



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 17, 2024 - 9:30AM



"Gone Fishing"



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 complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew.

Pass it to the next person. When the last person completes it, return the pad to its original place, looking at the names of persons in your pew.

Greet one another at the conclusion of our worship!

Have a prayer request?

Prayer Cards are located in the pew racks. Completed prayer 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come into the sanctuary and look around. Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people. All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed and desperately hanging on.

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We believe God's steadfast love is better than life, so let our lips praise God as long as we live.

We also often doubt God's love. We often doubt that God will really provide when it matters.

But this is what matters today: God said, "Come all who are thirsty, come to the water, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat." All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed and desperately hanging on.

**So with faith – both bold and timid – let us worship God!
Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH 57
(vs.1-5)**

***OPENING PRAYER**

You call us, wanderer of seashores and sidewalks, inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors into the uncharted waters of faith to wander off from our predictable paths to follow You into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom; to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany You into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid.

**As we wait, in our simple, sometimes crazy, constantly uncertain lives,
speak to us, Spirit of Grace: of that hope which is our anchor;
of that peace which is our rock; of that grace which is our refuge. 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

CHOIR ANTHEM "We Believe"

*HYMN "Seek Ye First" UMH 405

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:17-20

SERMON: "Gone Fishing" Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" UMH 430

*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 up to 4 weeks. Extended concerns are listed under "Continuing Prayers."

- 11/10 Joy! Today, we are celebrating our 65th Wedding Anniversary and would like to Thank God for such a wonderful family he has given us and also our church family of 58 years. With Love, Bill & Mary Lou Knau.
- 11/10 Scott Taylor was in a motorcycle accident.
- 11/10 Tari Randall's family; her sister-in-law has been taken off life support and is now in Hospice care.
- 11/10 Continued prayers for Bryan Schumacker, The Klingel's, and Pastor Mark & Diana (*said goodbyes to their doggie, Daphne*)
- 11/10 Prayers for my daughters.
- 11/10 Danny Thomas. He fell hurting his replacement shoulder and leg. He will have a MRI.
- 11/10 Carol Walker, Melinda Gross' mother. She is in Christ Hospital with heart issues.
- 11/10 Jennie Marshall's 16 yr old cousin, Alexis Goebel & her parents, Jeff & Jen. Alexis had emergency surgery to remove tumors that pathology continues to test for cancer.
- 11/03 Joys and Gratitude: Eleanor McCollum and daughter Lynne, thanks everyone for the cards & flowers for her 100th birthday. She received 236 cards! What a blessing.
- 11/03 No words are adequate to say thank you for your cards, food, and thoughtfulness during our time of illness. Thanks for travelling the journey with us.—Pastor Bob& Judy Klingel
- 11/03 Continued prayers for Bob & Judy Klingel.
- 11/03 Mary Ann Elick who is having surgery on November 4.
- 11/03 Alex Robinson in the hospital for pneumonia.
- 11/03 Continued prayers for the Job interview process as we go into our third week and that all goes well.
- 11/03 Prayers for Dick Davis.
- 11/03 Prayers for our nation during the elections.
- 11/03 Jenni Hensler's aunt and cousin on the death of their daughter and sister Karen.
- 11/03 Bill & Lynne Schumacker's son, Bryan who is back in the hospital. He has been going through diverticulitis and surgery. He spent 12 days in the hospital, was released and now back in.
- 10/31 Kathy Beltz will have a biopsy on the nodule in her lung on Thursday.
- 10/27 Kathy Bradley is now home and watching worship services online.
- 10/27 Emily Walls is scheduled to have surgery for her thyroid tumor in November.
- 10/27 Ken Weedman
- 10/20 Elaine Shreve has moved to Traditions at North Bend to be closer to her family. We hear the residents are Red's fans. Thank you for the 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
Ann Brabbs
Kathy Bradley
Patty Coyle
Sharon Hamp

Judy & Bob Klingel
Cliff Klug
Wade Lewis
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
Linda Prohaska
Kathy Beltz (Iris daughter)
Brenda Smoot (healing)
Debbie Vitale (healing)
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, 11/17

- 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, 11/18

- December Article Submissions Due
- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group (Craft Room)
- 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 11/19

- 7:00 pm Church Charge Conference

WEDNESDAY, 11/20

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
- 2:00 pm Bible Study Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Handbell Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 11/21

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 11/22

- 5:00 pm Serve City Meal (Thanksgiving theme desserts, drinks, rolls)

SATURDAY, 11/23

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

SUNDAY, 11/24

- 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
- 5:00 pm Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas (volunteers)
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOV MISSIONS: PARKSIDE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15

The Parkside Giving Tree will begin soon! A Christmas tree will be in the Narthex with name tags and recipients wish list. More details to come. All wrapped gifts are due by December 15; for questions, contact Tari Randall.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE: (November 24 at 6:00pm)

Sundays at 9:30am—Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, and March 9.

Sundays at 6:00pm—Nov. 24, Dec. 29, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, and March 23.

Students are confirmed on Easter. Contact Peggy Smith.

NOVEMBER 22, FRIDAY, 5PM, SERVE CITY MEAL (Thanksgiving theme)

We are looking for desserts, drinks and rolls from those who want to donate. Contact Lyn B.

NOVEMBER 24, SUNDAY, 5PM, HELP DECORATE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary. Contact: Sue Luken.

NOVEMBER 26, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH AT RIB CITY

Join us at Rib City, located at 746 NW Washington Blvd., Hamilton. As we gather, enjoy a variety of menu options, including sandwiches, salads, and, of course, their famous ribs! Please have your reservations in by Sunday, November 24. Contact Sue Beckett (513)-856-8873 to reserve seat.

NOVEMBER 28 & 29, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 1, SUNDAY, 5-7PM, ADVENT CELEBRATION & POTLUCK DINNER

Join our church family as we begin the season of Advent. We'll provide the main dish and drinks; please bring a dish to share. A program and crèche dedication will follow dinner. Contact Peggy Smith for more details and reservations.

DECEMBER 8, SUNDAY, 2PM, CYF EVENT TO GHCT's "WINTER WONDERETTES"

CYF Ministries invites everyone to enjoy *GHCT's production of Winter Wonderettes*, directed by Sue Combs & Chris Beiser. For questions contact Sue Luken.

DECEMBER 11, WEDNESDAY, 6:30PM, ROOM AT THE TABLE (ZOOM)

We are meeting via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday of each month. The dates for the rest of the year are: 12/11, and 12/26. Contact Zachary Dichtl.

DECEMBER 12 & 15, HOLIDAY CRAFT ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

DECEMBER 12, THURSDAY, 7:30PM, OHIO MILITARY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us as St. Mark's welcomes the Ohio Military Band for an evening holiday concert. Mark Hensler has been the director of the group for 30 years. The band will be joined by Sue Combs, St. Mark's Handbell Choir, Chris Beiser and other guest to perform. Start off your holiday season with festive music we all love. Find out more about the band on their website at <https://ohiomilitaryband.com> or their Facebook page. (Free admission)

DECEMBER 14, SATURDAY, 1-3PM, SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Bring your favorite potluck/covered dish to share, and get ready for an evening filled with great food, music, and community! We're thrilled to have Chris Beiser serenading us with his incredible vocals, accompanied by the talented Sue Combs on piano. Don't miss out on this wonderful celebration! Please let Shirley Aydtlett know if you plan to attend.

DECEMBER 15, SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS CANTATA/UGLY SWEATER/COOKIE DIVA

We have an action packed day beginning with St. Mark's Cantata, "One Incredible Moment" during service followed by our fun 'Ugly Sweater & Cookie Diva' contests. Details coming.

DECEMBER 20, FRIDAY, 12PM, RUTH CIRCLE LUNCHEON

Join us for our Christmas Luncheon! Bring a small white elephant gift (around \$1) and a covered dish to share. For more details, contact Pam Guynes.

DECEMBER 24, TUESDAY, 10:30PM, CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 25, HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Worship In-Person Attendance: 106

Sunday School Attendance: 4

Weekly Budget Needs \$6,802.56

Weekly In-Person Giving \$3,742.00

Weekly On-Line Giving \$ 703.66

\$4,445.66

Special—Designated Giving* \$4,090.00

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

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Contact Lyn Bucalo at L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com to submit content for monthly newsletters on the 3rd Monday each month.

DECEMBER Newsletter deadline is MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18!

CYF—ADVENT CELEBRATION FAMILY EVENT DECEMBER 1, SUNDAY @5-7PM

Join our church family as we begin the season of Advent. The main dish and drinks are provided. We ask you to bring a dish to share.

Program and dedication at the Crèche to follow dinner.

Contact Peggy Smith.



CYF—FAMILY EVENT "WINTER WONDERETTES" DECEMBER 8, SUNDAY @2:00PM

November 10 is the deadline to reserve/pay for your seat to the GHCT theatre. The show is directed by Sue Combs and Chris Beiser.

For more details, contact Sue Luken.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT on DECEMBER 12, THURS. @7:30PM



The Ohio Military Band will be returning with Mark Hensler directing, joined by St. Mark's Handbells (Sue Combs), and special guest Chris Beiser.

WEEKLY GROUPS:

MONDAY's, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM & IN-PERSON 1st MON)

This group is open to all women, at any time, as we unpack each chapter for spiritual growth and meaningful discussions. Contact : Kym Nguyen.

WEDNESDAY's, 7:30AM, MEN's PRAYER GROUP

Join us in the prayer room each week. Contact : Jeff Gering

WEDNESDAY's, 2-3PM, BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We continue to study Paul's letter to the Romans and when finished, we will follow with Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. There is no reading required ahead of time and attendance is not taken. Just come when you can. All are welcome. Contact Sue McDaniel.

WEDNESDAY's, MUSIC REHEARSALS:

Bell Choir at 6:30pm, contact Sue Combs for more information. *Chancel Choir* at 7:30pm, contact Chris Beiser for more information. ALL are welcome to come at any time!

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