



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 4, 2024, 9:30am



“Opinions...”

Communion Sunday

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

We are here,

in the name of Christ Jesus.

So ask right now,

and it shall be given to you.

Seek right now,

and you will find.

Knock right now,

and the door will be opened. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Standing on the Promises"

UMH 374

*OPENING PRAYER

O Bread of heaven, come down.

Come down and fill us with your Spirit—

for your Spirit satisfies like no other.

We hunger and thirst for you this morning

and long to be nurtured

in your love and forgiveness.

So we come to this sacred time and place,

where our hungers are finally and fully satisfied

as only your bread can do.

We will wait and listen

for your leading in this hour. 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 "Gifts of Bread and Wine"

*HYMN "Break Thou the Bread of Life" UMH 599

SCRIPTURE: John 12:1-8

SERMON "Opinions..." Pastor Mark

COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN "Victory in Jesus" UMH 370

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

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

- 01/28 Belinda Peters' former co-worker family member passed away. Prayers to all the family and friends and our condolences.
- 01/28 Belinda Peters' friend with Melanoma and a neighbor.
- 01/28 Mike Fitzpatrick as he continues to recover.
- 01/28 Pray for Donna Williams, Kallie Theiss' teacher's mom is having health issues.
- 01/28 Brooke Becker's dad as he recovers from heart surgery. Prayers as we mourn the loss of a close family friend.
- 01/22 Mike Fitzpatrick who is recovering from a sudden stroke. He is doing much better now and we thank the good Lord for it!
- 01/21 For a friends nephew, Gill as he battles a rare form of Leukemia.
- 01/21 Mark & Sue Luken's daughter Katie, continued healthy pregnancy. She is due in July.
- 01/21 Joy! Lyn Bucalo is going to be a Grandma for second time! Pray for a healthy pregnancy for Michelle Bucalo.
- 01/21 Joy! Bud Aydlett hit 90, Happy Birthday! —his loving wife.
- 01/14 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 nicely 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).

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 | Sharon Hamp |
| All service Men & Women | Iris Jones and her son Tim |
| Our Country | Cliff Klug |
| First Responders | Wade Lewis |
| 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 | |
| Jeff Gering (shoulder recovery) | |

St. Mark's Homebound:

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| 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, 02/04 Communion Sunday**

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & 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

MONDAY, 02/05

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
6:30 pm Ladies Evening Bible Study (IN PERSON with Pizza)

TUESDAY, 02/06

- 6:30 pm CYF Meeting
7:00 pm Trustees
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troup 960 (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, 02/07

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer
2:00 pm Bible Study Group
6:30 pm Hand bell practice
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 02/08

- 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 02/09

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Prayer sessions

SATURDAY, 02/10

- 9:00 am Matthew 25 Ministry Volunteering

SUNDAY, 02/11 SOUPER-BOWL FOOD DRIVE

- 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

FEBRUARY 5, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (IN-PERSON)

Embark on a journey through the books of Deuteronomy and Joshua with us in February! We meet every Monday either In-person or Zoom. *This week we are meeting in person and enjoy Pizza, bring \$5 to chip in.* Don't stress about keeping up every week – this is an ongoing Bible study, and you're invited to join in at any point. No requirements; participate whenever it suits you. Weekly Bible study questions are provided, fostering discussion and shared learning. Contact: Kym Nguyen.

FEBRUARY 7, WEDNESDAY, 2-3PM, GROUP BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Exciting News from The Wednesday Group Bible Study! We're thrilled to announce that our Bible study is expanding, and we want YOU to be a part of it! Join us from 2-3PM in Fellowship Hall for an enriching journey through the Bible. Contact Sue McDaniel for details.
What to Expect: Engaging Group Discussions, Fascinating Historical Insights, and Deep-dive Exploration of Scriptures. Our Current Focus: The Book of Acts

FEBRUARY 8-10, 7PM, ROOM AT THE TABLE/LETTERS TO SALA THEATER EVENT

Room at the Table continues to identify community opportunities for education and inclusion within the community and wanted to share an upcoming theater event based on the true account of Ann Kirschner. Performances are Feb 8, 9, and 10 at 7pm at the Fairfield Freshman school. "Letters to Sala" A Young Woman's Life in Nazi Labor Camps by Arlene Hutton. Address: 8790 N. Gilmore Road, Fairfield, OH 45014. Tickets for sale online at: bit.ly/fhnsdramaticketts OR Tickets at the door are cash/check only.

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 16, 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.

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. More details on back of bulletin.

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 HUNT

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

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JANUARY 28, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 99

Sunday School Attendance: 2

Weekly Budget Needs \$6,702.77

Weekly In-Person Giving \$3,749.98

Weekly On-Line Giving \$1,031.38

\$4,781.36

Special—Designated Giving* \$250.00

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Happy 12 Birthday Lauren Leyrer, from your family.

SHROVE PANCAKE DINNER:

February 13, 5:00-6:30PM

ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF:

February 18, 6:00-8:00PM

(Fellowship Hall)



Here's how it works: To enter, sign up at the Welcome counter in the Narthex. Prepare your chili, recommended to make 4-6 quarts (large crock pot). If you have specific toppings for your chili, please provide them. Whether you bring chili or not, everyone is welcome to enjoy a bowl of chili and fellowship. Admission is \$5 per person and \$10 for family.

ALL proceeds to support St. Mark's Mission and Outreach projects.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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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