



Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

August 20, 2023, 9:30 am



“Kindness wins...”

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

Come, let us praise God together
in the company of his gathered people.
For the works of our God are unparalleled.
Everything He does reveals his glory and majesty.

**Our God is full of grace and mercy,
and his righteousness never fails.**

So come and worship,
all you who revere the Lord,
for reverence and awe is the foundation of true wisdom.

*OPENING HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

UMH 399

*OPENING PRAYER

**God, you split rocks in the wilderness,
and gave your people abundant drink, as from the deep.
Come to us, Lord.
Give us that abundant water.**

**You made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.
Come to us, Lord.
Send the waters down upon us.**

**You turned the desert into pools of water,
the parched land into springs of water.
Come to us, Lord.
Create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.**

**As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
Come to us, Lord, and fill our longing. 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

*HYMN "I Surrender All" UMH 354

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:32

SERMON MESSAGE "Kindness wins..." Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN "Pass It On" UMH 572

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus with You"

*POSTLUDE

AUG 27, SUN, 5PM, SPRC HOSTING MEET THE GREGORY'S PICNIC

Join us for an All Church Welcome Picnic for Pastor Mark & Diana Gregory
at 5pm under the shelter.

Bring a covered dish to share.

We are providing meat and beverages.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

*If updates are unknown, these items are listed for four weeks.
Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."*

- 8/13 JOYS! We are happy to see Patty Coyle back at church.
- 8/13 Our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Bob Hill who has passed away. We send you peace and strength during this time of loss.
- 8/13 We pray for all of the people of Maui, Hawaii.
- 8/13 Terri Beltz who had surgery on 8/9 and is asking for prayers of success.
- 8/13 Helen Bowman is still very ill and needs a little extra prayer
- 8/13 Pat Sena had a fall breaking her ankle in 3 places. She had surgery and is now in rehab at Ohio Living Mount Pleasant in Monroe.
- 8/13 Peggy Wyatt thanks everyone for the prayers, cards & calls.
- 8/06 Sue Luken's brother Randy was able to visit with the family. He recently received his 3rd round of Chemo and has minimal side affect. Continued prayers as he continues his fight again Lymphoma.
- 8/06 Linda Prohaska, prayers of thanks as she continues to recover. She received great results back from tests. No chemo or radiation is needed. God is Good!
- 8/06 Dee's husband Mike Aiken having some problems with breathing & blood flow.
- 8/06 Cheryl Kemen is continuing to recover from pneumonia & Bronchitis. She is working on her strength.
- 8/06 The Brockfield's (niece/nephew), Curt & Chris Morress and Cathy O'Keefe on the death of their father. With Sympathy as they traverse through this challenging time.
- 8/06 Pat Coyle's family member Doug Geisz and friend of the family Claudia.
- 8/06 Roy & Helen Brown in your prayers, Roy is recovering.
- 8/06 Prayers for staff and students as the new school year begins for Fairfield.
- 8/06 Jennifer Rinker's mom as she recovers nicely from hip replacement surgery on August 7.
- 8/06 Susan Bunte recovering from Covid.
- 8/06 Elaine Shreve fighting through back pain. Received injections but still having pain.
- 7/30 Best wishes to Zachary Dichtl as he heads out to Purdue.
- 7/30 Happy 26th birthday to Zachary Dichtl. We thank God for blessing our family with the gift of Zachary—Mom & Dad.
- 7/30 Gerri Anderson is healing from a fractured shoulder.
- 7/30 Betty Stover is in critical care in the hospital (NY). Her son, Mark Stover informed us of the situation and will continue to keep us posted.
- 7/23 Pam Guynes family.
- 7/09 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 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.
- 7/02 Kurt Phillippo who is dealing with heart issues.
- 7/02 Gail Phelps battling 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)
 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
 Betty Stover
 Loretta Poe (Kaden & Kallie grandma)

St. Mark's Homebound:

Jean Cottrill
 Freida Hawkins
 Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
 Nancy & Wade Lewis
 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, 8/20

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

MONDAY, 8/21

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

TUESDAY, 8/22

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

WEDNESDAY, 8/23

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer group

THURSDAY, 8/24

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 8/25

SATURDAY, 8/26

- 10:00 am New Covenant Memorial Services for Dr. John Poley
5:00 pm Picnic for Wednesday Bible Study Group at Stewart's

SUNDAY, 8/27

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary
5:00 pm SPRC Hosting Meet the Gregory's Picnic—Everyone Welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)

SUNDAYS, 11:30-3:30 NEW COVENANT SERVICES IN SANCTUARY

New Covenant Sunday services in sanctuary from 11:30—1:30.

AUGUST 24, THURSDAY 7:30PM, ANGELA CRUM AT POPS CONCERT

Soloist Angela Crum will be singing at the Summer Pops Concert with the Butler Philharmonic Orchestra on August 24 at 7:30pm in uptown Oxford.

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.

AUGUST 26, SATURDAY 5PM, WED. BIBLE STUDY PICNIC at STEWART

The Stewart's hosting Wed. Bible Study Picnic on August 26, Saturday at 5pm Please bring a side dish or dessert. Contact Don & Marilyn Stewart for more info.

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.

SEPT. 9, 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. Rich Turner is Trustee coordinator this month. Contact Jennie Marshall (513) 515-1224 for details.

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

Nurture & Care meeting that will resume on September 14, Thursday at 11AM in the Heritage Room. Please save the date. For details contact Pam Guynes.

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 at kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com for more information.

SEPTEMBER 26, TUESDAY 12PM LUNCH BUNCH at O'CHARLEY'S

Join us for Lunch Bunch at O'Charley's in Tri-County area at 12PM. This is a group to just come together and fellowship with your St. Mark's family. Reservations deadline is Sunday, September 24. Contact Brenda Smooth at (513) 316-1807 for more details and placing reservations.

SEPTEMBER 30, SAT., 6:30-10:30PM, KEEPING THE PROMISE GALA

The Family Promise, "keeping the promise" Gala is Sept. 30 at 6:30-10:30PM. Located at the Fitton Center, Hamilton with an 80s theme, DJ, and more. Tickets are: \$75 individual; \$120 couples; Table sponsor \$650 (seats 10) For more details contact Kym Nguyen at kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com.

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.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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

STAFF

Pastor	Mark Gregory
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Pianist	Sue Combs
Director of Children & Family Ministries	Peggy Smith
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Sound	Rick Kiefer
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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 florals: Happy 65th Birthday Bill Schumacker! (Aug. 19)

ONE florals: Happy Birthday Nicole Specht! (Aug. 22)

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