



Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

September 17, 2023, 9:30 am



“Who is in Charge Here?”

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

Grace to you and peace,
from the Alpha and Omega, the A and the Z,
who is, and who was, and who is to come;
**from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born
of the dead,**

To Christ who loves us and liberates us by his blood,
and makes us priests of his God and Father,
**Be glory, and dominion, forever and ever!
Amen!**

*OPENING HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

UMH 467

*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.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The love and peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

CHILDREN'S TIME:

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*CHOIR ANTHEM

"Cornerstone"

SCRIPTURE:

Proverbs 16:32; 25:28

SERMON MESSAGE

"Who is in Charge Here?"

Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN

"I Surrender All"

UMH 354

*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."*

- 9/11 Rich Turner and family for the passing of Karen Turner on September 11. With Deepest Sympathy, at this time of loss, may you know His Compassion, His Grace, His Strength, and His Love.
- 9/10 Pam Brockfield having surgery on eyes, September 19.
- 9/10 Mark & Sue Luken sister in law Bev Luken who is having triple bypass surgery on September 19.
- 9/10 Jenni Hensler's friend & colleague who was in a car accident and had surgery and is recovering from a broken wrist.
- 9/10 JOY! Donna Armstrong is grateful to God for a good recovery from knee surgery so far.
- 9/10 JOY! Ann McWilliam is home and is doing well.
- 9/06 Lois Hill's neighbor, cancer returned in his lung.
- 9/03 JOY! Helen Bowman is home and feeling better.
- 9/03 JOY! Bud Aydtlett is home. Thank you for all of the thoughts, prayers, calls and cards from everyone.
- 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 Ken Weedman is recovering at home.
- 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.
- 8/23 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 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.

***Memorial Services for Karen Turner
St. Mark's UMC, September 18, Monday
Visitation at 12-3pm
Memorial service begins at 3pm***

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
Bud & Shirley Aydlett
Terrill Broshear
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
Rich Turner and family
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

TODAY, 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

MONDAY, 9/18 (Deadline for October Newsletter submissions)

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

12:00 pm Memorial Visitation for Karen Turner

3:00 pm Memorial Service for Karen Turner

TUESDAY, 9/19

7:00 pm Finance meeting (Zoom)

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 9/20

7:30 am Men's Prayer group

2:00 pm Bible study group

THURSDAY, 9/21

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 9/22

7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer Sessions (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, 9/23

SUNDAY, 9/24

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
(After Worship) Ladies Fellowship at Findlay Market
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 17, SUNDAY, PRAYER PARTNERS, PICK UP NAMES

We continue to offer Prayer Partners at the Welcome Center. Consider taking 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.

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 2, 6:00PM, LADIES MONDAY GROUP STUDY (IN PERSON)

The ladies Monday group study will reconvene on October 2 in person in Fellowship Hall. We are using this book for our study guide called, "The Bible Recap" by Tara-Leigh Cobble. 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.

OCTOBER 4, WEDNESDAY, 6:30 NEIGHBORHOOD DRIVEWAY DIALOGUE

The City of Fairfield will have a neighborhood dialogue under the church shelter. All are welcome to join regarding community improvements.

OCTOBER 7, SATURDAY 9AM, ALL CHURCH WORK DAY—HELPING HANDS

There is an opportunity to serve by helping us clean areas around the church; replacing light bulbs, clean windows, seats & other things that may need cleaning. **Kristy Theiss will be lead Trustee this month.** For more details contact Jennie Marshall (513) 515-1224.

OCTOBER 14, SATURDAY, 9AM, NAMI WALKERS/RUNNERS

Calling ALL Walkers/Runners in our church family for the NAMI walk to support mental health on October 14. Contact Tari Randall for details.

OCTOBER 15,(During Worship) 3RD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY

If there is a child that would like a Bible, please contact Peggy Smith with Name of Child.

OCTOBER 15, SUNDAY, 5:30-7:00 PM GLOW at NIGHT

Bible blast with snacks and fun activities. See Peggy Smith for more information.

OCTOBER 20, FRIDAY, 1:00PM, RUTH CIRCLE , FELLOWSHIP HALL

All Ladies are welcome as *Lyn Bucalo presents her jewelry making business with samples.* For more details contact Pam Guynes at Pamguynes2@gmail.com or (513)313-5092.

OCTOBER 22, SUNDAY, 4:30-6:00PM, TRUNK OR TREAT—PETTING ZOO

St. Mark's UMC Fall Fest, Trunk or Treat—Petty Zoo with Hot dogs & drinks, crafts and music, Set up after 3pm. Free to Everyone and Community Welcome! See Peggy Smith.

OCTOBER 24, TUESDAY 12PM LUNCH BUNCH at BACK PORCH

The Lunch Bunch at the Back Porch at 12PM. Come fellowship with your St. Mark's family. Reservations deadline is Oct 22. Contact: Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807 and placing reservations.

OCTOBER 28, SATURDAY 9-11AM MATTHEW 25 VOLUNTEER

We have a volunteer opportunity and all ages & abilities are welcomed. The sign up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board. Contact Lynne Schumacker at (513) 382-0488 or lynneshoe@icloud.com for details.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

ONE floral: Denny & Sue Mullen 62 Anniversary

*ONE floral: Bill & Lynne Schumacker's daughter:
In honor of our daughter Sarah, who is being inducted into
Fairfield H.S. Hall of Fame for Soccer & Track, Today!*

*ONE floral: (round centerpiece):
Happy 91st Birthday Edith Davis (Sept.12th)*

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 to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Monday each month.

October Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, SEPT 18!

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