

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship, Prayers and Announcements

December 10, 2023, 9:30 am

Second Sunday of Advent



SERMON SERIES: (Joseph)

“Divine Logistics”

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

Keep awake!

You know not when God comes.

There will be signs:

A flood to cover the earth,

the Red Sea parting, the walls of Jericho tumbling,

a giant slain by a boy,

a barren womb birthing a son,

a man sleeping in a den of lions,

another surviving the belly of a fish,

a virgin conceiving in her womb!

Keep awake!

God is coming!

Behold the signs! **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "Once in Royal David's City"

UMH 250

*OPENING PRAYER

Advent God, we journey with you, to Bethlehem's stable
and a new-born King, ears attuned to the song of angels,
eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.

Forgive us, if on our journey, if we are distracted
by the tempting offers of this world.

Keep our hearts aflame with the hope of Christmas,
and the promise of a Saviour. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

AN ADVENT MOMENT WITH CHILDREN:

PEGGY SMITH

Scripture: (Isaiah 40:1)

Advent Candle Lighting

THE LEYRER FAMILY

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory "Strange Way to Save the World" Chris Beiser

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHOIR ANTHEM "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON SERIES MESSAGE

Pastor Mark

"Divine Logistics"

*CLOSING HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH 229

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG "Let There Be Peace On Earth" UMH 431

*POSTLUDE

A Note from the SPRC: "Christmas Gift for the Gregory's

If you would like to contribute to a Christmas gift for Pastor Mark and Diana this year, there will be a collection basket in the Narthex during the service on December 10, 17, & 24. (Cash or check preferred)

We ask that any checks be made payable directly to Pastor Mark.

Please do not make checks out to St. Mark's UMC. If you choose to drop off your gift at a time other than the dates above, please place in the SPRC mailbox or give to Lyn in the office for safekeeping.

You are also welcome to give your gift directly to the Gregory's if you prefer.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Staff Parish Relations Committee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

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

Let us pray for those grieving the loss of their loved one and remember with a thankful heart the life of Joyce Zugelter who passed away on November 29. We pray for peace and comfort to all of the family and friends who knew her. "Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories"

*A Memorial Service for Joyce Zugelter is in the sanctuary on December 14 at 11AM. Visitation at 10AM. Pastor Mark Gregory presiding.

- 12/06 We learned that Greg Pullem (at Parkside) passed away on November 20, 2023. "While we are mourning the loss of our friend, others are rejoicing to meet him behind the veil."
- 12/06 Iris Jones had a fall and was badly injured. She is at University hospital in Clifton as she recovers from surgery on Dec. 7 to reconstruct her arm. Keep her in prayers.
- 12/03 Iris Jones' son Tim is now home but still more prayers.
- 12/03 Prayers for the family of Tim Furbee who was killed in a fire explosion in Hillsboro, OH.
- 12/03 Aydlett's as they recover from a respiratory infection. Thankfully, it is not Covid.
- 12/03 Jean Cottrill is in Home health care needing prayers.
- 12/03 Sue Webster needs prayers for her upcoming shoulder replacement surgery on December 19.
- 12/03 Jeff Gering will need prayers for his upcoming shoulder surgery on December 22.
- 12/03 Mary Lou Knau, prayers of thanksgiving for a successful surgery on Nov. 28. We pray a quick process to recovery.
- 11/30 Update on Billie, mother of Don & Cheryl Kemen is doing well and is thankful for all the prayers. Please continue to pray for a full healing. Billie is looking forward to coming to the next Salad Luncheon in May 2024.
- 11/26 Carl Phillippo is working through medical problems.
- 11/26 Jenni Hensler's 5th grade student, who is in ICU at Children's. She has pneumonia and went into septic shock. We pray that God provides strength and a quick recovery.
- 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 Larry Loos son having upcoming surgery to remove growth.
- 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 Lois Hill's son having eye problems, surgery in December.
- 11/12 Praises to God for Sue Luken's brother Randy is cured of Lymphoma!

- 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 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 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.
- 11/12 Terrill Broshear who is recovering from ankle surgery from September 7.
- 11/12 Terrill Broshear's niece, Heather who has been battling cancer going in for tests.

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
 Terrill Broshear
 Patty Coyle
 Sam Davis (congestive heart)

Jeff Gering (shoulder surgery)
 Sharon Hamp
 Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
 Linda Prohaska
 Eugene Campbell—lung cancer
 (Linda Prohaska's brother)
 Parkside Residents
 Virginia Shaw's son Richard

St. Mark's Homebound:

Jean Cottrill
 Freida Hawkins
 Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
 Nancy & Wade Lewis
 Eleanor McCollum
 Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)

Zedith Pottenger
 Jean Stivers
 Virginia Shaw
 Paul Schutte
 Betty Stover (NY in home hospice)
 Betty Winkler

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 12/10 Second Sunday of Advent

- 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
- 6:00 pm Follow that Star event for families
- 6:00 pm Handmade Crafts for Christmas available for purchases

MONDAY, 12/11

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

TUESDAY, 12/12

- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960 (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm Administrative Board

WEDNESDAY, 12/13

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

THURSDAY, 12/14

- 10:00 am Memorial Visitation for Joyce Zugelter
- 11:00 am Memorial Services for Joyce Zugelter
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 12/15

- 12:00 pm Ruth Circle Christmas Luncheon
- 7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer Sessions (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, 12/16

- 1:00 pm Annual Senior Christmas Party

SUNDAY, 12/17 Cantata Sunday/Cookie Diva/Ugly Sweater Contest

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
Handmade Crafts for Christmas available for purchases
- 10:45 am Cookie Diva/Ugly Sweater Contest (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

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*, bins are in Narthex, more details coming soon.

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 10-24, HOLIDAY CRAFT ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

Have you seen the large craft table in the Narthex hall? It has lots of beautiful handmade crafts for sale. For questions, Shirley Aydtlett.

DECEMBER 10 after worship, ROOM AT THE TABLE, and Dec 14 at 6:30-7:30PM

We have begun meeting regularly on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month via Zoom. This month we have planned in person meetings on Dec. 10 & 14 in the Youth room. Contact by text, e-mail or call Zach Dichtl at (513) 446-5740 or zdichtl@purdue.edu for details.

DECEMBER 11, 6:30PM, LADIES MONDAY GROUP STUDY (ZOOM)

We are reading the book of Numbers. Please know that anyone can join the discussions at any time, there are no requirements for you to participate and NO purchase required. Our study guide, "The Bible Recap". Contact Kym at kimberlydnguyen1993@gmail.com. We have a Facebook Monday Night Group that you can join. Kym posts the questions and study material.

DECEMBER 15, FRIDAY, 12:00-2:30PM, 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 16, SATURDAY, 1:00PM, ANNUAL SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us in Fellowship Hall for the Annual Senior Christmas Party beginning at 1pm. Chris Beiser will be singing and Sue Combs will play piano during this event. Please bring a Pottluck/ Covered dish to share. Let's celebrate this festive time together. For more details contact Shirley Aydlett at (513) 894-5209.

DECEMBER 17 CANTATA DURING WORSHIP SERVICE , 9:30AM

The St. Mark's choir will be presenting the "All is Well" Cantata during worship service at 9:30am. Live orchestra, narration, Christmas songs and more. Don't miss this amazing event in St. Mark's sanctuary.

DECEMBER 17, SUNDAY, AFTER WORSHIP, COOKIE DIVA/UGLY SWEATER

A Cookie Diva Christmas Cookie Contest in Fellowship Hall after worship. Bake 2 dozen of your best recipe and leave them in Fellowship Hall that morning, with your name on them. We will handle the rest! Also, The Ugly Sweater Contest is the same day, break out that most unfortunate holiday sweater and be ready to model it for the chance to be the Ugly Sweater Champion! *Who is up for the challenge? There will be prizes to the winners!*

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.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Worship In-Person Attendance: 117

Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs \$5,953.56

Weekly In-Person Giving \$9,681.00

Weekly On-Line Giving \$2,497.76

\$12,178.76

Special—Designated Giving* \$862.10

**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

ALTAR FLOWERS:

*Happy 50th Anniversary
to Dave & Pam Brockfield on December 15!*

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COOKIE DIVA/UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

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: The Ugly Sweater contest; break out that most unfortunate holiday sweater and be ready to model it for the chance to be the Champion! Remember to tell Pastor Mark that you are competing.

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

JANUARY 2024 Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, DEC 18!

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