



Spirit of St. Mark's

The Mission of St. Mark's United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world...A world of justice, love and peace filled with people growing in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

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NOVEMBER 2, SATURDAY 9AM

NOVEMBER's NOOKS & CRANNIES—ALL CHURCH CLEANUP
CONTACT: KRISTY THEISS

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MATTHEW 25 MINITRIES (CONTACT LYNNE SCHUMACKER page)

NOVEMBER 10 DEADLINE

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP THEATRE TICKETS SIGN UP & PAYMENT
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POINSETTIA ORDERS & PAYMENT
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CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

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CONTACT PEGGY SMITH (See more details on page)

NOVEMBER 14 & 19

NOVEMBER 14 @ 7PM—LEAD TEAM Q&A MEETING
NOVEMBER 19 @ 7PM—CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 15, FRIDAY, 1:00PM

RUTH CIRCLE—SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
CONTACT GALE GOODMAN (More details, page 5)

NOVEMBER 22, SUNDAY, 4:30-6:00PM

SERVE CITY MEAL (THANKSGIVING THEME)
CONTACT LYN BUCALO (More details, page)

NOVEMBER 26, TUESDAY, 12:00PM

LUNCH BUNCH at RIB CITY (HAMILTON)
CONTACT SUE BECKETT (See more details on page 8)

NOVEMBER 28 & 29 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

OFFICES CLOSED

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK

Grateful Hearts, Ho-Ho Overload, and What's Coming Up...

As many of you know, October was our Pastor Appreciation Month. I would like to take a moment to thank each of you for the many kind words, cards and gifts that I received during this month. They were very meaningful, and I am thankful for each word you have shared with Diana and me over this time. Please know we appreciate each of you and are thankful for your relationships, your service and your love. We are thankful to be here and to share this season of ministry with you. We are blessed and thankful for you and your love. I do have to say this however...

*I'm done with Hostess Ho-Ho's for a while.
There were so many Ho-Ho's!*



Let's move on to Hostess Twinkies...



Just to highlight some important things coming up in November

Don't forget our Church Conference coming up on November 19 at 7PM. We have a couple of important items to vote on, so if you can make it, I encourage you to attend.



Two important items are moving to a lead team structure and a blessing on our continued relationship with New Covenant. If you have any last-minute questions, we will have a Q&A Session on Thursday, November 14 at 7PM.

We would like to have any questions taken care of before the church conference so if there are any questions you might have before the church conference about either matter please plan to attend that meeting.

God Bless.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NOVEMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Marlis Hatton

This month, we are thrilled to shine a spotlight on Marlis Hatton, a beloved member of St. Mark's UMC since 2019. Since joining our church family, Marlis has been a constant presence, filling our community with her warmth, energy, and unwavering commitment. For Marlis, serving at St. Mark's isn't just something she does – it's who she is.



Marlis is a steady force of support in nearly every area of church life. On Mondays, you'll find her in the craft room with the other ladies, creating beautiful projects that bring joy to many. She's often in the church kitchen, preparing meals with a warm heart and capable hands, ensuring that fellowship gatherings are filled not only with delicious food but also with a spirit of togetherness and care. Her generosity touches many church missions and groups; she participates in numerous functions and gatherings, including the Nurture & Care team, Bible study, and a familiar face at the Lunch Bunch. Marlis also volunteers regularly at Shared Harvest and has served on various church committees, where her insight and experience help our community grow and thrive.



What truly sets Marlis apart is her vibrant personality. Her humor is infectious, lifting spirits and adding a touch of lightness wherever she goes. She is a loyal friend to many, someone who others turn to for encouragement, support, and a smile. Her kindness and commitment have made her a pillar of strength within our congregation, someone who embodies what it means to live a life of faith and service.

Marlis's contributions remind us of the power of showing up and giving freely. Her life and dedication at St. Mark's UMC set an example for all of us, especially new members looking for ways to connect and give back. It's hard to imagine our church without Marlis, and we are blessed to have her as a central part of our community. Thank you, Marlis, for everything you bring to St. Mark's – you truly make our church a more welcoming, caring, and joyful place to be.



Join us in celebrating Marlis Hatton this November, and don't hesitate to say hello or share a laugh with her at our next gathering. She'll be there – with open arms, ready to lend a hand and share the joy of fellowship.



Thank you Marlis, for all that you do!



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

SERVE CITY STORMY FIESTA RECAP: A Group that Weathers a Hurricane!

On September 27, despite the looming presence of Hurricane Helene, the dedicated St. Mark's volunteers braved the elements to host a spirited Mexican-themed fiesta for Serve City. With winds howling and rain pouring, we were determined to bring joy and nourishment to the residents, and that's exactly what we did!



Our team served delicious tacos, vibrant sides, delightful desserts, and refreshing beverages to over 45 residents. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and gratitude, as many expressed their appreciation for our efforts, especially given the challenging weather conditions. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed food and desserts for this event. Your generosity made it possible to create a warm and welcoming environment for everyone.



The St. Mark's volunteers truly went above and beyond, with four brave "storm chasers" navigating through gusty winds, rain, and broken tree limbs to ensure that the food arrived safely at Serve City.

Their commitment and determination were a different kind of force to be reckoned with, showcasing the strength of St. Mark's community spirit.

With the help of Serve City volunteers, we carried all the food into the Serve City kitchen, ensuring that everyone could enjoy a warm meal. It was heartwarming to see smiles on the faces of those we served, many of whom were also joined by individuals seeking shelter from the storm.

Thank you once again to all the volunteers and contributors who made this event a success. Together, we created a safe and inviting space during a time of uncertainty, reminding us of the power of community and compassion.

We look forward to continuing our mission to serve and support those in need, rain or shine!

NEXT Opportunity is November 22 with a Thanksgiving Theme.

We are looking for desserts, drinks, and rolls. Sign up is on the Narthex bulletin board. Thank You!

MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES NOVEMBER 9, SATURDAY, 11AM-1PM

Join us for a rewarding volunteer opportunity with Matthew 25 Ministries! Those interested in participating can sign up on the Narthex bulletin board.

For more information, please reach out to Lynne Schumacker. Come lend a hand and make a difference!



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MISSIONS: PARKSIDE GIVING TREE

The St. Mark's family is excited to support the Parkside Giving Tree again this year by purchasing gifts for the residents, bringing smiles to many faces who might otherwise not receive a gift. We invite everyone to bring their wrapped gifts to the church by December 15. More details will be shared soon, but if you have any questions, please contact Tari Randall. Let's make this season special for our Parkside neighbors!



SHARED HARVEST VOLUNTEERS: Packed 601 Bags for Kids in Need

On October 17, a team of 11 dedicated Shared Harvest volunteers came together to make a difference, assembling an impressive 601 Backpack Bags for children in need. These bags provided essential items to help support kids facing food insecurity.

Thanks to everyone's hard work, we're making a meaningful impact in our community!



FELLOWSHIP and GATHERINGS

LADIES FELLOWSHIP NIGHT RECAP AND UPCOMING THEATRE EVENT



We had a wonderful time at our Ladies Fellowship Night, celebrating the arrival of autumn with plenty of creativity and laughter! This year, participants enjoyed crafting two delightful fall projects: a beautiful candle holder and a rustic pumpkin log slice, both perfect for adding a cozy, seasonal touch to their homes.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a fun fall-making evening of fellowship and fun!



UPCOMING EVENT: WINTER WONDERETTES!

On behalf of CYF Ministries, we're excited to invite everyone—not just the ladies—to join us for a special outing to GHCT's production of "[Winter Wonderettes](#)" on [Sunday, December 8](#), at 2:00PM. Directed by our very own Sue Combs and Chris Beiser, this promises to be a delightful show, and we'd love to turn out in full support for them both!

If we reach a group of 20 or more, we can secure a discounted ticket price of \$15.00 per person. To confirm your spot, please sign up at the Welcome Center and provide your payment (cash or check) in advance, so we can purchase the tickets as a group. Tickets are already on sale and may go quickly, so we encourage you to commit as soon as possible. [The final deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 10](#), allowing us enough time to arrange ticket purchases.



Mark your calendar, spread the word, and join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship and theater! Contact: Sue Luken.

RUTH CIRCLE RECAP AND ANOTHER SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER NOVEMBER 15, 1PM in FELLOWSHIP HALL

This month, the ladies of Ruth Circle gathered for an afternoon of inspiration and support, featuring guest speaker Rhonda Benson. Rhonda shared a heartfelt message of hope and healing, resonating deeply with those navigating grief, particularly for those affected by suicide or drug overdoses. Her words offered comfort and connection, reminding attendees of the strength that can be found in community.

Rhonda also highlighted the compassionate work of Butler County's LOSS/DOSS teams, whose trained volunteers support families through times of loss. Emphasizing resilience, the LOSS/DOSS teams help individuals turn pain into purpose, showing that thriving after loss is possible. This Ruth Circle gathering left everyone uplifted and reminded of the powerful impact of shared healing.

Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome Gale Goodman, who will share how her family beautifully blends Jewish traditions with United Methodist beliefs. This promises to be a unique and insightful discussion, highlighting the richness that comes from honoring both faiths within a family. We hope to see many of you there for this special event!

OHIO MILITARY BAND ALONG WITH ST. MARK'S HAND BELL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT DECEMBER 12, 7:30PM



Make plans to get into the holiday spirit with Christmas songs from Ohio Military Band, St. Mark's Hand Bell Choir and Chris Beiser special performances for the whole family. [A free event.](#)



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

A HEART FOR HYMNS: Thankful for the Gift of Music

I don't know what goes through a composer's mind when he or she sits down to pen lyrics. I don't know what a composer's motivation to write a song is, but what we do know is that through their lyrics and their notes we can feel their heart and their mind. Music is a gift to be thankful for at that moment in time.



To write music or to produce any kind of art is very difficult. The artists in those moments are exposing their thoughts and feelings to anyone who will look or listen. They're opening themselves up for critique and mockery, but there is also, hopefully, praise and applause. The potential for the song to be used by the spirit of God to minister to people is an awesome thing to be thankful for. We should all be grateful for artists who are working for the church.

Hymns...one of the things I love about growing up in a traditional church is the singing of hymns. We all have our favorite hymn, the one that brings back memories of our childhood or adulthood, the ones that make us cry, or ones that make us feel the best. I'm so thankful for all these hymns and so grateful for the ones who wrote all those beautiful words and melodies.

All of the songs from Sunday school, church, camp, vacation Bible school, youth retreats, and Sunday morning services. I'm so thankful for the ones who took what was in their heart and wrote the Cantata, anthem, hymn, praise chorus, or children's song that has filled my heart over and over again with worship and praise. The point that I'm trying to make here is that I am so very thankful for all those who continue to put pen to paper and compose the notes and lyrics that make us feel so blessed and give us a way to sing about the God that we love.

**Have a Very Happy Thanksgiving!
Chris Beiser, Sue Combs**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 12, Thursday at 7PM

Military Band Concert, with St. Mark's Bell Choir and Chris Beiser, soloist.

Mark Hensler is the group's conductor.

December 15, Sunday at 9:30AM

Choir Cantata: "One Incredible Moment"



December 17, Tuesday at 7PM

Otterbein choir and St. Mark's Choir combined
Christmas Concert @ Otterbein Home

December 5, Thursday thru December 8, Sunday

The Greater Hamilton Civic Theater presents
"The Winter Wonderettes."



Co-directed by
Chris Beiser and
Sue Combs

Music Director/
Conductor
Sue Combs

Choreographed
by Chris Beiser

Call 737-PLAY
for tickets.

REMINDER: Don't forget about the upcoming Ladies' Fellowship Theater Outing on Sunday, December 8! We'd love for you to join us for a fun evening of fellowship and entertainment. If you're interested, please sign up at the Welcome Counter and speak with Sue Luken for additional details and to coordinate with the group. (See page 5 for more information.)

FINANCIAL & TRUSTEES UPDATES

YOUR GIVING STATEMENTS: Review, Reflect, and Plan Ahead

Here we are just a month or so out from a new year. Fall is here and the beauty of the fall foliage will once again fill our scenery.

By now, everyone should have received your interim Giving Statement. Make sure you review the statement and let Ruth Ritenbaugh or Cheryl Creach know if you notice any errors, omissions, or issues with your statement. We are trying to make sure that if there is an error we can take care of it before year-end. Remember, Ruth and Cheryl are the only folks that can help you with any issues you may have. If you contact the Church, please leave a message without details for Ruth and Cheryl and they will contact you back.

Speaking of Ruth and Cheryl; they have decided to “retire” from being on the financial staff for St Mark’s. They have given enough notice so that their replacements, Penny Dole and Carol Gering, can be trained and ready to go by January 1. Ruth and Cheryl have begun training Penny and Carol and will continue to assist them through year-end. It is with a grateful heart that we thank Ruth and Cheryl for their many years of service in this capacity, their service will be missed. However, we whole-heartedly welcome Penny and Carol to the Finance Team here at St Mark’s. If the situation presents itself, please thank Ruth and Cheryl while welcoming Penny and Carol. Everyone needs to remember; these are volunteer positions and these ladies give of their own time to assist St Mark’s.

St Mark’s ended September, 2024, with \$51,632 in the Checking Account while we have \$62,477 in our savings account. Remember that \$39,420 of the savings can only be used for improvements to the campus of St Mark’s. During the month of September, we received \$26,377 in giving while paying out \$20,928 in expenditures.

Our loan at Park National Bank stands at \$22,819 (through the end of September). It is current with all payments being made on a timely basis. We would like to let you know of some new information regarding the loan at the bank. This loan automatically renews every five years. At that point, the bank adjusts the interest rate. This automatic renewal occurred and we have been notified that our interest rate on the loan has increased from 3.875% to 6.375%. Thus, resulting in more needing to be paid for interest and less being paid against the principal. We would like to make this an initiative for the Congregation that we pay this loan off as quickly as we can to save the additional interest expense. If possible, we would like to ask those who are able to give a little extra with your giving. If you can assist us with the payoff of the loan, please note that on your giving envelope so that Ruth and Cheryl will know of your intentions with your gift.

With this being November, we want to Thank You all for the financial gifts you have given to St Mark’s this year. Without your generosity, St Mark’s would not be able to operate or be able to serve our community in the manner it does. We ask for your continued support through your prayers and gifts. We appreciate your time reading this article. As always, Bill and I are available for questions regarding the finances of St Mark’s. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!
Gale Goodman, Finance Committee Chair
Bill Schumacker, Treasurer



TRUSTEES UPDATE

WITH THANKS & APPRECIATION: Together, We Care for Our Church

This is the time of year to think about all our blessings, and to be thankful for all the good in our lives. We are reminded of 2 Thessalonians 1:3 – “Brothers and sisters, we should always thank God for you. That is only right, because your faith is growing more and more. The love you all have for each other is increasing.”

We would like to take this opportunity to tell every one of you who contribute your time, talents, and resources throughout the year, that we are very THANKFUL for you! It takes all of us working together to maintain the interior and exterior of our wonderful church. We could not do it without all your help throughout the year. So, thank you again.

Something to consider as we are getting into colder temperatures, is our thermostats. In the nursery, fellowship hall, and sanctuary, our thermostats are pre-programmed for heating and cooling. If they are changed from the programmed temperature, please set them back to the original programmed temperature after use. Additionally, as the days get shorter, and the sun sets earlier, please remember to turn lights off if they have been turned on for use of an area.

During the month of October, your Trustees continued to work on projects large and small to make sure the church, parsonage, and grounds are maintained. We appreciate everyone that has brought items needing to be addressed to our attention. Please continue to do so going forward. Our final All-Church Helping Hands Workday for 2024 will be held on Saturday, November 2, with Kristy Theiss as the Lead Trustee. Please prayerfully consider joining us. We wish you all a happy, and healthy Thanksgiving!

Respectively submitted in His service,
Bill Dichtl and Tonya Leguina

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY GROUPS

LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY NOVEMBER at 6:30PM

We're steadily journeying through the Bible together, offering flexible study sessions that combine both in-person and virtual meetings to accommodate everyone's schedule.



This month, November 11 at 6:30PM, we'll gather in person, with the remaining weekly sessions are Zoom. Each week brings a fresh look into new and enriching

chapters of the Bible, with guiding questions provided to help deepen our discussions and faith. Feel free to join us anytime, and for more details, please reach out to Kym Nguyen—we look forward to studying and sharing this journey with you!

WEDNESDAY GROUP BIBLE STUDY 2-3PM

Join us each Wednesday as St. Mark's Bible study group explores the book of Acts! We gather weekly to discuss its teachings, currently focusing on Paul's letter to the Romans, with plans to continue into Corinthians next. No reading is required, and attendance is flexible—come as you are able. All are welcome as we grow together in faith and understanding through God's word!



COME RING THE BELLS OF ST. MARK'S WEDNESDAYS, 6:30PM

If you love the sound of handbells and want to try something new, come join our Hand Bell Choir! Whether you're experienced or a complete beginner, all are welcome as we prepare for the upcoming season. No prior experience is needed—just bring your enthusiasm, and we'll guide you every step of the way. Be part of creating a beautiful, joyful sound—we can't wait to ring with you! For more information, contact Sue Combs.

THE JOYFUL VOICES OF CHANCEL CHOIR WEDNESDAYS, 7:30PM

If you have a heart for singing—whether you're a seasoned vocalist or just love singing in the shower—we'd love for you to join us! We welcome all voices as we prepare for the upcoming Cantata, and no experience is needed. Come be part of a joyful experience, making a joyful noise together. We can't wait to sing with you! Contact: Chris Beiser.

LUNCH BUNCH: FEAST, FELLOWSHIP, OCTOBER RECAP and UPCOMING NOVEMBER GATHERING

St. Mark's October Lunch Bunch Recap: On October 22, (28) members of our St. Mark's family gathered for a wonderful meal and fellowship at Olive Garden. It was a great time of connection, laughter, and sharing a delicious meal together. We are always grateful for these opportunities to strengthen our community and build relationships beyond Sunday worship.



Our next fellowship meal will be on November 26 at 12PM at Rib City, located at 746 NW Washington Blvd., Hamilton. As we gather during Thanksgiving week, it's the perfect time to reflect on the blessings of our church family. Enjoy a variety of menu options, including sandwiches, salads, and, of course, their famous ribs! **Please note, reservations are required by Sunday, November 24. Contact Sue Beckett at (513)-856-8873 to reserve your spot.** We look forward to seeing you there!



ROOM AT THE TABLE NEWS:

We are now meeting via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For the remainder of 2024, our meeting dates are November 13, December 11, and December 26. Looking ahead, Room At The Table is also planning an Educational Coffee Hour in January—details on the date, location, and topic will be announced soon, so stay tuned! For updates, follow us on Instagram @st_marks_umc_ratt and like us on Facebook @StMarksRATT.

CHILDREN and FAMILY MINISTRY

THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY: A SPECIAL MILESTONE

On October 13, St. Mark's celebrated Third Grade Bible Sunday, marking an important step in the faith journey of three of our young members. During the Sunday worship service, Abby June Randall, Hayden Meyer, and Riley Stephen Luken received their own Bibles, presented by Sue Luken and Peggy Smith in a heartfelt ceremony. Surrounded by their families, the children accepted their Bibles with open hands, hearts, and minds.



As a congregation, we rejoice in this milestone and pray that God's guidance will be with these children and their families as they explore and cherish God's Word, both at home and in church. Together, we look forward to learning and growing in love for the Bible, remembering that *"The Word of God is a lamp to your feet and a light to your path."*


**3RD GRADE Bible
MILESTONE**

RE:FORM TRADITIONS WITH OUR CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2024/25!



Our 2024/25 Confirmation journey is off to a wonderful start! We met for a brief gathering after worship and will begin classes on the following dates (See Below). This will mark the beginning of a transformative journey that will culminate in a meaningful confirmation ceremony this coming Easter 2025.

Through lessons, discussions, and activities, these classes equip our youth with the knowledge and insight they need to make their faith truly their own. The experience is not just about learning; it's about joining a supportive community, building friendships, and strengthening their connection to our church family.



If you know a young person who is interested in joining, it's not too late—please reach out to Peggy or Pastor Mark for more information. Let's continue to support and pray for our youth as they grow in their spiritual journey, taking steps toward a deeper, more personal faith.

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR:

Sundays at 9:30AM:
Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan 12,
Feb 9, and March 9

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



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES and THANK YOU's

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect,
please contact the church office (513-844-1818)



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01	Bill Knau	
11/02	Peggy Smith	
11/03	Virginia Shaw	92
11/06	Mary Begley	
11/06	Mary Lou Knau	
11/10	Katie Meyer	
11/12	Pam Brockfield	
11/13	Darlene Kuertz	
11/17	Cliff Klug	
11/21	Sue Combs	
11/22	Steve Nguyen	
11/23	John Prohaska	
11/25	Sharon Hamp	
11/25	Maria Mullen	
11/25	Molly Robinson	10*
11/26	Brenda Smoot	
11/28	Elaine Shreve	
11/29	Lynne Schumacker	



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/06	Doug & Beth Ewald	48
11/12	Don & Gretchen Menke	36
11/14	Bill & Mary Lou Knau	65
11/21	Jerry & Betty Jones	35

POINSETTIA SEASON HERE Order your by November 10

Poinsettia order forms are located at the Welcome Counter. Contact Lyn Bucalo for questions.



Thank you Messages from a Family that utilizes our Little Food Pantry

Thank you so much for the nourishment for me and my family. Thank you and the church for the kindness. God Bless you all. It has really been a big help every time I have used the pantry.
—with love

Thank you Messages from a Family that attended Trunk or Treat Fall Fest

My daughter and her 4 yr old daughter and grandparents had a great time at your trunk or treat event. We love the live music and the petting zoo was so fun! Thank you so much! I know it took time and effort organizing it. Again a huge thank you.
—God Bless, The Blanton and Keller Family

Thank you Message from Fairfield West School

This year has been very hard financially for many of our sponsors, and we found ourselves facing significant shortages in school supplies. Your generous donations has been overwhelming—a true wave of support that brought resources to the families in our community who needed them most. It took us two days—and countless grateful tears—to organize all that you gave. On behalf of all the lives you have touched and will continue to touch, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God bless you all abundantly.
—Sherese Slaughter—Liaison

Thank you Message from Wesley Campus Ministry

Dear St. Mark's Family,
Thank you so very much for your generous donation and partnership. We are grateful for your investment in our ministry. We just returned from our fall retreat. The students had a wonderful time connecting to each other and sensing where God is leading them in their lives. Your generosity helped to make all of that possible. When we are on campus sharing about Wesley—we are grateful for your prayers and support! With much Gratitude—Pastor Becky (Exec Director)



Thank you Message from Fairfield Food Bank

Dear St. Mark's Family,
As we get further into the Fall season, the fields I pass as I drive through the rural areas of Butler County remind me that we are in the midst of harvesting time. The cycle that is wrapped up each year around this time is a reminder of how a small item (a single seed) can be nourished into a crop that can be used in multiple ways. Like the donations that come into the Food Pantry, the gifts of food, time and money that people give can produce an outcome that is much greater than what it initially started as. On behalf of the Fairfield Food Pantry's Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers and clients, I express our gratitude for your donations. Your support as always is important and appreciated. Thank you for your continued support! —Scott Schroer

ST. MARK'S CHURCH EVENTS:

FALLFEST TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

FALLFEST TRUNK OR TREAT – RECAP A Record-breaking Attendance Success!

What an incredible evening we had at St. Mark's Fall Fest Trunk-or-Treat! On October 20th, we welcomed over 600 attendees—setting a new record for this beloved event. The turnout was so amazing that we had a line stretching the length of the church building for over an hour with people waiting to attend.



The people just kept coming!



The night was filled with fun, food, and fellowship for all ages. From a delightful petting zoo to creative costumes and beautifully decorated car-trunks, there was something for everyone. Families enjoyed delicious food, live music (a huge thank you to Bruce Armstrong!), and a joyful atmosphere. Kids were thrilled to collect candy and participate in all the fun activities both inside and outside.



We were so happy to have Parkside employees and residents attend as well as participate in our event.



Whether you were handing out treats, directing traffic, or simply enjoying the festivities, your presence made the night truly special. A heartfelt congratulations and huge thank you to Peggy Smith and Sue Luken for coordinating this wildly successful event. Your hard work and dedication brought everything together seamlessly!



Thank you to all volunteers, served food, donated candy, helped set up, and much more! Your efforts made this night, one to remember. We can't wait to see what next year brings, but for now, let's celebrate this amazing success and the joy we shared at St. Mark's Fall Fest!



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"THANKFUL BLESSINGS: NOVEMBER at SMUMC"

Come, ye thankful people, come. Raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home. —Henry Alford



St. Mark's Staff :

Pastor Mark Gregory
Admin. Assistant, Lyn Bucalo
Director of Music, Chris Beiser
Pianist & Bells, Sue Combs
Director of Children & Family Ministries, Peggy Smith
Pastor Emeritus, Bob Klingel
Access the church calendar on our website at
<https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar/>

Church Office Hours :

9:30am– 3:00pm on Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Monday - (Office Closed)
Phone (513) 844-1818
www.fairfieldstmarks.com

Worship Service:

Sundays 9:30 am
(In-person & Livestream)