

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

November 19, 2023, 9:30 am



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

Alleluia!

Come and praise, you servants of God!

Praise the name of Yahweh!

**May God's name be blessed
both now and forever.**

From east to west, from north to south,
praise the name of Yahweh!

**May God's name be blessed
both now and forever.**

Who can compare to our God?

Seated high above the nations of the earth,
God's glory fills the skies.

**May God's name be blessed
both now and forever. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth"

UMH 92

*OPENING PRAYER

Come, Lord, come down, come in, come among us.

Enter into our darkness with your light.

Come fill our emptiness with your presence.

Dispel the clouds and reveal your glory.

Come refresh, renew, restore us.

Come Lord, come down, come in, come among us. 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 "My Worth is Not in What I Own"
SOLOIST Heather Chambers

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:4-9

SERMON SERIES MESSAGE Pastor Mark
"The Hits: Fresh Takes on Favorite Passages, Philippians 4:4-9"

*CLOSING HYMN "God Will Take Care of You" UMH 130

*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."*

- 11/15 Iris Jones have upcoming test for positive results and for family members working through medical issues. Tim had a great week so far. Thank you Lord!
- 11/15 Patty Coyle's neighbor in the hospital.
- 11/15 Larry Loos son having upcoming surgery to remove growth.
- 11/12 Betty Stover update: Spoke with Mark Stover and his said that the family appreciates our prayers, thoughts and cards. Betty continues to work through her medical issues and now has 24 hour care for her needs. Please continue to keep the whole family in your prayers.
- 11/12 Praises to God for Sue Luken's brother Randy is cured of Lymphoma!
- 11/12 Nancy Lewis as she continues to recover from emergency pacemaker procedure. There were 19 irregularities found including 2 cases of sudden cardiac arrest.
- 11/12 Pray for world peace!
- 11/12 Rick & Jennie Marshall's daughter, Sami Hannah had ankle surgery after falling which complicated matters more since her recent delivery with very high blood pressure.
- 11/05 Carl Phillippo is dealing with health issues.
- 11/05 Tomie O'Sullivan for positive outcome from tests on 11/10.
- 11/05 Cindy Ditmyer's cousin, Curtis Robinson as he fights lung cancer.
- 11/05 Lois Hill's son having eye problems, surgery in December.
- 11/05 Denny Mullen working through back pain.
- 11/01 Terrill Broshear who is recovering from ankle surgery from September 7. She said that she has at least another month of healing before she can begin standing.
- 11/01 Terrill Broshear's niece, Heather who has been battling cancer going in for tests.
- 11/01 Don & Cheryl Kemen and Don's mother Billie who had a terrible fall and is in hospital. She is 102 yrs old. Also for the family as they navigate through everything.
- 10/29 Patty Coyle's family member Bobbie Betscher has stage 4 Lung Cancer.
- 10/29 For the family of Mary Wagner who is in Hospice care.
- 10/29 Ruth Stanifer family and for her cousin Matthew's daughter, Ella. Her MRI had shown no change in her tumor since March 2023.
- 10/22 Pastor Joe Payne's eldest brother, Dr. Edwin Payne passed away Oct. 19. Pastor Joe was with him in his last moments. We send our sympathies and prayers to the family & friends of the Payne's and we pray that God provide his love and comfort to all.

- 10/15 Our heartfelt condolences for our dear friend Ann Shellman who passed away on October 15, 2023. She was so caring and kind to so many people. May God's love and strength be given to the friends and family.
- 10/15 Heather Chambers' mother in law Debby Chambers (Ben's mother) who had a horrible fall and received 80 stitches in her nose as a result.

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)
 Jeff Gering (shoulder issues)

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)

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.

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

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 11/19

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
After worship Ladies Fellowship Lunch (Perkins, See Sue Luken)
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

MONDAY, 11/20

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
6:30 pm Ladies Monday Group Study (ZOOM)
End of Day December Newsletter Submissions due today

TUESDAY, 11/21

- 7:00 pm Finance Meeting (ZOOM)
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960 (Meet in Fellowship Hall or Youth room)

WEDNESDAY, 11/22

- NO Men's Prayer group (will resume following week)
NO Bible study today (will resume following week)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, 11/23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 11/24 OFFICE CLOSED

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

SATURDAY, 11/25

SUNDAY, 11/26

- 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
5:00 pm Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER MISSION PROJECT: St. Mark's Pantry and FFFP AND Parkside Gifts:

The Parkside Giving Tree; look for tree with tags in the Narthex, Nov. 12 and returning wrapped gifts **by Dec. 16**. All of the details will be at Welcome Counter with Sign up sheet to match tags.

ALSO, 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 and other items that relate to Thanksgiving Dinners.

NOVEMBER 19, SUNDAY (After Worship), LADIES FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

We will be going to Perkins on Nilles Road in Fairfield after Sunday worship. Please sign up at the Welcome Counter to get an idea who is attending. For more information, contact: Sue Luken.

NOVEMBER 20, 6:30PM, LADIES MONDAY GROUP STUDY (ZOOM)

The ladies Monday group study will ZOOM at 6:30pm. Our study guide, "The Bible Recap" by Tara-Leigh Cobble. You can join any time of the year! Contact Kym Nguyen at kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com. NOTE : *Special Guest Sue McDaniel to lead.*

NOVEMBER 23-24, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 26, SUNDAY 5PM, DECORATING THE SANCTUARY

We are looking for as many helpers who want to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas season. We begin at 5pm and end with pizza & beverages in Fellowship Hall.

NOVEMBER 28, TUESDAY 12PM LUNCH BUNCH at THE CENTURY INN

The Lunch Bunch is at the Century Inn located at 10675 Springfield Pike, Woodlawn. This is one of Ohio's oldest Inns, Est. 1806. Come fellowship with your St. Mark's family. Reservation deadline is Nov 26. Contact: Brenda Smoot (513) 316-1807 and placing reservations.

DECEMBER MISSION: SHARE THE WARMTH COAT DRIVE.

DECEMBER 2, 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. Marlis Hatton is the Trustee coordinator this month. Contact Jennie Marshall (513) 515-1224.

DECEMBER 3, SUNDAY, 5:00-6:30PM, ADVENT CELEBRAION & POTLUCK DINNER

Join our St. Mark's church family as we begin the season of Advent Celebration. Bring a dish to share and we will provide the Main dish and drinks. Dinner at 5:00pm with program and dedication at the crèche to follow. Contact Peggy Smith for more details.

DECEMBER 7, OHIO MILITARY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 7:30-8:45PM

Join us for an evening holiday concert in the church sanctuary. Mark Hensler has been directing the group for nearly 30 years. The band will be joined by Sue Combs, St. Mark's Choir, Chris Beiser, and other guest soloists. Free Admission! Craft items will be for sale for holiday shopping.

DECEMBER: THURSDAY, ROOM AT THE TABLE

We have begun meeting regularly on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month via Zoom. We have established mission & vision statements with short and long term goals. We are planning for informal session on Dec. 10 & 17 with Dec. 9 as backup date. For more details text, e-mail or call Zach Dichtl at (513) 446-5740 or zdichtl@purdue.edu to attend an informational session.

DECEMBER 7 & 10, HOLIDAY CRAFT ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

DECEMBER 8, FRIDAY, SERVE CITY MEAL

Another Serve City meal sign-up opportunity is on the Narthex bulletin board. We will be serving Ham and Rotisserie Chicken. We are asking for sides, and desserts. For details contact Jenni Hensler or Charlotte Tierney.

DECEMBER 10, SUNDAY, 6-7PM, "FOLLOW THE CHRISTMAS STAR" EVENT

This is a free indoor/outdoor event. Children will hunt for *glow in the dark stars. Hear the story of the Christmas Star and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. *Stars will be traded for small gifts and candy. For more information, contact: Peggy Smith.

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 9:30AM

This Christmas Eve service will be more Family oriented.

DECEMBER 24 CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 11:00PM

This Christmas Eve service will be our traditional candlelight service.

DECEMBER 25-30, 7-9PM, NEW COVENANT "CROSSOVER 2023"

Seven Days of Fasting and Prayer with services from 7-9pm in the church sanctuary.

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Monday each month.

December Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, NOV 20!

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Worship In-Person Attendance: 111
Sunday School Attendance: 3

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,294.92</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,042.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,170.10</u>
	<u>\$5,212.10</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	\$ 870.00
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	

Ohio Military Band performing at St. Mark's on December 7, from 7:30-8:45PM. Get into the holiday spirit with Christmas songs with guest performances and fun for the whole family. Free event.



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