



Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

October 8, 2023, 9:30 am



“The Hits: Fresh Takes on Favorite Passages”

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

"A Festival Peal"

Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

Love one another!

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

No longer servants but friends!

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of God. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH 327

*OPENING PRAYER

God of power and might,
you sent prophets to your people,
calling us back to your covenant,
and teaching us your ways.

In the fullness of time,
you sent us your Son Jesus,
teaching with such authority,
that our eyes were opened
to see your ways anew.

Open our hearts and minds,
that we may understand
and proclaim your teachings
for all to hear.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
The 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

* CHOIR ANTHEM
"He's Always Been Faithful to Me"

Doxology
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*BELL CHOIR "Jesus Loves Me"

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:28

SERMON MESSAGE Pastor Mark
"The Hits: Fresh Takes on Favorite Passages"

*CLOSING HYMN "He Touched Me" UMH 367

*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."*

- 10/01 Bob & Sharon Hamp's good friend Gail Wells passed away. Please pray for her husband Stuart as well as the family and friends. They are the pastoral couple who married us. Prayers, our sympathy and condolences for Stuart, the family and friends.
- 9/24 Good News! Pam Brockfield's surgery went well! She is swollen around her eyes and discolored but is thankful for the cards and prayers. "See you soon!"
- 9/24 Patty Coyle's daughter had a successful surgery and is recovering nicely.
- 9/24 Sue Bunte's friend who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- 9/24 Iris Jones' family in your prayers please.
- 9/24 Diana (DD) Fase is asking for prayers.
- 9/24 Ruth Stanifer is asking for prayers of quick healing. She fell down the steps.
- 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 healing from ankle surgery that was on September 7.
- 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 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 and getting better each day.
- 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.

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, 10/08

- 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

MONDAY, 10/09

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
- 6:30 pm Ladies Monday Group Study (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, 10/10

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

WEDNESDAY, 10/11

- 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, 10/12

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

FRIDAY, 10/13

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

SATURDAY, 10/14

- 9:00 am NAMI 5K Walk/Run

SUNDAY, 10/15 THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY DURING WORSHIP

- 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
- 5:30 pm GLOW at Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT: St. Mark's Pantry and FFFP

The Fairfield Food Pantry (FFFP) only needs soups and canned veggies. The St. Mark's mini-pantry has been depleted as soon as items are placed within it so we know the need is high.

St. Mark's Mini-pantry LIST: Peanut butter, canned proteins (Tuna, Chicken, Hash, etc), Soups, Canned Pasta, Boxed pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned veggies, cereal, instant oatmeal, Hamburger & Tuna Helper, and paper goods.

OCTOBER 9, 6:30PM, LADIES MONDAY GROUP STUDY (ZOOM)

The ladies Monday group study will meet via Zoom at 6:30pm. We are using this book for our study guide called, "The Bible Recap" by Tara-Leigh Cobble. You can join any time of the year! Contact Kym Nguyen at kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 11, 2-3PM, WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP, FELLOWSHIP HALL

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

OCTOBER 12, THURSDAY, 11AM, NURTURE & CARE

Nurture & Care meeting in the Heritage Room. Contact: Pam Guynes.

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. To register go to Namiwalks.org; *Team name is St. Marks Fairfield.* Contact Tari Randall for details.

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

Bring your Bible to Church Sunday, October 15. We will be celebrating our 3rd grade students and gifting them with a Bible. If you have ever received a Bible when you were a child or youth, please bring it to church on Sunday. Contact Peggy Smith.

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 16, MONDAY, 7PM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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 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 (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.

NOVEMBER 14, TUESDAY, 7:00 PM CHURCH CONFERENCE

PLEASE NOTE:

Lyn Bucalo, Office Admin., will be out of the church office beginning October 16 - 24 and will return to the office on October 25, Wednesday. Upon returning to office, Lyn will respond to all emails. For note-worthy information, news, questions or if your message is urgent, please contact Pastor Mark at (419) 297-2062 or he will be available in office Tues through Friday 9:30am to 12pm.

USED BOOK SALE SPONSORED BY RUTH'S CIRCLE

Find good used books in the Narthex or in the hallway. The cost is a donation. Questions? Contact Alethea LaMar at (319) 750-1323.

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at 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, it's not a typo)

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

BIBLE STUDY LEADER NEEDED AT PARKSIDE

Do you have a desire to lead a small Bible Study group? Parkside Nursing Home is looking for a volunteer to lead 1 time per week. For more information, contact Charlotte Tierney (513) 795-3010 or Debbie Bryant.

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