



**April 20, 2025 - 9:30AM**

**Easter & Confirmation Sunday**



**"This is Important"**

Worship with us In-person

Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at

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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**

On this Easter morning of now done darkness we lift our hearts with praise, we open our lives with joy!

**We thank you for our Saviour, the Light of the world who has brought death to death, and life to life.**

**We come into your presence with singing, our hearts echoing the chorus of the ages, "Hosanna! Alleluia forever and ever!" Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**This is the day that you have made, life-giving God. Joining with angels and archangels and with the chorus that is rising throughout all the earth, we will rejoice and be glad this day. You take our endings and you make your new beginnings. Your surprise and astound us in places where we expected that you were absent. You challenge us to reconsider what is possible. Living Lord, Saviour Christ, we praise you, for you are raised by the power of God and there is a new creation, and, by your grace, we are in it! Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION:

*OWEN MICHAEL BECKER*

*KADEN LEE THEISS*

*LAUREN FAITH LEYRER*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHOIR ANTHEM: The Power of the Cross

HYMN: "He Lives"

UMH 310

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 15:12-28

SERMON TITLE: "This is Important "

Pastor Mark

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Up From the Grave He Arose"

UMH 322

\*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.”

- 04/13 Please keep the family and friends of Myrna Goodman in your prayers. Myrna passed away on April 13. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Devin, Gale, and the entire family during this time of loss.
- 04/13 Prayers for Charlene Miller
- 04/13 Please keep Tom and Della Hemseth in your prayers. They were recently involved in a car accident while participating in the Miata Club. Della required hospital care due to injuries from the airbag deployment. We ask for prayers of comfort, healing, and a swift recovery for them both during this time.
- 04/13 Mark Hensler who has (2) important doctor appointments.
- 04/13 Danny Thomas is recovering from (2) recent surgeries that were on April 9 and 11. Please pray for a smooth and speedy recovery, and continued relief from back and neck pain.
- 04/13 Jeff Gering's brother, Rick's 2-1/2 year old grandson, Wyatt. He is recovering from a large tumor on his brain and had surgery on 4/09.
- 04/13 Elaine Shreve who was hospitalized due to congestive heart failure. She continues to recover She is also experiencing back pain, so continued prayers for healing and comfort are greatly appreciated.
- 04/13 Flo Moore who is recovering from surgery that was on April 8.
- 04/06 Prayers for Ken Weedman
- 04/06 Marlis is doing better each day and continues to make progress in her healing journey—she's regaining strength, eating healthy, and staying hopeful for the best outcome. She wants everyone to know she misses you all and is grateful for your continued prayers and support.
- 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 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 rehab at Berkeley. Also, prayers for both Wade and Nancy as they transition to Assisted Living at Berkeley. May they find strength, comfort, and peace 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.

**Continued Prayers:** Please help us keep this list current by emailing or calling the church office with updates, [L.bucalo@fairfieldstmarks.com](mailto: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  
Elaine Shreve  
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, 04/20 Easter & Confirmation Sunday**

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

### **MONDAY, 04/21 Newsletter (May/June) submission due**

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

### **TUESDAY, 04/22**

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (Quaker Steak & Lube)

### **WEDNESDAY, 04/23**

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, 04/24**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 04/25**

5:00 pm Serve City (Soup & Sundae Theme)

### **SATURDAY, 04/26**

### **SUNDAY, 04/27**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **APRIL 22, TUESDAY, 12:00PM, 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.*

### **APRIL 25, FRIDAY, 5PM, SERVE CITY THEME: SOUPS & ICE CREAM SUNDAE's**

Please have all donation in St. Mark's kitchen by 5PM. We will provide Serve City with comforting Soups & Ice Cream Sundaes theme! We welcome donations of sundae toppings, sprinkles, whipped cream, corn bread, rolls, or side-style appetizers to pair with the soups—thank you for supporting this outreach! Contact: Lyn Bucalo or Jenni Hensler.

### **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.

### **APRIL 28, MONDAY, 10:30AM, SALAD LUNCHEON MEETING**

We will have one more meeting in the Heritage room before our annual Salad Luncheon, Crafts & Book sale. For questions, contact Sue McDaniel.

### **APRIL 30, WEDNESDAY, 3PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for some volunteers to help with stuffing silverware and setting tables after Bible study in preparation for the May 1 Salad Luncheon. Contact Sue McDaniel.

**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! Join us in Fellowship Hall. Contact: Sue McDaniel for information.

**MAY 4, SUNDAY, 10:45AM, ST. MARKS CARES MEETING, HERITAGE ROOM**

**MAY 8, THURSDAY, 11AM, NURTURE & CARE MEETING**

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

Let's Tidy Up Together! We're looking for volunteers to help freshen up our church grounds and building. It's a great way to serve, connect with others, and make a visible difference! If you have any questions and consider lending a helping hand, please contact Bill Dichtl.

**MAY 11, SUNDAY, 9:30AM, MOTHER'S DAY and HAT DAY!**

Ladies, let's celebrate in style! In honor of Mother's Day, we're inviting all women to wear your favorite hat to Sunday worship. Whether it's classy, creative, vintage, or just plain fun—show off your personality and enjoy the spirit of the day! Let's fill the sanctuary with love, laughter, and fabulous hats during this special Sunday that celebrates all mother figures!

**MAY 16, FRIDAY, 1PM, RUTH CIRCLE, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Each month, the women of Ruth's Circle come together for heartfelt devotion, uplifting conversation, and genuine fellowship. It's a welcoming space to deepen your faith, build lasting friendships, and find encouragement for life's journey—there's always a seat for you!

**MAY 16, FRIDAY, 7-9PM, LADIES FELLOWSHIP, FELLOWSHIP HALL, SPEAKER**

Ladies, we have a special guest speaker! Join us for an inspiring evening with Joyce Browning from Heritage Village as she brings to life the story of Mary Draper, a courageous woman of the American Revolution. Enjoy desserts, fellowship, and an unforgettable presentation! Cost: \$5.00 per person. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Bring a friend! Contact: Sue Luken.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**1-Altar Flower:** *Congratulations Kaden on your confirmation from Nana, Dad, Mom, Grammie, Pawpaw, and Kallie.*

**1-Altar Flower:** *In Honor of Owen Becker confirmation from your family.*



## **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 now reading the book of Galatians. 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.

## **St. Mark's United Methodist Church**

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