



**May 11, 2025 - 9:30AM**

**Celebrating all Women—Happy Mother's Day**



**"Affirmation..."**

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 <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: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Handbells

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.

**Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life! Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Life-giving God, we gather in Your presence to offer You thanksgiving and praise for all that You have done for us. Through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we have been set free—free from the power of sin that leads to death, free to follow the leading of Your Holy Spirit, free to love You with all our heart and soul and strength, free to worship!**

**May Your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers. Open our hearts and minds to Your presence among us and within us, and to the Word You have for us today. To You alone, life-giving God, belongs all praise and honor and glory and blessing, now and to the end of time. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Handbells

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Choir Anthem: "Come Let Us Return to the Lord"

HYMN: "Take My Life and Let it Be"

UMH 399

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:36-43

SERMON TITLE: "Affirmation..."

Pastor Mark

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384

\*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.”

- 05/06 Don Kemen’s mother, Billie Engel who is 103 yrs old, was taken to the hospital having seizures and as of 5/06/25 she is back home.
- 05/04 Ken Weedman (Pastor Mark’s step-father)
- 04/30 It is with great sorrow that we share the devastating news: Kym Nguyen’s friends, husband, Glenn Wintrich, passed away on 4/30 from an unexpected accident last weekend. Glenn, beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 49. He leaves behind his loving wife and children, and his loss is deeply felt by all who knew and loved him. Even in this time of great grief, Glenn’s legacy of generosity continues—he is part of the “Honor Walk,” having chosen to donate his organs to bless the lives of those in need. Please keep his family and loved ones in your prayers as they mourn this tremendous loss.
- 04/27 With heavy hearts, we share the news of Pastor Jim Cattran’s passing on April 26. Pastor Jim served faithfully at St. Mark’s for five years, blessing our church family with his leadership, compassion, and unwavering faith. We give thanks for his life and ministry among us and lift his family and loved ones in prayer, asking God to surround them with comfort, peace, and strength during this time of sorrow.
- 04/27 Lord, we lift up Judy Klinge to You, asking for Your healing, peace, and loving presence to surround and strengthen her each day.
- 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, Wyatt, is recovering from large tumor removal that was on April 9.
- 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

**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, 05/11 Mother's Day/Hat Day Celebration**

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

### **MONDAY, 05/12**

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

### **TUESDAY, 05/13**

7:00 pm Lead Team meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, 05/14**

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

### **THURSDAY, 05/15**

10:00 am Small Group Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 05/16**

12:00 pm Ruth's Circle Luncheon  
7:00 pm Ladies Fellowship Night w/speaker (Fellowship Hall)

### **SATURDAY, 05/17**

### **SUNDAY, 05/18**

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming  
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3  
10:30 am CYF meeting

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MAY 16, FRIDAY, 12PM, RUTH CIRCLE LUNCHEON, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Reminder: to please bring a dish to share for the luncheon. The main dish will be provided. We will take a summer break and resume in September. Contact: Pam Guyners for info.

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

Ladies, we have a special guest speaker 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 20, TUESDAY, 6:30-8:00PM, VBS TRAINING SESSION**

VBS volunteers & helpers are needed and donations are accepted as we prepare for our (*VBS 2025: "Egypt – Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace," June 16–19*), and we'd love your help! We are looking for help with activities, snacks, decorations, and more. Whether you can help for one evening or the whole week, there's a role for everyone. Donations of supplies or financial gifts are also greatly appreciated. **Volunteer Training Sessions: • May 20 from 6:30–8:00 PM and • June 8 following worship at 10:30 AM**

To sign up or learn more, please contact Peggy Smith

### **MAY 25, Sunday, During worship, LET'S CELEBRATE OUR 2025 GRADUATES!**

We can't wait to cheer on our amazing graduates! Whether it's high school, college, or another special achievement, let's recognize their hard work and success. If you or a family member is graduating this year, please contact the church office. Don't miss this joyful opportunity to celebrate with your church family! Please include photos of graduates.

### **MAY 27, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCHBUNCH**

Join us for the St. Mark's Lunch Bunch at **Barnesburg Tavern** Located at: 5761 Springdale Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45247. To make reservations please contact Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873 by Sunday, May 25.

### **MAY 31, SATURDAY, 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.

### **FAMILY RESTROOM INSTALLED AND OPEN TO ALL**

In April the men's restroom off the sanctuary was converted to a family restroom. The dividers have been removed for easy access for those using walkers or wheelchairs. A baby changing station has been added. Men can still use this restroom or walk down the hall and turn the corner for the men's restroom. There is a lock on the door that indicates that the restroom is vacant or occupied. Please make sure you lock the door. These types of restrooms are seen in many public buildings including museums, sporting facilities, and restaurants.

### **VBS, JUNE 16-19, 6:30-8:15PM, REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN**

Get ready for an unforgettable Egyptian adventure at St. Mark's VBS 2025! We're expecting a BIG turnout this year, so don't wait! Register now at: [www.fairfieldstmarks.com](http://www.fairfieldstmarks.com) OR go to the direct link at [https://vbspro.events/p\\_early/f00d1d](https://vbspro.events/p_early/f00d1d) Contact Peggy Smith for more info. Let the countdown to fun, faith, and fantastic memories begin!

### **NOTE: CHANGES WITH ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to order altar flowers, please contact Lyn at least one week before your requested date in order to arrange for ordering and delivery. With recent price increases, we've made some changes with our florist. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Lyn Bucalo. We appreciate your understanding during the transition.

### **DONATION: MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS FOR VBS 2025:**

We are looking for Men's dress shirt donations in sizes (S, M, and L). Preferred colors: White, Cream, Tan, or Light colors. We will use these during VBS 2025 for children to dress up. Please drop off your donation to Lyn at the office between now and no later than June 1 deadline.

### **RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MAY 04, 2025**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 101

Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,296.62</u>
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Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,925.10
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Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,492.47</u>
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Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$2,862.00</u>
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*\*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

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



Register for VBS at [https://vbspro.events/p\\_early/f00d1d](https://vbspro.events/p_early/f00d1d)  
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Scan the QR code to the left for details.

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### **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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