

The logo features a stylized red flame on the left, with a black crossbar extending to the right. The text "ST. MARK'S" is in a large, bold, black serif font, and "UNITED METHODIST CHURCH" is in a smaller, black serif font below it.

ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

October 22, 2023, 9:30 am



“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

John 3:17 (KJV)

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

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply-

Pray for your communities

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

For something happens here

that reminds us that we can live as God desires

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

and we can trust the promise. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

UMH 601

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving and Gracious God—Holy one of Israel—

tender one to all who call upon you with repentant and believing hearts:

bless us, we pray, with your presence this day.

Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways,
 inspire those who seek your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted,

comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak.

Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise
 and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour
 and in the hours to come. 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

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*CHOIR ANTHEM "Come Thou Fount Come Thou King"

SCRIPTURE: John 3:17-21

SERMON SERIES MESSAGE

Pastor Mark

"The Hits: Fresh Takes on Favorite Passages"

*CLOSING HYMN "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH 600

*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 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, 10/22 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

MONDAY, 10/23

- All Day November Newsletter submissions due
- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
- 6:30 pm Ladies Monday Group Study (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, 10/24

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch at The Back Porch
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960
- 7:00 pm SPRC meeting

WEDNESDAY, 10/25

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

THURSDAY, 10/26

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 10/27

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

SATURDAY, 10/28

- 9:30 am Matthew 25 volunteers
- 2:00 pm New Covenant Annual Picnic

SUNDAY, 10/29

- 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 & Charge Conf.

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 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 23, 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 24, TUESDAY 12PM LUNCH BUNCH at THE 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 25, 2 -3PM, WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP, FELLOWSHIP HALL

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

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.

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 4, SATURDAY 9AM, ALL CHURCH WORK DAY—HELPING HANDS

You have an opportunity to serve by helping us clean areas around the church; replacing light bulbs, clean windows, seats & other things that may need cleaning. Tonya Leguina is the Trustee coordinator this month. Contact Jennie Marshall (513) 515-1224.

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.

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 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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ALTAR FLOWERS:

*One Altar Flower: In Memory of Gordon Hill's Birthday,
Love Lois*

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