



July 06, 2025 - 9:30AM

Communion Sunday



"The After Party: A Prelude"

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

Holy One of God,

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who ransoms the souls of the faithful, sets the captives free, brings sight to the blind and gives life to those who are perishing: Death has no victory over you or your kingdom. Evil slinks away from your presence.

Rejoice all you nations! Celebrate all you peoples! Christ is Lord forever—His reign is unending! **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: "Trust and Obey"

UMH 467

*OPENING PRAYER

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.

*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

HYMN: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" UMH 172

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 9:27

SERMON TITLE: "The After Party: A Prelude" Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN: "When We All Get to Heaven" UMH 701

*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.”

- 06/29 In Loving Support, we extend our love and support to Bill Dichtl as he mourns the loss of his sister, Cindy. May the peace of Christ surround Bill and the entire family in the days ahead, and may they feel the steady presence of our prayers and care during this difficult time. May they feel surrounded by the peace of God.
- 06/29 Please keep Linda Combs in prayer as she is recovering from a stroke.
- 06/29 Helen Brown for positive outcomes from tests.
- 06/29 Patty Coyle’s friend Claudice, who has lung cancer.
- 06/29 Heather Chambers as she is having some medical issues.
- 06/29 Missy LaMar’s co-worker’s 4-month-old son, Cooper, has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. He will be undergoing 30 weeks of chemotherapy followed by radiation treatment. If you would like to support the family through GoFundMe, please visit Cooper’s Troopers on Facebook.
- 06/29 Ann Brabbs is now home after being admitted to the hospital due to ongoing pain. Continue your prayers please.
- 06/29 Thank you for the ongoing prayers for Lyn Bucalo’s brother, Mark Fischer, had cardiac and circulatory surgery on June 27. He was 14+ hours in surgery and had multiple mini strokes during the procedure then lost his vision the following day. We are so thankful for the prayers, calls, and messages; his vision has returned as of Monday and he is progressing well as can be expected.
- 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 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 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.
- 06/17 Terrill Broshear’s son is having medical test and pray for good outcome.
- 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.

- 06/16 Tomie O'Sullivan is in the hospital for breathing & heart issues and undergoing tests.
- 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.
- 06/12 Jeff Gering will have knee replacement on July 11.

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 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

TODAY, 07/06 Holy Communion

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

MONDAY, 07/07

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

TUESDAY, 07/08

7:00 pm Lead Team meeting

WEDNESDAY, 07/09

9:30 am Pickleball with Pastor (Harbin Park)

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THURSDAY, 07/10

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 07/11

SATURDAY, 07/12

9:00 am Helping Hands—All Church Workday

SUNDAY, 07/13

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming

GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3

10:30 am CYF Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 14. Contact Lyn Bucalo for details and reservations. See you there! Sign up at the Narthex Welcome counter.

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 once we have things resolved. *If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Lyn Bucalo.* We appreciate your understanding during the transition.

JULY WEDNESDAYS, 9:30AM & 6:30PM, PICKLEBALL WITH PASTOR

Join Pastor Mark every Wednesday at the Harbin Park Pickleball Courts for lighthearted fun, gentle exercise, and joyful fellowship whether you rise with the sun or rally at dusk, the games go on—morning and evening sessions available—offered at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM. It's exercise disguised as fun—with just enough strategy to keep you humble. Bring a paddle if you have one, lace up your sneakers, and come ready to laugh, move, and connect. For details, contact Pastor Mark at (419) 297-2062 for info and weather updates. Sign up at Welcome Counter (Narthex). *(Pickleball Location): Go to "Officer Bob Gentry Park" located: Neilan Blvd/River Road.*

JULY, COLLECTION DRIVE BEGINS FOR FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For the month of July we are collecting school supplies for children in the Fairfield City School District. Some of the supplies are listed here and ALL are appreciated! Headphones or earbuds (NOT Wireless), Standard Crayola Crayons (24 count), Scissors (Fiskars recommended), Glue Sticks, #2 Pencils w/erasers, Dry Erase markers (Low or no odor) , 2 pocket folders w/fasteners in (red, blue, green, yellow, orange). For more information contact Jenni Hensler.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—JUNE 29, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 101
Sunday School Attendance:

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$5,427.30</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$3,193.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$ 440.14</u>
	<u>\$3,633.14</u>
Special—Designated Giving*	<u>\$400.00</u>
<i>*Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs</i>	



**PICKLEBALL WITH THE PASTOR AT HARBIN PARK
WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30AM & 6:30PM**

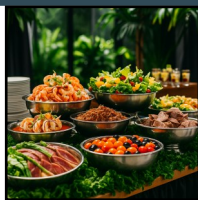
Sign up at the Narthex Welcome counter
Contact Pastor Mark for details

**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

Contact Lyn Bucalo for details and reservations due by July 14



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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