



Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

August 27, 2023, 9:30 am



“Oh My Goodness...”

## **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

With what shall we come before the Lord?  
What shall we bring into the presence of our God,  
as an expression of our worship and praise?

**Shall we bring him all that we own—  
our finest possessions, our life-savings,  
our investments and property?  
Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?**

No, that's not what God is looking for.  
God has told you what is good,  
and what he expects of you:

**To do justice.  
To love mercy.  
To walk humbly before him.**

\*OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH 139

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**O Living God of past and future,  
we praise you  
for this present moment.  
Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy  
Spirit,  
that our strength may be renewed  
to sing a new song of your glory  
in a world which longs for your justice and peace.  
All this we ask in the name of Jesus,  
in whom we become  
your new creation. 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

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451

SCRIPTURE:

Micah 6:6-8

SERMON MESSAGE

"Oh My Goodness..."

Pastor Mark

\*CLOSING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

UMH 77

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG

"Take Jesus with You"

\*POSTLUDE

**TODAY! At 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."*

- 8/24 Bud Aydlett had 2 mini-strokes and was admitted to the hospital for tests. If you want to send a card to 2879 Stone Mill Way, Hamilton, OH 45011. We pray you get better Bud!
- 8/23 Lora Gugala's brother passed away on Aug. 22. We send our prayers of comfort and condolences to the family and friends during this sorrowful time. Know that we are thinking of you.
- 8/20 Kym Nguyen's mother Nancy Lewis is having surgery to remove scar tissue from her knee on August 29.
- 8/20 Please pray for the family of Linda Prohaska's brother in law Jimmy Holloman who passed away Friday 8/18 after a long battle, following open heart surgery. He was one of the good guys and will be sorely missed. We send our prayers of peace, strength and our sympathies.
- 8/20 Karen Turner as she begins Chemo treatment on August 30 for the next 18 weeks.
- 8/20 Jenni Hensler niece Jessica, who is having a challenging pregnancy.
- 8/20 Betty Stover is now in Hospice care in her NY apartment.
- 8/20 Pam Brockfield's sister Judi Morress is having difficult health issues.
- 8/20 Roger Messemer is having heart problems.
- 8/20 Lauren's friend Aubrey and her family. Aubrey's great grandmother passed away. We send her peace and love.
- 8/20 Debbie Hill's daughter Amy Jones, who had surgery 8/21.
- 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 continue to send prayers
- 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 working through issues with breathing & blood flow.
- 8/06 Roy & Helen Brown in your prayers.

- 8/06 Pat Coyle's family member Doug Geisz and friend of the family Claudia.
- 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 Cheryl Kemen is continuing to recover from pneumonia & Bronchitis. She is working on her strength.
- 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 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 Gerri Anderson is healing from a fractured shoulder.
- 7/23 Pam Guynes family.
- 7/23 Virginia Shaw's son, Richard was admitted to Ft. Hamilton hospital for a very red and swollen leg.
- 7/23 Don Kemen's step brother, Joe Engel had brain surgery on July 10, pray for an expedited recovery.
- 7/23 Linda Prohaska's brother Eugene Campbell (Update) had his final treatment in his battle with lung cancer. Unfortunately, there no more options.
- 7/23 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](mailto: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  
 Nancy & Wade Lewis  
 Eleanor McCollum  
 Zedith Pottenger

Greg Pullem—Parkside  
 Jean Stivers  
 Virginia Shaw  
 Paul Schutte  
 Betty Stover (NY in home hospice)  
 Betty Winkler  
 Joyce Zugelter (In home health care)

## ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Check out our online calendar: [fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 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 "Meet the Gregory's Picnic" hosted by SPRC**

### **MONDAY, 8/28**

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

### **TUESDAY, 8/29**

- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

### **WEDNESDAY, 8/30**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer group

### **THURSDAY, 8/31**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 9/01**

### **SATURDAY, 9/02**

### **SUNDAY, 9/03 Holy Communion Sunday**

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
NO GLOW, Nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT: CARING CLOSET**

We are going to support the needs of the Caring Closet. Girls jeans (CHILD sizes 6-12), Boys jeans (CHILD sizes 8-12), boys boxer brief sizes 6-18, Bars of deodorant soap, 2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner, and Toothpaste. All toiletries need to be NEW; Unopened and Full size (No travel size, please). See Tari Randall

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

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

### **SEPTEMBER 5, TUESDAY, WESLEY HOUSE MEALS**

School is in and the students at Wesley House will be hungry while they study. We are preparing a hot meal for them on 9/05. See Lynne Schumacker.

### **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, 6:30PM, HANDBELL CHOIR (Resumes)**

We are resuming Handbell Choir Practice on Wednesday evenings, Sept 6 at 6:30pm. ALL are welcome! (NO requirement to read sheet music) and NO Experience needed. Contact Sue Combs for details.

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

We are resuming Choir Practice on Wednesday evenings, Sept 6 at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome! No experience, No reading sheet music, No auditions, No problem! The Choir practice is a wonderful time of fellowship, fun and making a joyful noise. For more details, contact Chris Beiser.

**SEPT. 9, SATURDAY 9AM, ALL CHURCH WORK DAY—HELPING HANDS**

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 10, SUNDAY, 6-7PM, ACOLYTE TRAINING**

Students in grades 3-12 will learn about being part of this meaningful ministry and what it means & how it impacts our worship. Attending the training is not a commitment to acolyte. For details: Peggy Smith, P.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com.

**SEPTEMBER 11, 6:30PM, LADIES MONDAY GROUP STUDY (Resumes)**

The ladies Monday group study will reconvene on Sept. 11 (In person at church). We will have snacks and beverages and discuss the book, "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant, it's not too late to join. For more details contact Kym Nguyen at kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Ruth Circle monthly meetings (3rd Friday) in Fellowship Hall resumes. All Ladies are welcome and we will have snacks & beverages provided! *In October, we will have Lyn Bucalo talk about her small jewelry making business with samples.* For details contact Pam Guynes at Pamguynes2@gmail.com or (513)313-5092.

**SEPTEMBER 15, FRIDAY, SERVE CITY MEAL**

Be on the lookout for another Serve City meal sign-up opportunity on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We will be serving sliders, sides, and desserts. For details contact Charlotte Tiemey.

**SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY, AFTER WORSHIP, LADIES FELLOWSHIP**

Ladies of St. Mark's, join us on our re-scheduled trip to Findlay Market following worship service on 9/04. We will car pool down together, eat lunch, as well as have fun exploring and shopping the market! The Sign up sheet is located in the Narthex Welcome Center. Details: Sue Luken

**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 time to fellowship with your St. Mark's family. Reservations deadline is Sept 24. For Details: Brenda Smooth at (513) 316-1807 and placing reservations.

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

Consider making a donation or attending The Family Promise, "keeping the promise" Gala on 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.

# 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 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com) to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Monday each month.

**October Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, SEPT 18!**

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

*ONE floral: Happy Birthday Joe Specht! (Aug. 30)  
and Happy Birthday Melissa LaMar! (Sept. 2)*

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