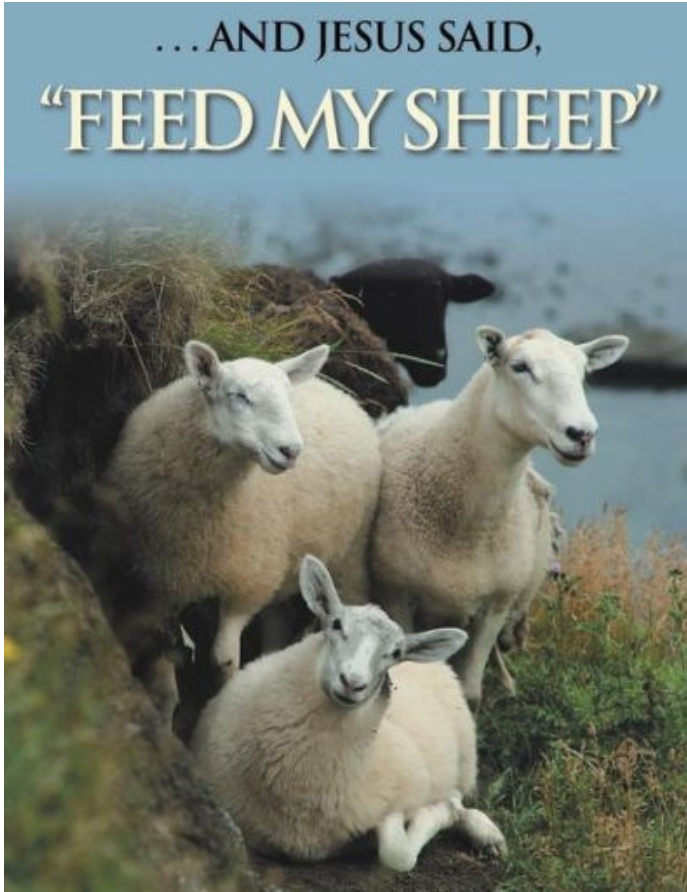




ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 21, 2024, 9:30am



Sermon Title: "Are We Good?"

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 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 us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us.

That we are not here because of our goodness,

but because of Christ's grace.

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us.

That we have not come to be entertained,

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

*OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH139

***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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sue Combs

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Yahweh"

*HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH140

SCRIPTURE:

John 21:15-19

SERMON

"Are We Good?"

Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

UMH467

*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."

- 04/17 Ann Brabbs is now home recovering and not quite ready to receive visitors just yet.
- 04/17 Don Ault is having some balancing issues.
- 04/17 Patty Coyle's son, Tim, the bleeding has stopped but he has no energy.
- 04/17 Patty Coyle's daughter, Lori, having some medical concerns.
- 04/17 Linda Prohaska's brother, Eugene Campbell, continues to fight through the lung cancer. A few extra prayers please.
- 04/17 Ann McWilliams' 40-year-old grandson had a horrible fall rollerblading: broken shoulder, knee, and bruising.
- 04/17 Iris Jones's son and son-in-law.
- 04/14 Susan Bunte's nephew, Kirk, who is having significant health challenges.
- 04/14 Danny Thomas asks for prayers as he receives shot for pain he is having in his back.
- 04/07 Donna Armstrong's neighbor, Steve Hogue: his cancer returned and he is receiving treatment.
- 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 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 located at Trustwell Living at Fairfield Place located at 2357 Mack Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014.
- 03/24 Don & Cheryl Kemen mother, Billie Ingel, is located at Trustwell Living at Fairfield Place, located at 2357 Mack Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014, Room #120.
- 03/24 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.
- 03/24 Pray for a broken family from Lois Hill.
- 03/24 Jennie Marshall's dad, Glen Mason, who has the flu and a spot on his lung. CT scan was taken.
- 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.

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

MEDIA VOLUNTEER

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help with Media area in the back of the sanctuary. Another option, would be to have 2 people alternate weeks. Please contact Pastor Mark for more information and no experience is needed.

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 04/21

- 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

MONDAY, 04/22

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

TUESDAY, 04/23

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (Snows Lakeside Tavern, is Full)
- 7:00 pm SPRC meeting (Heritage room)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troup 960

WEDNESDAY, 04/24

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

THURSDAY, 04/25

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 04/26

- 7:00 pm Ladies Night (Annie Oakley) Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, 04/27

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

SUNDAY, 04/28

- 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 22 & 29, MONDAY, 6:30-8PM, LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

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 24, 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.

APRIL 24, WEDNESDAY, 2-3PM, GROUP BIBLE STUDY, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Pop in any week as we come together to discuss and study the book of Acts

APRIL 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 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 2, THURSDAY, 11AM-1:30PM, ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON & CRAFTS

Join us for the Annual Salad Luncheon & Crafts sponsored by the Monday Craft Ladies. The price is \$10 per person. Enjoy a variety of mouth-watering selection of all things "Salad.." We won't have just the greens. Come and sample Chicken and Tuna salad, Pasta salads, Deviled eggs, Slaws, 3,4 ,and 5 Bean salads, Fruits, Dessert salads, and so much more! Worth every BITE! Homemade crafts will be displayed before and after your meal, so stop by the table before you leave.

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

This month, the Helping Hands church work day is scheduled with *Tonya Leguina being the lead Trustee in the month of May*. Here is your opportunity to serve by helping to clean areas around the church. *Also, we are looking for donations of mulch please.* 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.

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.
Website: <https://stmarksunc.mycokesburyvbs.com>

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—APRIL 14, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 96
Sunday School Attendance: 3

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$5,712.91</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$5,986.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 720.82
	<u>\$6,706.82</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$650.00
**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**



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