



# The Spirit of St. Mark's

*The Mission of St. Mark's United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world...A world of justice, love and peace filled with people growing in the likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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## Message from the Minister

### "Summer Thought..."

As I write this, we are getting ready to ramp up for summer. The long days, the heat, and all the hustle and bustle that summer brings. I love everything that summer brings, well except the mosquitoes. I am sure you will share my feelings, especially about the mosquitoes.



As we are getting into the summer months I want to share with you our summer preaching series. It is entitled "The After Party..." We will be looking at the afterlife, what happens when we die, what we can expect. As I have said before, most of what we believe on this subject comes from what we call folk theology. It is often spiritual junk food, with little substance. It creates a convoluted mess at times and is not helpful. We all have questions, we all have wondered, and we all want answers.

### The Afterlife Party!

So, join us this June (beginning after Father's Day) to celebrate what the Bible teaches us about the life to come.



Thank you all for the thoughtful birthday celebration. I was truly blessed by your kind words, cards, and gifts and making the day so special. I'm grateful to each of you and so thankful to be part of this loving church family...

**And I would like to remind all of you that I am still older and wiser than Chris...\*\*\***

God Bless,  
Pastor Mark

*2 Corinthians 5:1 – "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands."*

# CHURCH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

## Mark Your Calendars: 'What's Happening'

*As we welcome the warmth of summer, we also step into a Summer of Clarity—a season to explore the deeper truths of our faith and what Scripture really teaches about the life to come. At St. Mark's, clarity grows not only through study, but through worship, meaningful relationships, and serving others with love. Whether through Bible studies, small groups, music ministry, or fellowship events, there are many ways to grow closer to God and to one another.*

*Many of our weekly & monthly groups will be taking a summer break when we will return in September refreshed and ready to continue our journey of faith together. We hope that you will pursue what is lasting and true—living with purpose, walking in God's light, and lifting one another up in faith and love.*

## JUNE

### June 15—Father's Day-Tee/Tie/Hat Celebration at 9:30am

Let's celebrate and give thanks to the fathers and father-figures in our lives. Through worship and a special time of recognition, we'll honor the strength, love, and guidance they provide. All are welcome as we lift up the men who bless our families and faith community.

### June 16-19—VBS Egypt at 6:30-8:15pm

Join us on an epic journey through ancient Egypt! Registration is now open—sign up early! Contact Peggy Smith for details.

### June 18—Pickleball with Pastor Wednesdays at 9:30am

Let's Get Our Dinks in a Row! Starting Wednesday, June 18, 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 have one), your sneakers, and

your sense of humor. *Divine serves and heavenly volleys await!*

### June 24—Lunch Bunch at Dingle House at 12 pm (West Chester)

Lunch Bunch will continue meeting each month through the summer season—so don't miss out. Join us at a local restaurant for good food, friendly conversation, and warm fellowship. Whether you're a regular or a first-timer, there's always a seat for you. This is a popular event, so be sure to save your spot by contacting Sue Beckett, and watch the bulletin for monthly locations and details.

### June 27—Serve City, Friday from 5:00-6:30pm

We will have a Tropical theme for this evening. There will be a food donation sign up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or donate funds to purchase food. Please bring food/drinks by 5:00pm. Contact Lyn Bucalo, Kym Nguyen or Jenni Hensler for details.

## JULY

### July 2—Shared Harvest, Tuesday, from 12:30-2:30pm

Please sign up at the Narthex bulletin board or contact Debbie Bryant.

### July 4—Happy Independence Day

### July 6—Fairfield City School Supplies Collection thru August 3

We begin collecting for Fairfield City School Supplies, contact Jenni Hensler

### July 12—Helping Hands—All Church Work Day, Saturday, 9am

Contact Bill Dichtl or Jeff Gering.

### July 20—St. Mark's Cares at 10:45am Heritage Room

We discussing upcoming missions & outreach opportunities and ways that you can serve both our church family and the wider community. Contact: Tari Randall or Kym Nguyen.

### July 22—Summertime Chat-n-Chew Luncheon at 12:00pm

You're invited to a fun and friendly afternoon of conversation and connection at St. Mark's Summertime Chat-n-Chew Luncheon! Join us on for lunch and a lighthearted, guided conversation activity designed to help us get to know each other better. *Be sure to watch the bulletin for updates.*

Matt the Miller's Tavern (tentative) is where we are planning. Space will be limited to 35 guests. RSVP details coming soon! Contact Lyn Bucalo.

## CHURCH GROUPS:

### June/July/August—Monday Ladies Bible Study at 6:30pm

We continue to investigate and learn the scriptures of the New Testament—come join the journey! We meet in person on the first Monday of each month with dinner and discussion, and continue online via Zoom for the remaining Mondays. Contact Kym Nguyen for details and Zoom access.

**Wednesdays at 7:30am is Men's Prayer Group** (Prayer Room). We will break for the summer and resume in September. Contact: Jeff Gering.

**Wednesdays at 2-3pm is Bible Study Group.** We will resume in September. Contact: Sue McDaniel.

**Wednesdays at 6:30pm is Handbell Practice.** We will resume in September. Watch bulletins for latest news. Contact: Sue Combs.

**Wednesdays at 7:30pm is Choir Rehearsal.** We will resume in September. Watch bulletins for latest news. Contact Chris Beiser.

**Ruth Circle:** We will resume in September. Contact Pam Guynes

## Wishing You a Season of Blessings and Bright Smiles





# ST MARKS MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

## Summer of Clarity: Serving with Purpose and Truth

*As the warmth of summer settles in, we're embracing a Season of Clarity—a time to reflect not only on what we believe, but how we live out our faith. Let's anchor ourselves in the present by serving others with compassion, purpose, and sincerity.*

*From assembling Easter baskets to serving meals and responding to urgent needs in our community, our mission remains clear: to be the hands and feet of Christ. Through every donation, every volunteer hour, and every act of kindness, we are nourishing not just bodies—but spirits as well.*

*If you feel called to feed the hungry, pack items, or bring comfort through baking/cooking, now is a powerful time to step forward. Let's serve together with hearts aligned to God's love—because faith comes alive through action.*

### **Lasagna Love Recap**

In March, the St. Mark's Kitchen was filled with warmth, laughter, and the rich aroma of homemade lasagna as volunteers gathered to serve families. With donated ingredients and flexible kitchen shifts,



our amazing team prepared and delivered 12 hearty meals. Thank you to everyone who donated, cooked, and delivered. Your generosity brought not only nourishment but

also love to the tables of local families. Special thanks to Cindy Miller, St. Mark's Cares, and ALL who made this event a success! Next one is October 10, Friday.

### **Easter Basket Blessing—Fairfield Food Pantry**

In April, a generous member of our church assembled and delivered 50 beautiful Easter baskets to the children of Fairfield Food Pantry.



Representing St. Mark's with love and care, this act of kindness brought joy and Easter cheer to so many young hearts.

### **Serve City Recap**

In April, our team had a wonderful time at Serve City, sharing warm hospitality and homemade comfort! We served a variety of delicious soups and topped it off with build-your-own ice cream sundaes—bringing smiles, full bellies, and a sweet ending to a meaningful evening of service. **The next opportunity to serve and/or donate is June 27.** Please sign up at the Narthex bulletin board or contact Jenni Hensler.



(Volunteers from Serve City)

### **Shared Harvest Recap**

On April 8, we had 12 dedicated volunteers serve by packing an incredible 270 senior food boxes to support families in need.



We're grateful for the generosity and compassion shown by all who participated. Keep an eye on the bulletin and church calendar for the next opportunity to get involved. Sign up at the Narthex bulletin board or contact

Debbie Bryant. **The next one is Wednesday, July 2.**

### **Matthew 25 Ministry Recap: TWO Volunteer Days!**



We were grateful to serve during two Matthew 25 Ministries volunteer days—one in March and one in May. Our teams packed essential items to help those in need, turning a few hours of time into a lasting impact. Thank you to all of the volunteers.

### **Opportunities to Bless Others**

**June 27 (FRI)—Serve City  
BIRTHDAY KIT COLLECTION JUNE 15-29**

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**July 2 (WED)—Shared Harvest  
FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION  
JULY 6-AUGUST 3**

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**August 2 (SAT)—Matthew 25 Ministries**

*At SMUMC, we believe that faith is best expressed through service, compassion, and a commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.*



## Twist & Shout: A 60th Birthday Bash to Remember!

### **FOLLOW UP: 60s Birthday Bash for Pastor Mark and Chris Beiser!**

What a 'groovy' time we had celebrating Pastor Mark and Music Director Chris Beiser's 60th birthdays!



For one afternoon, Fellowship Hall was truly transported back to the 1960s—complete with bell bottoms pants, funky colorful dresses, long bead necklaces with peace sign, and headbands galore. The room came alive with vibrant energy: shiny metallic curtains shimmered along the walls, psychedelic banners swirled with color, and each table was dressed with bright, funky décor that tied the whole theme together. Colorful balloons floated from the ceiling, adding to the festive, throwback atmosphere.



In the weeks leading up to the big day, Pastor Mark and Chris had everyone laughing with their playful bantering—it was the perfect warm-up to the party! Their good-natured teasing and build-up



set the tone for what would be a hysterically fun and joy-filled celebration. The staff gathered together for a fabulous snapshot keepsake.



Partygoers filled the room, bringing with them delicious food and joyful conversation. A life-sized, flower-covered Volkswagen Bug created the perfect photo booth backdrop for guests to strike a pose and



capture the fun. We laughed, played games, and tested how well we knew our birthday honorees with a lively questionnaire. Special thanks go to Kathy Fitzpatrick and Penny Dole for organizing and performing a fun birthday roast—complete with song and dance!



Huge gratitude also goes to Cindy & Dave Booker, Penny Dole, Cindy Miller, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Diana Gregory, and everyone who helped set up, clean up, or support the event in any way. Your efforts made the celebration unforgettable.

To everyone who came to share in the joy: thank you for helping us make this a far-out, love-filled celebration our birthday boys will never forget!





## Annual Salad Luncheon & Crafts: Another Delicious Success!

What a fantastic afternoon we had at this year's Annual Salad Luncheon & Crafts! With more than 155 guests in attendance—plus a cheerful crew of volunteers—the Fellowship Hall was buzzing with energy, laughter, and the irresistible aroma of home-prepared goodness.

Guests were greeted with tables overflowing with every kind of salad you could imagine—pasta salads, fresh greens, fruits, veggie blends, and creative combinations that left everyone going back for seconds (and thirds!). The variety was amazing, the flavors unforgettable, and the fellowship even better. The only thing disappearing faster than the food was the time—because when you're surrounded by such joy and community, it's easy to lose track.



We're confident our numbers would have been even higher, but a strong thunderstorm rolled through right in the middle of the event! Even so, spirits stayed high, and it was clear that not even rain could wash away the joy of gathering together.



Every year this event is graciously sponsored by the Monday Craft Ladies, whose creativity and dedication added an extra layer of joy to the day. Guests enjoyed browsing table after table filled with handmade crafts, jewelry, and gently-used books—a vibrant display of talent and heart that offered something for everyone. Thank you to all of the ladies in helping make this event another successful year.



**A very special thank you to Sue McDaniel, whose heart and hands made this event happen!**

From organizing salad contributors, planning announcements, and coordinating setup and décor, to ensuring we had the perfect balance of flavors—Sue's dedication made all the difference. She helped transform a simple luncheon into a beautiful expression of hospitality and joy.



And of course, huge appreciation goes to every single volunteer who helped bring this event to life. Whether you chopped, stirred, served, smiled, greeted, or cleaned—your contribution was a blessing. It truly takes a village, and this one showed up in full spirit!

If you missed it this year, don't worry—we'll be back and better than ever! **Mark your calendars for the next Salad Luncheon on Thursday, May 7, 2026.** Bring a friend, bring your appetite, and get ready to enjoy a lunchtime tradition that keeps getting tastier each year. You won't want to miss it!





### MELODIES, MILESTONES & MARKED MOMENTS

It's so wonderful that nice weather has started to come back again. I personally am a warm weather person, and I'm thrilled when the cold weather has been put away for a while.

Firstly, I want to once again thank everyone that was involved in this year's 2025 Easter Cantata, **"King of Kings."** The orchestra not only played so beautifully for the cantata, but the special music provided by the brass trio and the string quartet was amazing and added so much to the Palm Sunday service.



I can never say enough about the choir and their wonderful dedication to the music ministry at St. Mark's. They once again presented a moving cantata that I personally believe is one of my favorites. I have received so many compliments from congregational members and for those I am always so appreciative.



### June 8, "Music Sunday"

The choir will be singing for last time during this special service before taking a well-deserved summer break. We'll return again in the fall, refreshed and ready!

Another big thank you to Sue Combs and the handbell choir. Every time they ring for a Sunday service, it is a special morning. I love being a part of this group, we have such a great time on Wednesday evenings during rehearsals.

Finally, I want to thank Lyn Bucalo, Penny Dole, Kathy Fitzpatrick, and everyone else who helped make the 60's Birthday Bash Party such a fun afternoon and a birthday I will certainly remember! I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful family here at St. Mark's. The love and appreciation that you constantly send my way is humbling. My heart is so full, and I cannot thank the terrific people at St. Mark's enough.



**\*\*\*FYI, in response to Pastor Mark about being older and wiser than me...well...yes, he is most definitely older, BUT, I am wiser because it rhymes with my last name...**

***"Beiser is Wiser"***

***And oh, let's not forget the classic 'age before beauty'—pretty sure it was made for moments like this! Ha-ha.***



As always, I am honored to be the music director at St. Mark's. There is nothing better than our time together in fellowship and worship.



# ST. MARK'S CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILY MINISTRY

## TOGETHER WE FLOURISH



### **Busy, Blessed, and Blooming: CYF Ministry in Action**

Our Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Ministry has been in full swing this season—and what a joyful season it's been! From Confirmation classes to graduation plans, the months have been packed with meaningful moments, laughter, and spiritual growth. Our confirmation students have shown incredible dedication as they prepared for Confirmation Sunday on April 20, and we're so proud of their journey.



Spring also brought a vibrant lineup of events. On April 12, our Community Easter Egg Hunt welcomed around 300 people for an afternoon of fun and fellowship—families smiling, children laughing, and more than 1,000 eggs being snatched up in record

time. The next day, our Palm Procession Parade filled the sanctuary with joyful shouts of "Hosanna!" as children led the way. Earlier in March, our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was a sweet success, and on May 25, we celebrated the bright futures of our graduates on Graduation Sunday.



And the fun is far from over! We're now deep in preparation for Vacation Bible School, happening June 16–19, with this year's exciting theme: "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace." We can't wait to welcome children into this adventure through storytelling, music, games, and faith-building fun.



It's been a beautifully busy season, and we are so thankful for every volunteer, family, and helping hand who made these special moments possible.

CYF Ministry continues to be a vibrant part of our church's mission, helping young hearts grow in faith, community, and love. We look forward to what's ahead—and we hope you'll join us for the next chapter!





# MONTHLY LUNCH BUNCH AND LEAD TEAM NOTES

## Lunch Bunch: Sharing meals & memories

There's something special about gathering around a table with friends, and our Lunch Bunch continues to prove just that! Each month's gathering is filled with warm conversation, laughter, and a strong sense of connection as friends—both new and longtime—enjoyed a delicious meal together.

We have patroned a variety of local restaurants ranging from hearty comfort foods to international flavors, each gathering has brought a taste of adventure and a whole lot of joy.



Lunch Bunch has become more than just a monthly outing—it's a cherished tradition that celebrates community, friendship, and the joy of being together. We're excited to share that Lunch Bunch will continue through the summer, with no seasonal break, so the good food and great company will keep going strong.

If you haven't joined us yet, there's always a seat at the table waiting for you. Come for the food, stay for the fellowship—we'd love to have you with us!



## Lead Team Insights: What we're working on

As our Lead Team continues to meet monthly, we remain committed to keeping you informed about our progress and activities. Recent updates have included financial reports as well as summaries of trustee and facility matters that have been addressed over the past few months. These are a few other items the lead team has been working on in the past months.

- **Establishing Guiding Principles**

Finalized and approved guiding principles for the lead team. Copies of the guiding principles are provided to the congregation and available at the Narthex Welcome Counter.

- **Other Annual Reports**

Annual reports for the conference such as parsonage inspection and financial audit.

- **2025 Budget Planning**

Laying the groundwork for next year's financial planning and approved 2025 budget.

- **Annual Pastoral Evaluation**

Annual pastoral evaluation required by conference.

**Book Study: "Winning on Purpose"** – Exploring the principles that guide the Lead Team's structure and mission. It lays out the theory and practice of a lead team.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any Lead Team member or Pastor Mark. We appreciate your prayers and support as we serve the church!



A BIG HUGE "thank you" to Jeff Gering for building the new custom shelves in the Narthex! These shelves provide a central spot for all your donations, helping keep the church tidy, organized, and welcoming.



# LEAD TEAM NOTES (CONTINUED)

## FINANCE MATTERS

Finance Notes for the Newsletter:  
Happy Spring to Everyone!

It is so refreshing that we can be outdoors more, and we are experiencing more sunlight each day.




Financially speaking, St. Mark's is enjoying a most welcomed spring as well. As of the writing of this article, we have \$68,149.55 in the checking account. While in the Savings Account, we have a balance of \$67,776.89. In the spirit of every newsletter article I have written, I want to point out that, only \$28,356.62 of the Savings Account can be used for Operating Expenses for the Church. With \$39,420.27 being held for Improvements to the St Mark's Campus. As you will note, the Savings Account is growing each month. St. Mark's is in a position that we can move the approximate amount of \$800 to the Savings Account each month to help us build a fund for any major projects or maintenance items that the buildings on our campus may need. That amount was settled on because that was the amount of our monthly payment when we had the loan at Park National Bank. We want to point out that ALL our expenses are being paid on a timely basis. Nothing is being paid late or in arrears. St. Mark's has paid \$11,329.68 towards our apportionments. Leaving us a balance of approximately \$22,670.32 left to be paid by year end. These two goals of all expenses being paid and the apportionments being kept current are a reflection on you, the Congregation of St. Mark's, and your faithfulness through giving. Please let us know if you have any questions.

We will be happy to address them.  
Bill Schumacker, Treasurer  
*Finance Representatives to the Lead Team:*  
Gale Goodman and Steve Nguyen

## FACILITY MATTERS

It is Spring/Summer and check out her is what has been completed or will be in the near future:

- **Family Restroom Project** – Transformation was delayed in January but it is now completed and with the addition of diaper trash cans. *Our church bathrooms are smelling fresh.*
- **Facility and Maintenance Team Lead** Established for Church, Grounds, and Parsonage - Jeff Gering has agreed to be the lead on this. A list of team members will be forthcoming. *Our church is well looked after.*
- **Lights above the Choir Chancel** The lights have been replaced and the sanctuary. *Our church is shining brighter.*
- **Shelving Project** Approved and installed is the project for shelving located at the northside front doors where there are currently inset areas in the walls. This will tidy up the Narthex and allow collection boxes, and other items to be stored off the floor. Thank you to Jeff Gering for building and installing the great looking shelves. *Our church is looking tidy.*
- **Fire Extinguishers** were inspected, and one replaced. *Our church is safer.*
- **All Church Helping Hands Workdays 2025** Please mark your calendars and join us on these dates to help keep St. Mark's beautiful and welcoming! For questions, contact Bill Dichtl. Our church grounds are even more beautiful. Dates are scheduled below for Saturday mornings at 9:00AM:

 **July 12**  **September 6**  **November 1**





# ST. MARK'S FAMILY MATTERS—MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## **JEFF GERING**

### A Servant's Heart and a Joyful Spirit

For nearly 35 years, Jeff Gering has been a dedicated and faithful member of St. Mark's—quietly (and not-so-quietly!) serving with heart, humor, and a deep love for both God and this church community.

Jeff's behind-the-scenes work has saved our church countless hours and dollars over the years. From trimming bushes and spreading mulch to cleaning and painting the administrative office, Jeff's hands have touched nearly every corner of our church and parsonage. His willingness to do the "dirty work" with a joyful heart is nothing short of inspiring. The beautiful grounds we enjoy are often a result of his hard work, done humbly and consistently.

But Jeff brings more than just a strong work ethic—he brings life. Whether he's cracking a joke, doing his spot-on Jimmy Stewart or Arnold Schwarzenegger "church bouncer" impersonation, or proudly sharing photos of a recent project, Jeff reminds us that service and joy go hand in hand.

Jeff is also a devoted leader in our spiritual life. He leads the Men's Prayer Group each Wednesday morning and actively participates in Wednesday Bible Study Group, Monthly Lunch Bunch, and other church ministries. And recently, he and his wife Carol celebrated becoming grandparents once again—adding another joy-filled role to Jeff's list of callings. Whether he's helping around the church or lending a hand to his family, Jeff's heart for service never wavers.

We simply cannot thank Jeff enough for his patience, humor, hard work, and unwavering commitment to caring for God's house and God's people. He truly reflects the spirit of St. Mark's—and we are so grateful.

♥ ***Jeff, your faithful service, generous spirit, and joyful presence are a gift to this church family—and we thank God for you.***



***"Well done, good and faithful servant."***

***— Matthew 25:23***

## **GIL DOLE**

### Faithful Service with a Quiet Strength

For nearly 15 years, Gil Dole has quietly and faithfully served St. Mark's, offering his time, skills, and heart to support the life and upkeep of our church. Whether lending a hand on the church grounds or at the parsonage, Gil works diligently behind the scenes—often assisting his cousin Jeff Gering—to help keep things running smoothly.

Gil played an important role in the updates to the administrative office, helping to paint and trim with great attention to detail, and assisting in removing the old carpet—work that has brought new life to the space and saved the church valuable resources.

He's also known for a particular knack for '*getting rid of precious boxes*' and what began as a helpful task has grown into a running joke among Pastor Mark, Jeff, Kathy, and Lyn, who continue to laugh about Gil's uncanny ability to track down and clear out boxes from every corner of the church—*except for the ones stashed in secret places, ha-ha.*

And while many of his efforts might go unseen, Gil's dedication has never gone unnoticed. His commitment to serving God through simple, meaningful acts of care and stewardship is a quiet but powerful example to us all.



♥ ***Gil, thank you for the time, energy, and heart you have poured into this church family. Your faithful presence is a true gift.***



***"Serve one another humbly in love."***

***— Galatians 5:13***



# ST. MARK'S FAMILY MATTERS

## BIRTHDAYS!

### HONORING MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Bradley (05/03); Marla George (05/03); Beth Ewald (05/06); *\*Tomie O'Sullivan (05/11)*; Roger Roark (05/17); John Meyer (05/18); Marta Hollinger (05/23); *\*Zedith Pottenger (05/24)*; Gary Miller (05/25); Shirley Aydtlett (05/26); Lauren Dichtl (05/26); Rich Zugelter (05/28)

*\*means they celebrated over 90 years of life!*

### CELEBRATING JUNE BIRTHDAYS

*\*June Niederman (06/01)*; Kym Nguyen (06/03); Will Nguyen (06/06); Nancy Lewis (06/07); Brian George (06/09); Sue Beckett (06/10); Janice Chaney (06/11); Rich Stracke (06/21); Debbie Vitale (06/26); Kristy Theiss (06/27); Don Stewart (06/28); Sue McDaniel (06/29); Terrill Broshear (06/30); Mike Fitzpatrick (06/30)

*\*means they celebrated over 90 years of life!*

### PREPARE FOR JULY BIRTHDAYS

Owen Becker (07/01); Rick Kiefer (07/01); Judy Klingel (07/01); Merianne Cardas (07/02); Jody Cooper (07/03); Kayla Goodman (07/03); Devin Goodman (07/03); Carson Randall (07/06); *\*Ann McWilliam (07/07)*; Don Kemen (07/08); Debi Brewer (07/09); Vicki Cavender (07/14); Cheryl Kemen (07/14); Becky Mendenhall (07/17); Mary Pierson (07/19); Marilyn Stewart (07/22); Pablo Leguina (07/24); Mark Hensler (07/25); Elizabeth Bunte (07/27); Carol Gering (07/27); Gale Logan (07/27); Brodie Theiss (07/27); Penny Dole (07/29); *\*Iris Jones (07/29)*; Zach Dichtl (07/30);

*\*means they will celebrate more than 90 years of life!*

### GRATITUDE NOTES

#### From: Shirley, Bud, and Aydtlett Family

There aren't enough words to fully express how grateful I am for the love and support shown to me and my family during my recent surgeries and recovery time. Your prayers, cards, meals, flowers, visits, and phone calls meant more than I can say. Each thoughtful gesture reminded me that I wasn't walking this path alone.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### MAY ANNIVERSARY

Pablo & Tonya Leguina	05/05	35 Years
Bill & Julie Dichtl	05/09	38 Years
Hugh & Pam Guynes	05/17	45 Years
Lee & Arvilla Brinkmeyer	05/25	40 Years
Charlie & Debbie Bryant	05/28	37 Years
Bill & Lynn Schumacker	05/30	44 Years

### JUNE ANNIVERSARY

Rick & Janis Kiefer	06/01	40 Years
Rick & Jennie Marshall	06/10	19 Years
Dan & Judy Scofield	06/19	54 Years
Brodie & Kristy Theiss	06/20	16 Years
Bobby & Jennifer Rinker	06/24	30 Years
Bob & Judy Klingel	06/25	65 Years
Cliff & Cheryl Klug	06/25	42 Years
Tim & Maria Mullen	06/25	37 Years
Rich & Suzan Stracke	06/25	48 Years
Eric & Michele Leyrer	06/28	17 Years

### JULY ANNIVERSARY

Shane & Brooke Becker	07/11	17 Years
Wes & Debbie Flannery	07/11	55 Years
Dick Jr. & Terri Roemer	07/12	29 Years
Bob & Carol Pittman	07/15	53 Years
Bob & Sharon Hamp	07/26	28 Years
Ira & Mary Begley	07/30	48 Years

**NOTE: If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect, please contact the church office at 513.844.1818**

### GRATITUDE NOTES

#### From: Belinda Peters

Thank you all for the many texts, calls, birthday wishes, get well cards, conversations, visits, prayers, transportation, meals, and so much more. Every kind gesture has meant the world to me as I continue to slowly recover from my ankle and toe surgeries in February.



Your care and encouragement have truly lifted my spirits.





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## MAY—JUNE NEWSLETTER 2025

# BACK TO THE WORD, NOT THE WORLD

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

— Psalm 119:105

### **St. Mark's Staff :**

Pastor Mark Gregory  
Admin. Assistant, Lyn Bucalo  
Director of Music, Chris Beiser  
Pianist & Bells, Sue Combs  
Director of Children & Family Ministries, Peggy Smith  
Pastor Emeritus, Bob Klingel  
*Access the church calendar on our website at*  
<https://www.fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar/>

### **Church Office Hours :**

9:30am– 3:00pm on Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
Monday - (Office Closed)  
Phone: 513.844.1818  
[www.fairfieldstmarks.com](http://www.fairfieldstmarks.com)

### **Worship Service:**

Sundays 9:30 am  
(In-person & Livestream)