



July 13, 2025 - 9:30AM



"The After Party: The Magic in Mystery"

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**

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: "Open My Eyes"**

UMH 454

***OPENING PRAY**

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***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: Chris Beiser

HYMN: "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 2:9

SERMON TITLE: Pastor Mark
"The After Party: The Magic of Mystery"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Shall we Gather at the River" UMH 723

*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."

- 07/06 Jeff Gering for quick healing from knee replacement on 7/11.
- 07/06 Keep Helen Brown in your prayers after spending a week in the hospital, she is now home healing.
- 07/06 Wyatt, 1-1/2 year old boy who had brain cancer, he has one week of radiation left to do.
- 07/06 Jeff Gering's friend, Tracy, as she recovers from a double mastectomy and continues through the healing process.
- 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 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.
- 06/22 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.

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, 07/13

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:30 am CYF Meeting

MONDAY, 07/14

- 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 07/15

WEDNESDAY, 07/16

- 9:30 am Pickleball with Pastor (Harbin Park)
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THURSDAY, 07/17

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 07/18

SATURDAY, 07/19

SUNDAY, 07/20

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, Preschool—5th grade, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:30 am St. Mark's Cares Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, SUMMERTIME CHAT-N-CHEW LUNCHEON (Postponed)

Postponed, details to come.

AUGUST 2, SATURDAY, 9AM, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

Sign-ups are now available at the Narthex bulletin board to volunteer. Contact Lynne Schumacker for information.

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.

AUGUST 10, SUNDAY, BACKPACK BLESSINGS DURING WORSHIP

All children are invited to bring their backpacks to worship this Sunday for a special time of Backpack Blessings. During the service, we'll lift up prayers for the students, their families, and the school year ahead—asking God to guide, protect, and inspire them as they learn and grow. Whether it's a brand-new backpack or a well-loved one, bring it along as we celebrate this exciting season of learning with love and encouragement! Contact Peggy Smith for details.

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/AUGUST 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 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—JULY 6, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 84

Sunday School Attendance:

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,905.92</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$9,071.10
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$ 894.41</u>
	<u>\$9,965.51</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$910.00

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



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

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— MINISTRIES —

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If you are interesting in volunteering, please
contact Lynne Schumacker or sign up at the
Narthex bulletin board.



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All women are invited to an evening of fellowship and special guest
Mary Draper (Joyce Browning). Contact Sue Luken for more 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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