



ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 22, 2025 - 9:30AM



"Detours: Right Place, Right Time"

Worship with us In-person

Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at

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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**

Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we gather in Your presence with thanksgiving and praise for the way in which You have revealed Yourself to us.

Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we have come to know and love You; we have seen Your love and mercy in action; we have caught a glimpse of Your heart, and we have heard the call to follow.

Continue to reveal Yourself to us as we worship. May Your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to Your presence here, and to the word that You have for us this morning. We long to meet You here, and to know You better.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Saviour.
Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN: "This is My Father's World "**

UMH 144

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, we are yours.

We come as we are, with our cares and concerns.

We long to touch you and find healing in your embrace.

Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness, that we may worship you with joy. 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: Vacation Bible School Songs

HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 45:8-11

SERMON TITLE: "Detours: Right Place Right time" Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

*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.”

- 06/22 Ann Brabbs has been admitted to the hospital due to ongoing pain, and the medical team is actively working to provide relief and determine the best course of care.
- 06/22 Visitation and funeral services for Doris Cavender, beloved mother of Kraig Cavender, will be held on Tuesday, June 24, from 12-1:00pm at Brown, Dawson, Flick Funeral Home at 330 Pershing Ave, Hamilton, OH 45011, with the funeral service immediately following. We continue to lift the Cavender family and friends in our prayers. May God’s peace surround them, His strength sustain them, and may calm find them in the midst of sorrow. Together in love, we trust that comfort will come through faith and the support of our church family.
- 06/22 Lyn Bucalo’s brother, Mark Fischer as he has major surgery (Cardiac to redo head vessel and extranatomic central debranching blood vessels that come off the aortic arch) on Friday June 27.
- 06/17 Terrill Broshear’s son is having medical test and pray for good outcome.
- 06/16 Tomie O’Sullivan is in the hospital for breathing & heart issues and undergoing tests.
- 06/16 Viola’s family extends their sincere gratitude for the many prayers, kind words, phone calls, cards, and gestures of care shared during this time. A special thank you to Pastor Mark for your continued support, comfort, and presence—it has meant so much to the family.
- 06/15 Deb White had tests done on Monday for possible blood clots in her arm, pray for good results.
- 06/15 Prayers for God’s people, our world, our country and global peace.
- 06/12 Zedith Pottenger had a fall a few weeks ago and went to hospital and then to Sanctuary Point for a few weeks rehab. We are happy to announce that she has returned home and everything is going well.
- 06/08 JOY! Congratulations to Coach Steve Nyugen and the Lakota West Baseball team for making the State Finals. Good Luck next weekend.
- 06/08 We extend our loving sympathy to Terrill Broshear, daughter-in-law of Viola Pater, as well as to Viola’s family members and dear friends. Viola passed away on June 5. Please keep all who loved her in your prayers as they remember her life and grieve her loss.
- 06/08 Norma Cox passed away on June 3. She had no known surviving family and few close connections, but we remember her as one of God’s own. While there will be no services, we take a moment to honor her life and entrust her to God’s eternal care.
- 06/08 Diana Gregory thanks everyone for all of the prayers during her illness. And now she feels great!
- 06/08 Paul Schutte is in Good Sam hospital for health concerns.
- 06/08 Bill Dichtl’s sister, Cindy begins radiation therapy for lung cancer.
- 06/04 Jeff Gering will have knee replacement on July 11.
- 06/04 Special prayers for those dealing with long Covid.
- 06/04 Roger & Betty Roark’s daughter, Missy Roark-Paul, who will have 2nd open heart surgery in June.

- 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. Please keep the family & friends 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 who broke arm & doesn't need surgery
- 06/01 Sue Combs recovering from medical procedure and continues to heal.
- 06/01 JOY! Danny Thomas who had shoulder & back surgery is doing very well. Thank you for the prayers.

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
 Ann Brabbs
 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
 Zedith Pottenger
 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

TODAY, 06/22

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

MONDAY, 06/23

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 06/24

12:00pm Lunch Bunch at Dingle House Irish pub (W. Chester)

WEDNESDAY, 06/25

9:30 am Pickleball with Pastor (Harbin Park)

THURSDAY, 06/26

July/August Newsletter submission due

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 06/27

5:00 pm Serve City (Tropical Theme meals)

SATURDAY, 06/28

SUNDAY, 06/29

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

JUNE/JULY WEDNESDAY, 9:30AM, PICKLEBALL WITH PASTOR at HARBIN PARK

"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 judgement, 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 at (419) 297-2062 for info and weather updates. Sign up at the Welcome Counter (Narthex).

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.

JULY 2, WEDNESDAY, 12:30-2:30PM, SHARED HARVEST

The sign up sheet is located at the Narthex Bulletin board to volunteer for Shared Harvest. For more details, contact Debbie Bryant.

JULY 6, COLLECTION DRIVE BEGINS FOR FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

More details coming soon.

JULY 12, SATURDAY, 9AM, HELPING HANDS—ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

More details will be coming soon.

JULY 20, SUNDAY, 10:30AM, ST. MARK'S CARES MEETING

We will meet in the Heritage Room after worship.

JULY 22, TUESDAY, 12:00-2:30PM, 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 a *Buffet Lunch* and lighthearted, guided conversation activity designed to help us get to know each other better. Space is limited, the price is \$25 (+ tip per person) which includes these items: Shrimp cocktail, Fresh Fruit, Miller's Salad, Chicken Fettucine, Meatloaf, Classic Turkey Club mini-sandwiches, Mac-n-cheese, Mash potatoes, Desserts, Beverages! RSVP early by July 6 with payment. Contact Lyn Bucalo for details and reservations. See you there! *Sign up at the Narthex Welcome counter beginning June 29*

AUGUST 8, FRIDAY, 7-9PM, LADIES NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

More details coming soon. Contact Sue Luken for information.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

*Happy Birthday Debbie Vitale
with love, from her family (1-Altar flower)*



LUNCH BUNCH JUNE 24, TUESDAY AT 12PM

Come meet us for lunch and fellowship at
Dingle House Irish Pub in West Chester
Be sure to reserve your seat (June 22)
For more information, contact Sue Beckett

SUMMERTIME CHAT-N-CHEW BUFFET LUNCHEON JULY 22, TUESDAY AT 12:00-2:30PM

Enjoy a Lunch Buffet and fellowship at Matt the Millers (West Chester)
Sign up at the Narthex Welcome counter beginning June 29
Contact Lyn Bucalo for details and reservations due by July 6



PICKLEBALL WITH THE PASTOR AT HARBIN PARK WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30AM

Sign up at the Narthex Welcome counter
Contact Pastor Mark for details

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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