



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 21, 2024, 9:30AM

Sermon: In the Garden, "Getting in our Heads"



Worship with us In-person
Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at
www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks
And on our website at
<https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/live-stream/>

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, nothing 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**

In the beginning God created all things,
and God saw that they were good.

At our beginning, God created us
**unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,
known and treasured by God even before He created us.**

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new
**so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,
in the laughter of friends, in the colors of creation, and
in this beautiful place.**

Lord God, King of Creation,
**open our eyes to see your presence, our souls to sense
your presence, and our hearts to love your presence,
ever here in your creation, and ever beyond it in
eternity. Amen.**

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

***OPENING PRAYER**

**O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this
present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us
with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed
to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs
for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of
Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys/Concerns

If updates are unknown, these items are listed for up to 4 weeks. Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."

- 07/18 Julie Dichtl is progressing and having more good days in her recovery. She is walking, talking, and playing games. She was discharged from the hospital on July 18.
- 7/17 Ann Brabbs thanks you all for the prayers, cards and loving thoughts during her surgery and recovery. She continues to go to physical therapy and complete the healing process. She expressed her sincerest thank you's to everyone.
- 07/14 Pray for peace in our country. God bless our nation and help us to come together as one people and as one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all, Amen!
- 07/09 Pat Fassnacht's friend is recovering from surgery today.
- 07/07 Julie Dichtl is moving forward in the recovery process. This week, she is being moved to rehab. Keep the whole family in prayers with love and care.
- 07/07 Ruth Stanifer's son, Brandon is out of the hospital and is still working through health issues. Also continued prayers for Kristina as she is having health issues too.
- 07/07 Linda Prohaska asking for "special prayers."
- 07/07 Several member of Lois Hill's family.
- 06/30 Pam Brockfield's sister's mother-in-law, Laura Wallace, who passed away at age of 100 years old.
- 06/30 Sue Luken's daughter, Katie, is in her last month of pregnancy.
- 06/23 Betty Winkler has moved closer to her daughter in Georgia. Her new address is in care of Kathy Perry, 803 Smithbriar Drive, Valdosta, GA 31602.
- 06/23 Jenni Hensler's friend, Kristi, who is recovering from surgery on 6/13 and is working through complications.
- 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 is released but still working through.
- 06/23 Pastor Jim Cattran who was in the hospital and is working through several medical issues.
- 06/23 For a family member in a mental health crisis. Pray that they get help needed soon.
- 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.

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
All service Men & Women
Our Country
First Responders
United Methodist Church
Prayer & Bible Study Groups
For the sick and/or homeless
Don Ault
Tim Beltz (Iris Jones's son-in-law)
Ann Brabbs
Patty Coyle
Julie Dichtl

Mike Fitzpatrick
Sharon Hamp
Iris Jones and her family
Cliff Klug
Wade Lewis
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
Linda Prohaska
Eugene Campbell—lung cancer
(Linda Prohaska's brother)
Brenda Smoot
Parkside Residents

St. Mark's Homebound:

Freida Hawkins
Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
Nancy & Wade Lewis
Flo Moore (Berkeley Square)
Eleanor McCollum
Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)

Zedith Pottenger
Jean Stivers
Virginia Shaw
Paul Schutte
Betty Stover (NY in home hospice)
Betty Winkler (Lives in GA 6/30/24)

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 07/21

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

MONDAY, 07/22

TUESDAY, 07/23

- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960 (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, 07/24

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer group
10:00 am Walking/Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, 07/25

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 07/26

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Face-to-face Prayer Time (Choir Room)

SATURDAY, 07/27

- 3:00 pm New Covenant in Fellowship Hall until 8pm
7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Practice (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, 07/28

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY MISSION PROJECT:

We are collecting school supplies for children in the Fairfield City School District. School begins on August 8. Some of the supplies are listed here and ALL are appreciated! Headphones or earbuds (NOT Wireless), Standard Crayola Crayons (24 count), Scissors (Fiskars recommended), Glue Sticks, #2 Pencils w/erasers, Dry erase Markers (low or no order), 2 pocket Folders w/fasteners in (red, blue, green, yellow, orange). Contact Jenni Hensler for more information.

AUGUST 10, SATURDAY 7-9PM, LADIES FELLOWSHIP "SWAP" NIGHT!

Join us for an exciting Ladies Fellowship "SWAP" Night on August 10th from 7-9pm! Plunge into your collection of "Gently Used" items and bring anything you'd consider "re-gifting" to a friend. From small household appliances and jewelry to accessories and decorative items. Think of things that you might want to SWAP out for something different, there's something for everyone to swap! The concept is simple: However many items that you bring, you choose the same number of items to take home. At the end of the night, any unclaimed items can be donated to a local charity. Complimentary drinks and dessert are provided while you mingle and exchange treasures. Sign up at the Welcome Center to let us know you're coming, and feel free to invite a friend to join the fun! We had great interest in this event after discussing it at the Annie Oakley event, so we hope to see you all there. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to refresh your home and connect with fellow ladies! Contact Sue Luken for more information.

AUGUST 11, SUNDAY, (During worship), BACKPACK BLESSINGS

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

AUGUST 14, WEDNESDAY, 7PM, 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. We will use ZOOM.

SEPTEMBER 7, SATURDAY, 9AM, HELPING HANDS—ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

Join us as Penny Dole leads the charge at the next All Church Workday, “August Cleanup Crusade: Church Edition.” Stay tuned for more details on the tasks we will be tackling. Mark your calendars for November 2, when Kristy Theiss will take the lead as Trustee for another productive day of service.

