



Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

September 10, 2023, 9:30 am  
Grandparents Day!



“A Gentle Word...”

## **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

A drop of water.

Insignificant in isolation.

When dropped in a pool

The ripples move out into infinity

The water is changed

By one drop of water.

A drop is falling

Now

Into the pool of our spirit.

The water begins to ripple...

Holy God,

as we consider the magnitude of a drop of water

to touch and change the pool,

may we hear the power of your touch in our lives,

the potential for our lives to touch others. Amen.

#### \*OPENING HYMN "O Worship the King, All-Glorious Above"

UMH 73

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Miraculous God,**

**come to us now,**

**even as your Son came**

**to those first disciples**

**on the shores of Galilee.**

**Speak your peace to our hearts.**

**Touch us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Reveal your word,**

**that we may hear your message this day,**

**and live as your disciples**

**in the days and years to come.**

**In Christ's name, we pray. 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

"Near to the Heart of God"

UMH 472

SCRIPTURE:

Proverbs 15:1

SERMON MESSAGE

"A Gentle Word..."

Pastor Mark

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

UMH 381

\*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."*

- 9/06 Ann McWilliam was in emergency room and is transferred to Christ Hospital for blood transfusion and scopes.
- 9/06 Lois Hill's neighbor, cancer returned in his lung.
- 9/03 Thank you to everyone for the Picnic.
- 9/03 JOY! Bud Aydlett came home. Thank you for all of the thoughts, prayers, calls and cards from everyone.
- 9/03 JOY! Helen Bowman is home and feeling better.
- 9/03 A friend's son who needs a liver transplant.
- 9/03 Mike & Dee Aiken's friend Armando Allejandro is very ill.
- 9/03 Terrill Broshear is recovering from ankle surgery that was on 9/07. It is a long recovery process.
- 9/03 Prayers of comfort and healing for Zach's lab mate who was assaulted for being part of the LGBTQ community.
- 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 Pam Brockfield's sister Judi Morress is having difficult health issues.
- 8/20 Lauren's friend Aubrey and her family. Aubrey's great grandmother passed away. We send her peace and love.
- 8/20 Roger Messemer is having heart problems.
- 8/20 Debbie Hill's daughter Amy Jones, who had surgery 8/21.

- 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 is recovering from surgery on 8/09.
- 8/13 Helen Bowman has been very ill & needs extra prayers.
- 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 Dee's husband Mike Aiken working through issues with breathing & blood flow.
- 8/06 Pat Coyle's family member Doug Geisz and friend of the family Claudia.
- 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 & Shirley Aydlett  
 Patty Coyle  
 Dick & Edith Davis  
 Sam Davis (congestive heart)  
 Sharon Hamp  
 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, 9/10 Grandparent's Day**

- 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

### **MONDAY, 9/11**

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
- 6:00 pm Ladies Monday Group Study (in person, at church)

### **TUESDAY, 9/12**

- 7:00 pm Administrative Board
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

### **WEDNESDAY, 9/13**

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

### **THURSDAY, 9/14**

- 11:00 am Nurture & Care meeting
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 9/15**

- 1:00 pm Ruth Circle (resumes)  
Serve City Meals in by 5:15pm
- 7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer Sessions (Sanctuary)

### **SATURDAY, 9/16**

### **SUNDAY, 9/17**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3  
(After Worship) St. Mark's Cares meeting
- 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

### **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: [suzuluken@hotmail.com](mailto:suzuluken@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, 6:00PM, 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." Contact Kym Nguyen at kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2-3PM, WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

We are studying the Gospel of John. Everyone is welcome! Contact: Sue McDaniel.

**SEPTEMBER 13, WEDNESDAY, 6:30PM, HANDBELL CHOIR**

ALL are welcome! (*NO requirement to read sheet music*) and *NO Experience needed*.

Contact: Sue Combs.

**SEPTEMBER 13, WEDNESDAY, 7:30PM, CHOIR PRACTICE**

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. The choir will begin singing the following Sunday on Sept 17. Contact: Chris Beiser.

**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 or (513)313-5092.

**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 15, FRIDAY, SERVE CITY MEALS IN BY 5:15PM**

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.

**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.

**OCTOBER 3, TUESDAY, 12:30-2:30 SHARED HARVEST OPPORTUNITY**

There is another fabulous opportunity packing boxes at Shared Harvest. Sign up on the Narthex bulletin board or contact Debbie Bryant.

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

ONE floral: *Happy Birthday Alethea LaMar (Sept. 2)*

## **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!**

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