

# ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**June 30, 2024, 9:30am**

*Sermon Title: "In the Garden: We Did It Our Way..."*



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**

We are here to worship a remarkable God.

**The love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.**

Don't come as slaves, come as the truly free. Don't come as petitioners, come as those who are already heard. Don't come as interlopers, come as invited guests. Don't come as the outsiders, come as much-wanted children.

**The love of God emboldens us. The grace of Christ redeems us. The joy of the Spirit uplifts us.**

Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful,  
Come as the recipients of amazing grace.

**The love of God overflows our hearts. The grace of Christ liberates our spirits; the joy of the Spirit sings in our minds. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

UMH 467

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos; our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe. We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice; we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long. We gather as the children of God; our joy unbroken in God's love. Young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched, lift the new, new songs of faith. 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

HYMN

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

UMH 399

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 2:15-17

SERMON:

Pastor Mark

**"In the Garden: We Did It Our Way..."**

\*CLOSING HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

UMH 396

\*BENEDICTION:

\*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus With You"

\*POSTLUDE

Sue Combs

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## ***Joys/Concerns***

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

- 06/23 Betty Winkler has moved close to her daughter in Georgia. Her new address is in care of Kathy Perry located at 803 Smithbriar Drive, Valdosta, GA 31602
- 06/23 Jenni Hensler's friend, Kristi, who had surgery on 6/13 and is working through complications and went back in today.
- 06/23 Coach Richmond as he undergoes treatment for Leukemia.
- 06/23 For a friend's nephew as he fights cancer.
- 06/23 Sharon Hamp who was in the hospital having breathing problems and has been released, but continue prayers.
- 06/23 Pastor Jim Cattran who was in the hospital last week and is working through several medical issues.
- 06/23 For a family member in a mental health crisis. Pray they get help soon.
- 06/19 Jim Jones was released from the hospital after spending a few days there for an infection in his foot.
- 06/16 Dianne Aiken's niece, Jodi Seeley, in the sudden death of her husband, Brian, who has children who are 18, 16, and 5 years old. They are in need of many prayers.
- 06/16 Bill & Julie Dichtl's son, Zachary, who is having problems with a neighbor.
- 06/16 Julie Dichtl's sister, Lynne, for positive medical tests results.
- 06/16 Debbie Vitale for healing with severe back pain.
- 06/16 Ruth Stanifer's son, Brandon, and daughter, Kristina, are both having health issues.
- 06/09 Gerri Anderson had foot surgery on 6/07 and will have several weeks of recovery.
- 06/05 JOY! Virginia Shaw is back at home and is doing well!
- 06/02 JOY! Paul Schutte is back home.
- 06/02 Family of Kyle Kennedy, who passed away on May 29. Kyle is the father of David and Pam Brockfield's daughter-in-law.
- 06/02 Lauren Leyrer's friend, Shelby; her father has stage 4 cancer.
- 06/02 Elaine Shreve's brother, Richard Beers, who is in Hospice care.
- 05/26 Jeff Gering for a second opinion on his shoulder nerve pain.
- 05/26 For the family members and friends of the US Missionaries in Haiti who were slain.
- 05/26 Mike Aiken with the removal of cancer near his ear.
- 05/19 JOY! June Niederman's granddaughter, Melody Johnson, graduated from Asbury Seminary with a Masters of Divinity degree, and now plans to work toward getting her PHD. On June 3, she will begin her job as Director of Youth and Children at Lindenwald Community Church. Occasionally, she will deliver the sermon.
- 05/19 David & Pam Brockfield's daughter-in-law's father, Kyle Kennedy, in the hospital & not doing well.

- 05/19 Prayers for strength & guidance for Mike Anderson & Tim Dutey in raising their 3 adopted special needs boys.
- 05/19 Prayers for a family who recently lost their son.
- 05/19 Prayers for a friend fighting cancer.
- 05/19 Prayers for a friend who recently lost her brother-in-law to cancer.

## **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](mailto:L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com) or call the office (513) 844-1818.

For Pastor Mark and Diana Gregory	Sharon Hamp
All service Men & Women	Iris Jones
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
Don Ault	(Linda Prohaska's brother)
Tim Beltz (Iris Jones's son-in-law)	Parkside Residents
Ann Brabbs	Brenda Smoot
Patty Coyle	
Mike Fitzpatrick	
Jeff Gering	

## **St. Mark's Homebound:**

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)
Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)	Betty Winkler (Lives in GA 6/30/24)

## **ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Check out our online calendar: [fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**  
**TODAY, 06/30**

- 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, 07/01**

**TUESDAY, 07/02**

- 6:30 pm CYF Meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Tr. 960
- 7:00 pm Trustees

**WEDNESDAY, 07/03**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group
- 10:00 am Walk/Exercise Class

**THURSDAY, 07/04 (Independence Day—OFFICE CLOSED)**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

**FRIDAY, 07/05**

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Face-to-Face Prayers (Choir Room)

**SATURDAY, 07/06**

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

**SUNDAY, 07/07**

- 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**

**JULY 9, TUESDAY, 12:30-2:3PM, SHARED HARVEST**

We are planning another volunteer opportunity at Shared Harvest Foodbank. 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.

**JULY 13, SATURDAY, 9AM, HELPING HANDS-ALL CHURCH WORKDAY**

The Helping Hands—Church Workday is scheduled with Matt Snyder as the lead Trustee contact for the church workday. Dates to Note: Sept ember 7 with Penny Dole and November 2 with Kristy Theiss as Trustee Leads.

**JULY 17 & AUGUST 14, CHURCH DISCUSSION/MEETING—LEAD TEAM**

Join Pastor Mark to discuss options for the organization of a UMC church: one being a traditional structure and the other is a 'Lead Team.' This is an opportunity to present information about a lead team structure to the congregation in order to get input. The dates are: July 17 at 7PM (In-person) and August 14 at 7PM (Zoom).

**JULY 19, FRIDAY, 1-5PM, LASAGNA LOVE—HELP FEED FAMILIES IN NEED**

Help Feed Families in Need with Lasagna Love at St. Mark's Kitchen! Back by popular demand, join us in the church kitchen to make a difference. We will prepare 15 lasagnas to support the Lasagna Love backlog in our area. Please sign up at the Narthex Welcome counter to donate lasagna ingredients, volunteer to help make lasagna's, or to deliver these meals. Your support is invaluable! Thank you from Cindy Miller, St. Mark's Cares, Lasagna Love, and the families we feed.

**AUGUST 11, BACKPACK BLESSINGS—DURING WORSHIP**

Join us for our Annual Backpack Blessings on August 11 during Sunday Worship! As the new school year begins, we invite all students to bring their backpacks to church for a special blessing. Contact Peggy Smith for more details.

**AUGUST (DATE TO BE TERMINED), LADIES FELLOWSHIP SWAP PARTY**

Start rummaging through your closets and drawers, and get ready to join us for an evening of swapping fun! This event is not to be missed! Rules: Bring items to swap and you get to choose the same number of items to take home. For more information, contact Sue Luken. Stay tuned for more details.

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JUNE 23, 2024**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 88  
Sunday School Attendance: 7

Weekly Budget Needs \$9,432.20

Weekly In-Person Giving \$3,646.00

Weekly On-Line Giving \$1,977.42

**\$5,623.42**

Special—Designated Giving\* \$275.00

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

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

*One for: Gordon Hill's Heavenly Birthday—Love, Lois*

*One for: Dick & Edith Davis' 73rd Anniversary (July 1)*



### **SHARED HARVEST VOLUNTEERING**

**JULY 9, TUESDAY  
12:30-2:30PM**

**SIGN-UP ON  
NARTHEX BULLETIN  
BOARD OR  
CONTACT  
DEBBIE BRYANT**



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### **DEADLINE FOR AUGUST 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.

**AUGUST 2024 Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, JULY 15!**

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