



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

February 26, 2023, 9:30 am

Lenten Series

“LOOKIN’ FOR LOVE IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES”



First Sunday in Lent

“Look for the Resister”

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.

PRELUDE Sue Combs

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

OPENING SONG "Show Us How to Love" Chris Beiser
Candle lighting by Lauren Leyrer

WELCOME Pastor Joe
"Show Us How to Love," verse 2 *Congregation joins Chris*

**Eyes open, shocked awake,
much to learn from our mistakes.
Draw us closer in our heartache.
Show us how to love.
Show us how to love.
Show us how, show us how to love.**

*HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
The love and peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

CHILDREN'S TIME Peggy Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
**Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison,
Kyrie Eleison,
Grant to us your peace, Lord**

Prayers for the World, Prayers for Our Community—**Kyrie...**
Prayers for Our Relationships, Prayers for Ourselves—**Kyrie...**
The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING
Offertory
Doxology
Prayer of Thanksgiving

FIRST LESSON Psalm 32 Alfred Arthur

ANTHEM "You Are My All in All" Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON Matthew 4:1-11
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Look for the Resister" Pastor Joe

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Holy and Merciful One, in this season of discernment we come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in the trappings of notoriety, popularity, and power that diminish others in order to gain for ourselves.

**We yearn for lives that matter,
we desire relationships that thrive,
we want less regret.**

At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better.

In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living.

Silence

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who says,
"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

Let us respond together:

**We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision
to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus,
and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven,
loved, and freed! Amen!**

HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" UMH 269

*BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world, looking for love in all the RIGHT places!

**We will look for signs of The Resister,
working against injustice wherever we find it!**

*POSTLUDE

(*Please rise in body or spirit)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

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

Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."

- 02/19 Congratulations to Mark & Sue Luken grandparents to a new grandchild born on Feb 16, 2023. His name is Crosby Thomas Weiss, Son of Katherine & Mike Weiss.
- 02/23 Lois Hill's friend Garey Carson had a serious motorcycle accident. He is in therapy & out of work.
- 02/23 Belinda Peters' daughter Cynthia Kirkham had bilateral mastectomy on February 22 and everything went well.
- 02/23 Iris Jones' son-in-law Tim Beltz is having upcoming testing.
- 02/23 Linda Prohaska's brother-in-law Jimmy Holloman is having a triple bypass heart surgery on March 3. Jimmy and his wife Sue just celebrated 59th anniversary this month. Please keep the family in prayers too.
- 02/23 Linda Prohaska's brother Eugene Campbell update, he feels good at times and prays when it's challenging. He is looking forward to his daughter having her first child in April, named William Matthes which will be Eugene's 3rd grandchild.
- 02/19 Don & Marilyn Stewarts nephew who is having surgery to remove a tumor on his spine.
- 02/19 Prayers for a son recovering from a car accident.
- 02/19 Rick Kiefer's wife Janis who began chemotherapy treatments on Feb. 20 for Endometrial Cancer with 5 more treatments planned.
- 02/19 Prayers for the students and faculty of Michigan State University as they mourn the loss of the three students killed during the attack on their campus.
- 02/19 Brenda Smoot's sister Linda as she unexpectedly lost her husband. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the entire family during this difficult time.
- 02/19 Greg Pullem dealing with challenging health issues.
- 02/19 Joyce Zugelter is not feeling herself lately, send some extra thoughts and prayers.
- 02/19 Karen Turner as she begins radiation treatment.
- 02/19 Kaley McIntyre (freshman at Fairfield) and her mother. Kaley's father unexpectedly passed away while they were out of town and dad was at home.
- 02/19 Lois Hill during her Cardioversion procedure that is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28.
- 02/14 Brenda Smoot continues through tests and is hoping for good results.
- 02/14 Steve and Kym Nguyen are thrilled to announce the birth of their new Grandson, Conner Steven Zehler born on Feb. 13, weighing 6lbs, 14oz and 20 inches long. Momma and baby are doing awesome! The proud parents are Elle and Zach Zehler, Great Grandparents are Wade & Nancy Lewis and Thong & Van Nguyen.
- 02/14 Ginger Stephan recovering from surgery on February 16.

- 02/14 Virginia Shaw update: she called to let us know that she is walking with assistance and is thankful for each day!
- 02/12 Jenni Hensler's friend's husband, Casey who had brain surgery to remove a tumor.
- 02/12 Sam Davis who is in need of new medicine for congestive heart failure to stabilize.
- 02/12 Jean Cottrill is at home and progressing with her recovery.
- 02/12 Kayla Goodman as she navigates through tests.
- 02/08 Tari Randall's cousin began treatment for stage 2 cancer.
- 02/05 Ann Brabbs' son David, in need of many prayers.
- 02/07 Sue Webster in the loss of her sister and also for upcoming medical procedure and for ongoing health problems.
- 02/05 Larry Miller's sister-in-law Judy Miller has pulmonary fibrosis and recovering from a lung infection.
- 02/05 Ron Hamblin is slowly & steadily improving at home.
- 02/05 Dee Aiken's brother Steve who had back surgery and is in rehab and has a long way to go. He can barely use his hands and can't move his head due to surgery and pain.
- 02/05 Dee Aiken's friend Marianne Lackett's son, Ryan (father of three children) continues to wait for kidney & is on dialysis.
- 02/05 Jeff Gering for health concerns.
- 02/05 Jeff Gering's sister Debbie for inflammation around her heart and other health related concerns.
- 02/05 Don & Carol Ault's daughter with health concerns, having blood clotting in her lung.

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.

St. Mark's future pastor
 All service Men & Women
 Our Country
 First Responders
 United Methodist Church
 Prayer & Bible Study Groups
 For the sick and/or homeless
 Merianne Cardas
 Dick & Edith Davis
 Sharon Hamp
 Iris Jones

Iris Jones (son-in-law, Tim Beltz)
 Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)
 Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
 Eugene Campbell—lung cancer
 (Linda Prohaska's brother)
 Peggie Wyatt
 Residents at Parkside
 Virginia Shaw
 Virginia Shaw's son Richard
 Brenda Smoot
 Sam Davis (congestive heart)

St. Mark's Homebound:

Vivian Brill
 Jean Cottrill
 Freida Hawkins
 Carolyn Janosik—StoryPoint
 Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
 Eleanor McCollum

Zedith Pottenger
 Greg Pullem—Parkside
 Jean Stivers
 Virginia Shaw
 Paul Schutte
 Betty Winkler
 Joyce Zugelter (In home health care)

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 2/26

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
(Children will sit with their adults until children's moment)
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:00 am Lenten Bible Study w/Alfred Arthur
- 4:30 pm Youth Group
- 6:00 pm G.L.O.W. at Nite (grades 1-5)

MONDAY, 2/27

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

TUESDAY, 2/28

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (at O'Charley's—Tri-county)
- 6:30 pm SPRC meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 3/01

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer group
- 2:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study Group
- 6:30 pm Hand Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 3/02

- 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- 6:45 pm Lenten Bible Study w/Alfred Arthur (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 3/03

SATURDAY, 3/04

- 9:00 am ALL Church Workday

SUNDAY, 3/05

- 9:30 am Worship and Holy Communion in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO G.L.O.W., Nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:00 am Lenten Bible Study w/Alfred Arthur

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH MISSIONS: UMCOR SUNDAY AND FFFP EASTER BASKETS

The annual UMCOR Sunday offering is March 19. This special offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business" so that 100% of all other gifts to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not admin costs. UMCOR makes a difference for individuals & communities whose lives have been impacted by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. Last year, our St. Mark's congregation donated \$3497.98 on UMCOR Sunday. We appreciate your generosity every year for this vital UMC Ministry. For Fairfield Food Pantry, we are taking monetary donations to go to purchasing items for the Easter Baskets to be given to FFFP. See Debbie Bryant for details.

LENTEBIBLE STUDY LED BY ALFRED ARTHUR: IN PERSON ONLY

A 45-60 minute Lenten Bible study led by Alfred Arthur. Option 1. Follows our worship service Feb 26—April 2.

FEBRUARY 26, SUNDAY, 6:00-7:30PM, GLOW at NITE (grades 1-5)

The Children & Family Ministry will have G.L.O.W. at Nite on February 26 at 6:00—7:30pm. Note dates: March 12 & 26. Contact Peggy Smith for details.

FEBRUARY 28, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH at O'CHARLEY'S

This month we will meet at O'Charley's in (Tri-county area). Reservation for this event is Sunday, February 26. Contact Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807.

CYF (EASTER EGG HUNT) HELP BEGINNING MARCH 5

It's once again time to prepare for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Beginning Sunday, March 5, we need people willing to take bags of 2 dozen plastic eggs home, fill them with individually wrapped candy, stickers, or small toys and then return them throughout the month of March. We will need them back by March 26. Another option would be to drop off bags of individually bagged candy and we will fill eggs for you. We will place boxes in the Narthex for both picking up and then returning the filled eggs/candy. Thank you very much for faithfully serving not only the children of St. Mark's, but our community as well. We could not offer these events without YOU!

MARCH 4, SATURDAY 9AM, ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

Helping Hands 2023. You have an opportunity to serve with an "Indoor" All Church Work Day. Help us clean areas around the church; replacing light bulbs, clean windows, seats & other things that may need cleaning. There will be more Save the Dates in the Newsletter. Contact Marlis Hatton (Trustee Coordinator) for details. **We ALL can join in to help keep St. Mark's Beautiful!**

MARCH 16, THURSDAY 7-9PM, LADIES NIGHT OUT FELLOWSHIP

We have a St. Patrick's Day Ladies Fellowship scheduled for March 16, 7-9pm. *Please bring a GREEN SNACK to share.* Drinks are provided and we are planning a Spring Craft. Contact Peggy for details. *If you need a ride,* contact Sue Luken.

MARCH 17, FRIDAY, 1PM RUTH CIRCLE (ST. PATRICK'S DAY)

Join us in Fellowship Hall. Women in today's world need a place to belong and a safe-haven where they can come together, and a setting where they can go to be re-fueled. Join us for Ruth Circle. For details contact Pam Guynes.

MARCH 25, 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). Contact Lynne Schumacker at (513) 382-0488 for details.

APRIL 2, PALM SUNDAY/CANTATA/EASTER EGG HUNT

All children are invited to open our worship with a Palm procession during worship, followed by our Annual Easter Egg Hunt event with Food, Crafts, Story time. Everyone is Welcome! Contact Peggy Smith for details.

SPRING CRAFT ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE NOW in CHOIR ROOM

The ladies are hand making the Spring items and the first batch is available in the Choir room! Be sure to look on the doors as well as the table for the cutest Spring crafts. They are adorable and will sell fast! More items will be added each week.

USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE

Find good used books in the Narthex. The cost is your donation. Contact Alethea LaMar at (319) 750-1323.

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	Alfred Arthur
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

April Newsletter deadline is March 20

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