



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 14, 2024, 9:30am



Worship with us In-person and Live-stream



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

Streaming worship on Facebook and YouTube at
www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks

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**

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For God has ascended with shouts of triumph,
and trumpet fanfare!

**Our God is exalted on high,
Sovereign over all the nations,
and Lord of our lives.**

Let's worship together.

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"The First Noel"

UMH 245

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious and all loving God,
you call to us across deep waters and dark places.
Yours is the light which guides us
and the voice which we follow.

We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you.

May those without hope be encouraged;

those who are sad, cheered;

those who are seeking, find you;

and may all things be according to your will.

In the name of your beloved Son we pray. **Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Peggy Smith

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHOIR ANTHEM

"We Are His Gold"

*HYMN

"We Three Kings"

UMH 254

(Vs 2,3)

SCRIPTURE:

Ephesians 1:20-22

SERMON

"MythBusters: A Gift for a King"

Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN

"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

UMH 154

(Vs 1,2,4,6)

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

UMH 431

*POSTLUDE

A Note of Gratitude:

The Leadership of St. Mark's would like to thank the congregation for their faithful giving in 2023. Due to your generous giving, we were able to pay our 2023 apportionments giving to the West Ohio Conference in full.

Thank you again for your faithfulness and generosity!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

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

- 01/07 Was wonderful to see Andy Shellman worship with us today.
We continue to keep him in our prayers.
- 01/07 Pat Weedman fell and has a broken wrist.
- 01/07 Wade Lewis had a bone marrow biopsy on Jan 12, we pray
for positive results.
- 01/07 Janice Chaney who is having health issues.
- 01/07 Ruth Stanifer's cousin's daughter, Ella. Her MRI showed that
her tumor is gradually growing again.
- 01/07 Elaine Shreve for relief of reoccurring back pain.
- 12/31 Helen Bowman had a fall and went to hospital. She is
recovering at her son's home for a little while.
- 12/31 Pat Fassnacht tested positive for covid.
- 12/31 Cliff Klug has been diagnosed with Parkinson's.
- 12/31 Alethea LaMar is healing from ear infections in both ears
and having difficulty hearing.
- 12/25 For the Goodman/Townsend family in the unexpected death
of Gales' uncle, Bill Townsend on Christmas day.
- 12/24 Cheryl Klug's sister, Donna Buxsel healing from Shingles.
- 12/24 Prayers for Kai as he struggles with mental health and life
choices.
- 12/24 Diana Gregory's friend, Scott Dorsey for healing of his
esophagus (cannot eat nor drink for 3 months).
- 12/24 JOY! Thankful to have Pastor Mark and 2 former pastors;
Bob Klingel and Jim Cattran, during Sunday worship service.
- 12/24 Ruth Stanifer's Aunt Flo, who tested positive for covid.
- 12/22 Jeff Gering as he recovers from shoulder surgery on 12/22.
- 12/20 Iris Jones' continues to recover nicely but is saddened by
the loss of her dear friend she has known for many years.
- 12/19 Sue Webster as she recovers from shoulder replacement
surgery on 12/19.
- 12/17 Steve Hill's friend lost her 17 yr old son in a house fire.
- 12/17 Mike Fitzharris in UC trauma center in serious condition.
- 12/17 Please pray for Andrew & Priya Leguina as they start their
life together as a newly married couple. Andrew is the son
of Pablo & Tonya Leguina.
- 12/12 Iris Jones update: She called to let us know that she is in
Jamestown Rehab and is healing up pretty well.
- 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.

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

St. Mark's Homebound:

Jean Cottrill	Zedith 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, 01/14**

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3

11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

MONDAY, 01/15

February Newsletter Submissions due

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, 01/16

Shared Harvest Volunteering

7:00 pm Finance Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troup 960 (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, 01/17

7:30 am Men's Prayer

2:00 pm Bible Study Group

6:30 pm Hand bell practice

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 01/18

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 01/19

1:00 pm Ruth Circle

7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer sessions

SATURDAY, 01/20

SUNDAY, 01/21

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed

G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3

11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 15, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a ZOOM bible study in the book of Deuteronomy. All ladies are welcome at any time, just bring your bible and your dinner/snack. It's very casual and we have a lot of fun discussing and learning more about the bible through questions that are provided. Contact Kym Nguyen.

JANUARY 16, TUESDAY, SHARED HARVEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us for a noteworthy opportunity to make a positive impact by packing boxes at Shared Harvest. Sign up at the Narthex bulletin board. Contact: Tari Randall or Debbie Bryant.

JANUARY 17, WEDNESDAY, 2-3PM, GROUP BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us as we continue the book of John for open discussion and dialog. We are a growing group and would love to have you join in at any time. Contact: Sue McDaniel.

JANUARY 19, FRIDAY, 1-2PM, RUTH CIRCLE

At Ruth Circle, we are dedicated to fostering a sense of community and sisterhood, creating a space where women can come together to connect, support and grow. Join us in Fellowship Hall each month where friendships are nurtured, faith is strengthened, and women are encouraged. Contact: Pam Guynes (513)779-9162 or email Pamguynes2@gmail.com.

JANUARY 23, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH AT SHOOTERS

We are meeting at shooters Sports Grill, Location: 4481 Winners Circle Drive, Liberty Township, off Princeton Glendale Road. Restaurant has a large variety of appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, pizza and pasta, Reservations need to be made by Sunday, January 21. Contact: Brenda Smoot at (513) 316-1807.

JANUARY 28, SUNDAY, 6:00-7:30PM, GLOW @ NIGHT

We will be learning about Holy Communion with the children.

FEBRUARY 3, SATURDAY, 9-11AM, MATTHEW 25 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Another opportunity to volunteer your time at Matthew 25 Ministries. We always have a great time with our St. Mark's Family to help support an amazing ministry. Contact: Lynne Schumacker.

FEBRUARY 13, TUESDAY, 5:00-6:30PM, SHROVE PANCAKE DINNER

Join the fun and fellowship as we begin our Lenten journey. Mouthwatering pancakes made fresh in our kitchen, a delicious toppings bar, sausage, coffee and juice, Gluten free pancakes available as well as Pre-order take outs. All donations benefit our 2024 VBS. Contact: Peggy Smith for more information.

FEBRUARY 14, WEDNESDAY, 6:00-7:30PM, GLOW @ NIGHT

We will be learning about Lent with the children.

FEBRUARY 23, FRIDAY, 10AM—5PM, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LASAGNA LOVE

Save the Date for St. Mark's volunteers to make and deliver lasagnas for families and folks in need. More details are coming soon. Contact Cindy Miller.

MARCH 23, SATURDAY, 2:00PM, EASTER EGG HUNG

Save the Date for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. More details coming soon.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JANUARY 7, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 88

Sunday School Attendance: 4

Weekly Budget Needs \$6,702.77

Weekly In-Person Giving \$4,977.10

Weekly On-Line Giving \$2,006.99

\$6,984.09

Special—Designated Giving* \$220.00

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

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

FEBRUARY 2024 Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, JAN 15!

SAVE THE DATE:

Shrove Pancake Dinner February 13, 5:00-6:30PM



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