



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

UMCOR Sunday, March 17, 2024, 9:30am



Sermon Title "Fess Up: Confessing Christ"

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

Bless the Lord, my soul.

With all my being, I bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and forget none of his benefits.

**He pardons all my wrongdoing
and heals all my ills.**

**He rescues me from death's pit
and crowns me with love and compassion.**

**He satisfies me with all good in the prime of life,
and my youth is renewed like an eagle's.**

Bless the Lord, my soul.

With all my being, I bless His holy name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

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*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, take this song and fill it with Your presence.

Let it bring a word of hope to weary, care-full hearts.

Take this song and fill it, Lord.

Fill it with Yourself.

Lord, take my life and fill it with Your praises.

Let me speak a word of peace that Jesus brings in me.

Take this life and fill it, Lord.

Fill it with Yourself.

Lord, take this place and fill it with Your blessing.

Let it be a haven where the poor in spirit sing.

Take this place and fill it, Lord.

Fill it with Your praise. **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."

- 03/14 Ann Brabbs is recovering from lengthy surgery at Christ Hospital on March 13. Continue prayers as she regains her strength. Recovery is expected to take a few months to heal.
- 03/13 Jean Cottrill has been moved to Trustwell and living there for a short while. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she is recovering from a broken hip.
- 03/13 Tim Beltz was back in the hospital for surgery. The family is in need of a lot of 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 a co-worker's daughter, Ashley, as she recovers. It's been 2 weeks since she gave birth and she has been in a coma, has open heart surgery, and has beaten the doctor's odds regarding her survival.
- 03/03 Lord, hear our prayers and guide us as the job search continues and keep our spirits up and show us the door to what is next.
- 03/03 Please pray for Kristy Theiss's friend's mother who had breast cancer surgery on March 5.
- 02/27 Rich Turner's mother-in-law passed away. She was 91 years old. Our condolences to the family and may they have peace.
- 02/25 Prayers for Donna Armstrong's 16-year-old great grandson who has had surgery to remove infected tubes in his ears.
- 02/25 Virginia Shaw was in the hospital for testing.
- 02/25 Missy LaMar's co-worker, Mark, had a recent heart valve replacement and is recovering.
- 02/25 Jim Jones's son was at UC Hospital recovering from an infection in his incision located on his back.
- 02/18 Nancy Lewis was admitted to Ft. Hamilton ICU for heart failure on Feb 15. They took a liter of fluid off her heart.
- 02/18 Linda Fenzel's nephew who began chemo Feb 20.
- 02/18 Sue Beckett's sister-in-law in Columbus failing health.
- 02/14 Linda Prohaska's 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 is now located at Gatewood for rehab.

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	Patty Coyle
All service Men & Women	Sharon Hamp
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
Tim Beltz (Iris Jones's son-in-law)	Brenda Smoot
Helen Bowman	
Ann Brabbs	

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, 03/17 (Happy St. Patty's Day—Filled Easter Egg due date)**

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

MONDAY, 03/18

April Newsletter Articles due today

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

TUESDAY, 03/19

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

WEDNESDAY, 03/20

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

THURSDAY, 03/21

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 03/22

SATURDAY, 03/23

2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt (*Rain-date 3/30*)
7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Meetings (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, 03/24 (Palm Sunday and Easter Cantata)

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

TODAY, FILLED EASTER EGGS ARE DUE.

Your support is appreciated, and you have "hopped" at the opportunity to serve our children, grandchildren, and the children in our local community! Thank you! Contact Peggy or Sue.

MARCH 18, DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

MARCH 18, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

Join us for our ongoing Bible study through the books 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 20, 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 healthier lifestyles together. Contact Ruth Ritenbaugh.

MARCH 20, 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 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/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 the 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 who 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

JUNE 9-13, VBS, 6:30-8:30PM

Please mark your calendars with the revised VBS date that is now June 9-13. Contact: Peggy.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 3, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 121

Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs \$6,702.77

Weekly In-Person Giving \$8,509.60

Weekly On-Line Giving \$1,961.47

\$10,471.07

Special—Designated Giving* \$80.00

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

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 10, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 86

Sunday School Attendance: 5

Weekly Budget Needs \$6,902.00

Weekly In-Person Giving \$2,768.00

Weekly On-Line Giving \$ 603.20

\$7,505.20

Special—Designated Giving* \$794.00

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

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!

CRAFTS &
ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES

JOIN US FOR
THE EASTER
STORY

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