



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 8, 2024 - 9:30AM



Sermon: The Armor of God — *Belt of Truth*

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**

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply

Pray for your communities

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

and we can trust the promise.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Come Thou Almighty King”

UMH 61

***OPENING PRAYER**

We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives: the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing you and hearing your words. Send Your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as you created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever. Amen

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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."

- 09/09 Mike Fitzpatrick is having surgery on September 9, Monday morning. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts.
- 09/01 Brenda Smoot is having heart surgery on September 5. She will have a replacement of Aortic valve and repair of another.
- 09/01 Don & Marilyn Stewart's daughter, Amy in prayer as she recovering from neck surgery September 3.
- 09/01 Donna Armstrong's daughter's father is being treated in ICU after a fall he had.
- 08/25 Donna Hughes has moved to Ashville, NC and is close to her daughter and brother. St. Mark's will miss you Donna and blessings to you as you travel and get settled in.
- 08/25 Ruth Ritenbaugh as we pray for good test results.
- 08/25 Viola Pater injured her back.
- 08/25 Susan Bunte's sister as she continues the struggles with early onset dementia.
- 08/25 Missy Roark-Paul had heart surgery last week. She is the daughter of Roger and Betty Roark.
- 08/25 JOY! Happy 56th Anniversary to Bob & Becky Mendenhall.
- 08/25 The Prohaska Family; Linda's brother Eugene Campbell passed away this morning. We send our condolences, love, and care to all of the family and friends.
- 08/18 Pam Brockfield as she heals steadily but slowly from back surgery that was on Tuesday, 8/13.
- 08/18 Mark and Diana's family friend, Steve Wuest.
- 08/18 Pam Brockfield's brother-in-law, Jerry Wallace, who passed away this past week. Please keep family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time. Our deepest sympathies go out to them.
- 08/11 Mike & Dee Aiken's friend, Marti Miller, is having open-heart surgery August 15.
- 08/11 John and Katie Meyer's friend, Brandon, who is suffering from an undiagnosed illness.
- 08/11 John and Katie Meyer's neighbor whose husband passed away unexpectedly, August 10.
- 08/11 Prayers for good health for Lois Hill's daughter, Tari Crosby.
- 08/11 Prayers for some special people from Belinda Peters.
- 08/11 Prayers for a safe & healthy year for all kids/staff returning to school.
- 08/04 Blessed for 9 months sobriety!
- 08/04 Terrill Broshear's sister, Linda Krause, recovering from surgery on 8/07/24. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 08/04 Freida's great granddaughter born with cleft pallet.

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
Brenda Smoot (surgery recovery)
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, 09/08 All Church Picnic

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreamed
GLOW Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 5:00-7:00pm All Church Picnic at the shelter
- 11:30 am New Covenant Church Worship in sanctuary

MONDAY, 09/09

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
- 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 09/10

- 7:00 pm Administrative Board
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 960

WEDNESDAY, 09/11

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer group
- 10:00 am Walk & Exercise Class
- 2:00 pm Bible Study Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 09/12

- 6:30 pm Room at the Table/Coffee Hour (Choir room)
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 09/13

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

SATURDAY, 09/14

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

SUNDAY, 09/15

- 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

SEPTEMBER 8, SUNDAY, 5-7PM, ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Our All Church Picnic is on September 8 from 5-7pm, where we'll be serving delicious pulled pork and pulled chicken BBQ along with beverages, plates, napkins, and utensils. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and don't forget your lawn chair for a cozy evening of fellowship. We look forward to gathering together for great food, games, and fun! Contact Peggy Smith for more information.

SEPTEMBER 9, TUESDAY, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

Join in any time as we jump back into the scriptures for spiritual growth and meaningful discussions. 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.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAYS, 10AM, WALK/EXERCISE GROUP

We continue to "Walk off Weight" each Wednesday morning where we stroll, kick and sidestep our way towards healthier lifestyles. This class is designed for all levels, including beginners. You can sit in a chair and work out too! No judgement and go at your pace. Contact Ruth Ritenbaugh for more details.

SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAYS, 2-3PM, BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Join us any time while we study the book of Romans. Contact Sue McDaniel.

SEPTEMBER 12, THURSDAY, 6:30PM, ROOM AT THE TABLE/COFFEE HOUR

Join us for a coffee hour in the St. Mark's choir room to hear from members from St. Mark's and Nexus United Church of Christ who are working to change the way some persons have been treated by the Church. Bring questions you'd like to ask. This meeting is being hosted by Room at the Table committee and refreshments will be provided.

SEPTEMBER 20, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH CIRCLE RESUMES

Ruth Circle resumes on Wednesday, September 20, at 1 PM in Fellowship Hall. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, prayer, and shared devotion as we reconnect and support one another in faith. All women of St. Mark's are warmly invited to attend.

SEPTEMBER 24, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH RESUMES AT SHOOTER'S

Please see Sue Beckett for all questions and reservations until further notice. The Lunch Bunch will meet on September 24, at 12 PM at Shooter's Sports Grill, 877 NW Washington Blvd, Hamilton. This casual gathering is a great way for St. Mark's family to connect each month at different local restaurants. Confirm reservations with Sue Beckett 513-856-8873 by Sunday, September 22, to reserve your spot.

SEPTEMBER 27, FRIDAY, 5PM, SERVE CITY MEALS, MEXICAN FIESTA THEME

We'll be serving up delicious tacos with seasoned chicken and beef, and we need your help to complete the meal. We're looking for all the yummy taco toppings, along with Mexican-themed side dishes and desserts. Please bring your food donations by 5 pm and sign up at the Narthex bulletin board or contact Lyn Bucalo if you have any questions.

OCTOBER 13, SUNDAY, 2-5PM, PUMPKIN PATCH PICK'IN AND ACTIVITES

Join us for a Youth and Family outing to Niederman Farm! Purchase tickets online for \$15 (save \$4 vs. gate price) at niedermanfamilyfarm.com. Admission includes all-day access to activities like a 4-acre corn maze, wagon rides, kids' play areas, animals exhibits, duck races, tug-o-war, life size chess, lil'sprouts, and much more. *If any Youth want to attend but their family is unable to accompany them, we got ya covered. Just sign up at the Welcome Center, and we'll arrange a ticket & group transportation, meet at the church at 1:45 pm.* Seniors (65+) can buy discounted tickets for \$10 at the gate with ID. We hope to see you there!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMING SOON: Contact Peggy Smith for information.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 119

Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,105.84</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,438.10
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,194.41</u>
	<u>\$5,632.51</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$150.00

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

In Memory of Betsy Jones Birthday.



ALL CHURCH PICNIC
(CHURCH SHELTER)

SEPTEMBER 8
5-7PM

WE WILL PROVIDE PULLED PORK
and PULLED CHICKEN BBQ.
BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT

Contact: Peggy Smith



SEPTEMBER 27, SERVE CITY MEALS
MEXICAN FIESTA THEME

A Mexican Fiesta at Serve City! We'll be serving delicious tacos and need your help with toppings, side dishes, and desserts. Please bring your food donations by 5 PM, sign up on the Narthex bulletin board or contact Lyn Bucalo with any questions—olé!

LADIES FELLOWSHIP NIGHT



FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 4
7-9PM

LET'S GET
CRAFTY THIS
FALL!

Contact:
Sue Luken



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