



UMCOR Sunday, March 10, 2024, 9:30am



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**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Congregation: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Congregation: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Leader: Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud if your deliverance.

Congregation: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

Leader: For you have no delight in sacrifice, were I to give you a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

Congregation: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH 496

***OPENING PRAYER**

Heavenly Father we gather in your presence today with open hearts and minds, ready to worship and praise your holy name. We ask that you bless this time of worship so that we may be uplifted and inspired by your presence. Fill us with your love and grace, and help us to honor you in all that we do. May our worship be pleasing to you, and may we be transformed by the power of your Spirit. We offer this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN "Standing in the Need of Prayer" UMH 352

SCRIPTURE: Scripture: James 5:13-18

Prayer...Questions, Answers, Songs, and Scripture

HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Solo: How Long Has It Been?

IS THERE A WRONG WAY TO PRAY?

Choir: If My People Will Pray

WHY SHOULD WE PRAY IF GOD ALREADY KNOWS THE NEED?

Choir Anthem: The Sweet, Sweet Comfort of Prayer

WHY IS PRAYING SO HARD FOR US?

Solo: The Altar

*CLOSING HYMN "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" UMH 526

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus With You"

*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."

- 03/07 Gale Goodman's dad, Bob was back in the ER with several medical issues. Please continue to pray.
- 03/04 Our hearts go out to Pastor Mark, Diana, and their family and friends in the passing of Patricia Weedman (Pastor Mark's mother) on March 4. May you find comfort in cherished memories and the love that surrounds you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Services were held on Friday, March 8.
- 03/03 Continued prayers for co-worker's daughter, Ashley as she recovers. It's been 2 weeks since she gave birth and she has been in a coma, had open heart surgery and has beat the doctor's odds on her survival.
- 03/03 Lord hear our prayers and guide us as the job search continues and keep spirits up and show us the door to what is next.
- 03/03 Please pray for Kristy Theiss' friends mother who had breast cancer surgery on March 5.
- 02/27 Rich Turner's mother-in-law passed away. She was 91 yrs. Our condolences to the family and may they have peace.
- 02/25 Prayers for Donna Armstrong's 16 year old great grandson who is had surgery to remove infected tubes in his ears.
- 02/25 Virginia Shaw was in the hospital for testing.
- 02/25 Prayers for a co-workers daughter, Ashley. She delivered a healthy baby boy, Parker recently but she has been fighting for her life since.
- 02/25 Missy LaMar's co-worker, Mark had a recent heart valve replacement and is recovering.
- 02/25 Jim Jones' son was at UC Hospital recovering from an infection on his incision located on his back.
- 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.
- 02/14 Linda Prohaska requests "For a special little lady to have good test results" PRAISE THE LORD, we have good results!
- 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 Patty Coyle and her son Tim in the recent loss of his wife.
- 02/11 Paul Schutte is in need of personal prayers and would like to hear from you.
- 02/11 David & Pam Brockfield's friend Libby who has COPD & is in the hospital with RSV.

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

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 (Berkeley Square)	Paul Schutte
Eleanor McCollum	Betty Stover (NY in home hospice)
	Betty Winkler

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.

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar
TODAY, 03/10 (UMCOR Sunday)**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:45 am St. Mark's Cares meeting
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

MONDAY, 03/11

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

TUESDAY, 03/12

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

WEDNESDAY, 03/13

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer
- 10:00 am Ruth Walk of Weight Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 pm Bible Study Group
- 6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 03/14

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

FRIDAY, 03/15

- 1:00 pm Ruth Circle

SATURDAY, 03/16

- Broken Bus Meals Today
- 7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Meetings (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, 03/17

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
G.L.O.W. Preschool—5th grade, Nursery open for infants—age 3
FILLED EGGS Returned Today
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 10, UMCOR SUNDAY- SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

This special offering underwrites UMCOR's costs of doing business so that 100% of all other gifts to a specific UMCOR project will go toward the project, not admin costs.

MARCH 11, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

Join us for our ongoing Bible study thru book of Samuel , 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 the beginning of the year, we have completed 100 days of learning and sharing the Bible! Contact Kym Nguyen.

MARCH 13, WEDNESDAY, 10AM, RUTH'S WALKING CLASS, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us every Wed. morning to "Walk off the Weight Class" where we stroll, kick, and sidestep our way towards a healthier lifestyles together. Contact Ruth Ritenbaugh

MARCH 13, 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, 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.! Located at the 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 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 vs. Beyonce Drag Brunch hosted by Hamilton Pride. The event is on March 10 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 discounted rate of \$25, which includes brunch, 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, 1-2:30PM, 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 18, DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at L.bucalo@fairfieldsmarks.com to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Monday each month. APRIL 2024 Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, MARCH 18!

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

Our Easter Egg Hunt is approaching quickly, with a rain/snow date of March 30th, 2pm. Join us for crafts & activities, the Easter Story, and age-group egg hunts. We are also going to have a balloon twist creator, come see the fun creations with balloons. Contact Peggy Smith

MARCH 24, PALM SUNDAY/CANTATA/PALM PROCESSION

Join us for a meaningful Palm Sunday experience, where we will carry palms in procession in the Sanctuary, remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Also, the Chancel Choir will present Easter Cantata "The Risen Christ"

MARCH 26, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH (TWIN DRAGON BUFFET)

Here is your opportunity to try something new, in a buffet, around 200 items. Buffet is \$11.99. For those that don't like Chinese food, there are plenty of American foods. *Address:* 7763 Tylersville Road, West Chester 45069. Reservations need to be made by March 24. Contact Brenda Smoot (513) 316-1807.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 23, 2024 at 2PM

*(Raindate: March 30 at 2PM)



Create memories with us this Easter Season and discover the true meaning of Easter!

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ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES

JOIN US FOR
THE EASTER
STORY

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