



Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

September 24, 2023, 9:30 am



“Of Law and Grace...”

## **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

We are here  
to worship a remarkable God.  
**The love of God welcomes us,  
the grace of Christ awaits us,  
the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.**

Don't come as slaves, come as the truly free.  
Don't come as petitioners, come as those who are  
already heard.  
Don't come as interlopers, come as invited guests.  
Don't come as the outsiders, come as much-wanted children.  
**The love of God emboldens us.  
The grace of Christ redeems us.  
The joy of the Spirit uplifts us**

Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful,  
come as the recipients of amazing grace.  
**The love of God overflows our hearts,  
The grace of Christ liberates our spirits,  
The joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.  
Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" UMH 365

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our  
troubled sea;  
Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward  
faith;**



# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## **Joys/Concerns**

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

- 9/20 Mark & Sue Luken sister-in-law Bev Luken is recovering from Quintuple (5) Bypass surgery and in a lot of pain.
- 9/20 Patty Coyle's daughter Lori Palmieri recovering from surgery
- 9/19 Jennie & Rick Marshall 1yr old grandchild Theo Hannah had collapsed but is now recovering from virus symptoms & heart rate issues. His mother is 8 months pregnant with signs of pre-eclampsia and exhausted. Keep the entire family in your prayers.
- 9/17 Terrill Broshear is recovering and doing rehab at Liberty Rehab after her ankle surgery that was on 9/07.
- 9/17 Bud Aydlett is getting better each day at home, but having some nose bleeds as doctors adjust the meds. Thank you all so much for all of the prayers and love.
- 9/17 Pam Brockfield healing from eyelid surgery on 9/19.
- 9/17 Iris Jones' daughter and son-in-law.
- 9/17 Cindy Booker's sister, Kristy who will have surgery at the end of September.
- 9/17 Gale Logan had a fall and is in a boot at Otterbein.
- 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 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.
- 9/06 Lois Hill's neighbor, cancer returned in his lung.
- 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 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 8/25.
- 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 Pam Brockfield's sister Judi Morress is having difficult health issues.

- 8/20 Jenni Hensler niece Jessica, who is having a challenging pregnancy.
- 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.

### **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  
 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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 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

### **MONDAY, 9/25**

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

### **TUESDAY, 9/26**

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch at O'Charley's  
7:00 pm SPRC  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

### **WEDNESDAY, 9/27**

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

### **THURSDAY, 9/28**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 9/29**

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer Sessions (Sanctuary)

### **SATURDAY, 9/30**

- 6:30 pm Family Promise Gala

### **SUNDAY, 10/01 Holy Communion**

- 9:30 am Holy Communion/Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, 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

### **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 24, SUNDAY, PRAYER PARTNERS, PICK UP NAMES (Continues)**

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](mailto:suzluken@hotmail.com).

### **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 meet in person on October 2 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 to attend this fun time to get together. 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! **Please NO DOGS** due to the animals at petting zoo. See Peggy Smith for more information.

### **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@jcloud.com for details.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

*Large Planter: In Memory of Karen Turner.  
(September 11, 2023)*

## **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 NOVEMBER 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.

**November Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, OCT 23!**

(Yep, you have an extra week this month)

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