



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**February 25, 2024, 9:30am**



**Sermon Title "Fess Up: One to another"**

**Worship with us In-person and Live-stream**



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

Streaming worship on Facebook and YouTube at  
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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: "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" Handbells

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent **towards the One who calls us each by a new name.**

Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us, **pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.**

Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us, **whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" UMH 371

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

In the beauty of this moment

**We worship you**

In the fellowship of your people

**We worship you**

In the presence of your Spirit

**We worship you**

In the company of all creation

**We worship you**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Jesus and His Love"

Handbells



# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## **Joys/Concerns**

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

- 02/18 Nancy Lewis was admitted to Ft. Hamilton ICU for heart failure on Feb15. They took a liter of fluid off her heart.
- 02/18 Linda Fenzel nephew who began Chemo Feb 20.
- 02/18 Sue Beckett sister-in-law in Columbus failing health.
- 02/18 Pastor Mark's mother receiving Hospice care has been moved to a care facility.
- 02/14 Linda Prohaska requests "For a special little lady to have good test results" PRAISE THE LORD, we have good results!
- 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 Gateood 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 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.

### **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](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com) or call the office (513) 844-1818.

For Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory  
All service Men & Women  
Our Country  
First Responders  
United Methodist Church  
Prayer & Bible Study Groups  
For the sick and/or homeless  
Terrill Broshear  
Helen Bowman  
Patty Coyle  
Sharon Hamp

Iris Jones and her son Tim  
Cliff Klug  
Wade Lewis  
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)  
Linda Prohaska  
Eugene Campbell—lung cancer  
(Linda Prohaska's brother)  
Parkside Residents  
Brenda Smoot

### **St. Mark's Homebound:**

Jean Cottrill  
Freida Hawkins  
Gale Logan—Otterbein Community  
Nancy & Wade Lewis  
Flo Moore (Berkeley Square)  
Eleanor McCollum

Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)  
Zedith Pottenger  
Jean Stivers  
Virginia Shaw  
Paul Schutte  
Betty Stover (NY in home hospice)  
Betty Winkler

## **ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Check out our online calendar: [fairfieldmarks.com/calendar](http://fairfieldmarks.com/calendar)  
TODAY, 02/25 (Easter Flower deadline for orders today)**

- 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

### **MONDAY, 02/26**

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group  
6:30 pm Ladies Evening Bible Study (ZOOM)

### **TUESDAY, 02/27**

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (at Olive Garden)  
7:00 pm SPRC meeting (Heritage Room)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troup 960 (Youth room)

### **WEDNESDAY, 02/28**

- 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, 02/29**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 03/01**

### **SATURDAY, 03/02**

- 9:00 am Helping Hands Church Work Day  
7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Meetings (Choir room)

### **SUNDAY, 03/03 COMMUNION**

- 9:30 am Holy Communion and 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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FEBRUARY 25, TODAY DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS**

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. Contact Lyn Bucalo at church office for questions.

### **FEBRUARY 26, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)**

Join us for our ongoing Bible study on Joshua, held every Monday either in-person or via Zoom. Feel free to join at any time; no requirements, just participate as it suits you. Weekly study questions foster discussion and shared learning. Since starting at the beginning of the year, we've nearly completed 100 days of learning and sharing. Contact Kym Nguyen.

### **FEBRUARY 27, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH (GOING TO OLIVE GARDEN)**

*Address: 7179 Dixie Hwy, Fairfield, OH 45014.* Reservations need to be made by today, Feb 25. Contact Brenda Smoot (513) 316-1807.

### **FEBRUARY 28, WEDNESDAY, 2-3PM, GROUP BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

As our Wednesday Group Bible Study continues to grow, we encourage you to join us for an enriching journey through the Bible. Contact Sue McDaniel.

### **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**

Be part of our UMCOR Sunday special collection, making a difference in disaster relief and global development through the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

### **MARCH 10, HAMILTON PRIDE DRAG BRUNCH, 11AM**

The Room at the Table Committee is going on a field trip to Basil 1791 on High Street in Hamilton for the Taylor Swift v. Beyonce Drag Brunch hosted by Hamilton Pride. The event is on March 10th at 11am. The committee aims to collaborate with Hamilton Pride to share God's love and introduce them to St. Mark's as a safe place to worship. Attending this event will allow us to meet some of their members. *This event is open to the public but is for those 18 and over only.* The deadline for purchasing tickets at the discounted rate of \$25, which includes brunch, is March 2. After March 2, the tickets will be \$28. Copy and paste this link in your browser to purchase tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taylor-swift-v-beyonce-drag-brunch-tickets-804297995957>

### **MARCH 15, FRIDAY, 1-2PM, RUTH CIRCLE, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join Ruth Circle for a nurturing community where women connect, support, and grow together. Meet in Fellowship Hall monthly to strengthen faith, nurture friendships, and encourage one another. Contact: Pam Guynes (513)779-9162 or email Pamguynes2@gmail.com.

### **MARCH , HELP TO FILL EASTER EGGS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT**

We are asking for your help to fill Easter Eggs with INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED candy, stickers, tattoos, etc.! Beginning Feb. 25 in the front Narthex, we will have the empty eggs bagged with 2 dozen; each available for you to take home, fill and then return them by March 17. We could not offer this fun event without your support! We know you will "HOP" at the opportunity to serve our children, grandchildren and the children in our local community! Contact Peggy or Sue.

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

Our Easter Egg Hunt is coming up soon, with a rain/snow date of March 30th, 2pm. Join us for crafts, the Easter Story, and age-group egg hunts. Contact Peggy Smith

### **MARCH 24, PALM SUNDAY**

Join us for a meaningful Palm Sunday experience, where we will carry palms in procession in the Sanctuary, remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

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

Join us for a reflective Maundy Thursday service at 7pm, as we commemorate Jesus' Last Supper and his commandment to love one another.

### **MARCH 31, EASTER SUNDAY**

## **RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 109

Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,702.77</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$2,585.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,147.62</u>
	<b><u>\$3,732.62</u></b>
Special—Designated Giving*	\$552.00

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

*Happy Anniversary Jeff & Carol Gering!  
(on Feb 28th)*



**Deadline Today: Easter Flower Orders**

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



**UMCOR SUNDAY**

**MARCH 10**



**REMINDER! MATTHEW 25 EMPTY PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES**

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.

**DEADLINE FOR APRIL 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.

**APRIL 2024 Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, MARCH 18!**

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