



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**August 4, 2024, 9:30AM**

**Communion Sunday**



**Sermon: "Changing the Filter"**

**Worship with us In-person**

**Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at**

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

**Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!**

**Sing songs and hymns, old and new;  
celebrate with voices and instruments,  
with praise and prayers!**

**Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.**

**For God is already here, among us and within us,  
bringing new life to all who believe.**

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

\*OPENING HYMN "Take Time to be Holy"

UMH395

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving.**

**Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love.**

**Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. 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

SCRIPTURE: Romans 13:9-10

SERMON: "Changing the Filter" Pastor Mark

COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN "The Spirit Song" UMH347

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG "Let There Be Peace On Earth" UMH000

\*POSTLUDE Sue Combs

# 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."*

- 08/01 JOY! Lyn Bucalo and family is thrilled to have a little grandson, Luca born over the weekend.
- 07/28 Continued prayers for our nation and world.
- 07/28 Tari Crosby for good results from medical testing this week.
- 07/28 Cindy Ditmyer's son, Scott who needs to feel God's presence in his life right now.
- 07/21 Family of Marion Brockfield, who passed away on July 17. She was wife of David Brockfield's brother, Jerry.
- 07/21 Donna Hughes friend Gail (in Harrison) has cancer.
- 07/21 Save travels for Leyrer family. Lauren had a special dance opportunity in California.
- 07/21 Sue Luken's daughter Katie, to have a healthy delivery.
- 07/21 Mary Kosman, Cory, Wayne and David.
- 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.
- 07/09 Pat Fassnacht's friend is recovering from surgery.
- 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 members 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.
- 06/23 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 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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 08/04 Communion Sunday**

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

### **MONDAY, 08/05**

- 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study resumes In-person (Fellowship Hall)

### **TUESDAY, 08/06**

- 6:30 pm CYF meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

### **WEDNESDAY, 08/07**

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

### **THURSDAY, 08/08**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 08/09**

- 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall (Reserved from 1-9pm)
- 7:00 pm New Covenant Face-to-face Prayer Time (Choir Room)

### **SATURDAY, 08/10**

- 7:00 pm Ladies Fellowship "SWAP" night (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### **SUNDAY, 08/11 Backpack Blessings**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed  
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:35 am St. Mark's Cares meeting (Heritage Room)
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **AUGUST 5, MONDAY, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE STUDY (IN-PERSON)**

We are resuming our Monday Night Bible Study, IN-PERSON, in Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening of fellowship, spiritual growth, and meaningful discussions as we jump back into our study together. The study group is open to all ladies at any point in our study. There is no catch up work to do, just show up and have fellowship while we discuss the bible. Contact Kym Nguyen for more details.

### **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.

**AUGUST 21, WEDNESDAY, 6-8PM, CHOIR PICNIC at PICNIC SHELTER**

Join us for a delightful evening under the church picnic shelter. If Mother Nature decides to give us rain, no worries—we’ll move the party to Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share while we provide the meat, condiments, and paper products. Don’t forget your lawn chairs to kick back and unwind! Contact Chris Beiser.

**AUGUST 24, SATURDAY, 9-11AM, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS**

We have a volunteer opportunity and all ages & abilities are welcomed. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex (on bulletin board). Contact Lynne Schumacker at (513)382-0488.

**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.

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JULY 28, 2024**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 100  
Sunday School Attendance: 4

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,157.92</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$1,808.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 412.98
	<b><u>\$2,220.98</u></b>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$150.00</u>
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	



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## **ANNUAL BACKPACK BLESSING AUGUST 11 (During Worship)**



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