



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

November 26, 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

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH 694

*OPENING PRAYER

God of Heaven and Earth, God of the sunrise and the sunset, God of the highest mountain and the deepest valley, hear our prayers as we come before your throne of glory. Declare your message to us and grant us the courage to listen. May our listening turn to action. May our actions touch the hearts of those who need to hear your voice. We put our trust in you knowing that it is well placed in your gentle and caring hands. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory
Doxology
Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHOIR ANTHEM "God Is So Good"

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 3:5-6

SERMON SERIES MESSAGE Pastor Mark
"The Hits: Fresh Takes on Favorite Passages, Proverbs 3:5-6"

*CLOSING HYMN "We Gather Together" UMH 131

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus With You"

*POSTLUDE

COOKIE DIVA/UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST

Following the Cantata on December 17, we will be gathering in Fellowship hall for a bit of holiday fun:

Cookie Diva: Have a favorite Christmas cookie? Enter it into our Cookie Diva Christmas cookie contest. Bake 2 dozen of your best recipe and leave them in the Fellowship hall that morning, with your name on them. We will handle the rest.

Ugly Sweater Contest: We will also have an ugly sweater contest, break out that most unfortunate holiday sweater and be ready to model it for the chance to be the Champion!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

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

- 11/19 Mary Lou Knau is having surgery on Nov 28 hip replacement for a second time. Prayers for a quick recovery and strength
- 11/19 Bud & Shirley Aydlett's niece, Tonya who had a double mastectomy. May the Lord walk her through this time and give her the patience to heal and grow strong again.
- 11/19 Patty Coyle's family member Bobbie is working through stage 4 Lung Cancer.
- 11/19 Dave & Cindy Booker's family and parents.
- 11/19 We pray for peace and comfort to the family and friends of Linda Ross at Hartzell Church. Our heartfelt sympathy.
- 11/19 Pat Weedman.
- 11/15 Iris Jones testing for positive results and for Tim who is now at Jamestown Rehab. Still pressing through medical issues.
- 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 Phillipppo is dealing with health issues.
- 11/05 Tomie O'Sullivan for positive outcome from tests.
- 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 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 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, 11/26

- 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

MONDAY, 11/27

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

TUESDAY, 11/28

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch at Century Inn
- 7:00 pm SPRC meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960 (Meet in Fellowship Hall or Youth room)

WEDNESDAY, 11/29

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

THURSDAY, 11/30

- 5:30 pm St. Mark's Cares meeting
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 12/01

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

SATURDAY, 12/02

- 9:00 am Helping Hands, All Church Workday

SUNDAY, 12/03 Communion Sunday

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Advent Celebration Pot Luck Dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER MISSION PROJECT:

The Parkside Giving Tree; Deadline to returning wrapped gifts is **December 16**. All of the details are at the Welcome Counter. Contact Tari Randall. Then we will be collecting coats for the *Share the Warmth Coat Drive*, more details coming soon.

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 27, 6:30PM, LADIES MONDAY GROUP STUDY (ZOOM)

Please know that anyone can join the discussions at any time, there are no requirements for you to participate. Our study guide, "The Bible Recap" by Tara-Leigh Cobble. Contact Kym at kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com. Typically the study group begins at 6:30pm, via Zoom or in person when noted.

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 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. Maris 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 side 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 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: 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 15, FRIDAY, 12-2:30PM, RUTH CIRCLE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Next Ruth Circle is a Luncheon, please bring a side to share with everyone and a White elephant wrapped gift item worth \$1.00-ish for the grab bag. Entrée & drinks provided by Ruth's Circle. For details contact Pam Guynes at (513)779-9162 or email Pamguynes2@gmail.com

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 with be our traditional candlelight service.

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

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

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

One Altar Flower: In Loving Memory of Jami Elizabeth Hamblin.

One Altar Flower: Happy Birthday Brenda Smoot!

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Worship In-Person Attendance: 108

Sunday School Attendance: 4

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,294.92</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,620.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,505.14</u>
	<u>\$6,125.14</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$1,162.00</u>
<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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