

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 16, 2025 - 9:30AM



"Swiss Cheese"

**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**

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia!

We rejoice! Amen

***OPENING HYMN: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

UMH 172

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your way. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

BAPTISM CEREMONY: Ella Jade Hampton

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHOIR ANTHEM: God is so Good

HYMN: "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

UMH 301

SCRIPTURE: John 4:46-54

SERMON TITLE: "Swiss Cheese"

*CLOSING HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story"

UMH 156

*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.”

- 03/11 A heartfelt thank you from Bud & Shirley Aydlett! There aren't enough thank you letters nor words to express our gratitude for the kindness and support we've received. The prayers, cards, food, flowers, visits, and phone calls have truly made us feel surrounded by love. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to us and our family. Thank you all again!
- 03/09 Debbie Vitale's cousin, Kathy having MRI on Friday to see if tumor is shrinking.
- 03/07 Call that came into the office, Torrance is looking for employment and some financial stability and asks for 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.
- 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.

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 & Bud 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)
Peggy Wyatt

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 03/16 Baptism Sunday and Easter Flower Order 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)

MONDAY, 03/17 Deadline for Easter Flower Orders

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

TUESDAY, 03/18

- 5:00 pm Wilson Vow Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, 03/19

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
- 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 03/20

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 03/21

- 1:00 pm Ruth Circle

SATURDAY, 03/22

- 11:00 am Fellowship Hall reserved (all day)

SUNDAY, 03/23 UMCOR Sunday Service

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 3:00 pm Twist & Shout Big '60s Birthday Celebration
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class with dinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 17, Monday.*** Contact: Lyn Bucalo for details.

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

Each month, the women of Ruth's Circle gather for devotion, encouragement, and connection in a warm, faith-filled community. 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. *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! ***Dress up '60s style encouraged, not required!***

MARCH 23, UMCOR SUNDAY, 9:30AM

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!

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

APRIL 13, SUNDAY, ST. MARK'S PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION & CANTATA

APRIL 17, THURSDAY, 7PM, MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 18, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH CIRCLE

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 9, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 102
Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$5,320.74</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,719.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$ 1,603.47</u>
	<u>\$6,322.47</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$ 631.00</u>
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	



MARCH 23—UMCOR Sunday

Join the United Methodists around the world in supporting UMCOR Sunday, a special offering that provides disaster response and humanitarian aid. Your generosity ensures that UMCOR can continue bringing hope and assistance to those in need—please consider giving to this vital ministry!

TWIST & SHOUT '60s BIRTHDAY BASH

MARCH 23, 3:00-5:00PM

(Fellowship Hall)

Dressing up '60s Style is highly encouraged but not required. This will be one party you do not want to miss!



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



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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—(No meeting on March 19)

We are 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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