

The logo features a stylized red flame or leaf shape to the left of a black cross.

ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 18, 2025 - 9:30AM



"The Problem With New Things..."

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**

The Holy One is here in this community of faith:

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

Let us meditate on God's wondrous works

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever

Great is our God and greatly to be praised! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" UMH 154**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, you have promised to be with us, and long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us and guide us to a future of goodness and hope. We come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness. O God, you are with us this morning. Let us feel your presence and welcome you into our lives. Come and fill these desires of our hearts. 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: "To Honor Christ"

HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

SCRIPTURE: Acts 11:1-18

SERMON TITLE: "The problem with new things..." Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord"

UMH 593

*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."

- 05/11 Thank you to all of the people who came to the SMUMC Helping Hands—All Church Clean up the grounds look very nice.
- 05/11 Welcome back Marlis Hatton. Lord give her the strength she needs to be strong.
- 05/11 Terrill Broshear's mother Viola.
- 05/11 Wyatt is coming home today.
- 05/11 Lois Hill's neighbor, Dale Hanson needs more radiation treatments.
- 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 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, 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

MONDAY, 05/19

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

TUESDAY, 05/20

- 6:30 pm VBS Training Session

WEDNESDAY, 05/21

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

THURSDAY, 05/22

- 6:00 pm RATT Coffee Hour (Hamilton Lane Library)
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 05/23

SATURDAY, 05/24

SUNDAY, 05/25 GRADUATE SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 by Sunday, May 25, please contact Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873.

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.

SMUMC MISSION: FOOD COLLECTION FOR OUR LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting non-perishable food items for **St. Mark's Food Pantry from May 18—June 8**. Please drop off your donations on the new shelves in the Narthex, located by the entry door. A list of suggested items is available at the Welcome Counter. Your generosity helps feed local families in need—thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community!

SMUMC MISSION: BIRTHDAY KITS for KIDS—DONATION DRIVE

Help us bring joy to local children by donating items for Birthday Kits benefiting the Fairfield Food Pantry! **We are collecting the birthday kit donations from June 15–29 to help make a child's birthday extra special.** Please place your items on the new shelves in the Narthex, located by the entry door. A list of suggested items will be available at the Welcome Counter—your thoughtful gift can help create a moment of celebration and happiness for a child in need. Let's come together and share the joy—every child deserves to feel celebrated!

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 OR go to the direct link at 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.**

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



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Scan the QR code to the left for details.

Have questions? Contact Peggy Smith for more info.

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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 (LAST MEETING: MAY 21 before break)

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. We will take a summer break and resume in September. 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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