



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 21, 2024, 9:30am



"A Gift for a Priest..."

Worship with us In-person and Live-stream



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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**

Leader: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

People: God is there.

Leader: When Jesus is presented at the temple,

People: God is there.

Leader: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

People: God is there.

Leader: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

People: God is there.

Leader: This very morning,

People: God is here.

Leader: In the future we cannot see,

People: God is there.

All: Let us worship God!

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

***OPENING PRAYER**

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea; Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith; Ever-present God, who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers; Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today, Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead, Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak. This we pray, In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

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

- 0/14 Marlis' great, great nephew (4yr old) Axel, who is in hospital for serious medical issues and fighting for his life. Please keep family in prayers too while they navigate through it.
- 01/14 Denny Mullen recovering from back surgery Jan 19.
- 01/14 Pastor Mark's mother in the hospital for medical issues.
- 01/14 Pat Weedman is back in the hospital.
- 01/14 Prayers for a friends 13 year old granddaughter who is having heart problems.
- 01/14 Those looking for next step in their career to continue working or to retire.
- 01/14 Iris Jones update: She is home recovering and doing in home therapy.
- 01/14 Wade Lewis had a bone marrow biopsy on Jan 12, so far that went well; we pray for positive results.
- 01/07 Was wonderful to see Andy Shellman worship with us today. We continue to keep him in our prayers.
- 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 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.

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 recovery)
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
Helen Bowman	Brenda Smoot
Patty Coyle	

St. Mark's Homebound:

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

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 01/21**

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, 01/22

10:00 am Ladies Craft Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, 01/23

12:00 pm Monthly Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm SPRC meeting

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

WEDNESDAY, 01/24

7:30 am Men's Prayer

2:00 pm Bible Study Group

6:30 pm Hand bell practice

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 01/25

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 01/26

7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer sessions

SATURDAY, 01/27

SUNDAY, 01/28

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

6:00 pm Glow at Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 22, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

Join us for ZOOM bible study in the book of Deuteronomy. All ladies are welcome at any time. 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 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 24, 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 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 while helping support this amazing ministry. Contact: Lynne Schumacker.

FEBRUARY 11, SUNDAY, 6:00-7:30PM, "SOUPER—BOWL" FOOD DRIVE

Join us in the "Souper—Bowl" Food Drive for St. Mark's little food pantry. This year, we are tackling hunger together and scoring big for our community pantry. Help us make a difference by donating non-perishable soups, canned and boxed foods, and other essential items. Every items counts! Let's come together and make this "Souper—Bowl" a win for those in need.

Together, we can make a meaningful impact! **Drop off your donations in the bins located in the Narthex by Feb. 11.** *We are in need of these items: Canned meats, Mac-n-cheese, boxed potatoes, veggies of any kind, fruit cups, applesauce, boxed milk, cereals, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste plus whatever else you can think of. Please, NO peanut butter is needed.*

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, 6:00-7:00PM, GLOW @ NIGHT

We will be learning about Lent with the children and will end early in order to participate in Ash Wednesday Service

FEBRUARY 14, ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00PM

FEBRUARY 18, SUNDAY, 6:00—8:00PM, CHILI COOK OFF, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Think you have the best chili around? Let's put that to the test. We will have our first Annual "Chili Cook Off" in Fellowship Hall. It's cold, football is over, what a perfect time to gather and enjoy a fun event. *Here's how it works:* To enter, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Prepare your chili, we recommend that you make 4-6 quarts (large crock pot). If you have specific toppings for your chili please provide them as well. Whether you bring chili or not, everyone is welcome to enjoy a bowl of chili and fellowship. For those that attend and enjoy the chili, there is admission of: \$5 per person and \$10 for a family. ALL proceeds go to support St. Mark's Mission and Outreach projects. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

St. Mark's volunteers are needed to make and deliver lasagnas for families and folks in need. Sign up forms are at the Welcome counter to help and items we are looking to collect. For more information please 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 14, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 85
Sunday School Attendance: 4

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,702.77
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$7,563.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 802.66
	<u>\$8,365.66</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$347.75

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Happy Birthday 90th, Bud Aydlett! (on Jan. 20)

SAVE THE DATE:

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



DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

MARCH 2024 Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, FEB 19!

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