

# **ST. MARK'S** UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**February 16, 2025 - 9:30AM**



## **"Tough Questions—About Prayers"**

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

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be, the family we are called to become.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

UMH 189

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea;**

**Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith;**

**Ever-present God, who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers; open our eyes to see you in our boat—today.**

**Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead, Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak. This we pray, 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  
Doxology  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHOIR ANTHEM: A 'Heart' Medley

HYMN: "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" UMH 352

SCRIPTURE: I John 5:14

SERMON TITLE: "Tough Questions—About Prayers"

\*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 "Continued Prayers."

- 02/14 Belinda Peters healing from ankle & toe surgery on 2/14/25.
- 02/11 Wade Lewis, father of Kym Nguyen, who had kyphoplasty procedure on 2/11/25 is now recovering and doing well.
- 02/09 Kristy's friend, Melissa, who is having breast cancer surgery on 2/18/25.
- 02/09 The people of the Cayman Islands after the 7.6 earthquake.
- 02/09 A family member's cancer has returned & has spread. Prayers for Sue to receive God's comfort & healing.
- 02/09 Daughter & granddaughter who are having serious differences and currently estranged.
- 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.

**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

Iris Jones Family  
Judy & Bob Klingel  
Cliff Klug  
Wade & Nancy Lewis  
Tomi O'Sullivan  
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)  
Linda Prohaska  
Brenda Smoot  
Parkside Residents

**St. Mark's Homebound:**

Janice Chaney  
Freida Hawkins  
Jim Jones (BeeHive Liberty Twp)  
Bob & Judy Klingel (Westover)  
Gale Logan—Otterbein Community  
Nancy & Wade Lewis (Berkeley)  
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, 02/16**

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

### **MONDAY, 02/17**

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

***Newsletter submissions due for March/April***

### **TUESDAY, 02/18**

### **WEDNESDAY, 02/19**

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

### **THURSDAY, 02/20**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 02/21**

- 1:00 pm Ruth's Circle

### **SATURDAY, 02/22**

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Choir Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY, 02/23**

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming  
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class with dinner

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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 in 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, 1PM, 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 1, SATURDAY, 9AM, BROKEN BUS**

A sign up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board. Contact Tari Randall for more information.

### **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, savory sausage, toppings bar, beverages. Donations appreciated & go to the VBS program. Time: 5:00-6:30PM. Contact: Sue Luken and Peggy Smith.

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

### **MARCH 8, SATURDAY, 11:00AM—1:00PM, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRY**

We will be volunteering at Matthew 25 to support their mission of helping those in need. A sign-up sheet is available on the Narthex bulletin board—please contact Lynne Schumacker for more details and to learn how you can help.

### **MARCH 28, FRIDAY, 10:00AM—5:00PM, LASAGNA LOVE, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

We are excited to partner with Lasagna Love 2025, to support local families in our community! We are seeking volunteers to donate ingredients or monetary contributions, help assemble lasagnas, and assist with deliveries. If you're interested, contact Cindy Miller for more details.

### **MARCH 30, UMCOR SUNDAY, 9:30AM**

### **MARCH, TUESDAY, 6:30PM, ROOM AT THE TABLE (ZOOM)**

We are meeting the FIRST Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Zachary Dichtl at: rattsmumc@gmail.com

### **RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 96  
Sunday School Attendance: 3

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,715.56</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,304.80
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,956.23</u>
	<b><u>\$6,261.03</u></b>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$ 225.00</u>
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	

## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

*Happy 43 Anniversary to Don & Cheryl Kemen  
Happy Birthday Cindy Booker*



## **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.



## **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER MARCH 4, TUESDAY, 5:00-6:30PM**

We have a yummy event involving all - you - can - eat pancakes!  
See inside bulletin for more information  
Contact: Sue Luken and Peggy Smith.

## **LASAGNA LOVE EVENT on MARCH 28, FRIDAY @ 10AM-5PM**



We will once again partner with Lasagna Love to support local families in our community. Whether you would like to donate ingredients, assemble lasagnas, or assist with deliveries, we would love to have you involved! See inside bulletin for more information or  
Contact: Cindy Miller for details

## **WEEKLY GROUPS:**

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

We will Zoom-February 17; Skip-February 24; IN-person-March 3; We begin the New Testament on March 10. 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 have begun reading II 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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## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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