



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**July 20, 2025 - 9:30AM**



## **"The After Party: One Magic Moment"**

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/CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

There's Something About that Name

UMH 171

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

To the fisherman Jesus said:

**"Follow me and I will make you fish for people.**

To the tax collector Jesus said:

**"Follow me."**

To the rich man Jesus said:

**"Go, sell what you own, give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."**

At the last supper Jesus said:

**"Follow me."**

To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:

**Follow me! Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH 327

\*OPENING PRAY

**Light of Christ, awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and within may be pushed back, such that we might truly see what is really, real. Help us to recognize our sin for what it is. Enable us to behold the world as you created it to be, as you created us to be. Empower us to move from darkness to light, from sin to new life. May your light within us shine through into worship this day, as all days. This we pray in the name of the Word made flesh, the light which is the light of all people, Jesus Christ. 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: Penny Dole

HYMN: "In Christ Alone"

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 13:5-8

SERMON TITLE: Pastor Mark  
"The After Party: One Magic Moment"

\*CLOSING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" UMH 545

\*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."

- 07/14 Patty Coyle, in our prayers following a recent fall that resulted in a broken nose. Pray for a smooth recovery, comfort, and complete healing.
- 07/14 Shirley Aydtlett as she works through medical process.
- 07/14 Iris Jones' family, please continue prayers.
- 07/14 Edith Davis has moved to Story Point, 7129 Gilmore Road, Apt 26, Hamilton, OH 45011. Her phone number is updated in the directory.
- 07/13 Patty Coyle's daughter, Lori Palmieri who is having breathing issues.
- 07/13 Lord, bring healing, comfort, and hope to all who are suffering, and let them feel Your presence and peace in their time of need.
- 07/13 Please keep Debbie Vitale in your prayers as she is not feeling her best today. Pray for strength, comfort, and full healing.
- 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

**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, 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

### **MONDAY, 07/21**

- 6:30 pm      Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, 07/22**

### **WEDNESDAY, 07/23**

- 9:30 am      Pickleball with Pastor (Harbin Park)
- 6:30 pm      Pickleball with Pastor (Harbin Park)

### **THURSDAY, 07/24**

- 7:00 pm      Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 07/25**

### **SATURDAY, 07/26**

### **SUNDAY, 07/27**

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

## **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. Contact Kym Nguyen, Tari Randall, or Jenni Hensler.

### **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. Contact Peggy Smith for details.

### **SEPTEMBER 7, SUNDAY, 10:30AM, BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION POTLUCK**

A special, church-wide celebration honoring **ALL of our 90+ birthday honorees** during the year 2025! **Join us on Sunday, September 7, immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall** as we come together to recognize and celebrate these incredible individuals. We'll enjoy a Potluck Lunch—so please bring a side dish to share. Beverages, Cake, and Ice cream will be provided. Let's make this a joyful time of fellowship and gratitude for the lives and legacies of our honorees!

**SUMMERTIME MINI FOOD PANTRY UPDATED LIST:**

As the summer months move into a warmer time of year we have to be mindful of how foods in our mini food pantry are effected. Even canned foods are not safe for long when the temp is over 85 degrees. Therefore, we have new suggestions for items we will stock:

*Dry pasta or Rice products: Pasta/ Rice a Roni, Ben's Ready Rice, Knorr Pasta sides, bags of dried beans or rice. Cereal, or cereal bars, Granola bars, crackers, individual oatmeal packets, Soaps and personal hygiene products are fine and allow people to save money to buy food that we can't offer during these months. Soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, pads or tampons, shampoo, dish soap, or disposable diapers. Thank you, for loving our neighbors!*

**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 13, 2025**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 104

Sunday School Attendance: 5

Weekly Budget Needs	<u>\$6,905.92</u>
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$4,073.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	<u>\$1,205.72</u>
	<b><u>\$5,278.72</u></b>

Special—Designated Giving\* \$290.00

*\*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

## **AUGUST 2, SATURDAY, 9AM, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES**



**MATTHEW 25:**  
— MINISTRIES —

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



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

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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Smith for more 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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