



Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

July 30, 2023, 9:30 am



“Nonsensical Joy”

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

The world is hard

Our losses real

Our grief tangible

Our fear palpable

Merciful God, quiet our rush to judgment.

The world is heavy

Our anxiety clawing

Our confusion large

Our responsibility tenuous

Brooding God, slow our impulsive actions.

The world is mystery

Our faith rooting

Our hope kindling

Our love blossoming

Loving God, may we be quick in our understanding of your call.

*OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

UMH 246

*OPENING PRAYER

God of Heaven and Earth, God of the sunrise and the sunset, God of the highest mountain and the deepest valley, hear our prayers as we come before your throne of glory. Declare your message to us and grant us the courage to listen. May our listening turn to action. May our actions touch the hearts of those who need to hear your voice. We put our trust in you knowing that it is well placed in your gentle and caring hands. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The love and peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Peggy Smith

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE:

James 1:2-5

MESSAGE

"Nonsensical Joy"

Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH 89

*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."*

- 7/23 Patty Coyle for medical concerns and is home.
- 7/23 Helen Bowman is having some health problems
- 7/23 JOY! Linda Prohaska says, Thank you for the prayers, cards and the love you have shown! She is doing much better.
- 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.
- 7/14 Virginia Shaw's son, Richard was admitted to Ft. Hamilton hospital 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.
- 7/02 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 Phillipppo who is dealing with heart issues.
- 6/18 Belinda Peters' brother-in-law James Hinson, who passed away. Please keep the family and friends in your prayers and we send our condolences and sympathy to them during this difficult time.
- 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.

CELEBRATING 90(+) YRS, HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ann McWilliam (July 7) 94 years young
Jean Cottrill (July 28) 94 years young
Iris Jones (July 29) turned 93 years young
Peg Wyatt (August 2) turned 93 years young
Lois Hill (August 3) turned 92 years young
Dick Davis (August 14) 94 years young
Freida Hawkins (August 24) 99 years young!!!
Betty Stover (August 31) 93 years young

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)
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, 7/30

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
5:30 pm Safe Sanctuaries in Fellowship Hall w/Peggy & New Covenant

MONDAY, 7/31

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

TUESDAY, 8/01

- 6:30 pm CYF meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960
7:00 pm Trustees

WEDNESDAY, 8/02

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer group

THURSDAY, 8/03

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer Sessions in Sanctuary

FRIDAY, 8/04

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer Sessions in Sanctuary

SATURDAY, 8/05

- 9:00 am All Church Work Day (Helping Hands)
7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer Sessions in Sanctuary

SUNDAY, 8/06

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary
1:00 pm New Covenant Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

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)

AUGUST 3-5, 8AM-4PM, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT BOOTH

St. Mark's craft ladies are looking for volunteers to help (a shift or more) at the Craft booth during World's Largest Yard Sale (at Lindenwald UMC). We appreciate volunteers' willingness to help out in any way they can! If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Aydlett (513) 894-5209 or Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873. Part of the World's Longest Yard Sale will be going through the parking lot of Lindenwald UMC at 3501 Pleasant Avenue.

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.

AUGUST 26, SATURDAY 10AM, NEW COVENANT MEMORIAL SERVICE

New Covenant member Dr. John Poley passed away on Friday, July 21. There will be a memorial service in the Sanctuary 10am-2pm. We pray for strength during this time for his family and friends and send our heart-felt condolences.

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 practice 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 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)313-5092.

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!

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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

STAFF

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

Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

September Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, AUG 21!

ALTAR FLOWERS:

*One floral: Lois Hill is honoring the Homebound and Shut-in's
by celebrating her own birthday!*

Happy Birthday to Lois!!!

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