



The 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 the Minister

"A Season of Reflection and Renewal"

Lent is a season of deep reflection and spiritual preparation. It is a time to take an honest look at who we are and where we stand in Christ. Through fasting, prayer, and acts of devotion, we align ourselves with Jesus' journey to the Cross, preparing our hearts to celebrate the most significant day in the Christian year—Easter.

Many of us observe Lent by giving up something as an act of sacrifice, which is a meaningful practice. However, I also encourage you to consider taking up something—something that draws you closer to God. Could this season be a time to deepen your faith through worship? Join a Bible study? Serve others in a new way? There are countless opportunities to engage with the season beyond just giving something up—find a way to add to its meaning in your life.

I invite you to join me in this journey, and if you wish, consider reading along as we reflect on the miraculous power of Christ. May this Lenten season be a time of renewal, as we seek a deeper encounter with Christ and prepare our hearts for the hope and joy of Easter.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

Lent is a season of deep reflection and spiritual preparation.

This year, our Lenten sermon series will be inspired by Mark Batterson's book, *The Grave Robber*, which explores the seven miracles in the Gospel of John leading up to the Empty Tomb.



Romans 12:1 – "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

CHURCH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars: 'What's Happening'

As we step into the early indications of springtime, our hearts are filled with excitement and anticipation for all that God has in store—not just for each of us individually, but for our entire church family.

This season of renewal and growth invites us to reflect on God's blessings and consider how we can continue to deepen our faith and serve with joy. True prosperity is not just measured by achievements, but by the richness of our relationships, the depth of our faith, and the generosity of our hearts. Through fellowship, spiritual growth, and acts of kindness, we experience the fullness of God's love and grace.

At SMUMC, we are committed to making this season one of spiritual renewal and meaningful outreach—both within our congregation and throughout our community. As the world around us begins to bloom, we, too, are called to grow in faith and extend Christ's love to others in new and meaningful ways...

MARCH

March 1—Broken Bus at 9am
Sign up at the Narthex bulletin board or contact Tari Randall for details.

March 1—Helping Hands—All Church Workday at 9am
We will be doing a variety of tasks and checking off a few boxes in the spring cleaning category. Contact Tonya Leguina or Bill Dichtl for details.

March 4—Shrove Pancake Dinner in Fellowship Hall, 5:00-6:30pm
Join us for a fun and delicious Pancake Dinner featuring handmade pancakes, a tasty toppings bar, refreshing beverages, and great fellowship—come hungry and ready for a flipping good time! Donations go to VBS. Contact: Sue Luken & Peggy Smith for details.

March 5—Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary from 7:00-8:00pm
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a solemn season of reflection, repentance, and spiritual preparation leading up to Easter.

March 8—Matthew 25 Ministries, Saturday from 11:00am-1:00pm
Sign up at the Narthex bulletin board or contact: Lynne Schumacker for details.

March 10—Monday Ladies Bible Study at 6:30pm
We had a journey through the Old Testament, and now—we've arrived in the New Testament! Contact: Kym Nguyen for details.

March 21—Ruth Circle in Fellowship Hall at 1:00-2:30pm
Every month the ladies meet for devotions, snacks, and fellowship. Contact Pam Guynes for details.

March 23—Twist & Shout '60s Birthday Bash at 3:00-5:00pm
Join us in Fellowship Hall as we groove back to the '60s to celebrate Pastor Mark & Chris Beiser's 60th birthdays with music, fun, and festive treats! Contact Lyn Bucalo for details.

March 23—Lasagna Love in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen, Friday from 11:00am-5:30pm
We will putting 12 lasagna's together for families within the community. A list of items posted soon for donations. Contact: Cindy Miller for details.

March 30—UMCOR Sunday Service in Sanctuary at 9:30am
A special offering day in the UMC that supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), ensuring that 100% of donations to disaster response and humanitarian aid go directly to those in need.

March 30—Orders Deadline for Easter Lilies
Contact: Lyn Bucalo for details.

APRIL

April 6—All of the Filled Easter Eggs are due today!
Contact: Peggy Smith for details.

April 8—Shared Harvest, Tuesday from 12:30-2:30pm
Please sign up at the Narthex bulletin board or contact Debbie Bryant.

April 12—Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday from 2:00-4:00pm
Join us as we kick off spring with our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Contact: Peggy Smith & Sue Luken for details.

April 13—Palm Sunday and Easter Cantata 9:30-10:30am
We will begin service with procession of the palms followed by the music ministry performing the Easter Cantata.

April 17—Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary at 7:00pm
Join us as we remember the Last Supper and Christ's journey to the cross.

April 18—Ruth Circle in Fellowship Hall at 1:00-2:30pm
Every month the ladies meet for devotions, snacks, and fellowship. Contact Pam Guynes for details.

April 20—Easter Sunday Service in Sanctuary at 9:30am
Celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection with us at our Easter Sunday Service as we rejoice in the hope and promise of new life!

April 25—Serve City, Friday from 5:00-7:00pm
We will have a SOUP theme for this evening. There will be a sign up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. Contact Lyn Bucalo for details.

...There's always something happening here! Whether you're seeking worship opportunities, fellowship, or ways to serve, there are plenty of opportunities in the coming months to get involved. We invite you to join us, engage in the life of the church, and step into all the wonderful things God has planned for this season of faith, renewal, and new beginnings!



ST MARKS MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



Serving with Love this Spring

As the seasons change and new life begins to bloom, our church continues its mission of service and compassion in our community. We are actively partnering with local organizations to provide food, shelter, and support to those in need. Whether it's delivering meals, assembling Easter baskets for families, or responding to urgent needs, we are committed to being the hands and feet of Christ—offering hope and kindness to those around us.

Through volunteering, donations, and acts of kindness, we put our faith into action. If you have a heart for feeding the hungry, supporting shelters, mentoring youth, or providing care to those facing hardship, there are many ways to get involved. This season, we invite you to join us as we extend God's love beyond our church walls and into the community—because together, we can make a lasting impact.



Shoe Drive Success!

Thanks to your generosity, we collected 50 pairs of shoes, and with additional donations, the liaison was able to purchase 29 more pairs for Fairfield City School students. They

expressed heartfelt gratitude, calling our support a true “game-changer.” Your kindness provided comfort, dignity, and protection to children in need—thank you for making a difference!

Souper Bowl Sunday Score!

Thanks to your generosity, we collected 137 items for the Little Food Pantry during our Souper Bowl Sunday drive! Your donations will help provide meals to those in need, making a real difference in our community.

Thank you for your support and kindness!



Opportunities to Bless Others

March 1—Broken Bus
March 8—Matthew 25 Ministries
March 28—Lasagna Love
March 30—UMCOR Sunday
April 8—Shared Harvest
April 25—Serve City

HELP FEED FAMILIES IN NEED WITH LASAGNA LOVE

(St Marks Kitchen)
Friday, March 28, 2025
1:00 – 5:00 PM

There will be information for donation requests in the Narthex in March. There will also be sign-up sheets for volunteers to help make and deliver the lasagnas.

Ingredients can be dropped off in the kitchen. Lasagna chiefs can work anytime during the afternoon – whatever fits their schedule!

Delivery teams can pick up the lasagnas at 4:45 pm. The delivery teams should include on the sign-up forms, how far they are willing to drive and how many lasagnas they can deliver.

We are planning on delivering 12 Lasagnas

The afternoon flew by at our last lasagna making event! It was fun for us, and we passed on the feeling of love and support to the families receiving our lasagnas.

Thank you from Cindy Miller, St Marks Cares, Lasagna Love, and the families we feed!

Let me know any questions.
Cindy Miller
513-604-0173
Cmiller4151955@gmail.com



LASAGNA LOVE

At SMUMC, we believe that faith is best expressed through service, compassion, and a commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

A Season of Renewal: 'What's Happening'

As spring brings new life, we are reminded of the beauty of renewal—both in nature and in our faith. At SMUMC, true prosperity is found in meaningful relationships, deepened faith, and a heart for service. One of the best ways to experience this is through fellowship, study, worship, and uplifting events.

Whether you're seeking spiritual growth, meaningful connections, or opportunities to use your talents for God's glory, we have a place for you! From Bible studies and prayer gatherings to music rehearsals and fun events, our groups offer a welcoming space to grow, learn, and serve together.

As we embrace this season of new beginnings, we invite you to be part of something special. Through heartfelt discussions, joyful music, and engaging church events, each gathering strengthens our connection with God and one another. No matter where you are on your journey, we encourage you to join us in faith, fellowship, and shared purpose!

Mondays at 6:30pm, Ladies Bible Study. March 3 is an IN-Person Meeting. We have made it all the way through the Old Testament. We begin the New Testament March 10. The group is open to ALL women, at any time. Contact: Kym Nguyen.

Wednesdays at 7:30am is Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room) Start your Wednesday with prayer, reflection, and inspiration alongside fellow men of faith. Join us as we lift up our hearts, church, and community in prayer. Contact: Jeff Gering.

Wednesdays at 2-3pm is Bible Study Group. There is no pre-reading required and anyone can come at any time as we study and have discussion around what we

read that day. We are currently reading II Corinthians. Contact: Sue McDaniel.

Wednesdays at 6:30pm is Handbell Practice. Everyone is welcome to join this joyful practice—no prior experience or ability to read sheet music is required. Just bring your enthusiasm! Contact: Sue Combs.

Wednesdays at 7:30pm is Choir Rehearsal. We warmly welcome new voices to join our choir at any time—it's never too late to make a joyful noise! No prior experience or sheet music reading skills are required—just a heart for worship and a love for singing. Contact Chris Beiser.

Ruth Circle at 1:00pm is on the 3rd Friday each month. Ruth Circle is a welcoming group of women dedicated to faith, friendship, and encouragement. Each gathering offers meaningful conversations, devotions, guest speakers, and opportunities to serve others. This group offers a supportive assembly of women where you can flourish. Contact Pam Guynes.

Lunch Bunch at 12:00pm is on the 4th Tuesday each month. Join us each month as we gather at a local restaurant to share a meal, stories, and friendship in a relaxed setting. Whether you're a regular or a first-timer, there's always a chair for you! This is a well attended event so be sure to save your seat Contact: Sue Beckett.



FOLLOW UP: Chili Cook-Off brings Fun and Flavor!

On February 2, we gathered for a groundhog-themed chili event, bringing together good food, friendly competition, and plenty of fun. Seven chili chefs put their best recipes to the test, filling the room with delicious aromas and tough choices for our taste-testers.



After an evening of sampling and voting, Cindy & Gary Miller took home the coveted Chili Trophy for their crowd-favorite chili! But the night wasn't just about great food—it was also about laughter and friendly rivalry with games that kept everyone engaged.



We spiced up the evening with Bingo and Trivia, where participants tested their knowledge and luck. One of the highlights was Chili Bingo, where everyone had the same card, making for an exciting race to see who could shout "Bingo!" first.

From tasty chili to lively games, the event was a huge success, bringing our church family together for an evening of warmth and fellowship. A big thank you to all our chili chefs, game participants, and attendees for making this a memorable night!



ST. MARK'S FELLOWSHIP

FOLLOW UP: LADIES FELLOWSHIP: Women's Business Spotlight Event

On February 9, the Ladies Fellowship gathering was a wonderful time of connection, cheer, and support. Women from our church came together to share in fellowship, uplifting conversations, and meaningful moments of faith. One of the highlights was the Ladies Spotlight, where we celebrated and learned more about the talents and businesses of women within our community.



This month, we featured a variety of women's small business showcasing their dedication and passion. It was inspiring to see how God is working through the gifts and skills of our members, strengthening their faith and their impact on others.



As we continue these gatherings, we invite all women to join us for fellowship, faith-building, and the opportunity to support and celebrate one another. Stay tuned for details on our next event. Contact: Sue Luken



SHROVE PANCAKE DINNER: March 4 from 5:00-6:30PM

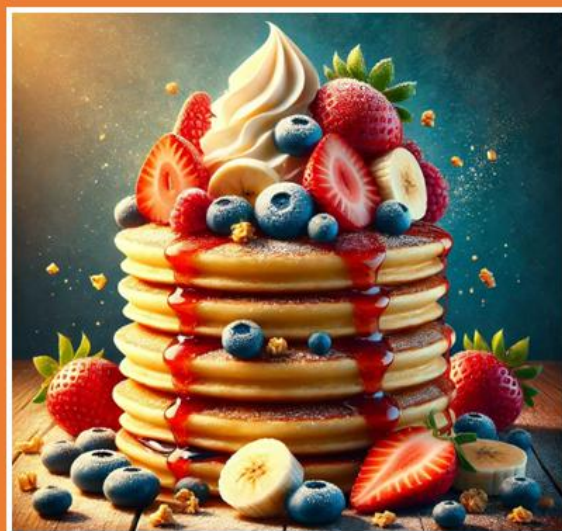
Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, is a long-standing tradition that marks the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The word "Shrove" comes from the old English word "shrive," meaning to confess and receive absolution, making this day a time of reflection and preparation for the Lenten season. Historically, people would use up rich ingredients like eggs, butter, and sugar before the fasting period, which led to the delicious tradition of eating pancakes!

Join us for a fun and festive Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at church! Enjoy handmade pancakes and a build-your-own toppings bar filled with chocolate, fresh berries, whipped cream, syrup, butter, and more. Pair your pancakes with refreshing beverages and sausage as we gather for an evening of fellowship, tradition, and great food.

***Don't miss this chance to indulge before
Lent begins—come hungry and ready
for a flipping good time!***

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

- All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes & Savory Sausage
- Customize your pancakes with a variety of delicious toppings
- Beverages Included – Fresh Coffee, Milk, and Juice



St. Mark's UMC -Fellowship Hall



This winter has brought its fair share of cold and snow, making Wednesday evening rehearsals challenging at times. However, despite the weather, the music ministry has remained dedicated to leading worship faithfully on Sunday mornings.

“With spring on the horizon, we not only look forward to warmer days and blooming flowers...”

We are pleased to share that both the Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir have resumed their regular Wednesday evening rehearsals:

- * **Handbells: 6:30—7:30PM**
- * **Chancel Choir: 7:30—9:00PM**

With spring on the horizon, we not only look forward to warmer days and blooming flowers but also prepare our hearts for the Lenten and Easter season.

A cherished tradition at St. Mark's, the Easter Cantata will be presented on April 13, Palm Sunday at 9:30AM. This year's cantata, *“King of Kings”* by Nan and Dennis Allen, is a scripture-centered celebration of Jesus Christ—our King of Kings—who left His heavenly throne to become the suffering servant and perfect sacrifice for our sins. This powerful service of worship features beloved hymns, classic choruses, and inspiring new worship songs, complemented by heartwarming narration and beautiful orchestral accompaniment. We passionately invite anyone interested in joining the choir for this special presentation.

Cantata rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to approximately 8:15–8:30 PM.

Additionally, there will be a rehearsal with the orchestra on Saturday, April 12 (time to be determined).

Spring will be here before we know it! In the meantime, we look forward to gathering in the warmth of worship each Sunday morning at St. Mark's.



“King of Kings”

ST. MARK'S CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S NEWS

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR:

Sundays at 9:30 AM – 3/16, 3/30, and 4/06

Sundays at 6:00 PM – 3/23

Confirmation Sunday – April 20 (Easter Sunday)

Upcoming Events to Plan for:

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – April 12
Palms Procession Parade—April 13

Celebrate Palm Sunday with a Joyous Palm Procession Parade—April 13!

Join us on Sunday, April 13 as we commemorate Palm Sunday with a special Palm Procession Parade! This meaningful tradition invites everyone—young and old—to take part in celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

A Procession of Praise

As we wave palm branches and walk together, we remember the excitement and joy of that first Palm Sunday. This interactive experience allows us to step into the story, lifting our voices in praise and reflection as we journey together.

Our procession will be filled with joyful music and singing, creating a spirit of celebration as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week.

A Tradition for All Ages

Children, families, and individuals of all ages are encouraged to participate! Whether you walk in the procession or join from the sidelines, your presence adds to the spirit of this special day.

Come and be part of this beautiful Palm Sunday tradition as we prepare to enter the holiest week of the year with faith and joy!



(Image from 2024 Palm Sunday Procession)

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join Us for a Joyous Easter Egg Hunt Celebration at St. Mark's on April 12, Saturday!

Mark your calendars! St. Mark's Easter Egg Hunt returns on Saturday, April 12, from 2-4pm, bringing families and our community together for a day of laughter, joy, and celebration!



A Day of Easter Fun & Fellowship

The festivities begin with crafts and snacks, setting the stage for an exciting morning. A talented balloon twister will delight children with whimsical creations, adding an extra spark of fun to the event. Families will also have the chance to capture special memories with festive photo opportunities!

A Special Easter Story

Before the big hunt, we will gather in the sanctuary for a meaningful time of reflection. Peggy will once again share the Easter story, helping children understand the true significance of this joyous season.

The Thrill of the Hunt!

After our time indoors, children will eagerly head outside to search for roughly 1,000 Easter eggs hidden throughout the church grounds! Their excitement and joy as they discover colorful treasures will surely make this a heartwarming and memorable experience for all.

Come be a part of this cherished tradition as we celebrate Easter together! We look forward to seeing you there! For more information contact Peggy Smith or Sue Luken.

Easter Flowers Order Form



Order & Payment due:
March 16

Easter is a time of renewal, celebration, and remembrance. Each year, we beautify our altar with vibrant flowers, creating a meaningful space for worship on Easter Sunday.

We are once again partnering with Benken Florist/ Home & Garden Center to provide 6" potted flowers with a green cover. Church members and friends are invited to purchase flowers in honor or memory of loved ones.

Order forms are now available at the Welcome Counter. Simply fill out the form, enclose your payment in an envelope labeled "Easter Flowers," and drop it in the offering. We will handle the rest!

Important Details:

Orders & payments are due by March 16, 2025

Flowers may be picked up after the Easter service

If you have any questions, please contact the Lyn at the church office at (513) 844-1818.

Thank you for helping us fill our sanctuary with the beauty of Easter!

LEAD TEAM:

Lead Team Insights: "What We're Working On"

As our newly formed Lead Team begins its work, we want to keep you informed about our progress and activities. *While some administrative matters must remain confidential— as discussed in our town hall meetings—* we are committed to transparency and regular communication with the congregation.

To help keep everyone informed, the Lead Team will provide updates in each issue of the newsletter. These updates will include facility matters, financial summaries, and a general overview of the team's work. Additionally, twice a year, we will host a **"Meet the Team" Night**— an open forum where you can hear directly from us, ask questions, and learn more about our ongoing efforts. Watch for upcoming dates!

Recent Lead Team Activities

Since forming, the Lead Team has held two meetings, focusing on the following key areas:

- **Establishing Guiding Principles**

Developing the foundational rules, policies, and roles within the Lead Team. Once finalized, these will be shared with the congregation.

- **Trustee Policy & Procedures**

Defining the framework for trustee responsibilities.

- **Understanding the Lead Team's Role**

Reviewing the why, what, and how of the team's function within the church.

- **2025 Budget Planning**

Laying the groundwork for next year's financial planning.

- **Clarifying Member Roles**

Assigning responsibilities within the Lead Team. A finalized list will be available by early March.

Book Study: *Winning on Purpose* – Exploring the principles that guide the Lead Team's structure and mission.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any Lead Team member or Pastor Mark. We appreciate your prayers and support as we serve the church!

LEAD TEAM NOTES (CONTINUED)

FINANCE NEWS

Celebrating a Milestone and Preparing for the Future:

As of January 31, 2025, St Mark's has a balance of \$64,224.61 in the Checking Account and we have a balance of \$65,301.89 in the Savings Account. As I always point out, only \$25,881.62 of the Savings Account can be used for Operating Expenses for the Church. With \$39,420.27 being held for Improvements to the St Mark's Campus.

With the support and generosity of our entire St. Mark's family, we are thrilled to share that we paid off our loan at Park National Bank before the end of 2024!

This was truly a collective effort, made possible by the faithfulness, dedication, and generosity of our congregation. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this goal a reality.

Now that the loan is fully paid, we are taking a proactive step toward the future. Each month, we are setting aside the amount that was previously allocated for loan payments into our savings account. This will allow us to be better prepared for upcoming capital projects and any necessary improvements to our church facilities.

Additionally, we are pleased to share that all our expenses are current, and we continue to make regular contributions toward our apportionments. Through careful financial stewardship and the ongoing faithfulness of our congregation, we are not only maintaining our commitments but also planning for a strong and stable future.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your generosity and dedication continue to make a lasting impact on St. Mark's!

Bill Schumacker, Treasurer

Finance Representatives to the Lead Team:
Gale Goodman and Steve Nguyen

FACILITY MATTERS

It is Spring! Here is where our focus is currently:

- **Family Restroom Project** – Transformation was delayed from January but will be completed in the next month.
- **Facility and Maintenance Team Lead**
Established for Church, Grounds, and Parsonage - Jeff Gering has agreed to be the lead. A list of team members will be forthcoming.
- **Lights above the Choir Chancel**
Due to the height of the lights, we will have to contact an electrician to change them. Before contacting the electrician, we are considering whether the current lights (on both sides) are bright enough.
- **Shelving Project**
Approved a project for shelving to be built on both sides of the large northside front doors where there are currently inset areas in the walls. This will tidy up the Narthex and allow collection boxes, and other items to be stored off the floor.
- **Fire Extinguishers** were inspected, and one replaced.
- **All Church Helping Hands Workdays 2025**
Dates are scheduled below for Saturday mornings at 9:00AM:
 - ⇒ March 1
 - ⇒ May 3
 - ⇒ July 12
 - ⇒ September 6
 - ⇒ November 1

Please mark your calendars and join us on these days to help keep St. Mark's beautiful and welcoming! For questions, contact Tonya Leguina and Bill Dichtl.

ST. MARK'S FAMILY MATTERS—MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

PEGGY SMITH

Faithfully Serving the Next Generation

Since 2021, Peggy Smith has been a devoted member of St. Mark's, serving as the Children's Ministry Director. With a heart for nurturing young faith, she leads children from nursery age through 5th grade, guiding them through key spiritual milestones and creating engaging opportunities for growth in Christ.

Peggy's leadership extends beyond Sunday mornings—she is the driving force behind many of our church's beloved children's events, including (just to name a few):

- **Confirmation Classes** – Equipping young believers with the foundations of faith.
- **Vacation Bible School** – A week-long summer adventure filled with faith, fun, and friendships.
- **Seasonal Celebrations** – Easter Egg Hunts, Fall Harvest (Trunk or Treat), Advent Celebrations, and more!
- **Backpack Blessings** – Praying over children as they embark on a new school year.

Peggy's mission is simple but profound: to love and serve children into a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ. Under her guidance, St. Mark's Children's Ministry is a place where kids can explore their faith, build friendships, and grow in God's love—all in a safe, welcoming, and joy-filled environment.

Her dedication, wisdom, and unwavering commitment make her an invaluable part of the St. Mark's team. We are incredibly grateful for Peggy's leadership and the impact she has on shaping the next generation of lifelong followers of Christ!

💖 *Thank you, Peggy, for all that you do!*



SUE LUKEN

A Heart for Service, A Passion for Faith

For more than two decades, Sue Luken has been an active and dedicated member of St. Mark's, faithfully serving in a variety of ministries since joining in 2003. Her passion for fellowship, outreach, and discipleship shines through in everything she does, making her a vital part of our church family.

Sue has worn many hats over the years, serving on numerous committees and leading the St. Mark's Ladies Fellowship, where she helps create a space for women to grow in faith and friendship. She also works closely with Peggy Smith in the Children's Ministry, serving and playing a key role in events like:

- **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** – Bringing joy and faith-filled fun to children each summer.
- **Fall Fest - Trunk or Treat** – Spreading fun and laughter to the community in the fall season.
- **Easter Egg Hunts** – Helping children celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection.
- **All-Church Events** – From competing in a Cookie and Chili Contests to many special gatherings, Sue is often involved!

Beyond children's ministry, Sue is deeply engaged in missions and outreach. As a member of St. Mark's Cares, she helps support those in need through local and global outreach efforts. She is also an active participant in Ruth Circle, fostering community and connection among women in the church.

Sue's genuine love for St. Mark's and her dedication to bringing others to know Jesus. Whether she's leading, organizing, or simply lending a helping hand, her servant's heart is evident in all she does.

💖 *Thank you, Sue, for your unwavering commitment to faith and community!*



BIRTHDAYS!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kristina Stanifer	03/01
Mike Aiken	03/02
Diana Gregory	03/04
Lee Brinkmeyer	03/05
Abby Randall	03/07
Helen Bowman	03/10
Denny Mullen	03/11
Kathy Fitzpatrick	03/14
Mark Luken	03/16
Hayden Meyer	03/16
Pastor Mark Gregory	03/19
Paul Huelsman	03/19
Chris Beiser	03/20
Colin George	03/21
Tyler George	03/21
Pat Fassnacht	03/22
Kaden Theiss	03/22
Bill Dichtl	03/23
Jim Jones	03/23
Cameron Smoot	03/24
Doreen Robinson	03/27

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Bob Klingel	04/01
Dave Booker	04/02
Gay Kubik	04/03
Brandon Stanifer	04/11
Gil Dole	04/13
Cindy Miller	04/15
Katie Chambers	04/16
Randy Starkie	04/19
Kristin Randall	04/21
Bob Pittman	04/23
Dick Kuertz	04/28
Sue Rumley	04/28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MARCH ANNIVERSARY

Don & Marilyn Stewart	03/06
Wayne & Tari Randall	03/07

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

Jim & Shirley Howell	04/05
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If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect, please contact the church office at 513.844.1818

GRATITUDE NOTES

From: Serve City

On behalf of Serve City, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation. As a faith-based organization, we deeply appreciate your support in helping us serve as the hands and feet of Jesus, offering hope and compassion to our neighbors in crisis. Your generosity allows us to provide the essential resources needed to fulfill our mission and make a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve.

We are also incredibly grateful for your recent food donations and for taking the time to serve our residents last month. The delicious meals, casseroles, salads, and desserts were truly a blessing, and our residents were so appreciative of the kindness and care you shared with them. Your willingness to serve not only nourishes the body but also uplifts the spirit.

Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and servant-hearted dedication. Your kindness makes a difference, and we are truly grateful for your partnership in this ministry.
With gratitude!



Gratitude turns the ordinary into blessings. In the quiet moments, may we recognize the beauty around us, the peace within us, and the faith that sustains us.

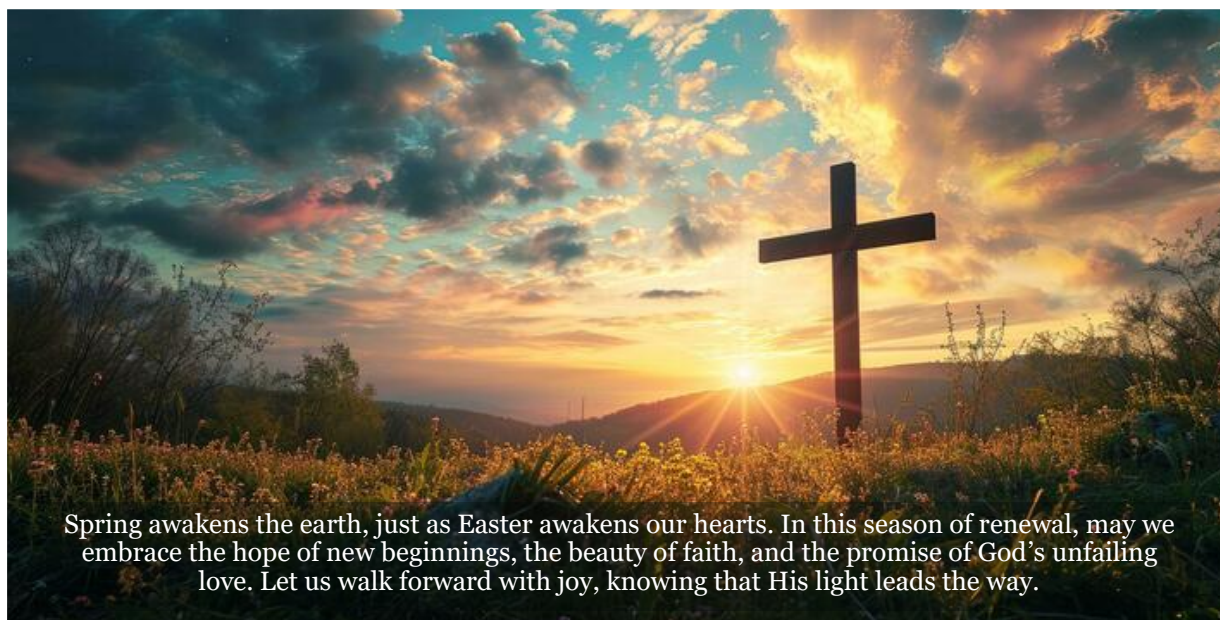
Every day is a gift—let us give thanks with joyful hearts.



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MARCH—APRIL NEWSLETTER 2025



Spring awakens the earth, just as Easter awakens our hearts. In this season of renewal, may we embrace the hope of new beginnings, the beauty of faith, and the promise of God's unfailing love. Let us walk forward with joy, knowing that His light leads the way.

St. Mark's Staff :

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
Access the church calendar on our website at
<https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar/>

Church Office Hours :

9:30am– 3:00pm on Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Monday - (Office Closed)
Phone: 513.844.1818
www.fairfieldstmarks.com

Worship Service:

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