



April 27, 2025 - 9:30AM



"Faith is Hard"

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**

Give thanks to the LORD!

Praise His name! Tell the whole world what He has done—His mighty acts on our behalf.

Sing to the LORD,

for He has done wonderful things for us!

Raise your hearts and voices!

Shout and sing your praise! For great is the Holy One who lives among us! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "Sing With All the Saints in Glory" UMH 702**

***OPENING PRAYER**

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. 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

Special Music: Is He Worthy?

Chris Beiser

HYMN: "Thine Be the Glory"

UMH 308

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31

SERMON TITLE: "Faith is Hard..."

Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN: "Because He Lives"

UMH 364

*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."

- 04/23 Bud Aydlett was in hospital to get checked out for medical issues he was having and thankfully he is back home and doing pretty good.
- 04/21 Sue Combs is now healing from a medical procedure that was on Monday .
- 04/20 Shane Becker's grandpa, Huell Easter, is recovering from hospitalization due to heart issues.
- 04/20 Ruth Stanifer's cousin, Matthew's daughter, Ella. Update on the tumor behind optic nerve. Surgery will be scheduled for a biopsy and removal of what they can . Sadly, the chemo is not working.
- 04/20 Belinda Peters thanks everyone for all of the calls, texts, birthday and get well cards, conversations, visits, thoughts, prayers, transportation, and food etc. as I continue to slowly recover from my February 3 ankle & toe surgeries.
- 04/20 Jeff Gering's brother's, 2-1/2 yr old grandchild, is recovering from tumor removal that was on April 10.
- 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 Brooke Becker's aunt who was hospitalized after having multiple seizures. She is undergoing testing to find the cause of the seizures.

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
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

TODAY, 04/27

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

MONDAY, 04/28

- 10:00 am Ladies Craft Group
- 10:30 am Salad Luncheon Meeting (Heritage Room)
- 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 04/29

WEDNESDAY, 04/30

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
- 2:00 pm Bible Study Group
- 3:00 pm Volunteers to help stuff silverware and setup table decorations
- 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 05/01

- 11:00 am Salad Luncheon, Crafts & Book Sale Event
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 05/02

- 7:00 pm New Covenant Homecoming Celebration

SATURDAY, 05/03

- 3:00 pm New Covenant Homecoming Celebration

SUNDAY, 05/04

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:45 am St. Mark's Cares meeting (Heritage Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, HERITAGE ROOM

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

Help with stuffing silverware & setting up chairs & tables. 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 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, 12PM, RUTH CIRCLE LUNCHEON, FELLOWSHIP HALL

The women of Ruth’s Circle come together for devotion, uplifting conversation, and genuine fellowship—and this month, we’re sharing a luncheon together! Please bring a dish to share. It’s a welcoming space to deepen your faith, build lasting friendships, and find inspiration for life’s journey—there’s always a seat for you at the table!

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.

MAY 31, SATDAY, 9AM, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

If you are interesting in volunteering please contact Lynne Schumacker.

2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY IS HERE!

We’re excited to announce that the 2025 Church Directory is complete! Get your copy at the Welcome counter or the church office.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—APRIL 13, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 159
Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,466.62</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$3,703.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,202.66</u>
	<u>\$4,905.66</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$ 285.00</u>
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—APRIL 20, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 148
Sunday School Attendance: 3

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,466.62</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$5,149.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,587.32</u>
	<u>\$6,736.32</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$ 155.00</u>
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	



Save the Date: June 16-19, 6:30-8:00pm
Registration begins May 1



Sign up children for VBS at www.fairfieldstmarks.com

Get ready for an unforgettable Egyptian adventure at St. Mark's VBS!

We're expecting a BIG turnout this year,
so don't wait—spots are first come, first served!

Register now at: www.fairfieldstmarks.com

Have questions? Contact Peggy Smith for more info.

Let the countdown to fun, faith, and fantastic memories begin!

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.

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