



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 23, 2025 - 9:30AM



"Tough Questions—Hearing from God"

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**

In mystery and grandeur

we see the face of God

in earthiness and the ordinary

we know the love of Christ

In heights and depths and life and death:

the spirit of God is moving among us

Let us praise God.

***OPENING HYMN: "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed"**

UMH 128

***OPENING PRAYER**

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing A new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. 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: With All My Heart: A Medley

HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

UMH 396

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 33:3, John 10:27

SERMON TITLE: "Tough Questions—Hearing from God"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Take Time to Be Holy"

UMH 395

*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.”

- 02/16 Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of Jim Menninger, brother of Terrill Broshear, who passed away on February 15, 2025. May God’s comfort and peace be with all who mourn his loss.
- 02/16 Belinda Peters went well and she is healing from ankle & toe surgery that was on 2/14/25. She is doing rehab now.
- 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 had 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 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.
- 01/19 Lauren Dichtl’s prayers for a friend’s fiancé in the hospital for diabetic issues.

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

Iris Jones Family
Judy & Bob Klingel
Cliff Klug
Wade & Nancy Lewis
Tomi O'Sullivan
Belinda Peterson
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

TODAY, 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

MONDAY, 02/24

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group (Craft Room)
Ladies Bible Study will NOT be meeting

TUESDAY, 02/25

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch at The Back Porch

WEDNESDAY, 02/26

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
2:00 pm Bible Study Group (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Handbell Choir
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 02/27

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 02/28

- 1:00 pm Ruth's Circle

SATURDAY, 03/01

- 9:00 am Broken Bus
9:00 am Helping Hands—All Church Workday

SUNDAY, 03/02 Communion Sunday

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
6:00 pm Confirmation Class with dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT SUNDAY

The order forms will be available at the Welcome Counter next Sunday 3/02/25. All orders and payment will be due by March 16, Sunday. Contact: Lyn Bucalo for details.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE: (February 23 at 6:00PM)

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

FEBRUARY 25, TUESDAY, 12:30PM, LUNCHBUNCH (UPDATE!)

Join us for the St. Mark's Lunch Bunch at The Back Porch, 9626 Princeton Glendale Rd, West Chester Township, 45011. **WE ARE FULL:** Contact Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873 for questions. 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 1, SATURDAY, 9AM, HELPING HANDS-ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

It's that time already to team up and tidy up our church. Contact Tonya Leguina or Bill Dichtl for details.

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—Contact Lynne Schumacker.

MARCH 10, MONDAY, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE STUDY (NEW TESTAMENT) ZOOM

We've journeyed through the Old Testament, and now—we've arrived in the New Testament! Join us for Ladies' Bible Study on Mondays as we gain more knowledge exploring the scriptures, share awesome discussions, and grow together. Kym Nguyen will help you get connected, so don't be afraid of the tech—we're here to learn and encourage one another!

MARCH 21, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH CIRCLE, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Every month the ladies meet for devotions and fellowship. Contact Pam Guynes.

MARCH 23, SUNDAY, 3-5PM, 60's BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Twist & Shout—A 60's Celebration! Join us as we groove back to the '60s to celebrate Pastor Mark & Chris Beiser's 60th birthdays with music, fun, and festive treats! Stop by the Fellowship Hall for a come-and-go party filled with retro vibes, light bites, and sweet treats!

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. Just sign up at welcome counter. Contact Cindy Miller.

MARCH 30, UMCOR SUNDAY, 9:30AM**MONTHLY, FIRST 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 16, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance:
Sunday School Attendance:

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| Weekly Budget Needs | <u>\$6,715.56</u> |
| Weekly In-Person Giving | \$835.00 |
| Weekly On-Line Giving | <u>\$499.00</u> |
| | <u>\$1,334.00</u> |
| Special—Designated Giving* | <u>\$ 110.00</u> |
| <i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i> | |

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Happy Anniversary to Jeff & Carol Gering

*Last Week February 16: Happy 43 Anniversary to Don & Cheryl Kemen
Happy Birthday Cindy Booker*



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 not meet 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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