

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 2, 2025 - 9:30AM

Communion Sunday



"Tough Questions—All Emotional"

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're so glad you're here!

To help us stay connected, please take a moment to complete the Attendance Pad located in each pew. Pass it along so others can do the same, and when it reaches the end, kindly return it to its place. As you do, take a moment to greet those around you!

Do you have a prayer request?

Prayer Cards can be found in the pew racks. If you would like your request shared during our prayer time, please complete a card and place it in the collection during the opening hymn.

A few helpful notes for worship today:

An (*) invites you to rise as you are able, in body and/or spirit.

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** and projected.

Our ushers are here to assist you with any questions.

We are blessed to worship together today!

WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We join together as hungry eaters to be nourished by the food that you offer us.

God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine, tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth.

God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.

The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.

Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

***OPENING HYMN: "Come Thou Almighty King"**

UMH 61

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving and Gracious God—Holy one of Israel—tender one to all who call upon you with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with your presence this day.

Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways, inspire those who seek your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted, comfort those who grieve and strengthen those who are weak.

Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. 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 "The Anchor Holds" by Chris Beiser
Doxology
Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHOIR ANTHEM: "O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

HYMN: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" UMH 361
Vs. (1, 2, 3)

SCRIPTURE: John 11:1-44

SERMON TITLE: "Tough Questions—All Emotional"

COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: "My Hope is Built" UMH 368

*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 “Continued Prayers.”

- 01/26 Linda Prohaska’s sister that lost her husband 5 months ago. Prayers that she have a better year.
- 01/26 Brockfield’s friend, Rella Hadley (wife of Rev. Joe Hadley’s wife) has been diagnosed with ALS-Lou Gehrig’s disease.
- 01/26 Danny Thomas who had shoulder surgery on January 31. After he recovers from this he will have back surgery.
- 01/26 Marlis Hatton as she continues her treatment journey. We pray for strength, healing and comfort.
- 01/19 Debbie Vitale’s cousin Kathy has recently been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. Prayers for strength and healing during her treatments.
- 01/19 Jack Meyer’s, father, John for a speedy recovery after a partial hip replacement.
- 01/19 Prayers for a family going through a difficult time.
- 01/19 Doreen Robinson’s son Richard has been in the hospital for 2 weeks.
- 01/19 Lauren Dichtl’s prayers for a friend’s fiancé in the hospital for diabetic issues.
- 01/12 Cheryl Klug eye surgery success and to recovery quickly.
- 01/12 Tomie O’Sullivan thanks everyone for prayers. Her heart surgery in December was successful.
- 01/12 Dichtl family nephew, Wil who was assigned to Palisade, CA to fight fires. Please prayer for all of the people California, first responders, firefighters, and those have lost their homes or evacuated.
- 01/05 Prayers for a family going through a difficult divorce.
- 01/05 Tonya & Pablo Leguina’s friend, Darrell Parsons and his family. Darrell will be having his second brain surgery in less than a year due to cancerous growths. He is hoping to be accepted into a clinical trial. We are praying for his faith, strength, and hope.

Continued Prayers: Please help us keep this list current by emailing or calling the church office with updates, L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com or call 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
Shirley Aydlett
Kathy Bradley
Patty Coyle
Sharon Hamp

Marlis Hatton
Judy & Bob Klingel
Cliff Klug
Wade Lewis
Tomi O'Sullivan
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
Linda Prohaska
Kathy Beltz (Iris daughter)
Brenda Smoot (healing)
Parkside Residents

St. Mark's Homebound:

Freida Hawkins
Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
Nancy & Wade Lewis
Bob & Judy Klingel (Westover)
Flo Moore (Berkeley Square)
Eleanor McCollum

Charlene Miller (Berkeley Square)
Zedith Pottenger
Jean Stivers
Virginia Shaw
Paul Schutte
Betty Stover (NY in home hospice)

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 02/02 Communion Sunday

- 9:30 am Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 5:30 pm Annual Chili Cookoff Contest 2025

MONDAY, 02/03

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

TUESDAY, 02/04

WEDNESDAY, 02/05

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

THURSDAY, 02/06

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 02/07

- 5:00 pm Serve City "Love themed" Meals & Volunteers

SATURDAY, 02/08

SUNDAY, 02/09 Souper Bowl Food Drive

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:30 am CYF Meeting
- 3:00 pm Ladies Fellowship—Women's Biz Spotlight (Fellowship Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 2, SUNDAY, 5:30-7:30PM, ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF CONTEST 2025

Spice up your Groundhog Day at our 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff Contest! Will the groundhog see its chili bowl shadow? Join us for a day of groundhog predictions and gut-busting chili creations. Whether you're here to taste, compete, or just enjoy the laughs (and maybe a little heartburn and corn bread), this is the place to be. **To Enter:** Sign up at the welcome counter. Prepare your chili, we recommend that you make 4-6 quarts (large crockpot). If you have specific toppings for your chili, please provide that too. For those who want to attend and enjoy the chili, there is admission of \$5 per person or \$10 for a family. ALL proceeds go to support St. Mark's Missions and Outreach projects. It'll be a groundhog-ish kind of fellowship—don't miss out on the hottest event of the year! Contact: Pastor Mark or Lyn Bucalo. STILL NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP TODAY!

FEBRUARY MISSIONS: SHOE DRIVE FOR FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOLS

We are accepting new or gently used shoes. If you don't have any shoes to donate, please consider making a monetary donation. See Jenni Hensler or Tari Randall if you have questions or would like to make a donation.

FEBRUARY 7, FRIDAY, 5:00PM, SERVE CITY MEALS & VOLUNTEERS

Join us as we share and spread the love with the Serve City community! This month's theme is all about LOVE, so let's dish out some heartwarming meals and sweet treats. For dessert, let's go all out with heart-shaped cookies, chocolate-covered strawberries, or cupcakes with a swirl of pink and red. Sign up sheet is on Narthex bulletin board. Let's make this evening a celebration of kindness and connection! ♥ Contact: Lyn Bucalo or Tari Randall.

FEBRUARY 9, SUNDAY, SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE FOR THE PANTRIES

We are collecting food for St. Mark's Food Pantry. Pick up a full LIST of items needed at the Welcome Counter. Also add: ChapStick in its original package and hand cream to the list.

FEBRUARY 9, SUNDAY, 3-5PM, LADIES FELLOWSHIP-WOMEN's BIZ EVENT

Join us for an exciting afternoon of connection, creativity, and community at our Women's Business Spotlight event! Ladies from our church and their family and friends are invited to showcase unique products, with opportunities to browse, shop, and place orders. To participate, please contact Peggy Smith or Sue Luken to ensure variety—spots are filling up with amazing vendors like Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, handmade jewelry by Lyn Bucalo, and homemade candles! For everyone else, come support these incredible women while enjoying refreshments, fellowship, and inspiration. Sign up at the Welcome Center and spread the word—let's make this event a success! Contact Peggy Smith or Sue Luken.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE: (February 16 at 9:30AM)

Sundays at 9:30am—2/16, 3/16, 4/06. Sundays at 6:00pm—2/23, and March 23. Dinner will be provided these nights : 2/23; and March 23. For more info contact Peggy. Students are confirmed on Easter Sunday 9:30AM.

FEBRUARY 17, MONDAY, CHURCH DIRECTORY 2025 UPDATE

We are updating the Church Directory! Due to privacy and online security, please let us know whether you would like your name, address, and phone number to be included in the online directory or kept private. Printed copies of the 2025 Directory will be available for people to pick up by March. If you' would like to submit an updated photo to be included in the directory. Kindly share your preferences and photo with the church office by February 17, Monday. Please note that we will **not include birthdays and anniversaries** in the updated version. Contact: Lyn Bucalo.

FEBRUARY 21, FRIDAY, RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth's Circle is a welcoming community of women dedicated to faith, friendship, and inspiration. Whether you're seeking meaningful conversations, opportunities to serve others, or a supportive group of women, this is the perfect place for you. Contact Pam Guynes

FEBRUARY 25, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCHBUNCH

Join us for the St. Mark's Lunch. Please RSVP to Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873 by Sunday, February 23, to reserve your seat. We look forward to seeing you there!

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JANUARY 26, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 101
Sunday School Attendance: 8

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$5,320.40</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$2,886.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$ 590.14</u>
	<u>\$3,476.14</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$ 120.00</u>
*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs	

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Happy 13th Birthday Lauren. We love you lots—Your Family



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CHURCH EVENT: ANNUAL CHLI COOKOFF CONTEST FEBRUARY 2, SUNDAY @5:30-7:30PM

Who will claim the title of "Groundhog" Chili Cookoff Champ this year?
Contact Pastor Mark or Lyn Bucalo



SERVE CITY MEALS & VOLUNTEERS: FEBRUARY 7, SUNDAY @5:00-7:30PM

Our theme is sharing and spreading LOVE.
Contact Lyn Bucalo or Tari Randall

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 are working our way through Corinthians. There is no reading required ahead of time and all are welcome any time to come study and discuss. Contact Sue McDaniel for questions.

WEDNESDAY's, MUSIC REHEARSALS:

Chancel Choir at 7:30pm, contact Chris Beiser for more information.

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