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# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**June 29, 2025 - 9:30AM**



## **"Detours: Shipwrecked!!!"**

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

Return to the Lord your God,

**for God is gracious.**

Confess to the Lord your God,

**for God is merciful.**

Repent to the Lord your God,

**for God is slow to anger.**

Praise the Lord your God,

**for God abounds in steadfast love.**

Worship the Lord your God.

***Together, let us worship God! Amen.***

\*OPENING HYMN: "America (My Country Tis of Thee)" UMH 697

\*OPENING PRAYER

**People tremble and a tremor runs through the whole earth when confronted with the great and majestic power of God.**

**We praise God's great and holy name. God's love for the world is revealed in acts of justice and righteousness. We**

**bow down before God's holy presence. God heard and answered the cries of Moses and Aaron and Samuel, who**

**experienced God's righteousness as both judgment and grace. God's word of judgment and grace comes to us**

**still, not in a pillar of cloud, but through the person of Jesus Christ. We praise God for the Word made flesh present**

**among us, full of grace and truth. 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: "The Anchor Holds" Chris Beiser

HYMN: "It is Well with My Soul" UMH 377

SCRIPTURE: Acts 27:27-44

SERMON TITLE: "Detours: Shipwrecked!!!" Pastor Mark

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Take My Life and Let it Be" UMH 399

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING SONG: "God Bless America"**

\*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.”

- 06/23 Helen Brown had a fall and broke her wrist and had surgery.
- 06/22 We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Lora Gugala, a beloved member of our St. Mark's Ruth Circle, who passed away unexpectedly yet peacefully. A service to honor her life was held on Friday, June 27, 2025. Please keep her loved ones in your prayers during this tender time.
- 06/22 Bill Dichtl's sister, Cindy, in our thoughts & prayers as she moves into assisted living and prepares for radiation treatments.
- 06/22 Debbie Vitale's brother, Steve, who is going through a very difficult time.
- 06/22 Charlie Bryant to have good results from procedure.
- 06/22 Linda Prohaska as she recovers from surgery.
- 06/22 Paul Schutte is back home but still has health concerns.
- 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, was held on June 24. 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. Viola passed away on June 5, 2025.
- 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 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 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.

**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 World, Nation, and Communities  
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  
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, 06/29**

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

### **MONDAY, 06/30**

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, 07/01**

### **WEDNESDAY, 07/02**

9:30 am Pickleball with Pastor (Harbin Park)

12:30 pm Shared Harvest

### **THURSDAY, 07/03**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 07/04 Happy Independence Day—Holiday**

*Offices Closed*

### **SATURDAY, 07/05**

### **SUNDAY, 07/06 Holy Communion**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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. Contact Jenni Hensler.

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

We could use your help sprucing up the church grounds! If you're able, please bring hedge clippers, electric or gas trimmers, and any other tools you might need for trimming bushes and general cleanup. Also, if you happen to spot mulch on sale and would like to donate some, feel free to purchase it—we can store the bags in the large garage for future use. Thank you for helping keep our church looking its best!

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

St. Mark's Cares team will meet in the Heritage Room immediately following worship service. We'll be reviewing the monthly missions and discussing upcoming opportunities for church involvement. Contact Kym Nguyen, Tari Randall, or Jenni Hensler.

### **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 7. 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**

Sign-ups are now available at the Welcome Counter for the rescheduled Mary Draper speaker event. The cost is \$5 per person, and desserts will be served. Join us as Joyce Browning from Heritage Village brings to life the inspiring story of Mary Draper, a courageous woman of the American Revolution. For more information, contact Sue Luken.

## **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.

## **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).

### **RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JUNE 15, 2025**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 104

Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs \$5,427.30

Weekly In-Person Giving \$2,225.00

Weekly On-Line Giving \$ 786.56

**\$3,011.56**

Special—Designated Giving\* \$305.00

*\*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

### **RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JUNE 22, 2025**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 101

Sunday School Attendance: 3

Weekly Budget Needs \$5,427.30

Weekly In-Person Giving \$3,187.00

Weekly On-Line Giving \$1,459.80

**\$4,646.80**

Special—Designated Giving\* \$125.00

*\*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*



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

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

## **SHARED HARVEST—JULY 2 (Wednesday) 12:30-2:30PM**



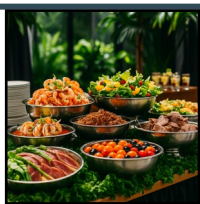
For more information,  
contact Debby Bryant  
Sign up at the Narthex welcome counter

## **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



## **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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