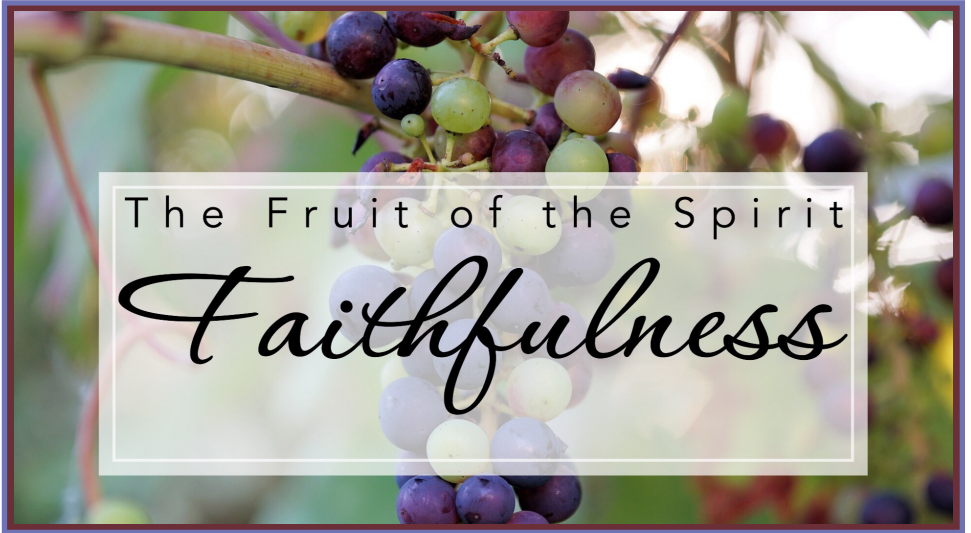




Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

September 3, 2023, 9:30 am

## Communion Sunday



**“Being Faithful”**

## **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, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

**We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.**

Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ

**We come on your invitation, needing healing.**

Be healed by God's gracious mercy

**We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness**

In Jesus' Name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.

**Alleluia, Praise be to God. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" UMH 369

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**I weave a silence on to my lips**

**I weave a silence onto my mind**

**I weave a silence within my heart**

**I close my ears to distractions**

**I close my eyes to attractions**

**I close my heart to temptations**

**Calm me, O Lord, as you stilled the storm**

**Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm**

**Let all tumult within me cease**

**Enfold me Lord in your peace. 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:

Hebrews 11:1

SERMON MESSAGE

"Being Faithful"

Pastor Mark

COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

\*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."*

- 8/27 Prayers of healing for sister Ann Brabbs as she is dealing with the pain following back issues.
- 8/27 Thank you my bestie of 61 years, Debbie Bryant, had a birthday on August 27.
- 8/27 Ken Weedman recovering at home.
- 8/27 Bud Aydlett is now located at Doverwood after having two mini-strokes. Shirley and Bud thanks everyone for all of the thoughts and prayers. Love to All! If you want to send a card to 2879 Stone Mill Way, Hamilton, OH 45011.
- 8/27 Lois Hill's god-daughter Karen Clendenin fell and fractured her hip. We pray that she has a speedy recovery after having surgery on August 25.
- 8/27 Kym Nguyen's mother Nancy Lewis is recovering from surgery on 8/29 to remove scar tissue from her knee.
- 8/27 Karen Turner as she begins Chemo treatment on August 30 for the next 18 weeks.
- 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 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 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.
- 8/06 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 Prayers for staff and students as the new school year begins for Fairfield.
- 8/06 Elaine Shreve fighting through back pain. Received injections but still having pain.

### **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  
 Bud Aydlett  
 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)  
 Parkside Residents  
 Loretta Poe (Kaden & Kallie grandma)  
 Virginia Shaw's son Richard  
 Brenda Smoot  
 Peggie Wyatt

### **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, 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

### **MONDAY, 9/04 Labor Day—(Offices Closed)**

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

### **TUESDAY, 9/05—(Offices Closed)**

Wesley House Meal

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

### **WEDNESDAY, 9/06**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer group
- 2:00 pm Afternoon Bible study group
- 6:30 pm Handbell Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

### **THURSDAY, 9/07**

- 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 9/08**

### **SATURDAY, 9/09**

- 9:00 am Helping Hands—All Church Workday

### **SUNDAY, 9/10**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3  
Prayer Partners Begin
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary
- 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved for private party (until 6pm)
- 6:00 pm Acolyte Training

## **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

### **BEGIN SEPT. 15, FRIDAYS, 7-9PM NEW COVENANT WEEKLY PRAYER SESSIONS**

New Covenant prayer sessions will begin on Sept 15 in sanctuary from 7-9PM.

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

Students at Wesley House will be hungry while they study. We are preparing a hot meal for them. 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! 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.

### **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. Contact: Chris Beiser.

### **SEPTEMBER 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.

### **SEPTEMBER 10, SUNDAY, PRAYER PARTNERS**

Beginning Sept. 10, we will offer prayer partners again! More information at the Welcome Center to take part of this very meaningful and important ministry! For those of you who worship online and would like to participate, please contact Sue Luken at: [suzluken@hotmail.com](mailto:suzluken@hotmail.com).

### **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. Contact: Peggy Smith, [P.smith@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto: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. Contact Kym Nguyen at [kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com).

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

Nurture & Care meeting resume Sept. 14, in the Heritage Room. Contact: Pam Guynes.

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

All Ladies are welcome and we will have snacks & beverages provided! Save the Date: 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](mailto:Pamguynes2@gmail.com) or (513)313-5092.

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

Another Serve City meal sign-up opportunity on the Narthex bulletin board . We will be serving sliders, sides, and desserts. For details contact Charlotte Tierney.

### **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. 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 (Tri-County)**

The Lunch Bunch at O'Charley's in Tri-County area at 12PM. Come fellowship with your St. Mark's family. Reservations deadline is Sept 24. Contact: Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807 and placing reservations.

# 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

## YOUTH DIRECTOR NEEDED

Do you have a passion for connecting with our youth and supporting them in their faith journey? Do you have a vision for what youth ministry could become at St. Mark's? SPRC is seeking a new Youth Director (grades 6—12).

Contact Jennifer Rinker (SPRC Chair) or Pastor Mark if you have an interest in this opportunity

## 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: Dave & Cindy Booker 35th Anniversary (Sept. 3)*

*ONE floral: Steve & Kym Nguyen 30th Anniversary (Sept. 4)*

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