



**April 28, 2024, 9:30am**



**Sermon Title: "The Most Important Thing"**

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



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**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

God is our refuge and strength,  
always ready to help in times of trouble.

**So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,  
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**The Lord Almighty is here among us;  
the God of Israel is our fortress.**

\*OPENING HYMN "Crown Him With Many Crows" UMH327

(Vs 1,2,4)

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God, our guide and our protector,  
as we gather today in your holy house,  
open our minds and souls and hearts,  
that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction  
of your spirit in our lives.**

**Help us follow you as you lead us  
to the land you have created for us,  
where we may dwell with you and in you. 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

"Midnight Cry"

Heather Chambers  
Soloist

\*HYMN

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

"The Most Important Thing"

Pastor Mark

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Here I am Lord"

UMH593

\*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."*

- 04/21 JOY! Dee Aiken's granddaughter, Gillian Null, will be graduating with a doctorate degree from UC Medical School and move on to continue her studies at Ohio State to become a surgeon.
- 04/21 Jean Cottrill has been moved back into her home on Windermere. She was unable to make much progress with mobility at the rehab facility.
- 04/21 Paul Schutte is now at Gateway Springs for rehab.
- 04/21 Becky Mendenhall fell and hurt her back.
- 04/21 Pastor Bob Klingel healing his legs.
- 04/21 Chelsey Cavender for continued healing.
- 04/21 Iris Jones' son and son-in-law for medical issues.
- 04/21 Vicki & Kraig Cavender's friend, Ric, for good test results.
- 04/21 Marianne Calabria Halcomb's young niece, Claire who lives in Texas, as she is going through a health situation.
- 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.
- 04/14 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, who had an MRI on April 1 to see if the tumor is shrinking.
- 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 Pray for a broken family from Lois Hill.  
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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)

### **TODAY, 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

### **MONDAY, 04/29**

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

### **TUESDAY, 04/30**

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troup 960

### **WEDNESDAY, 05/01**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group  
NOT TODAY Walk/Exercise Class (Will resume May 1)  
2:00 pm Bible Study Group  
6:30 pm Hand Bell Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, 05/02 SALAD LUNCHEON & CRAFTS**

- 11:00 am Annual Salad Luncheon & Crafts and Used Book Sale  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 05/03**

### **SATURDAY, 05/04**

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

### **SUNDAY, 05/05**

- 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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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, Chicken and Tuna salad, Pasta salad, Deviled eggs, Slaws, 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. Also, the "Used Book Sale" will be available in the hallway.

### **MAY 4, SATURDAY, 9AM, MULCH MADNESS AN 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 dean areas around the church. *Please consider donating black mulch*. Dates to Note: July 13, Sept 7, and Nov. 2.

### **MAY 7 & 19, VBS TRAINING DAYS**

All VBS volunteers will attend one of these training day options. On May 7, Tuesday at 6:30pm or on May 19, Sunday after worship. Please contact Peggy Smith for more questions.

### **MAY 10 FRIDAY, 1-2:30PM, RUTH CIRCLE LUNCHEON, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join us for a special Ruth Circle Luncheon this month as we have our season end luncheon and meeting. We will resume in September. The entree' and beverages are provided. We ask that each attendee bring a covered dish. For more details, contact: Pam Guynes (513)779-9162 or email [Pamguynes2@gmail.com](mailto:Pamguynes2@gmail.com).

**MAY 23, THURSDAY, 6PM, CYF SUMMER BREAK FUN FEST at ST. MARK'S**

The Summer Break Fun Fest is open to everyone and the community. We will be outside, 6pm around the church shelter with delicious food, games for all ages, prizes a bounce house, a raffle drawing for a 'Summer fun basket' filled with all kind of goodies. For more information, contact Peggy Smith or Sue Luken. (Rain date May 30)

**MAY 28, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH at SMOKEY BONES**

This month, we are having lunch at Smokey Bones in West Chester. Address is 9484 Civic Centre. Besides BBQ Ribs, there are variety of appetizers, sandwiches and salads. Contact BRENDA SMOOT at (513) 316-1807 by May 26.

**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, 6:30-8:15PM**

Please mark your calendars with the revised VBS date that is now June 9-13. Join us for an exciting adventure with God at this year's VBS, "camp Firelight" based on Psalm 56:3. The children and youth are invited to twinkle and flutter into a world of engaging activities, music, stories, and meaningful lessons to create lasting memories. Contact Peggy Smith for more questions. Register the participants at this link: <https://stmarksumc.mycokesburyvbs.com>

**WEEKLY MEETINGS:**

**APRIL/MAY, 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.

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

Pop in any week as we come together to discuss and study the book of Acts. Last meeting May 22

**MAY 1, 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, including beginners. You can 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. For more information, please contact Ruth Ritenbaugh.

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—APRIL 21, 2024**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 112  
Sunday School Attendance: 7

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,120.92</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$5,656.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$1,556.52
	<b><u>\$7,212.52</u></b>

Special—Designated Giving\* \$390.00  
*\*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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