

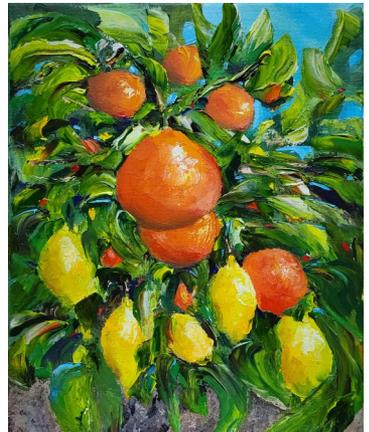
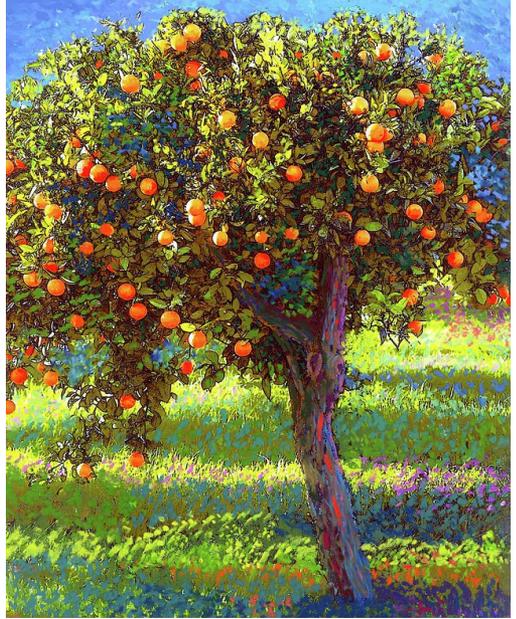


ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

July 16, 2023, 9:30 am



“What’s Growing in your Garden?”

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.*

WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God forbid that I should boast of anything
but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;
by him we are redeemed and set free.

May God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make his face shine upon us.

*OPENING HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133

*OPENING PRAYER

**Holy Spirit, work in us, and through us to glorify yourself.
Cleanse us and mold us into the people that you want us
to be.**

We lay our lives down before you, God.

Not our will, God. Your will!

We offer ourselves as living sacrifices to you, God.

**Burn us up in your refiner's fire
so that all that's left is your righteousness.**

**Let us operate in the fruits of your Spirit, God:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control—we want it all.**

**These are the defining characteristics of who you are,
Jesus,**

**and if we want people to see you in us,
we need these characteristics to define us as well.**

Make it so, Holy Spirit. Move in us.

**Clear out the junk in our hearts that is preventing us from
being fruitful.**

All we want is you, Jesus.

You are our all in all. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The love and peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Peggy Smith

(Kids will be singing songs learned from VBS)

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE:

Galatians 6:22—26

MESSAGE

"What's Growing in your Garden?"

Pastor Mark

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Wonderful Words of Life"

UMH 600

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONG**

"Take Jesus with You"

***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."

- 7/14 Virginia Shaw's son, Richard was admitted to Ft. Hamilton hospital today for a very red and swollen leg.
- 7/09 Ann Brabb's sister in law, Maureen Brabbs and the family and friends of Maureen's husband, Bob who passed away on June 24. Maureen would like to receive some special prayers of God's love and peace at this time.
- 7/09 Pam Guynes family.
- 7/09 Don Kemen's step brother, Joe Engel had brain surgery on July 10, pray for an expedited recovery.
- 7/09 Linda Prohaska's continued recovery from recent surgery.
- 7/02 Brenda Smooth for positive results after MRI on 7/05.
- 7/02 Prayers for a neighbor, Terry's sister who had a bad stroke.
- 7/02 Linda Prohaska's brother in law, Jimmy Holliman now has a staph infection to add to his 4 month ordeal recovering from open heart surgery.
- 7/02 Linda Prohaska's brother Eugene Campbell (Update) had his final treatment in his battle with lung cancer. Unfortunately, there no more options.
- 6/25 Men's prayer group: Thank you to Albert for being part of the group and we welcome Dave Brockfield who has recently joined our group.
- 6/25 Lauren Leyrer had a mild concussion, pray that she is feeling back to herself soon.
- 6/22 Lois Hill asks for prayers for a young man who is having some challenging and hard times. Pray for guidance.
- 6/18 Kurt Phillippo who is dealing with heart issues.
- 6/18 Safe traveling to Marlis Hatton and when she returns home.
- 6/18 Belinda Peters' brother-in-law James Hinson, who passed away recently. Please keep the family and friends in your prayers and we send our condolences and sympathy to them during this difficult time.
- 6/18 Susan Bunte, for recovery from surgical procedure and outcome.
- 6/18 Wade & Nancy Lewis have moved into Berkeley Square Retirement Community and all is well. Thank you for all of the prayers and concerns as everyone prepared them to move. *This is their new address: 27 Patriot Crescent, Hamilton, OH 45013.*
- 6/11 Joey Specht's girlfriend Sydney after having knee surgery.
- 6/11 Gail Phelps battling cancer.
- 6/11 Doug Ewald as he recovers from knee surgery June 9.
- 6/11 Andrew Meister, a young man having brain surgery to hopefully reduce his seizures.
- 6/11 Debi Brewer recovering from open heart bypass surgery on June 12.

- 6/11 Continued prayers and wholeness for John Smith who is recovering from a serious fall and is receiving therapy.
- 6/11 Continued prayers for those grieving the loss of their loved ones and remember in thanksgiving the lives of these persons:
Charles (Charlie) Kemp Sr. passed away on May 29, services were held on June 10.
Carolyn Janosik, who passed away on May 29, services were held on June 9.
Ardean Pitman, who passed away on May 27, services were held on June 15.
- 6/04 Brockfield's friend, Rob Pohlman who has throat cancer was in the hospital for cardiac arrest.
- 6/04 A Joy! Ruth Stanifer's cousin Matthew's 3 year old daughter Ella received her chemo treatments for optic tumor. The joy we share is that it is shrinking! Thank you for your continued prayers.
- 6/04 Praising God! Sue Luken's brother Randy was recently diagnosed with Lymphoma but his doctor says it is treatable as well as curable! Please continue prayers as he begins chemo treatments.
- 6/04 Brenda's sister Linda as she recovers from having facial surgery due to skin 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.

For Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory
 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
 Sam Davis (congestive heart)
 Jeff Gering
 Sharon Hamp
 Lois Hill

Iris Jones
 Iris Jones (son-in-law, Tim Beltz)
 Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)
 Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
 Linda Prohaska
 Eugene Campbell—lung cancer
 (Linda Prohaska's brother)
 Peggie Wyatt
 Parkside Residents
 Virginia Shaw's son Richard
 Brenda Smoot
 John Smith
 Loretta Poe (Kaden & Kallie grandma)

St. Mark's Homebound:

Jean Cottrill
 Freida Hawkins
 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, 7/16

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3

MONDAY, 7/17

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

TUESDAY, 7/18

7:00 pm Finance Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 7/19

7:30 am Men's Prayer group

THURSDAY, 7/20

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 7/21

SATURDAY, 7/22

SUNDAY, 7/23

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY MISSION PROJECT:

We are collecting school supplies for the children in the Fairfield School District. A list of supplies needed are on the Narthex bulletin board. The bins are located in the Narthex. For questions, contact Jenni Hensler.

The shopping list:

Headphones or Earbuds (not wireless), Standard Crayola Crayons (24 count), Fiskars Scissors, Glue sticks, 4oz bottle of White Elmer's Glue, #2 pencils w/ erasers, Yellow Highlighters, Dry Erase markers (low odor), 2 Pocket—Folders w/fasteners in (red, blue, green, yellow, orange)

*Watch for Back-to--School sales of these items.

JULY 29, 9-11AM, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

Sign up on the Narthex bulletin board to volunteer at Matthew 25. For more details, contact Lynne Schumacher at lynneshoe@icloud.com.

JULY 29, ZOOM, EARLY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) RECERTIFICATION

In the District newsletter, there will be a virtual ERT Recertification Class on July 29 using Zoom. A 4-course class taught by West Ohio ERT trainers is approved by UMCOR. The class is only for West Ohio and East Ohio ERT's who have already completed the 8-hour basic course and need to recertify. Cost is \$20. For more information contact email: mgrace@wocumc.org.

JULY 30, After Worship, LADIES FELLOWSHIP-FINDLAY MARKET

Hey Ladies, we are planning to carpool down to Findlay Market for lunch and shopping on July 30. For more details contact Sue Luken. More details will be coming soon. A sign up sheet will be at the Welcome counter.

AUGUST 5, SATURDAY 9AM, ALL CHURCH WORK DAY—HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands 2023. You have an opportunity to serve by helping us clean areas around the church; replacing light bulbs, clean windows, seats & other things that may need cleaning. Jennie Marshall is Trustee coordinator this month. Contact Jennie Marshall (513) 515-1224 for details.

AUGUST 19, SATURDAY, BROKEN BUS RIDERS AND MEAL SIGN-UP

A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex bulletin board for Broken Bus riders and meal. Contact Tari Randall for more details.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2-3PM, WED. BIBLE STUDY GROUP (Resumes)

Please save the date for Wednesday Bible Study. We will be studying the Gospel of John. We look forward to seeing everyone after the summer break. Contact Sue McDaniel for more details.

SEPTEMBER 11, 6:30PM, LADIES ZOOM STUDY (Resumes)

The ladies Monday night zoom study will reconvene on September 11. During the summer, we are reading, "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant if anyone would like to join. We will discuss this book at our first meeting. Contact Kym Nguyen for more information. Enjoy the summer!

USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE

Find good used books in the Narthex or in the hallway. The cost is a donation. Questions? Contact Alethea LaMar at (319) 750-1323.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VBS VOLUNTEERS!

You made the week so much fun! Pastor Mark, Sue Luken, Charlotte & Tom Tierney, Debbie Bryant, Tari Randall, Chris Beiser, Sue Combs, Cindy & Dave Booker, Sue Rumley, Pam Guynes, Jenni Hensler, Kristy & Kaden Theiss, Zach Dichtl, Lauren Dichtl, Penny Dole, Tonya & Ali Leguina, Barbara Leguina, Matt Snyder and Rick Kiefer.

DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

August Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, July 17!

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Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

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