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ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 25, 2025 - 9:30AM



"Detours..."

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**

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

We remember fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence; for a moment is the least we can do for those that gave their eternity.

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "Rejoice the Lord is King"**

UMH 715

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory.

We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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.”

- 05/22 We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Jones, who passed away on May 21. His daughter, Sandra, shared the news with us. At this time, no service arrangements have been made, but we will keep the congregation updated as we receive more information. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers during this time of loss.
- 05/18 Terrill Broshear’s mother-in-law Viola Pater as she is struggling.
- 05/18 Roger & Betty Roark’s daughter, Missy Roark-Paul, who will have open heart surgery in June.
- 05/18 Lynne Schumacker’s good friend, Carolyn Moore, who passed away on May 15 (Thursday) from pancreatic cancer. We lift up all who are grieving the passing of Carolyn Moore, who went home to be with the Lord. We pray for peace and comfort to surround Carolyn’s family and friends during this time of sorrow. May God’s presence bring strength, healing, and hope to all who mourn.
- 05/18 The Marshall’s family friend, Mike Capeheart was hospitalized with extreme high blood pressure.
- 05/18 Ruth Stanifer’s cousin Matthew’s daughter, Ella who had surgery on May 21, to biopsy the tumor and remove as much as they can.
- 05/18 Please keep the communities of Laurel, Pulaski, and Russell Counties in Kentucky; St. Louis and Scott County in Missouri; and parts of Virginia in your prayers following the deadly tornado outbreak on 5/16. These storms claimed at least 27 lives and left widespread devastation. May God bring comfort, healing, and restoration to all those affected.
- 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 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 Lord, we lift up Judy Klinge to You, asking for Your healing, peace, and loving presence to surround and strengthen her each day.

04/27 We share with sadness the passing of Pastor Jim Cattran on April 26. He faithfully served St. Mark's for five years, blessing us with his leadership and faith. We give thanks for his ministry and pray for peace and comfort for his family and loved ones.

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, 05/25 GRADUATE SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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

MONDAY, 05/26 Memorial Day

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 05/27

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (Barnesburg)

WEDNESDAY, 05/28

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

THURSDAY, 05/29

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 05/30

SATURDAY, 05/31

9:00 am Matthew 25 Ministries

SUNDAY, 06/01 HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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!

JUNE 8, SUNDAY, 10:30AM, 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. To sign up or learn more, please contact Peggy Smith.

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**.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MAY 18, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 101
Sunday School Attendance: 5

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,296.62</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$2,992.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,038.70</u>
	<u>\$4,030.70</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$225.00</u>
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	

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Registration begins May 1



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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 (WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER)

Contact Sue McDaniel for more information.

WEDNESDAY's, MUSIC REHEARSALS: (WILL BE ON SUMMER BREAK)

Handbell Choir at 6:30pm, contact Sue Combs and then Chancel Choir at 7:30pm, contact Chris Beiser for more information. Rehearsals will resume in late August or early September.

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