



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

July 23, 2023, 9:30 am

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control



“Tough Love”

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

Jesus offers a new-old commandment,
that we should love each other.

With the incredible power
and the unfathomable depth
of God's love for us

we can
we must
love one another.

And it is in this
our love for one another
that the world will know
whom and what we worship.
Come, children of God,
let us love one another.

*OPENING HYMN "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

UMH 384

*OPENING PRAYER

**Our Father,
each day is a little life,
each night a tiny death;
help us to live with faith and hope and love.
Lift our duty above drudgery;
let not our strength fail, or the vision fade,
in the heat and burden of the day.**

**O God, make us patient and pitiful one with another
in the fret and jar of life,
remembering that each fights a hard fight**

**and walks a lonely way.
Forgive us, Lord, if we hurt our fellow souls;
teach us a gentler tone, a sweeter charity of words,
and a more healing touch.
Sustain us, O God, when we must face sorrow;
give us courage for the day and hope for the morrow.
Day unto day may we lay hold of thy hand and look up
into thy face,
whatever befall,
until our work is finished and the day is done. Amen.**

~ Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The love and peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tonya Leguina

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE:

I Corinthians 13

MESSAGE

"Tough love"

Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN

"The Gift of Love"

UMH 408

*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."*

- 7/20 Our prayers and sympathies for the family & friends of Rob Pohlman who passed away Monday, July 17. Rob is the brother-in-law of Rella and Rev. Joe Hadley. (Rev. Hadley filled in for Rev. Payne in June). May the Lord give you comfort and peace in your time of bereavement.
- 7/19 Safe traveling to Marlis Hatton as she returns home.
- 7/19 Patty Coyle for medical concerns.
- 7/16 Linda Prohaska recovering from surgery.
- 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 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 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 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.
- 6/11 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.
- 6/11 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, 7/23

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

MONDAY, 7/24

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

TUESDAY, 7/25

6:30 pm SPRC meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 7/26

7:30 am Men's Prayer group

THURSDAY, 7/27

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 pm Sanctuary sound training with Mark Hensler/New Covenant

FRIDAY, 7/28

SATURDAY, 7/29

9:00 am Matthew 25 Ministries volunteering

SUNDAY, 7/30

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
After Worship Ladies Fellowship at Findlay Market

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY/AUGUST MISSION PROJECT:

We are collecting school supplies for the children in the Fairfield School District through the middle of August. A list of supplies needed are on the Narthex bulletin board and 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@idoud.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. A sign up sheet is at the Welcome counter.

AUG 3,4,5, at 7-9PM, & AUG 6 at 11:30-3:30 NEW COVENANT SERVICES

New Covenant will be holding evening services on August 3, 4, and 5 from 7—9PM in the Sanctuary. New Covenant Sunday services on August 6 from 11:30—1:30, followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall after worship until 3ish.

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 BREAKFAST MEAL

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

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

Please save the date for Wednesday Bible Study. We will be studying the Gospel of John. Everyone is welcome! For details contact Sue McDaniel.

SEPTEMBER 6, WEDNESDAY, 7:30PM, CHOIR PRACTICE (Resumes)

We are resuming Choir Practice on Wednesday evenings, September 6 at 7:30. Everyone is welcome! The Choir practices is a wonderful time of fellowship and we carry each other through each week in our prayers. There is no audition, but just gather together to make a joyful noise and to sing praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For more details, Contact Chris Beiser.

SEPTEMBER 7, THURS, 10AM, SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY (Resumes)

Please save the date for the Small Group Bible Study at 10AM on the first Thursday of each month. For more details, contact Pam Guynes.

SEPTEMBER 14, THURSDAY, 11AM, NURTURE & CARE (Resumes)

Please save the date for Nurture & Care meeting that will resume on September 14, Thursday at 11AM in the Heritage Room.

SEPTEMBER 15, FRIDAY, 1:00PM, RUTH CIRCLE (Resumes)

Please save the date for Ruth Circle monthly meetings (3rd Friday each month) at 1:00PM in Fellowship Hall. All Ladies are welcome! A circle of women may be the most powerful force known to Humanity. If you have one, embrace it. If you need one, seek it. If you find one, LOVE it up and enjoy the Fellowship! For details contact Pam Guynes at Pamguynes2@gmail.com or (513)779-9162.

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!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VBS VOLUNTEERS!

You made the VBS 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, **Eric Leyrer**, and Rick Kiefer.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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

STAFF

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| Pastor | Mark Gregory |
| Administrative Assistant | Lyn Bucalo |
| Director of Music | Chris Beiser |
| Pianist | Sue Combs |
| Director of Children & Family Ministries | Peggy Smith |
| Pastor Emeritus | Bob Klingel |

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Sound | Rick Kiefer |
| Camera | Mark Hensler |
| Screen | Jennie Marshall |

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