Board, on Zoom.
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 1/11

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

THURSDAY, 1/12

- 12:00 pm Nurture and Care Meeting
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 1/13

SATURDAY, 1/14

- 10:00 am Christmas Decorations taken down.

SUNDAY, 1/15

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed.
G.L.O.W. For kids 5th grade and under. Nursery open for

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POINSETTIAS

Today is the last day to pick up a poinsettia if you ordered one or more. Protective paper coverings are available in the hallway.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Our beautiful Christmas decorations will be taken down and put in storage next Saturday, January 14 at 10 AM. Please join us. Last year we finished the job in an hour!

USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE

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

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

Please join us for a Ladies Night out, "Mocktails & Snacks Party" meeting in the 1st Narthex. This will be 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 20, FRIDAY, 2 PM, RUTH CIRCLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Ruth Circle will meet Friday 1/20/23 in Fellowship Hall. For more details, contact Pam Guynes at (513)779-9162, email Pamguynes2@gmail.com.

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. Contact Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807 for details.

JANUARY 28, SATURDAY, 9-11AM, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

We have a volunteer opportunity and all ages & abilities are welcomed. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex (on bulletin board) for Jan 28, Sat 9-11am. Contact Lynne Schumacker at (513) 382-0488 for details.

JANUARY 2023, 6:30PM, WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT STUDY(ZOOM)

The Study is taking a break. Watch for more details and a date when the study will resume. Contact Kym Nguyen, SKENEWY@aol.com, if you wish to join the group.

CELEBRATION! THE 1/2-ACRE LOT HAS SOLD!

The half-acre lot on Anthony Wayne Avenue behind the picnic shelter and garages has sold for \$55,000. Closing on the sale of the property was Dec. 22. Congratulations and thanks to the Trustees; to the listing agent, Terrill Broshear; and to the official signers, Jennifer Marshall, chair of trustees, and Bill Schumacker, treasurer. Proceeds from the sale will be used for capital expenditures only, as specified in the U.M. Book of Discipline.

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. Contact Lois Hill at 49seabiscuit@gmail.com or call Lyn Bucalo (513) 844-1818 at the church office.

**Gale Logan's new address:
585 North Street Route 741
Aurora Assisted Living, Room 314
Lebanon, OH 45036**

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	Linda Payne
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	
Screen	John Smith

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:

Given by Sue Rumley in honor of granddaughter Kallie Theiss' 9th birthday on January 8. Happy Birthday!

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