

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 30, 2025 - 9:30AM



"A Lot of Fish"

**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 "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" Handbells

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.

Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" UMH 575

***OPENING PRAYER**

God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Handbells

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHOIR ANTHEM: He Became a Lamb

HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

SCRIPTURE: John 6: 1-13

SERMON TITLE: "A Lot of Fish"

*CLOSING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" UMH 545
Vs. 1,2,4, and 5

*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.”

- 03/26 Please keep Ann Brabbs in your prayers as she navigates a medical situation. She underwent a CT scan on Friday, March 28. Pray for clarity, healing, and peace as she awaits further information.
- 03/25 Please lift Ann McWilliam in prayer as she continues to recover from vertigo and other medical issues at Kettering Health in Hamilton. May she find comfort, strength, and healing during this time.
- 03/25 Prayers for a beloved horse and all his staff and owner.
- 03/25 Brooke Becker's aunt who was hospitalized after having multiple seizures. She is undergoing testing to find the cause of the seizures.
- 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 to see if tumor is shrinking.

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
Mary Lou Knau
Wade & Nancy Lewis
Ann McWilliams
Tomie O'Sullivan
Belinda Peters
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, 03/30

- 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, 03/31

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

TUESDAY, 04/01

- 6:30 pm Room at the Table (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, 04/02

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

THURSDAY, 04/03

- 12:00 pm Small Group Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 04/04

SATURDAY, 04/05

SUNDAY, 04/06

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SCHEDULE: (March 30 & April 6 at 9:30AM)

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.

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. 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 ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

All children are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Enjoy a fun-filled Easter event with egg hunting, crafts, balloon twister, snacks, and more—there's something for everyone to enjoy.

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

Join us on Palm Sunday for a meaningful procession as we wave live palm leaves in a procession in the sanctuary, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Immediately following, the Chancel Choir will present the Easter Cantata King of Kings, a powerful musical reflection on Christ's journey from the cross to the crown.

APRIL 17, THURSDAY, 7PM, MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us on Maundy Thursday for a reflective evening service as we remember the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment to love one another. This solemn gathering invites us to prepare our hearts for the journey to the cross.

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!

APRIL 22, TUESDAY, 12:30PM, LUNCHBUNCH

Join us for the St. Mark's Lunch Bunch at **Quaker Steak & Lube** Located at: 3737 Stone Creek Blvd., (Colerain) Cincinnati, OH 45251. *To make reservations please contact Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873 by April 20.*

MAY 1, THURSDAY, 11AM—1:30PM, SALAD LUNCHEON, CRAFTS & BOOK SALE

Join us for a delicious variety of salads at our Annual Salad Luncheon, along with shopping the crafts & book sale. Tickets are \$12.00 per person—come enjoy great food, fellowship, and fun!

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 23, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 103
Sunday School Attendance: 5

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$5,320.74</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$3,073.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,315.94</u>
	<u>\$4,388.94</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$ 855.00</u>
*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs	

April 12th 2:00PM – 4:00



EASTER EGG HUNT

JOIN THE FUN!

CRAFTS. BALLOON TWISTER. TREATS

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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