

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 9, 2025 - 9:30AM



"Miracles Big and Small"

Worship with us In-person
Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at
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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**

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.

Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

Lent calls us to journey with God.

Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

*OPENING HYMN: "Ye Servants of God "

UMH 181

***OPENING PRAYER**

All-knowing and all-caring God, we gather this day drained by another week. We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment.

Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. 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: All to Us

HYMN: "Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days" UMH 269

SCRIPTURE: John 2:1-10

SERMON TITLE: "Miracles Big and Small"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Love Lifted Me"
(this is from Worship and Song Methodist Hymnal page 3101)

*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.”

- 03/02 Gale & Devin Goodman. Gale’s cousin passed away last week. During this difficult time, please know that your church family is holding you in our hearts and lifting you up in prayer. May God’s peace and comfort surround you and your loved ones in the days ahead.
- 03/02 Bob & Judy Klingel and for Mary Lou Knau.
- 03/02 Chris & Sue’s good friend Tisha Patton who has been diagnosed with late stage cancer.
- 02/25 With heavy hearts, we share that Bill Schumacker’s mother, Shirley Schumacker, 94 yrs old, has passed away on February 25, 2025. Please keep Bill, Lynne, and the family in your prayers as they navigate this time of loss. May they find comfort in God’s love and the cherished memories they hold dear. We ask for traveling mercies for them as they gather with loved ones to honor her life.
- 02/25 Update on Belinda Peters: Belinda is home and recovering well, though she continues to experience some pain off and on. She is receiving physical and occupational therapy daily and can move around the first floor with caution. Belinda underwent ankle and toe surgery on 2/14/25, and we continue to pray for her strength, comfort, and full healing.
- 02/23 Mark Hensler to have improved test results at next doctor appointment.
- 02/23 Tomie O’Sullivan having issues breathing.
- 02/23 Susan Bunte’s friend, Yun Li, who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.
- 02/16 Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of Jim Menninger, brother of Terrill Broshear, who passed away on 2/15/25. May God’s comfort and peace be with all who mourn his loss.
- 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 recovering from breast cancer surgery on 2/18/25.
- 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 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.

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
Mary Lou Knau
Tomie 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, 03/09

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:30 am CYF Meeting

MONDAY, 03/10

- 10:30 am Salad Luncheon Meeting (Heritage Room)
- 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 03/11

- 7:00 pm Lead Team meeting

WEDNESDAY, 03/12

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

THURSDAY, 03/13

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

FRIDAY, 03/14

SATURDAY, 03/15

SUNDAY, 03/16 Easter Flower Orders due today

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 9:30 am Confirmation Class
- 10:30-5:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved (Hampton Family)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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

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

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE AT WELCOME COUNTER

The order forms are available at the Welcome Counter. ***All orders with payment are be due by March 16, Sunday.*** Contact: Lyn Bucalo for details.

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

Each month, the women of Ruth's Circle gather for a time of devotion, encouragement, and connection. More than just a meeting, this is a warm and welcoming community where faith deepens, friendships flourish, and inspiration abounds. Whether you're looking for heartfelt conversations, opportunities to serve, or simply a place to belong, you'll find it here. Come as you are and be part of something uplifting!

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! If you'd like to contribute, please sign up at the Welcome Counter to bring an appetizer, light bite, or chips. *No gifts required*, but if you'd like to bring a little something, Chris appreciates Amazon gift cards, and Pastor Mark would enjoy a Cabela's gift card. We look forward to celebrating!

MARCH 25, TUESDAY, 12:30PM, LUNCHBUNCH

Join us for the St. Mark's Lunch Bunch at **Taqueria el Comal at Bridgewater Falls**. Located at: 3371 Princeton Rd, Hamilton, OH 45011. Contact Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873 for reservation and questions.

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.

CYF NEEDS YOUR HELP TO FILL EGGS FOR ST MARK'S EASTER EGG HUNT

CYF is preparing for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 12, and we need your help! We're asking for donations of individually wrapped candies, stickers, temporary tattoos, or other small toys to fill our Easter eggs. Pre-filled egg bags (containing two dozen eggs each) are available in the Narthex for pickup. Please return the filled eggs to the designated boxes in the Narthex by Sunday, April 6. Thank you for your generosity in helping make this a wonderful community event once again!

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.

APRIL 8, TUESDAY, 12:30-2:30PM, SHARED HARVEST

Join us, as we come together to volunteer at Shared Harvest! This is a wonderful opportunity to lend a helping hand, support our community, and share God's love through service. If you're interested in volunteering or need more details, please contact Debbie Bryant. We'd love to have you join us! Sign up sheet is on Narthex Bulletin board.

APRIL 12, SATURDAY, 2-4PM, ST. MARK'S EASTER EGG HUNT

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 2, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 104
Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$5,320.74</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$9,812.60
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 950.79
	<u>\$10,763.39</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$ 422.50</u>

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Happy 92nd Birthday to Helen Bowman

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS & PAYMENT IS DUE BY: MARCH 16, 2025

If you have any questions, please contact Lyn Bucalo at the church office

TWIST & SHOUT '60s BIRTHDAY BASH MARCH 23, 3:00-5:00PM (Fellowship Hall)

This will be one party you do not want to miss!



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



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Contact: Cindy Miller for details

WEEKLY GROUPS:

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

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:

Handbell Choir at 6:30pm, contact Sue Combs for more information. Chancel Choir at 7:30pm, contact Chris Beiser for more information.

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