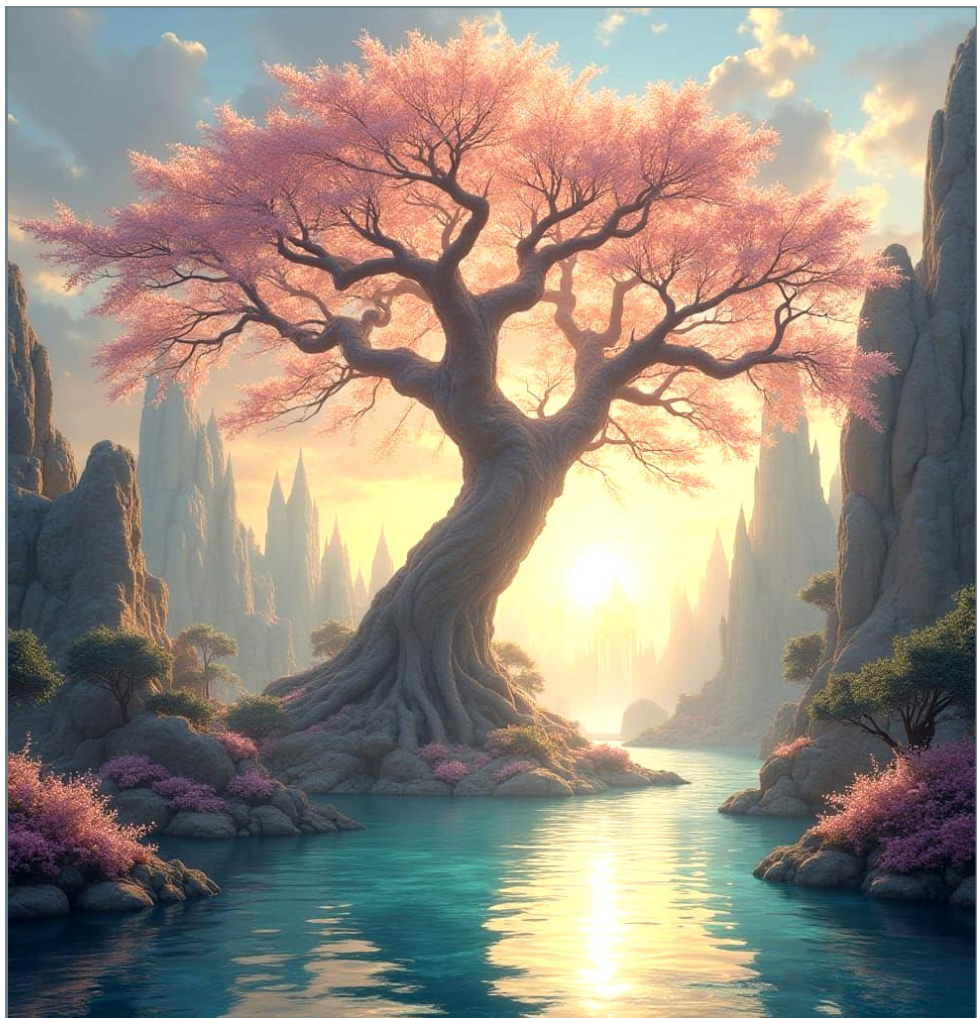


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# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**June 8, 2025 - 9:30AM**



## **"Heavenly Sunlight"**

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:

Sue Combs

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Day of Pentecost is here! God's children have gathered in this place:

**We are transformed into God's family by God's Spirit joining with ours.**

Come, Spirit of adoption and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Come, Spirit of peace and calm our trembling hearts:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Come, Breath of God and overturn our conventional lives:

**Come, Holy Spirit! Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "There's Within My Heart a Melody" UMH 380**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Come Spirit like rain, refresh, renew, revitalize.**

**Come Spirit like fire, embolden, enlighten, enable.**

**Come Spirit like a mighty wind, move, challenge, enkindle.**

**Come Spirit like wave, move, tear down, lift up.**

**Come Spirit, come Breath, draw us close, make song, bring intimacy.**

**Come Spirit, come Love, make one, make justice, make peace.**

**Come Spirit, come Kingdom, come Love.**

**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 SUNDAY:**

    Heavenly Sunlight  
    He Never Failed Me Yet  
    Someday We'll Know  
    Child of the King  
Gonna Put On A Crown and Walk Around

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Spirit Song" UMH 347

\*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."

- 06/04 We share with sadness the passing of Joyce Eichar, beloved wife of Pastor Paul Eichar, who served faithfully here at St. Mark's. Joyce passed away peacefully on June 3. Visitation will be held on June 11, from 4-7 PM at Smith-Crates Funeral Home, 515 N. Main Street, North Baltimore, OH 45872. A second visitation will take place on June 12, from 10-11 AM, with the funeral service immediately following. Please keep Pastor Paul and their family in your prayers, asking God to surround them with peace, strength, and comfort during this time of loss.
- 06/01 Sue Luken's sister-in-law, Beth who was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- 06/01 Deb White's neighbor, Robin for broken arm and doesn't need to have surgery on it.
- 06/01 Sue Combs recovering from medical procedure this past week and for continued healing.
- 06/01 JOY! Danny Thomas who had shoulder & back surgery is doing very well. Thank you for the prayers.
- 06/01 Jeff Gering will have knee replacement on July 11.
- 06/01 Lifting up Ann McWilliams in prayer as she had for surgery on Thursday, June 5 and that she have strength, peace, and a speedy healing in the days that follow.
- 06/01 Roger & Betty Roark's daughter, Missy Roark-Paul, who will have 2nd open heart surgery in June.
- 06/01 Bill Dichtl's sister, Cindy, who is having a biopsy on her mass and will begin treatments soon.
- 05/25 JOY! Jeff & Carol Gering is celebrating their 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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.

**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 Aydtlett  
Kathy Bradley  
Patty Coyle  
Sharon Hamp  
Marlis Hatton  
Iris Jones Family

Judy & Bob Klingel  
Cliff Klug  
Mary Lou Knau  
Wade & Nancy Lewis  
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  
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, 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

### **MONDAY, 06/09**

- 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, 06/10**

- 7:00 pm Lead Team meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, 06/11**

### **THURSDAY, 06/12**

- 10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 06/13**

### **SATURDAY, 06/14**

### **SUNDAY, 06/15 Father's Day—Tie/Tee/Hat Day**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **JUNE 15, SUNDAY, FATHER'S DAY—TIE/TEE/HAT DAY CELEBRATION**

Join us as we celebrate all the incredible father figures in our lives! On Sunday, **we invite everyone to participate in a fun and heartfelt tribute by wearing a Tie, Tee, 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. There will be a small gift for the men of the church at the welcome counter.

### **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](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!

### **JUNE 24, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH**

We are continuing the Lunch Bunch this month and heading over to the Dingle House Irish Pub & Grub located at 9102 W Chester Towne Centre Rd, West Chester Township, OH 45069. Please make reservations by Sunday, June 22, contact Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873.

### **SNACK DONATIONS FOR VBS**

We're collecting snack donations to support our VBS. Please visit the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Counter in the Narthex to see what's needed. Be sure to label all donations "VBS SNACKS" and bring them to church by June 8—except for fresh fruit, which should be brought closer to the event. **We're almost there—only a few items remain!** Signing up helps us avoid duplicates and ensures every need is met. Thank you for your generosity! Contact Peggy Smith.

### **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.

### **PICKLEBALL WITH PASTOR BEGINNING JUNE 18 , WEDNESDAY AT 9:30AM**

"Let's Get Our Dinks in a Row!" Join Pastor Mark at the Harbin Park Pickleball Courts for some friendly fun, light exercise, and holy laughter. Whether you're a pickleball Pro or have no idea what a "kitchen violation" is, come out and give it a shot—no judgment, just joy! Bring your paddle (if you own one), your sneakers, and your sense of humor. Divine serves and heavenly volleys await! Contact Pastor Mark for more details.

### **JULY 22, TUESDAY, 12PM, SUMMERTIME CHAT-N-CHEW LUNCHEON**

You're invited to a fun and friendly afternoon of conversation and connection at our Summertime Chat-n-Chew Luncheon! Join us for lunch and a lighthearted, guided conversation activity designed to help us get to know each other better. Space is limited to 35 guests. RSVP details coming soon! Contact Lyn Bucalo.

Save the Date: June 16–19, 6:30–8:00pm  
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 (WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER)**

This group is more than just a time of prayer—it's also a space for encouragement, support, and fellowship. Contact Jeff Gering for more information.

#### **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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