



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 1, 2025 - 9:30AM

Communion Sunday



"The Detour: Losing Heart"

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

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

For God is our Maker and our Redeemer. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

UMH 396

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of the past,

accept the people we have been and the baggage we drag behind us.

God of the present,

accept the people we are now and the potential that lies within us.

God of the future,

accept the people we could be and by your Spirit transform us. 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: "Who You Say I Am"

HYMN: "Near to The Heart of God"

UMH 472

SCRIPTURE: I Kings 19:1-18

SERMON TITLE: "The Detours: Losing Heart"

Pastor Mark

COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

UMH 664

*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.”

- 05/25 JOY! Jeff & Carol Gering is celebrating their 4th grandchild, Ethan Jeffrey Paige was born on May 23 weighing in at 10lbs, 20.5 inches long. Stephanie & Mike are doing great too.
- 05/25 Please keep Pam Brockfield’s nephew, Curt, and his wife Claire Morress in your prayers following the passing of Claire’s sister, Louise. We lift up all family and friends who are grieving during this time.
- 05/25 Bill Dichtl’s sister, Cindy, who was just diagnosed with lung cancer and will soon begin treatments.
- 05/25 Tari Crosby thanks everyone for all of the prayers during her surgery and recovery.
- 05/25 Please lift up little Wyatt, a 2½-year-old boy, who is beginning radiation treatment for brain cancer. Pray for healing, strength, and comfort for him and his family during this difficult journey.
- 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 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 that were hit by the tornadoes in Kentucky, Missouri; and parts of Virginia in your prayers following the deadly tornado outbreak on 5/16 claiming 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 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)

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, 06/01 HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, 06/02

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (In Person— Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, 06/03

Fellowship Hall Reserved

WEDNESDAY, 06/04

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
Fellowship Hall RESERVED (All day/night)

THURSDAY, 06/05

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 06/06

SATURDAY, 06/07

9:00 am Broken Bus (Meals Only)

SUNDAY, 06/08 Pentecost Sunday

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

JUNE 15, SUNDAY, FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION HAT, TEE, OR TIE

Join us as we celebrate all the incredible father figures in our lives! On Sunday, June 15, we invite everyone to participate in a fun and heartfelt tribute by wearing a Tee, Tie, or Hat to worship. Whether it's bold, classic, funny, or sentimental—wear something that honors the men who have guided, supported, and shaped us. Let's fill the sanctuary with smiles, stories, and style as we celebrate fathers, grandfathers, uncles, mentors, and all the men who've made a difference.

VBS, JUNE 16-19, 6:30-8:15PM, (REGISTER NOW)

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!

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.**

SNACK DONATIONS FOR VBS

Help us bless our kids during VBS week by signing up to donate snacks. *Visit the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Counter in the Narthex. Please bring all donations to church by June 8, except for fresh fruit.* Please label all donations: **VBS SNACKS**. Contact Peggy Smith.

Food List: 1–14.4oz. box of Honey Grahams, 4–8oz. bags of Swedish fish, 11 oz box of mini vanilla wafers, 3–6oz. goldfish crackers, 4–10 oz. bags gummy worms, 1–12oz box of Rice or Corn chez, 1–15 oz. Honey Cheerios, 1–10 oz. bag of mini marshmallows, 3–10 oz of Teddy Grahams, 1–7.5 oz. of Bugles, 2–14.4oz. bags of Hershey Kisses, 2–9.4oz. bags of M&Ms, 3–20 oz cans of pineapple tidbits, 2–pints of fresh blueberries, 5–15oz. cans of mandarin oranges, 2–3lb containers of grapes, and 1 bag of apples.

SMUMC MISSION: FOOD COLLECTION FOR OUR LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting non-perishable food items for **SMUMC Food Pantry currently through June 8.** Please Label and 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 OF FAIRFIELD FOOD PANTRY

Help us bring joy to a child in need by donating items for Birthday Kits benefiting the Fairfield Food Pantry. **From June 15–29**, we are collecting donations 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. *Please consider donating one or all: Aluminum cake pans, Cake mix, Jar of Cake-icing, a can of Sprite, Birthday Candles, and Balloons.* These items will help create a moment of celebration and happiness for a child who might not otherwise have the opportunity. Please be sure to label all donations "Birthday Kits"—every child deserves to feel celebrated! Contact Kym/Tari/Jenni.

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. A Sign-up sheet is coming soon to the Narthex bulletin board in hallway. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Lyn Bucalo. We appreciate your understanding during the transition.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—MAY 25, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 101
Sunday School Attendance: 3

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,296.62</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$2,595.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,132.62</u>
	<u>\$3,727.62</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$60.00</u>
*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs	

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Register at the link or call the church office



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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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