



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

**October 15, 2023, 9:30 am**



For God so loved the world that  
He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him  
should not perish but have  
everlasting life. (John 3:16)

**SERMON SERIES**

**“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

Sue Combs

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

For God so loved the world;  
The sparrows, the mountain lions,  
the fish and the people.

For God so loved the world;  
In success and failure,  
in sickness and health,  
in mediocrity and extraordinary.

For God so loved the world;  
Enough to become one of us,  
enough to suffer along with us,  
enough to offer new life for us.  
For God so loved the world;  
Let us worship God!  
Amen.

#### \*OPENING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

God of the past,  
accept the people we have been  
and the baggage we drag behind us.

God of the present,  
accept the people we are now  
and the potential that lies within us.

God of the future,  
accept the people we could be  
and by your Spirit transform us. Amen.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S TIME: "Third Grade Bible Sunday" Peggy Smith  
*Receiving Bibles today is: Molly Robinson and Eiko Godrex*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT  
Offertory "Rescue" Heather Chambers  
Doxology  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*CHOIR ANTHEM "Thank You, Lord"

SCRIPTURE: John 3:16

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

\*CLOSING HYMN "To God Be The Glory" UMH 98

\*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."*

- 10/09 Diana Gregory healing through some medical issues.
- 10/09 Pastor Mark's mother who is in hospital.
- 10/08 JOY! Eliza Christine Hannah was born October 2 to Sami & Josh, proud grandparents Rick & Jennie Marshall. Congrats!!
- 10/08 Patty Coyle's niece Michelle Sang has a brain blood clot.
- 10/08 Rich Turner thanks everyone for the loving people of St. Mark's in helping him through the pain and loss of Karen.
- 10/08 Lyn Bucalo thanks everyone for your prayers and thoughts during the healing process of a broken foot. I'm so Grateful!
- 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 is recovering from a fall in a boot at Otterbein.
- 9/10 Jenni Hensler's friend & colleague who was in a car accident and had surgery and is recovering from a broken wrist.
- 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.  
 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](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, 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

### **MONDAY, 10/16**

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

### **TUESDAY, 10/17**

- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960  
7:00 pm Finance meeting (ZOOM)

### **WEDNESDAY, 10/18**

- 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, 10/19**

- 10:30 am Nominations Committee meet  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 10/20**

- 1:00 pm Ruth Circle  
7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer Sessions (Sanctuary)

### **SATURDAY, 10/21**

### **SUNDAY, 10/22 FALL FEST—TRUNK OR TREAT PETTING ZOO**

- 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  
4:30 pm Fall Fest—Trunk or Treat with Petting Zoo and Crafts

## 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 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 19, THURSDAY, 10:30 AM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

**OCTOBER 16, 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 18, 2 -3PM, WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP,FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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

**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. There will be adorable handmade crafts available to purchase too. Check out what the ladies have been doing.

**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.

**OCTOBER 28, SATURDAY, NEW COVENANT ANNUAL PICNIC**

New Covenant will have their Annual Picnic in the church parking lot. Flyers will be available. If it rains, the event will be held indoors; Fellowship Hall.

**NOVEMBER 14, TUESDAY, 7:00 PM CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**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.

**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.

**POINSETTIAS ORDER FORMS: BEGIN OCTOBER 29 —NOVEMBER 12**

It's hard to believe we are talking about Poinsettia's, but they are due early this year. The order form will be available from Oct. 29 thru Nov. 12 (Sunday). More details to come. Contact: Lyn Bucalo at the church office.

## **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, 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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