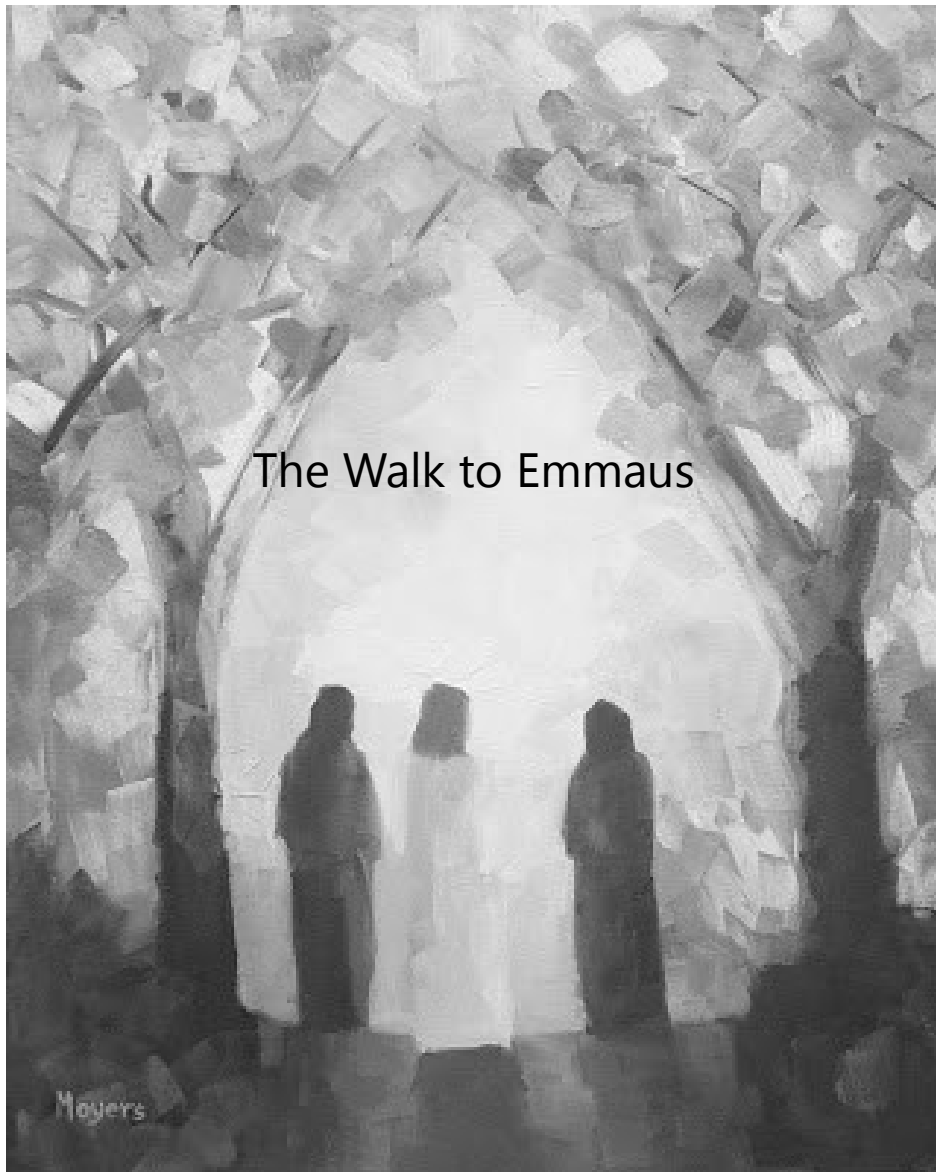




ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

April 23, 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.

*An * invites you to rise as you are able, in body and/or spirit. Congregation responses are in **bold print** and projected.*

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Lift your voices to the Lord who always hears us.

Listen, Lord. Hear our voices sing your praises.

Call on the Lord who bends low to hear us.

Listen, Lord. We lift our voices to you in praise.

Call on the name of the Lord, all people.

Listen, Lord. We call on your wonderful name. For you saved us, you raised us and turned our lives around. Let your name be praised in this congregation.

Written by Kwasi I. Kena, in The Africana Worship Book Year A (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 61.

*OPENING HYMN "Alleluia, Alleluia" UMH 162

*OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name.
AMEN.**

*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
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory Solo Heather Chambers

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator of all we know and all we don't know, as we bring our gifts this day, we ask you to help us trust you more. Forgive us when we think that our future lies in bank balances and the accumulation of stuff. Remind us that through Jesus we "have come to trust in God, who raised [Christ] from the dead and gave him glory, so that [our] faith and hope are set on God" (1:21). In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen. (1 Peter 1:17-23)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE

"Reason to Celebrate"

Pastor Joe

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

UMH 420

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION *All are welcome to receive the sacrament.*

Invitation: As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another, with our Christian family around the world, and with the risen Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Responses on UMH 15

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133

*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."*

- 04/17 Roger Roark in Mercy Fairfield hospital with Covid & pneumonia.
- 04/16 Continued prayers for Mark Huffman who is battling Desmoplastic Melanoma & currently receiving chemo treatments.
- 04/16 Mark Hensler having some test, pray they are favorable.
- 04/11 JOY! Becky Hamblin's friend, Rich Mischell has made it home 5 months after a lung transplant.
- 04/05 Speedy recovery for all in the St. Mark's family who are recovering from Covid.
- 04/03 Our sincerest condolences for the family and friends of Vivian Brill who passed away on March 18, 2023.
- 04/02 Pam Guynes' dear friend Pat Anthony who has breast cancer that spread to her bones and liver.
- 04/02 Debbie Elston working through pain in back & leg.
- 03/29 Thank you Everyone from Karen Turner. Thank you so much for the cards, thoughts and prayers sent to me during my recent health issues.
- 03/26 Sharon Hamp's dear friend, Bill Renz has been in ICU at Christ hospital for weeks. He has been like a father to her.
- 03/26 Ruth Stanifer's cousin Matthew's daughter Ella (3 yrs old), began chemo for optic tumor.
- 03/19 Janis Kiefer, cancer and recovering from ulcers.
- 03/19 Charles Kemp Sr. admitted to hospital during his cancer treatments. Vitals are stabilized.
- 03/19 Goodman's family friend Kylie Hake is recovering from pneumonia after two surgeries.
- 03/19 Prayers for Terrill Broshear's friend, grieving the recent loss of her husband.
- 03/19 Terrill Broshear's sister Leah Menninger as she continues chemo treatments.
- 03/12 Sharon Hamp's friend Jean Richardson who was recently diagnosed with Metastatic Lung Cancer. This is very serious so please pray that the treatments work.
- 03/12 Elaine Shreve has been experiencing increasing back pain.
- 03/12 Karen Turner as she continues radiation treatments.
- 03/12 Donna Hughes working through some medical issues.
- 03/09 Greg Pullem is at Parkside and continues to have medical issues. We thought it would be nice to not only shower him with our prayers but with cards as well. Please send card to c/o Parkside, 908 Symmes Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014. We know has enjoyed receiving them! :)
- 03/09 Helen Brown as she recovers from a terrible fall with broken nose in (2) places, lost (7) teeth and sprained wrist, she is home recovering. She will have upcoming orthodontic work and fix her nose.

- 03/09 Pam Guynes' sister-in-law Wanda Spurlock working through some medical challenges.
- 03/08 Terrill Broshear as she recovers from chemical burns and infection on her leg from an auto accident in Florida.
- 03/08 Nancy & Wade Lewis, members since 1974, are moving in to the condos at Berkeley Square in June, prayers for a safe & easy transition.

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
 Lois Hill
 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:

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, 4/23

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3

MONDAY, 4/24

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

TUESDAY, 4/25

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (Rib City—Hamilton)
6:30 pm SPRC meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 4/26

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

THURSDAY, 4/27

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 4/28

SATURDAY, 4/29

SUNDAY, 4/30 (Special Sunday Service)

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
6:00 pm GLOW at Night
YOUTH Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 24—MAY, 6:30PM, WOMEN'S MONDAY (ZOOM) STUDY

Starting April 17, Kym Nguyen will lead the Women's Monday Zoom Study Group. The name of the book is *"The Women of the Bible Speak"* All are welcome to join in. For details contact Kym at SKENEWY@aol.com.

APRIL 30, SUNDAY, 6:00-7:30PM, GLOW at NIGHT (grade 1-5)

The Children & Family Ministry will have G.L.O.W. at Night on April 30, from 6:00—7:30pm. Let's have a night of fun & games, Bring a friend and a beach towel! Contact Peggy Smith for details. Save dates: May 21 and June 11.

APRIL 25, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH at RIB CITY (Hamilton)

This month we will meet at Rib City, 746 N.W. Washington Blvd., Hamilton, OH 45013. **Reservation for this event is April 23.** Contact Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807.

APRIL 30, SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICE (Chris Beiser & Linda Payne)

Join us for a Special Sunday Service with the St. Mark's Music Ministry and Linda Payne's poetry.

SPRING CRAFT ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE NOW in CHOIR ROOM

The ladies are hand making the Spring items and selling them 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.

MAY 4, THURSDAY 11AM, ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON & CRAFTS

See the sign up for a salad recipe that you want to bring to this event, located at the Welcome desk. This popular and well attended Annual Salad Luncheon and Crafts/Book Sale is May 4, 11am-2pm, \$10.00 per person. **Contact Tomie O'Sullivan for more details.** *If you are watching online and would like to sign up to bring in a salad, please contact **Sue McDaniel at smcdaniel13@hotmail.com***

MAY 6, SATURDAY 9AM, ALL CHURCH WORK DAY—HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands 2023: We have an opportunity to serve with an All Church Work Day. *Tonya Leguina is Trustee coordinator this month.* For May, we ask if you are able to bring a bag (or two) of BLACK MULCH for the flower beds. We will mulch as well as clean up areas around the church; replace light bulbs, wipe down seats and windows, or any area that you've seen that needs attention. Note that we have a list of small projects, see Tonya or Jennie Marshall for details. We all can join in to help keep St. Mark's beautiful!

MAY 6, BROKEN BUS MINISTRY

Bring a meal or desserts for the Broken Bus. Contact Tari Randall.

MAY 11, THURSDAY, 12:30-2:30 PM, SHARED HARVEST (volunteer)

We have an opportunity to volunteer at Shared Harvest on May 11. Sign-up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board. We need 15 volunteers. Contact Debbie Bryant for details.

MAY 12, SERVE CITY MEAL, SOUP THEME AND SERVE

MAY 14 MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, WEAR FAVORITE HAT DAY

Today, celebrate Mother's Day by wearing your favorite hat to church. This will be a fun and unique way to socialize with each other.

MAY 18, THURSDAY 6:30PM LADIES NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Join us for food & fellowship with a "CARRY in PICNIC" at our church shelter. The CYF Committee will provide City BBQ & drinks. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please sign up & let us know what you are bringing at the Welcome Center starting April 30. We need an estimated number of ladies attending. Also, remember to let Sue Luken know if you would like a ride and we will arrange this. **Please note: In case of rain, the RAINDATE is May 25.*

MAY 21, GRADUATE SUNDAY

If you are a 2023 high school or college graduate, please contact the church office with this info: Name, graduation date, degree, future plans and (4-5) images. We want to create "through the years"

MAY 21, SUNDAY, 4-6 PM DISTRICT SPRING CELEBRATION

Laity & dergy of the district come together to recognize transition in ministry: retirements, new appointments, leadership, recognitions, etc. It's a celebration of our connectional life together. Join us for an afternoon of worship, reflection and celebration with a reception here at St. Mark's UMC. No RSVP required.

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
Directory of Youth Ministries	Julie Mislansky
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel
Seminary Intern	Alfred Arthur

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Sound	Rick Kiefer
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Screen	Jennie Marshall

DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

June Newsletter deadline is May 15

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