



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Communion Sunday**  
**April 7, 2024, 9:30am**



**Sermon Title: "Nicknames "**

**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](http://www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks)

## **WELCOME! We are glad you are here.**

*Please sign the Attendance Pad in your pew and pass it along. Return it to its original place when finished, noting those present with you. Greet one another after the worship service! Please offer a warm welcome to those who are visitors.*

*For prayer requests, find Prayer Cards in the pew racks. Completed 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**

Let's gather together in the presence of our God.

Let's bring our songs of praise and our prayers of thanksgiving.

Let us bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker.

**Arise, O God, and enter Your sanctuary,  
You, and the ark of Your strength.  
Clothe us in justice and faithfulness,  
and put new songs of joy and praise in our mouths.**

Let's worship God together! **Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN "The Day of Resurrection"

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### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

From deep within us, we know of a loving presence.

All around us we see glory, beauty, life, and light.

We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, "God!"

In this moment of worship, may that loving presence grow deeper; may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense.

May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places.

**God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer  
be more and more in us that we might live more and more  
in you. Amen.**

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**



# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## **Joys/Concerns**

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

- 03/31 Patty Coyle was in a little car accident but is doing well with minor bumps and bruises.
- 03/31 Ruth Stanifer's cousin, Matthew's daughter, Ella. She had an MRI on April 1 to see if the tumor is shrinking.
- 03/27 Patty Coyle's son, Tim, is now home but still not doing well. They could only treat the nose bleed, and none of the other things. He did have a CT scan and the result was okay. Please continue to pray. He is dealing with A-Fib and a kidney stone.
- 03/27 Iris Jones, Thank the good Lord that no surgery is required! She will wear an arm brace and do occupational therapy.
- 03/24 Tonya & Pablo Leguina's son's brother-in-law, who is dealing with severe and debilitating depression and other mental health related issues. He has left the US and is currently being treated in India.
- 03/24 Virginia Shaw is now at Trustwell Living at Fairfield Place located at 2357 Mack Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014.
- 03/24 Don & Cheryl Kemen mother, Billie Ingel, is now at Trustwell Living at Fairfield Place, located at 2357 Mack Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014, Room #120.
- 03/24 Pray for a broken family from Lois Hill.
- 03/24 Travel mercies for the Fairfield Show Choirs traveling from Nashville, TN.-Jennie Marshall.
- 03/24 Jennie Marshall's dad, Glen Mason, who has the flu and a spot on his lung. CT scan this week.
- 03/20 Ann Brabbs is recovering from surgery and is now located at Huntington Court, 350 Hancock Ave., Hamilton, OH 45011
- 03/17 A good friend dealing with alcoholism.
- 03/17 Jennie Marshall's 59-year-old cousin, Tammy Goble, who passed away unexpectedly on March 11. Please pray for the family and friends as we send our sympathies, peace, and God's comfort.
- 03/17 Nicole Specht's friend had twins at 22 weeks; one of the baby twins passed away. Please pray for their family and baby, Henry, for strength.
- 03/17 Tim Beltz is now at Jamestown for rehab after having surgery. The family is in need of a lot of prayers.
- 03/13 Jean Cottrill has been moved to Trustwell and has been living there for a short while. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she is recovering from a broken hip.
- 03/07 Gale Goodman's dad, Bob, was back in the ER with several medical issues. Please continue to pray for him.
- 03/03 Please pray for Kristy Theiss's friend's mother who had breast cancer surgery on March 5.

## 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	Iris Jones
First Responders	Cliff Klug
United Methodist Church	Wade Lewis
Prayer & Bible Study Groups	Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
For the sick and/or homeless	Linda Prohaska
Terrill Broshear	Eugene Campbell—lung cancer (Linda Prohaska's brother)
Tim Beltz (Iris Jones's son-in-law)	Parkside Residents
Helen Bowman	Brenda Smoot
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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)  
TODAY, 04/07 (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, 04/08**

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

### **TUESDAY, 04/09**

- 12:30 am Shared Harvest
- 7:00 pm Admin Board
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troup 960

### **WEDNESDAY, 04/10**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
- 10:00 am Walk/Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 pm Bible Study Group
- 6:30 pm Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, 04/11**

- 11:00 am Nurture & Care meeting
- 6:30 pm RATT meeting
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 04/12**

- 5:00 pm Serve City Meals (Breakfast for Dinner)

### **SATURDAY, 04/13**

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Meetings (Choir Room)

### **SUNDAY, 04/14**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
G.L.O.W. Nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **APRIL 15, 22, 29, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)**

Please note that we will not meet on 4/08 and pick up on 4/15. Join us for our ladies' evening Bible study, we will *Zoom* into the Bible scriptures. We are currently studying the books of Chronicles. Everyone is welcome at any time. There are no requirements; just participate as it suits you. Our weekly study questions encourage discussion and shared learning. For more information, please contact Kym Nguyen.

### **APRIL 10, WEDNESDAY, 10AM, WALK/EXERCISE CLASS, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join us every week at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for our Walk/Exercise Class. This class is designed for all levels and includes beginners. You can even sit in a chair and work out, too! We walk, kick, and sidestep our way towards healthier lifestyles together. There's no judgment here; you can go at your own pace. Come and join us and take a step towards better health! For more information, please contact Ruth Ritenbaugh. (Dates to note: April 17 & 24).

### **APRIL 9, TUESDAY, 12:30-2:30PM, SHARED HARVEST**

Join us on April 9 from 12:30 to 2:30PM at Shared Harvest Foodbank to volunteer. We will be packing boxes for distribution to those in need within our community. This is a great opportunity to lend a helping hand and make a meaningful impact. A sign-up sheet is available on the Narthex bulletin board. For more information, please contact Debbie Bryant. We look forward to seeing you

**APRIL 10, WEDNESDAY, 2-3PM, GROUP BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Pop in any week as we come together to discuss and study the book of Acts. Please note there is no meeting on April 3, but we will resume on April 10. Contact Sue McDaniel.

**APRIL 11 & 25, THURSDAY, ROOM AT THE TABLE (RATT), 6:30PM**

We meet via Zoom on the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month. For more details, text, e-mail, or call Zach Dichtl at (513) 446-5740 or zdichtl@purdue.edu to join in.

**APRIL 12, SERVE CITY 5PM, BREAKFAST-FOR-DINNER THEME**

Please bring in your meals and goodies, and deliver them to the St. Mark's kitchen by 5 PM. This will give us time to pack the car and drive to the location. Any sized contribution is much appreciated. We are feeding a total of 75 people in need. Contact: Lyn Bucalo for information.

**APRIL 19 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.

**APRIL 23, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH AT SNOW'S LAKESIDE TAVERN**

Address: 4344 Dry Ridge Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45252. Deadline for Reservations by April 21. Contact Brenda Smoot (513) 316-1807.

**APRIL 26, FRIDAY, 7:00PM, LADIES FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**

Ladies, we invite you to join us for a "First Person" presentation of Ohioan Annie Oakley by Joyce Browning from nearby Heritage Village. It's sure to be a great and informative time of fellowship together! Dessert is provided. A nominal fee of \$5.00 per person to cover our presenter's fee. Feel free to invite your friends to join us. We would love to have a great turnout for our speaker's time and effort! The sign-up-sheet is at the Welcome Center. (You can pay ahead or on the night of the event, but we would like to have an idea of how many to plan for.)

**MAY 4, SATURDAY, 9AM, HELPING HANDS ALL CHURCH WORK DAY**

We are beginning the Helping Hands church work day on the first Saturday each month. Here is your opportunity to serve by helping to clean areas around the church. *Tonya Leguina will be the lead Trustee in month of May and will provide more details.* Dates to Note: July 13, Sept 7, and Nov. 2.

**JUNE 1, SATURDAY, 9-11AM, MATTHEW 25 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Another opportunity to volunteer your time at Matthew 25 Ministries. We always have a great time while helping support this amazing ministry. Contact: Lynne Schumacker.

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 31, 2024**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 156  
Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$7,366.76</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$3,939.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,127.62</u>
	<b><u>\$5,066.62</u></b>

Special—Designated Giving\* \$350.00  
*\*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

# Annual Spring Salad Luncheon and Crafts

*Sponsored by the Monday Craft Ladies*

**May 2, 2024 (Thursday)  
11am—1:30pm**



**\$10.00**  
per person

**St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
4601 Fairfield Ave. 45014**

## **DEADLINE FOR MAY 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.

**MAY 2024 Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, APRIL 15!**

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