



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**March 23, 2025 - 9:30AM**



**"What Do You Want?"**

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

Come, bless the Lord, in whom we find our refuge and safety.

**You are our God; all the good things come from You alone.**

Come, bless the Lord, who gives us a rich inheritance, and surrounds us with abundance.

**You are our God; our lives are in your hands.**

Come, bless the Lord, who guides us on the path to eternal life, whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

**You are our God; we will not be shaken.**

Let's worship God together! **Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Holy Holy Holy"**

UMH 64

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in your holy house, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your spirit in our lives. Help us follow you as you lead us to the land you have created for us, where we may dwell with you and in you. 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: Miracle Man

HYMN: "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

UMH 382

SCRIPTURE: John 5:1-9

SERMON TITLE: "What Do You Want?"

\*CLOSING HYMN: "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" UMH 371

\*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."

- 03/18 Please continue to keep Tomie O'Sullivan in your prayers as the medical team navigates through some of her breathing and heart issues. May she find strength, healing, and comfort in God's care and the support of the church family.
- 03/16 Please keep Kym' Nguyen's dad, Wade Lewis, in your prayers as he continues his recovery in the hospital with hopes of moving to rehab soon after suffering a fractured vertebra. Also, please pray for both Wade and Nancy as they prepare for their transition to Assisted Living at Berkeley on Thursday. May they find strength, comfort, and healing during this time of change.
- 03/16 Please keep the Becker family's brother-in-law and his family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their beloved mother to brain cancer. May they find comfort in God's love and strength in the support of their church family during this difficult time.
- 03/16 Pat Coyle's daughter Lori Palmieri.
- 03/16 Kai was in a serious car accident and was air flighted to the hospital. He is improving but please continue to keep in your 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.
- 03/02 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 Susan Bunte's friend, Yun Li, who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.

**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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 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

### **MONDAY, 03/24**

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

### **TUESDAY, 03/25**

- 5:00 pm Lunch Bunch (Taqueria el Comal at Bridgewater Falls)

### **WEDNESDAY, 03/26**

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
- 2:00 pm Bible Study Group
- 4:00 pm Wilson Vow Renewal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, 03/27**

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 03/28**

- 11:00 am Lasagna Love (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)

### **SATURDAY, 03/29**

### **SUNDAY, 03/30**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Twist & Shout—A 60's Birthday Celebration! Join us as we groove back to the '60s to celebrate Pastor Mark & Chris Beiser's birthdays with retro music, games, light bites, and sweet treats! No gifts required. ***If you are bringing food/snacks to share please come by 2:45 to set up in Fellowship Hall. (Dress up '60s style encouraged, not required!)***

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE: (March 23 at 6:00PM)**

Sundays at 9:30am—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.

### **DONATE BOOKS & PUZZLES FOR OUR ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON SALE!**

We are currently collecting gently used & new books and puzzles to sell at our Annual Salad Luncheon, and we welcome your donations! Collections will continue through April, so if you have items to contribute, please reach out to Pam or Cindy for details. Thank you.

### **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. ***To make reservations please contact Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873 by today, March 23.***

### **MARCH 28, FRIDAY, 1:00 - 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**

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!

### **MAY 1, THURSDAY, 11AM—1:30PM, SALAD LUNCHEON, CRAFTS & BOOKS**

### **MAY 10, SATURDAY, 9AM, ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY**

Please note the change in the scheduled church cleanup day. For questions, contact Bill Dichtl or Tonya Leguina.

### **RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MARCH 16, 2025**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 131  
Sunday School Attendance: 11

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$5,320.74</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$5,212.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 499.00
	<b><u>\$5,711.00</u></b>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$ 325.00</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!

**\*\*If you are bringing food/snacks, please arrive by 2:45.**



### **LASAGNA LOVE EVENT on MARCH 28, FRIDAY @ 1PM-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 are studying the New Testament, exploring each chapter to deepen our faith through spiritual growth and meaningful discussions. This women's group is open to all at any time—join us as we learn and grow together! 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 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 and then Chancel Choir at 7:30pm, contact Chris Beiser for more information.

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