



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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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK



WE'RE
wrapping up
THE YEAR!

Wrapping Up 2024

As we head into December, we wrap up 2024. Am I the only one who thinks "Wow, 2025 seems like living in the future!!!" As we enter this last month of 2024, we have a lot going on. Our Advent preaching series will be focusing on Mary. Last year we took a deep dive into Joseph, one of the most overlooked yet important people in the Advent story. Someone on whom all the logistics fell upon, yet he has no recorded words in the Bible. This year we look at Mary, a picture of incredible faith, sacrifice, and commitment under the most challenging circumstances. Join us this Advent season as we journey through her story. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find other Christmas activities going on at SMUMC I encourage you to take time to engage in many of them as they are a blessing in this season.



At our recent church conference, we voted to transition our church structure to a lead team. The new lead team was also appointed at that meeting and will begin meeting in January of 2025. If you were on any of the following committees: Ad Council, Trustees, SPRC, Finance, or Nominations those groups have been dissolved as we traditionally know them. There will be some new opportunities to serve in the new structure so please keep an eye out for those new groups that will be forming.

I would like to thank all of you who have faithfully served on those committees over the years; we have been blessed by your service. All other ministry and mission groups still exist, and you can continue to do your work as before.



In a few weeks you will be receiving a letter about our year-end gifts. Last year we had a final push to get our 2023 apportionments paid. I am happy to inform you that we have been able to get all our 2024 apportionments paid from your faithful and generous gifts. This year we would like to apply for any of those special year end gifts to retire debt that was taken out for facility maintenance. You will be receiving information about that gift in the coming weeks and we thank you for faithful consideration and giving.



There is a lot to do and be a part of as we wrap up 2024, let us gather together to celebrate in this season of joy and hope.

God Bless,
Pastor Mark



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DECEMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: We Remember Richard (Dick) Davis August 14, 1929-November 16, 2024

This month, we honor the memory of Richard (Dick) Davis. Richard "Dick" Park Davis lived a life filled with love, service, and joy that touched everyone around him. Born on August 14, 1929, to Zell and Donna Davis in Newark, Oh, Dick embodied dedication and kindness from an early age. His life was a journey of commitment—to his country, his family, and his passions.



Dick joined the Army Air Corps, serving both at home and abroad. After leaving the Air Force in 1949, fate led him to Edith, the love of his life. The couple wed in 1951 and shared a remarkable 73 years of marriage, raising three cherished daughters: Cindy, Mary, and Laurie.

While raising their family, Dick and Edith paused their love of square dancing to focus on their children. But once the girls were grown, they returned to the dance floor with renewed enthusiasm, even teaching classes at the Hayloft in Winton Woods. Dick's dedication extended to serving as publicity chair for the National Square Dance Convention, a role he held for five years.



Following his retirement from the City of Fairfield Street Department, Dick's creativity flourished. His woodworking brought joy to many, as he crafted signs, pens, boxes, and centerpieces for family and friends. His craftsmanship reflected the care and precision he brought to every endeavor.

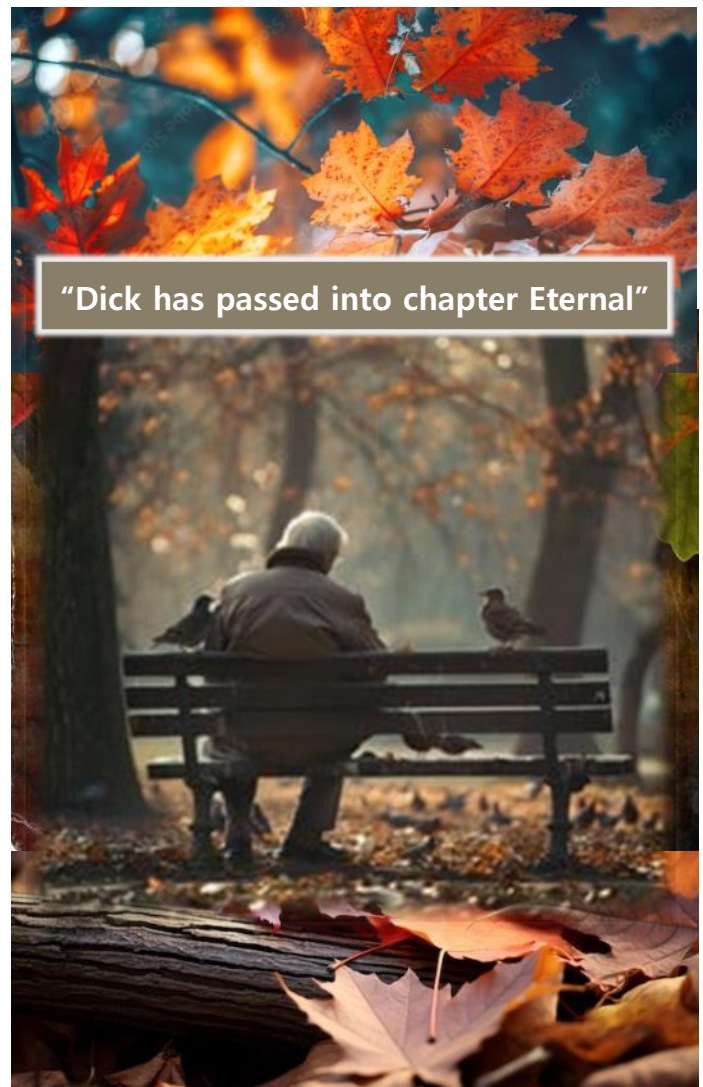
Travel was another shared love for Dick and Edith. Together, they explored the country, visiting family, attending square dance and barbershop conventions, or simply enjoying vacations. But perhaps Dick's greatest passion was barbershop singing. Starting in Newark, Ohio,

in 1959, and later with the Delta Kings Chorus of Cincinnati, Dick sang for over six decades. His leadership and dedication earned him six "Person of Note" awards, including Barbershopper of the Year in 2006. Even in his later years, Dick's voice resonated with warmth, continuing to sing until just a month before his passing.



When not singing or creating, Dick found peace in his garden, where he delighted in feeding birds and squirrels. Many happy hours were spent in the sunroom or on the porch, watching their lively antics with a smile. Above all, Dick was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His 95 years were filled with moments of laughter, music, and love, shared with his wife Edith; daughters Cindy (Bob) Nixon, Mary (Ira) Begley, and Laurie (Dan) McCoy; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Dick's life was a melody of joy and love that will continue to resonate in the hearts of all who knew him.



"Dick has passed into chapter Eternal"

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

SERVE CITY THANKSGIVING THEME RECAP:



On November 22, we embraced the spirit of gratitude with a Thanksgiving-themed celebration that truly warmed the heart! With six dedicated volunteers serving and as well as many generous donations, we provided a bountiful feast featuring turkey, stuffing, veggie sides, potatoes, rolls, drinks, and an array of desserts. The residents of Serve City were thrilled and deeply touched by the delicious spread, expressing heartfelt gratitude for the kindness and care they received. It was a beautiful reflection of our community's compassion. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event such a success! Get ready for more fun and fellowship—our next sign-up sheet will be on the Narthex bulletin board starting in January 2025. Don't miss your chance to join in and make a difference!



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.

Bring the wrapped gifts to church by December 15. For questions, contact Jenni Hensler.



MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

On November 9th, we had (8) enthusiastic volunteers roll up their sleeves at Matthew 25 Ministries, carefully counting bags and packing items to support those in need. Their teamwork and dedication made a meaningful impact, showing how small actions can create big change!



FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY: SPECIAL BIRTHDAY KITS DELIVERY

St. Mark's Cares brought joy to local children by packing 24 birthday kits, then delivered to Fairfield Food Pantry. These kits, filled with everything needed to celebrate a special day, quickly became a popular pick-up item for families. They were especially meaningful for children who might not have otherwise had a cake for their birthday. Thank you to everyone who helped make these moments of celebration possible!



SHARED HARVEST VOLUNTEERS: UPCOMING DATE JANUARY 16, 2025

Our next volunteer opportunity at Shared Harvest is coming up on January 16, 2025. Join us as we come together to make a meaningful impact in our community. Whether you're a returning volunteer or new to the team, we'd love to have you with us!



FELLOWSHIP and GATHERINGS

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP THEATRE EVENT WINTER WONDERETTES

CYF Ministries and those who purchased tickets are thrilled for our special outing to the GHCT's production of "Winter Wonderettes" on Sunday, December 8, at 2PM.

Directed by our very own Sue Combs and Chris Beiser, this lively and heartwarming show is sure to get you in the holiday spirit! We will come together as a church family to enjoy an afternoon of laughter, music, and festive fun while showing our support for Sue and Chris. We will see you there! For questions, contact Sue Luken.



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

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)



RUTH CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND GIFT EXCHANGE DECEMBER 20, 12PM in FELLOWSHIP HALL

In November, Ruth Circle was honored to welcome Gale Goodman as our guest speaker. Gale shared a heartfelt and engaging presentation on how her family beautifully blends Jewish traditions with United Methodist beliefs. She spoke of her family background, including meeting her husband Devin and his romantic proposal, their discussions with a Rabbi before their interfaith marriage, and the decisions they made about raising their children.

Gale also shared meaningful stories about her family traditions and prayer, Jewish holiday observances, and the ways they navigate kosher dishes alongside Christian values. Her insights into Hanukkah traditions, such as lighting the menorah and playing the dreidel game, were especially moving. She concluded by showing cherished family keepsakes, explaining their significance and the love with which they were passed down or acquired.



Looking ahead, the Ruth Circle invites everyone to our annual Christmas Luncheon and gift exchange on December 20 at 12PM, and we ask that you bring a covered dish or dessert to share, along with a \$1.00 gift item for our exchange game. Let's gather to celebrate the season with good food, laughter, and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

ROOM AT THE TABLE NEWS:

We are excited to continue our events and opportunities for fellowship! Room at the Table continues to meet via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30PM. Remaining dates for 2024 are: 12/11 & 12/26.

Looking ahead, we're hosting our second Quarterly Coffee Hour on January 8 at 6:30PM at the MidPointe Library in West Chester. The topic will explore why the LGBTQIA+ community has left the church and how the church as a whole has impacted this community. This event is open to everyone in the Butler and Hamilton County areas. If you're interested in learning more and engaging in meaningful dialogue, we warmly invite you to join us.

For updates, follow us on Instagram @st_marks_umc_ratt and like us on Facebook @StMarksRATT. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out to a committee member or email us at rattsmumc@gmail.com. Contact: Zachary W. Dichtl

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

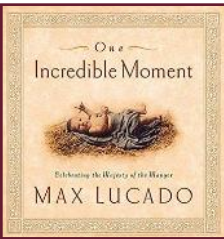


ONE INCREDIBLE SEASON: Celebrating the Spirit of Christmas Through Music and Joy

Well can you believe we are in the Advent/Christmas season once again! I love this time of year because of all the wonderful activities going on around the church. I hope you make plans now to attend these special holiday programs.

First up, don't miss the incredible Ohio Military Band Christmas Concert on December 12, at 7:30PM! Led by the talented music conductor Mark Hensler, this exceptional group will deliver an unforgettable evening of music. Expect a lively mix of rousing traditional band tunes and beloved holiday favorites to set the perfect festive tone. Adding to the magic, the handbell choir will dazzle with their performance—and I'm thrilled to share that I'll be joining the band for a special song!

Sunday December 15, at 9:30AM is the Christmas Cantata, "One Incredible Moment." This cantata is crafted to illuminate the events of the night Christ was born. The narration is drawn directly from Max Lucado's book of the same name. This beautiful cantata is filled with celebratory songs and carols, all with melodies that are tender and heartwarming. One Incredible Moment is a "moment" you won't want to miss.



On Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00PM, the choir has been asked to be a special guest at Otterbein Home for their annual Holiday concert. Our choir will be singing three selections, as well as a combined number with the Otterbein groups. This was a special invitation, and we are very excited to be a part of the festivities. If you are up in the area and want some more holiday cheer, come join us!



Finally, we will have our cherished Christmas Eve service at 10:30PM. A joyous and traditional celebration, filled to the brim with beloved carols and inspiring vocal and instrumental performances. It's a truly magical way to welcome Christmas Day in our church—coming together as a community in the warmth and spirit of the season.

Sue and I are so blessed to be a part of this awesome congregation. It's truly a gift that keeps on giving! We love you all.

From everyone in the Music Ministry, we hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a glorious New Year!
—Chris Beiser and Sue Combs



FINANCIAL & TRUSTEES UPDATES

A SEASON OF GIVING AND SAVING: Important Updates for Year-end and 2025

Merry Christmas, St Mark's Family! Thanksgiving is now behind us, and we now look forward to celebrating the Birth of Jesus! Always a joyous and busy time for all of us.

Just a few things to touch on before 2024 comes to an end. As more folks have been giving online, we have found that we have a large surplus of giving envelopes from previous years that were never picked up or used. So, the Finance Committee has decided to recycle those boxes of envelopes and not purchase new envelopes for 2025. The printed dates on the envelopes and the number in the right-hand corner have been marked out. Please make sure that you note your name on the envelopes when you use them on Sunday mornings. Those will be available in the Narthex for pickup starting Sunday, December 8, 2024. There is a two-fold reason for this decision is 1) it helps to use up stock we have already paid for and 2) it will be saving the Church money. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Here is the reminder on the giving of financial gifts to the Church for year-end. The last date to received anything in the mail: Saturday, December 28, 2024. The last date to gift a gift during worship: Sunday, December 29, 2024. The last date to drop off a gift outside of worship: Friday, December 27, 2024. **PLEASE NOTE: If you intend to drop off a financial gift outside of worship, please verify that the Church Office is open.**

Giving statements will be ready for mailing shortly after the start of the new year. The Church's deadline to send them is 01/31/25, so you can expect to receive yours in January.

Remember, the newsletter article is always a month behind with financial data because of the deadline to get the articles submitted. St Mark's ended October with \$55,006 in the Checking Account while \$62,477 remains in our savings account. As always, I am reminding everyone that \$39,420 of the savings can only be used for improvements to the campus of St Mark's. Please note that the apportionments are being paid and we will have that commitment taken care of on schedule by the end of the current year.

Last month, we shared that the Park National Bank loan had been reviewed and renewed, resulting in an increase in the interest rate. This means a larger portion of our payments now goes toward interest rather than the loan principal. To address this, we asked for your help through additional giving to accelerate the loan payoff. Thanks to your generosity, we've made progress, but there's still work to be done. As of the end of October, the loan balance at Park National Bank stands at \$18,018.

Just one last note of thanks for Ruth Ritenbaugh and Cheryl Creach. Both will be stepping away from the Financial Secretary positions at year-end. We will miss their service to St Mark's in these positions. Penny Dole and Carol Gering will be taking over in January.

We are looking forward to working with them. We thank Ruth and Cheryl for the time they have taken to train and prepare Penny and Carol for their new role.

Merry Christmas, Everyone, and let us pray for a healthy and safe New Year!

Gale Goodman, Finance Committee Chair
Bill Schumacker, Treasurer



TRUSTEES UPDATE

PREPARING OUR HEARTS: Finding Joy and Hope in the Advent Season:

The Advent Season is a time to prepare for the celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is fascinating how different people find meaning and comfort in the Christmas story. For some, it is the journey to Bethlehem. For others, it is the newborn baby lying in the manger surrounded by animals. A favorite for many is Luke 2:10 – The angel said to them, do not be afraid! for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people. May we be inspired by hope and assured by faith as we begin the Advent journey.

Your Trustees and other wonderful members have been inspired to continue the good work of maintaining our church grounds, facilities, and parsonage. A productive Helping Hands Workday was held in November lead by Kristy Theiss. This was our final one for 2024. Thank you to all who faithfully show up to help on All Church Workdays. It is greatly needed, and we appreciate it.

Your Trustees have met over the past few months to look at the restrooms on the first floor of the church and education wing. Beginning in early 2025 we will be making a few changes to accommodate a diverse membership and visitors to our church. The women's restroom off the sanctuary will have the addition of a changing mat on the counter for members and visitors with young children needing to have a diaper changed.

The men's restroom, closest to the Narthex will become handicap accessible and unisex. We will remove the partitions for easy access into the restroom and the space with the stool. Handrails will be added for those using a wheelchair or walker. A lock will be added indicating "in use" or "vacant" since only one person will be using it at a time. This is like the women's room by the nursery and is similar to the portable restrooms you find at events.

The women's restroom off the nursery will become a family restroom. Those using the restroom will lock the door to the hallway and the door leading to the nursery. The changing table will remain in its location in the nursery, but there will be a curtain separating it so not to disturb the children in the nursery. Once this is ready to be implemented, we will post signs on the doors to ease everyone into the transition. If you have questions, please see either of us.

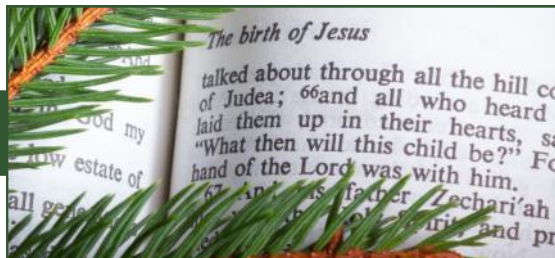
We wish you a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in the upcoming year!

Respectively submitted in His service,
Bill Dichtl and Tonya Leguina

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY GROUPS

LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY DECEMBER at 6:30PM (ZOOM)

Join us as we continue our chapter-by-chapter journey through the Bible, offering both in-person and virtual study sessions to fit your schedule. Every week brings a fresh opportunity to explore meaningful passages, supported by insightful questions that spark engaging discussions and strengthen our faith. This study is open to all, and we'd love for you to be part of it! For more information, please contact Kym Nguyen—we look forward to growing together on this spiritual journey.



WEDNESDAY GROUP BIBLE STUDY 2-3PM

We've wrapped up Romans and are diving into Corinthians—what a perfect time to jump in! No homework, no pressure, and no attendance sheet—just come as you are, whenever you can, and join the conversation. Whether you're a seasoned Bible reader or exploring it for the first time, all are welcome to share in this journey. For more details, reach out to Sue McDaniel—we'd love to see you there!



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

If the sound of handbells brings you joy, why not give it a try? Our Hand Bell Choir is looking for new members, and whether you're a seasoned ringer or a total beginner, we'd love to have you! No experience? No problem! Bring your enthusiasm, and we'll teach you everything you need to know as we prepare for the upcoming season. Join us in creating a beautiful, uplifting sound together. For details, reach out to Sue Combs—we can't wait to ring with you!



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

Do you love to sing, whether on stage or in the shower? We'd love for you to join us! All voices are welcome and no prior experience is required. Be part of something special as we come together to create beautiful music and joyful moments. We're excited to sing with you! For more information, contact Chris Beiser.

LUNCH BUNCH: FEAST & FELLOWSHIP—NOVEMBER RECAP

This past month, we embraced opportunities to strengthen our community and build relationships beyond Sunday worship. Fellowship moments like these remind us of the joy and connection found within our church family. Sharing meals and conversations fosters deeper relationships, creating a sense of belonging that extends well beyond the pews.



On November 26, our church family came together at Rib City for a heartwarming fellowship meal. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect and strengthen relationships as we reflected on our blessings during Thanksgiving week.



The atmosphere was filled with laughter and gratitude as we enjoyed Rib City's delicious menu, featuring everything from sandwiches and salads to their famous ribs. It was a memorable gathering that reminded us of the joy and comfort found in community. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the day so special!

Our next Lunch Bunch will be in January 2025!

CHILDREN, FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

CELEBRATING FELLOWSHIP & ADVENT: CHILDREN, FAMILY and YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT

Our recent Children's Family and Youth Ministry gathering was a heartwarming evening filled with food, fellowship, and faith. Families came together to enjoy a potluck dinner, with 32 attendees sharing an array of delicious dishes. After the meal, everyone gathered in the Crèche at the outside Nativity display for a time of song and prayer, creating a serene and joyful atmosphere as we entered the Advent season. A special thank you goes to Pam, Cindy, and their hardworking crew for coordinating the main dish and ensuring a smooth setup for the event.



The highlight of the evening was a meaningful program led by our children and youth, who brought the Advent wreath to life. Each young participant represented one of the wreath's candles, sharing readings that reflected the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. Their heartfelt contributions reminded us of the significance of Advent in preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. This memorable evening was a true testament to the power of community and the blessings of this sacred season.



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

Our 2024/25 Confirmation journey is off to a wonderful start! We have had a couple meetings where we gathered for our first and second meeting, where participants had the opportunity to get to know each other and begin exploring the foundations of our faith. It was an exciting time of learning, sharing, and building relationships as we prepare for this meaningful journey together. We look forward to all the growth, discussions, and experiences that the coming months will bring! Please if you can help us with providing a dinner on: 12/29; 1/26; 2/23; and March 23, it's greatly appreciated. For more info contact Peggy Smith. Thank you in advance.

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR:

Sundays at 9:30am—12/08, 1/12, 2/09, and 3/09.
Sundays at 6:00pm—12/29, 1/26, 2/23, and March 23. Students are confirmed on Easter.



SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 3, 2025

FOLLOW THAT STAR EVENT FOR THE FAMILY!
More details coming in the bulletins.

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)



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/02	Paul Schutte	
12/06	Bob Mendenhall	
12/08	Charlie Bryant	
12/08	Cheryl Creach	
12/09	Michele Leyrer	
12/09	Kenzie Meyer	11*
12/13	Matt Snyder	
12/14	Ben Gallihugh	
12/14	Flo Moore	92
12/14	Jennifer Rinker	
12/15	Ali Leguina	
12/17	Linda Prohaska	
12/21	Pam Finfrock	
12/24	Marlis Hatton	
12/24	Charlene Miller	
12/25	Sarah Hard	
12/29	Pat Sena	
12/30	Ira Begley	



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/14	Bud & Shirley Aydlett	67
12/15	David & Pam Brockfield	51
12/15	Pastor Mark & Diana Gregory	23
12/28	Marty & Gay Kubik	10



**SWEET NOTES AND
SWEET CAKE:**
A Birthday Surprise for Sue!



The music ministry came together to celebrate our wonderful church pianist, Sue Combs, on her birthday! With a surprise party complete with cake and heartfelt wishes, we showed our appreciation for Sue's incredible talent and dedication. It was a joyful moment to honor someone who brings so much beauty and inspiration to our worship through music. Happy Birthday, Sue!



THANK YOU MESSAGE: Eleanor McCollum

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who sent cards,
flowers, and visited to make
Eleanor's 100th birthday so special!

The family hoped to surprise her with 100 birthday cards,
but thanks to your incredible kindness and generosity,
Elenor was overjoyed to receive an astounding
236 cards! Your thoughtfulness truly made
this milestone unforgettable!



ST. MARK'S CHURCH EVENTS:

A HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS ALL MONTH!

WE DECORATED THE SANCTUARY!

A big thank-you to the amazing crew who came together to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season! It was a joyful day filled with laughter, fellowship, and the shared holiday spirit.



Of course, the highlight of this year's decorations has to be the "off-center flower" on the tree—it's become the running joke among the crew, as it's just high enough to be out of reach but perfectly positioned to drive a few people crazy! Sometimes you just can't unsee it!



After all the hard work, we celebrated with delicious pizza pies and pumpkin pie, making the day even sweeter. Thank you to everyone who helped make our sanctuary shine this Christmas season!



SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY December 14, Saturday 1-3PM

Join us for a festive afternoon of food, music, and holiday cheer in Fellowship Hall! Bring your favorite covered dish or dessert to share and a \$1.00 gift item to join in the fun of our gift exchange. The celebration will feature the amazing Chris Beiser serenading us with his beautiful vocals, accompanied by the talented Sue Combs on piano. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to gather with friends and spread holiday joy. Please let Sue Beckett know if you plan to attend or need more details.



COOKIE DIVA & UGLY SWEATER CONTEST December 15, Sunday (Fellowship Hall)

COOKIE DIVA: Apron up for our Cookie Diva-Christmas Cookie Contest! Bake (2) dozen of your favorite, yummiest, or best recipe and leave them in the kitchen that morning with your name on the bottom of the plate. Our (3) judges will taste, deliberate, and decide your cookie fate. Who will claim the title? Join the fun and find out in Fellowship Hall! THEN...

UGLY SWEATER: Who will have the ugliest sweater for 2024? If you have a most unfortunate sweater, wear it today so that we can judge (cough- cough) critique the look. Be ready to model it for the chance to be the Ugly Sweater Champ! Let Pastor Mark or Lyn Bucalo know you are competing.





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THE MIRACLE IN THE MANGER: DECEMBER at SMUMC



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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
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<https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar/>

Church Office Hours :

9:30am– 3:00pm on Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
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Worship Service:

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