

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 3, 2025 - 9:30AM

Communion Sunday



"The After Party: Heaven and How to Get There"

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: Bruce Anderson Trio
 "Come Now is the Time to Worship"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Happy are we

when our treasures cannot be quantified.

Happy are we

when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Happy are we

when our pain is held in the balm of love.

Happy are we

when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

***OPENING HYMN:** "To God be the Glory" UMH 98

***OPENING PRAYER**

O Bread of heaven, come down. Come down and fill us with your Spirit— for your Spirit satisfies like no other. We hunger and thirst for you this morning and long to be nurtured in your love and forgiveness. So, we come to this sacred time and place, where our hunger is finally and fully satisfied as only your bread can do. We will wait and listen to your leading in this hour. 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: Bruce Anderson Trio
"Three Wooden Crosses"

Doxology
Prayer of Thanksgiving

SPECIAL MUSIC: Written by Bruce Anderson
"He's Coming Back"

HYMN: "M Built" UMH

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:21-23

SERMON TITLE: Pastor Mark
The After Party: Heaven and How to Get There

COMMUNION

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

*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.”

- 07/29 Ann Brabbs as will be having major back surgery on August 6 and is grateful for the continued prayers, thoughtful messages, and support from the church family.
- 07/29 Bud Aydlett was in the hospital and is working through medical issues
- 07/29 Freida Hawkins is at Doverwood.
- 07/29 Charlene Miller has returned home from the hospital. Please lift her in prayer as she faces ongoing health challenges. She thanks everyone for the prayers and thoughts.
- 07/29 Patty Coyle is still in the hospital and is undergoing tests. She thanks everyone for the prayers and thoughts and she is focusing on getting back home as soon as possible.
- 07/27 Pastor Mark's upcoming tests.
- 07/27 Paul Schutte has been in Bethesda Butler hospital for health concerns. FYI, this is the uncle of Dwight & Karen Clendenin.
- 07/27 Helen Brown as she continues to heal and thanks everyone for the thoughts and prayers.
- 7/20 Please pray for our daughter's job situation to improve.
- 07/20 Praises! Marlis has great test results, the blood clots are gone and the tumor is shrinking.
- 07/20 Ruth Ritenbaugh's daughter-in-law, Barb, is in ICU for brain bleed.
- 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 Aydlett 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 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.

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
Helen Brown
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
Brenda Smoot
Elaine Shreve
Parkside Residents

St. Mark's Homebound:

Janice Chaney
Freida Hawkins (Maple Knoll)
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, 08/03 Communion Sunday

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
 No GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3

MONDAY, 08/04

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (In-person)

TUESDAY, 08/05

7:00 pm Lead Team meeting

WEDNESDAY, 08/06

6:30 pm Pickleball with Pastor

THURSDAY, 08/07

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 08/08

7:00 pm Ladies Fellowship Evening w/guest speaker (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, 08/09

SUNDAY, 08/10 Backpack Blessings

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming

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

10:30 am CYF Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

AUGUST 26, TUESDAY, LUNCHBUNCH

Join us for the St. Mark's Lunch Bunch at **Snow's Lakeside Tavern** Located at: 4344 Dry Ridge Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45252. To make reservations by Sunday, August 24, please contact Sue Beckett at (513) 856-8873.

AUGUST WEDNESDAYS, 6:30PM, PICKLEBALL WITH PASTOR

Join Pastor Mark every Wednesday at the "Officer Bob Gentry Park" located: Neilan Blvd/River Road Pickleball Courts for lighthearted fun and moderate exercise. Bring a paddle if you have one, water, and come ready to laugh, move, and connect. Contact Pastor Mark at (419) 297-2062 for info and weather updates. Sign up at Welcome Counter (Narthex).

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 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!

NEW CHANGES WITH ALTAR FLOWERS—FORMS IN NARTHEX HALLWAY

If you would like to order altar flowers, please contact Lyn in the church office to make arrangements **at least two weeks in advance of your requested date**. Due to recent price increases, we have updated our florist options, two choices are available:

- \$20 handmade bouquet of mixed seasonal flowers, OR
- \$30 professional arrangement featuring carnations, daisies, and greenery, provided by Bryan's Flowers & Gift Shop.

For your convenience, a calendar of available dates is posted on the board. **We are no longer using the sign-up sheets.** Instead, please complete an Altar Flower Order Form, enclose your cash or check in an envelope, and place it in the offering plate. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding during this transition. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Lyn at (513)-844 - 1818.

GRACEFULLY CRAFTED ALTAR FLOWERS – A TOUCH OF BEAUTY YEAR-ROUND

A heartfelt thank you to a generous group of women from our church who have lovingly purchased & prepared seasonal artificial flower arrangements for our altar. These arrangements will be placed in the altar vases whenever Live flowers are not scheduled, ensuring that our worship space remains bright and beautiful throughout the year.

COLLECTION FOR FAIRFIELD CITY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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 27, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 99
Sunday School Attendance: 3

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,905.92
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$5,245.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$1,090.14
	<u>\$6,335.14</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$100.00
**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

ALTAR FLOWERS:

1 - In honor of Lois Hill's 94th birthday from her family
1-In Memory of Norma Jean Cattrill's Birthday, with love, from her family



PICKLEBALL WITH THE PASTOR WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM

Sign up at the Narthex Welcome counter
Contact Pastor Mark for 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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