



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 18, 2024, 9:30am

If we **CONFESS**  
our **SINS** he is  
**FAITHFUL** and **JUST**  
to *forgive us*  
our sins and to  
**CLEANSE** US FROM  
all unrighteousness.  
1 JOHN 1:9

**Sermon Title "Fess Up"**

Worship with us In-person and Live-stream



<https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/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**

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,  
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**Lent calls us to journey:  
to the place where God covenants with us,  
to receive the new names we are given.**

Lent calls us to worship together,  
to tell future generations the good news.

**Lent calls us to practice justice,  
to bring God's hope to all people.**

Lent calls us to faithful living,  
to trust the One who gives us life.

**Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,  
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Lent calls us to journey with God.

**Let us worship God, who walks with us,  
this and every day.  
Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" UMH 359  
(vs. 1,2,5)

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

All-knowing and all-caring God,  
we gather this day drained by another week.  
We are like a parched desert,  
empty and in need of replenishment.

Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit,  
and bathe us in your streams of living water,  
that our lives might acknowledge and worship you  
to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. 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."*

- 02/14 Linda Prohaska requests "For a special little lady to have good test results" PRAISE THE LORD, we have good results!
- 02/14 Pastor Mark's mother receiving Hospice care and had a fall breaking her hip and head injury. She is recovering from hip surgery.
- 02/14 Freida Hawkins has shingles and needs our prayers.
- 02/14 Don Kemen's mother, Billie is doing pretty well and it now located at Gatewood for rehab.
- 02/14 Jean Cottrill had a fall and broker her hip.
- 02/11 Dianne Aiken's neighbors to continue prayers for Gene & De whose house burned down a couple weeks ago.
- 02/11 Lois Hill had a fall, thankfully no broken bones and is at Doverwood for rehab.
- 02/11 Paul Schutte is in need of personal prayers and would like to hear from you.
- 02/11 Patty Coyle and her son Tim in the recent loss of his wife.
- 02/11 David & Pam Brockfield's friend Libby who has COPD & is in the hospital with RSV.
- 02/11 Alice Becker was at home with a fever.
- 02/11 Tonya Leguina is recovering from testing positive for covid.
- 02/04 Elaine Shreve's grandson is having personal problems.
- 02/04 Helen Bowman is recovering from an injured eye.
- 02/04 Carly Resendey for a successful surgery.
- 02/04 Susan Bunte's friends 24 yr old son was diagnosed with a terminal illness.
- 02/04 Tomie's family in prayer after the death of her grandson. May you all receive peace, comfort and support.
- 02/04 Wade Lewis results after bone marrow biopsy: He has Myelodysplastic syndrome. It's considered a low level cancer. He will receive weekly injections of a synthetic hormone to help his body make platelets. The family thanks everyone for the cards and 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.
- 01/21 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.
- 01/14 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 Prayers for a friends 13 year old granddaughter who is having heart problems.
- 01/14 Janice Chaney who is working through health issues.
- 01/14 Ruth Stanifer's cousin's daughter, Ella. Her MRI showed that her tumor is gradually growing again.
- 01/14 Elaine Shreve for relief of reoccurring back pain.

**PLEASE HELP DELIVER GOODIE BAGS TO SHUT-IN'S**

The Craft Ladies created Hand-made Goodie Bags for the Homebound people. The bags are located at the Narthex; Welcome Counter. We are looking for some folks to help deliver these to the people who are listed. Please sign your name when delivered. Thank you so much for your help!

**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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory</li> <li>All service Men &amp; Women</li> <li>Our Country</li> <li>First Responders</li> <li>United Methodist Church</li> <li>Prayer &amp; Bible Study Groups</li> <li>For the sick and/or homeless</li> <li>Terrill Broshear</li> <li>Helen Bowman</li> <li>Patty Coyle</li> <li>Sharon Hamp</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iris Jones and her son Tim</li> <li>Cliff Klug</li> <li>Wade Lewis</li> <li>Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)</li> <li>Linda Prohaska</li> <li>Eugene Campbell—lung cancer<br/>(Linda Prohaska's brother)</li> <li>Parkside Residents</li> <li>Brenda Smoot</li> </ul> |
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**St. Mark's Homebound:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jean Cottrill</li> <li>Freida Hawkins</li> <li>Gale Logan—Otterbein Community</li> <li>Nancy &amp; Wade Lewis</li> <li>Flo Moore (Berkeley Square)</li> <li>Eleanor McCollum</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)</li> <li>Zedith Pottenger</li> <li>Jean Stivers</li> <li>Virginia Shaw</li> <li>Paul Schutte</li> <li>Betty Stover (NY in home hospice)</li> <li>Betty Winkler</li> </ul> |
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## **ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Check out our online calendar: [fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)  
TODAY, 02/18 CHILI COOK-OFF SUNDAY**

- 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 Chili Cook-Off (Fellowship Hall)

### **MONDAY, 02/19**

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group  
6:30 pm Ladies Evening Bible Study (ZOOM)  
*March Newsletter submissions due today*

### **TUESDAY, 02/20**

- 7:00 pm Finance Meeting  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troup 960 (Youth room)

### **WEDNESDAY, 02/21**

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

### **THURSDAY, 02/22**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 02/23**

- 10:00 am Lasagna Love (*St. Mark's kitchen 10-5*)

### **SATURDAY, 02/24**

- 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved for private party (1-4pm)

### **SUNDAY, 02/25**

- 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  
*Easter Flower Orders Deadline is today*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

This evening is our first Annual "Chili Cook Off" in Fellowship Hall. *More details on back of bulletin.*

### **FEBRUARY 18-25, EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE !**

Go to the Welcome Counter for the Easter Order Forms, fill out with money included in envelope, and drop at the church office or in offering plate. The deadline to order is February 25. Contact Lyn Bucalo at church office for questions.

### **FEBRUARY 19, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM**

We welcome you to join us in our bible study through Joshua in February! We meet every Monday either In-person or Zoom. Reminder that this is an ongoing bible study, and you can join in at any time. No requirements; participate however it suits you. Weekly bible study questions are provided, fostering discussion and shared learning. Contact Kym Nguyen.

### **FEBRUARY 21, WEDNESDAY, 2-3PM, GROUP BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

As our Wednesday Group Bible Study continues to grow, we always have room for more! Join us from 2-3PM in Fellowship Hall for an enriching journey through the Bible. Contact Sue McDaniel.

**FEBRUARY 23, FRIDAY, 10AM—5PM, 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.

**FEBRUARY 27, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH**

The February Lunch Bunch is Tuesday, February 27 at noon at the Old Spaghetti Factory. *Address: 6320 South Gilmore Rd, Fairfield (Old Forest Fair Mall area).* Restaurant has a large variety of Appetizers, Sandwiches, Salads as well as Spaghetti lunch items. Reservations need to be made by Sunday, February 25. Contact Brenda Smoot (513) 316-1807.

**MARCH 2, SATURDAY, 9AM, HELPING HANDS ALL CHURCH WORK DAY**

We are beginning the Helping Hands church work day on the first Saturday in March. Here is your opportunity to serve by helping to clean areas around the church. *Bill Dichtl will be lead Trustee this month and will provide more details.*

**MARCH 10, UMCOR SUNDAY-SPECIAL COLLECTION**

**MARCH 15, 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.

**MARCH 23, SATURDAY, 2:00PM, EASTER EGG HUNT**

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

**MARCH 24, PALM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 28, MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 7PM**

**MARCH 31, EASTER SUNDAY**

**REMINDER! EMPTY PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE COLLECTION FOR MATTHEW 25**

We continue to collect "empty" prescription bottles in the Narthex (see box in corner) for Matthew 25 Ministries. Please remember to clean the bottles both inside and out; remove all labels and no glue.

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 111  
Sunday School Attendance: 5

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,702.77</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$2,535.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 725.59
	<b><u>\$3,260.59</u></b>

Special—Designated Giving\* \$250.00  
*\*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**  
*Happy Birthday Cindy Booker!*



**Reminder: Easter Flowers Orders**

February 18-25, Sunday. Fill out the order form, include payment in envelope marked for "Easter Flowers" and drop in offering or at church office.



**ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF:**  
**February 18, 6:00-8:00PM**  
**(Fellowship Hall)**



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 tonight.

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Contact Lyn Bucalo at [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto: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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