



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**February 9, 2025 - 9:30AM**



## **"Tough Questions—Other Faiths"**

**Worship with us In-person**  
**Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at**  
**[www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks](https://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**

Come, behold the works of the Lord, how He has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire. "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!"  
**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "O Worship the King"**

UMH 73

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy Triune God, from everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord. Let the whole earth shout with joy before the Lord;**

**We lift up our voices with joy and singing: Great is our Lord, the King!**

**Your judgments are true, and all of creation awaits your rightful rule; We lift up our voices with joy and singing: Great is our Lord, the King!**

**In righteousness will you judge the world and all the peoples, with equity; We lift up our voices with joy and singing: Great is our Lord, the King!**

**Who is like our God, King over all the earth? We lift up our voices with joy and singing: Great is our Lord, the King!**

**This is our God, the Holy One. Come before him with thanksgiving and offer him the sacrifice of praise. 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: "Amazing Grace with Ancient Words"

HYMN: "Seek Ye First" UMH 405

SCRIPTURE: John 14:6

SERMON TITLE: "Tough Questions—Other Faiths"

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Victory in Jesus" UMH 370

\*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.”

- 02/02 JOY! Happy 50th Anniversary to John & Linda Prohaska!
- 02/02 Angie Wilson having a bilateral mastectomy. My PSA Family.
- 02/02 Pray for everyone involved in the airline crash/helicopter.
- 02/02 Danny Thomas is home recovering from his shoulder surgery on January 31. Pray for a speedy recovery. After he recovers from this he will have back surgery.
- 02/02 Shelby and Leo Schneider who have been ill.
- 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 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](mailto: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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 02/09 Souper Bowl Food Drive Today**

- 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)

### **MONDAY, 02/10**

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

### **TUESDAY, 02/11**

- 7:00 pm Lead Team meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, 02/12**

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

### **THURSDAY, 02/13**

- 11:00 am Nurture & Care meeting
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 02/14**

### **SATURDAY, 02/15**

- 5:00-11:00pm New Covenant Reserved Toddler & Grade school rooms
- 7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY, 02/16**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming  
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 9:30 am Confirmation Class

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FEBRUARY 9, TODAY, SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE FOR OUR PANTRY**

We are collecting food for St. Mark's Food Pantry. The full LIST of food items is at the Welcome Counter. Thank you for your donations.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 17, MONDAY, NEWSLETTER—MARCH/APRIL SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Kindly submit all articles & announcements for the March/April Newsletter by deadline to ensure they are included. Just a reminder that we are now combining two months at a time. Thank you! For questions, 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 Bunch at Stone Tavern, 701 Greenwood Road, 45011.

Please RSVP to Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873 by Sunday, February 23, to reserve your seat. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **MARCH 4, TUESDAY, 5:00PM, SHROVE PANCAKE DINNER, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join us for a delicious Shrove Pancake Dinner enjoying good food and fellowship as we celebrate this tradition together. Bring your family and friends for a fun evening of pancakes, community, and connection. Contact: Sue Luken and Peggy Smith.

### **MARCH 5, WEDSDAY, 7:00PM, ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

#### **RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 94  
Sunday School Attendance: 0

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$5,320.40</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,935.10
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,807.41</u>
	<b><u>\$6,742.51</u></b>

Special—Designated Giving\* \$ 880.00

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

## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

*Happy Birthday Ann Brabbs. —Alethea*



### **FEBRUARY MISSIONS: SHOE DRIVE**

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



### **LADIES FELLOWSHIP: WOMENS BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT EVENT FEBRUARY 9, SUNDAY @ 3:00-5:00PM**

An exciting event of connection, creativity, and community  
See inside bulletin for more information  
Contact: Sue Luken and Peggy Smith.



### **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE: FEBRUARY 9, SUNDAY COLLECTING ALL DAY**

Today is the day we collect food for our St. Mark's pantry.  
Please know this is not the last opportunity to donate food. We will continue to collect items throughout the year. For questions, contact Peggy Smith.

## **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.

## **St. Mark's United Methodist Church**

4601 Fairfield Ave., Fairfield, OH 45014

513.844.1818

[www.Fairfieldstmarks.com](http://www.Fairfieldstmarks.com)

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

[www.Facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks](http://www.Facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks)

[facebook.com/groups/fairfieldstmarks](https://facebook.com/groups/fairfieldstmarks)

[facebook.com/groups/stmarkschildrenfamily](https://facebook.com/groups/stmarkschildrenfamily)

WIFI: StMarks Guest—PW: HelloFairfield