



Cantata Sunday

December 17, 2023, 9:30 am

Christmas

**CANTATA
SERVICE
"All is Well"**

LIVE ON:



<https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/live-stream/>

Third Sunday of Advent

In-Person & Live-Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks

WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*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!

*HYMN

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

UMH 220

CANDLE LIGHTING

The Luken Family

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CANTATA

"All is Well"

by Dennis and Nan Allen

Director of Music: Chris Beiser

Accompanist/Assistant Director: Sue Combs

Narrator: Mike Fitzpatrick

Sound: Rick Kiefer

Orchestra Members:
Piano: Sue Combs
Violin 1: Sherry Randall
Violin 2: Samantha Coning
Viola: Anja Ormiston
Cello: Caitlyn McGlynn
Bass: Tony Neumyar
Flute: Kayla Goodman
French Horn: Josh Goodman
Trumpet: Mark Engel
Percussion: Dick Roemer

"Gloria Medley"
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
"This Same God"
"O Holy Night"
"Hope of the Nations"
"I Believe in Christmas"
"All is Well"
"Joy Medley"
"Hallelujah Chorus"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*CLOSING PRAYER

THANK YOU FROM CHRIS BEISER

I want to thank the choir for all their dedication and hard work in not just preparing this cantata but for the Sunday morning services too. They are quite a group of special people!

A big thank you as well, to the instrumentalists who have shared their talents with us this morning. I am blessed to have such amazing people in my life to come to my assistance.

Thank you to Rick, Mike, and Mark for all your help in providing sound, narration, and extra support.

Finally, a huge thank you to Sue for her being right there to help out in any way she is needed. Her talents and gifts are so very much appreciated by everyone here at St. Mark's, especially me!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

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

- 12/12 Iris Jones update: She called to let us know that she is in Jamestown Rehab and is healing up pretty well.
- 12/12 Jeff Gering will need prayers optimal health during next couple of weeks for his upcoming shoulder surgery on December 22.
- 12/10 Joy! Happy 66th Wedding Anniversary to the Aydlett's on December 14.
- 12/10 Elaine Shreve's brother-in-law Gary Rudolph in PA with cancer.
- 12/10 Prayers for our neighbor Paul having tests.
- 12/10 Lois Hill's dearest and closest friend Phyllis Moxley has passed after many years of Alzheimer's. Keep her family in your prayers.
- 12/10 Prayers for Cincinnati Financial had a shooting outside the main building. Thanks to security for a great job controlling situation.
- 12/10 Ron & Becky Hamblin ask for prayers for a friend, Diane Miller who is having difficulty after heart surgery.
- 12/10 Prayers for those looking for employment during the holiday season.
- 12/06 We 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"
- 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."
- 12/03 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 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 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 Terrill Broshear who is recovering from ankle surgery from September 7.
- 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!

Iris Jones at Jamestown Rehab address:

Send your cards and uplifting notes to Iris Jones at
 Jamestown Rehab
 1371 Main Street, Room 303
 Hamilton, OH 45013

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.

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| For Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory | Jeff Gering (shoulder surgery) |
| All service Men & Women | Sharon Hamp |
| Our Country | Iris Jones |
| First Responders | Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter) |
| United Methodist Church | Linda Prohaska |
| Prayer & Bible Study Groups | Eugene Campbell—lung cancer |
| For the sick and/or homeless | (Linda Prohaska's brother) |
| Terrill Broshear | Parkside Residents |
| Patty Coyle | Brenda Smoot |
| Sam Davis (congestive heart) | |

St. Mark's Homebound:

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| Jean Cottrill | Zediith Pottenger |
| Freida Hawkins | Jean Stivers |
| Gale Logan—Otterbein Community | Virginia Shaw |
| Nancy & Wade Lewis | Paul Schutte |
| Eleanor McCollum | Betty Stover (NY in home hospice) |
| Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square) | Betty Winkler |

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 12/17 (Third Sunday of Advent—Cantata)**

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO G.L.O.W.—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
OPEN St. Mark's Christmas Post Office in Narthex
After Worship Cookie Diva & Ugly Sweater Contest in Fellowship Hall
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

MONDAY, 12/18

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
6:30 pm Women's Monday Night Study (zoom)
January Newsletter articles due

TUESDAY, 12/19

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 12/20

7:30 am Men's Prayer
2:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study Group
6:30 pm Handbell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, 12/21

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 12/22

7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer Sessions (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, 12/23

SUNDAY, 12/24 (Christmas Sunday and Candlelight Services)

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
NO G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary
11:00 pm Evening Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER MISSION PROJECT:

We are collecting coats for the Share the Warmth Coat Drive, bins are in Narthex, for more details, contact Tari Randall

TODAY, DEC 17 CANTATA DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE , 9:30AM

The choir will be presenting the "ALL IS WELL" Cantata during worship service today. Live orchestra, narration, Christmas songs and more! THEN join us in Fellowship Hall...

TODAY, AFTER WORSHIP, COOKIE DIVA/UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Cookie Diva: The cookies are here, time to compete for the Cookie Diva Champion Title! After worship, meet us in Fellowship hall for the toughest competition all year. Who will it be?

Ugly Sweater Contest: Walk and work your best pose wearing that unfortunate sweater on the runway. Who's wearin' the ugliest of them all? Remember to tell Pastor Mark that you are competing to avoid any uncomfortable situations.

DECEMBER 17-24, HOLIDAY CRAFT ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

The crafts are located in the Narthex hallway. The ladies have sold many beautiful handmade crafts already. Get your items while they last. For questions, Shirley Aycllett.

DECEMBER 18, 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 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.

PLEASE NOTE!

DECEMBER 25 THRU JANUARY 1, 2024, OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed during the week of December 25 through January 1, 2024. We will return to the offices on Tuesday January 2, 2024. Contact Pastor Mark at (419) 297-2062.

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 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.



Poinsettias 2023

(A)

In honor of our family from Bud & Shirley Aydlett (1-Red)

(B)

In memory of our parents from David & Pam Brockfield (1-White & 1Pink)

In memory of my parents, Dick & Helen Moser, from Debbie Bryant (1-Red)

In memory of Judy & Herbert Gross, Frederick Bunte, and all of our grandparents from The Bunte Family (2-Red)

In memory of my husband, Rick Broshear, from Terrill Broshear (1-Red)

In honor of my 3 children and their families: Rick, Crystal, Lincoln, & Logan Broshear from Terrill Broshear (1-Pink)

In honor of Tara, Patrick, Alex, Megan, and Abby McDonell from Terrill Broshear (1-Pink)

In honor of Tracy, Kevin, Mason, and Sydney Henderson from Terrill Broshear (2-Pink)

In memory of Harry & Patty Sherman from Lee & Arvilla Brinkmeyer (1-Red)

In memory of our parents Rev. & Mrs. Harold Sherman and Carl & Ann Brinkmeyer from Lee & Arvilla Brinkmeyer (1-Red)

In honor of our granddaughters: Annie & Maddie Brinkmeyer from Lee & Arvilla Brinkmeyer (1-Pink)

In honor of our parents and children from Dave & Cindy Booker (1-Red & 1-Pink)

In memory of Joyce Zugelter from Dave & Cindy Booker (1-White)

(D)

In memory of our parents from Bill & Julie Dichtl (1-Red)

In honor of our children from Dick and Edith Davis (1-Red)

(E)

In memory of our loved ones from Beth & Doug Ewald (1-Pink)

(F)

In memory of Lou Fassnacht from Pat Fassnacht & Holly Craig (1-Red)

In memory of Naomi & Bob Rowland from Pat Fassnacht & Holly Craig (1-Pink)

In honor of Jean Cottrill from Pat Fassnacht & Holly Craig (1-Pink)

In memory of our parents: Jim & Eleanor Fitzpatrick and Don & Ruth Park from Mike & Kathy Fitzpatrick (1-Red)

In honor of Pastor Mark & Diana Gregory from Mike & Kathy Fitzpatrick (1-Red)

(G)

In memory of Charlotte Rotroff & Shay Irwin from Pam Guynes (1-Red)

In honor of Flo Moore from Pam Guynes (1-Pink)

In memory of Joyce and Bob Roberts from Shirley Grant (1-Red)

Poinsettias Continued...

(H)

In loving memory of my husband, Gordon Hill, from Lois Hill (1-Red)

In memory of family & friends from Jim & Shirley Howell (1-Red)

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In memory of my family from Marlis Hatton (1-Red)

In memory of our parents from Mark & Jenni Hensler (1-Pink)

(J)

In memory of my husband Sam Jones & parents from Iris Jones (1-Red)

In honor of my family from Iris Jones (1-Red)

(K)

In memory of Jill Klingel Szul & Connor Szul from

Pastor Bob & Judy Klingel (1-Pink)

(L)

In honor of my grandchildren from Alethea LaMar (1-Red)

In memory of our parents, Albert & Bettiejean Luken, and

In memory of Jim & Shirley Foster from Mark & Sue Luken (2-Red)

(M)

In memory of my husband, John, from Ann McWilliam (1-Red)

In honor of Sue Mullen from Denny Mullen (1-Pink)

In memory of our son, Pat, from Denny & Sue Mullen (1-Red)

(N)

In honor of our parents, our children, and our grandchildren

from Steve & Kimberly Nguyen (1-Red)

(R)

In memory of Carol Grammel from Tari Randall (1-White)

In memory of Robert Grammel from Tari Randall (1-Red)

In honor of my mother, Marcia Roth, from Jim Roth (1-Red)

In honor of Kristy, Brodie, Kaden, and Kallie Theiss

from Susan Rumley (1-Red)

In memory of David Robinson from Kyle Robinson (1-Red)

(S)

In honor of Judy & Bob Klingel from Pat Sena (1-Red)

In memory of French Smoot from Brenda Smoot (1-Red)

In memory of Lou Fassnacht from Rich & Suzan Stracke (1-Pink)

In memory of our parents from Don & Marilyn Stewart (1-Red)

In honor of Amy, Cory, and grandkids from Don & Marilyn Stewart (1-Red)

Poinsettias Continued...

(S)

In memory of our parents: Bob Schumacker and Craig & Florence Kennedy from Bill & Lynne Schumacker (1-Red)

In honor of ALL of our great Children's Ministry Leaders from John & Peggy Smith (1-Pink)

In memory of our parents from John & Peggy Smith (1-Red)

(T)

In memory of Lee Rumley from Kristy Theiss (1-Red)

In memory of Karen Turner from Rich Turner (1-Red)

(V)

In honor of Lois Hill from Debbie & Steve Vitale (1-White)

In memory of Gordon Hill from Debbie & Steve Vitalie (1-White)

(Z)

In memory of our grandparents, parents and great grandparents and

In honor of our children & grandchildren

from Rich & Joyce Zugelter (1-red, 1-white)

***If you ordered a Poinsettia, pick up is on Dec 24th after the 11:00PM Christmas Eve Service**

(New Covenant Church Poinsettia)

In memory of Dr. Polley from Agnes Polley (1-Red)

In memory of my late father George Atta Banson birthday, Dec 27 (1-White) and one for my birthday, Dec 22 from Florence Jonfiah (1-Red)

Mercy Quaye (1-Pink)

In memory of Mary & Joana Appiah from Belinda Serwaah (2-Red)

Charles Appeadu (1-Red & 1-Wite)

Evelyn Odoom (2-Red)

Edith & Abel Gyan (1-Red & 1Pink)

Victoria Addae (1-Pink)

Ernestine Mensah (1-Pink)

**OFFERING ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE
AFTER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

TWO ALTAR FLOWERS:

*In Memory of Rick Broshear's Birthday.
Love, Ferrill*

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—DECEMBER 10, 2023

Worship In-Person Attendance: 103
Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$5,446.60</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$6,887.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,596.52</u>
	<u>\$8,483.52</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$450.00
**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

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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