



# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**August 10, 2025 - 9:30AM**



## A Peek at Paradise!

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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. McIntire

PRELUDE:

Miss Bell

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?*

**Congregation: We anticipate the many rooms prepared for us in heaven.**

*Leader: And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*

**Congregation: We look forward to the new Jerusalem, our eternal home.**

*Leader: He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*

**Congregation: We rejoice in the promise of a world free from suffering in pain.**

*Leader: Let us fix our eyes on what is unseen, for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

**Congregation: We fix our gaze on heaven and the eternal life that awaits us.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "In the Sweet By and By"**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**Dear Lord, we know that our home is not here, but with You. Sometimes it is hard to imagine what heaven will be like, but I know it will be wonderful, because You, my God, made it. I pray that I live with the certainty that my place will be with You. Forgive me of my sins, search my heart to live a just and righteous life in Your eyes, to one day live in that eternal home. It is in Your name that we pray, give thanks, and ask that You hear our prayer. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Peggy Smith

PRAYER REQUESTS  
MORNING PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

Offertory:  
Doxology

Miss Bell

SERMON TITLE: "A Peek at Paradise"      Rev. McIntire & Friends  
(Songs and Stories about Heaven)

\*CLOSING HYMN:              "Victory in Jesus"              UMH 370

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG:      "Take Jesus with You"

\*POSTLUDE

Miss Bell

# 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."

- 08/07 Pat Fassnacht's daughter, Holly Craig will be having surgery on August 14, Thursday.
- 08/07 Ann Brabbs is recovering in the hospital following major back surgery on August 6. She has been able to sit up in a chair, and while she is still experiencing significant pain, it is being managed. Thank you for your continued prayers and kind thoughts during her recovery.
- 08/04 Patty Coyle is now home recovering from her stay in the hospital.
- 08/03 Pam Guynes' friend's 12 yr old grand-daughter, Harper, who is in desperate need of a liver transplant.
- 08/03 Paul Schutte is home from the hospital.
- 08/03 Bud Aydtlett is at Doverwood for rehabilitation and Shirley is at Jewish hospital for an ulcer operation (August 4).
- 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.
- 07/27 Pastor Mark's upcoming tests.
- 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 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](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  
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 (Doverwood)  
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, 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

### **MONDAY, 08/11**

- 6:30 pm      Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, 08/12**

### **WEDNESDAY, 08/13**

- 6:30 pm      Pickleball (sometimes) with the Pastor

### **THURSDAY, 08/14**

- 7:00 pm      Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 08/15**

### **SATURDAY, 08/16**

### **SUNDAY, 08/17**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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.

### **AUGUST 26, TUESDAY, 12PM, 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.

### **SEPTEMBER 7, SUNDAY, 10:45AM, 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! **SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME COUNTER** so we know how many people are coming and what potluck dish you plan to bring. Thank you.

### **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!*

**AUGUST WEDNESDAYS, 6:30PM, PICKLEBALL SOMETIMES WITH THE PASTOR**  
**WE WILL CONTINUE TO MEET AND PLAY WHILE PASTOR MARK IS ON BREAK.**

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).

**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.

**SEPTEMBER 21, SUNDAY, 4:30PM, CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC & GAMES**

Join us at the Church Picnic Shelter for all the food and outdoor fun! Burgers, hotdogs, and beverages provided, just bring a dish to share. We are planning Cornhole, Bingo, plus other outdoor games for all ages. Contact Peggy Smith/Sue Luken for details.



**BIRTHDAY 90+ CELEBRATION  
AND POTLUCK LUNCH  
SEPTEMBER 7 at 10:45AM**

Celebrate our milestone birthday honoree's in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the welcome counter to RSVP and potluck dish!

See inside bulletin for more information.



**PICKLEBALL WITH THE PASTOR  
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM**

WE WILL CONTINUE TO MEET WHILE PASTOR MARK ON BREAK

Sign up at the Narthex Welcome counter.

Contact Pastor Mark for details.



**ST. MARK'S CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC  
SEPTEMBER 21 AT 4:30-8:00PM**

Join us at the Church Picnic Shelter for all the food and outdoor fun!

We are planning Cornhole, Bingo, plus other outdoor games for all ages. Bring a Potluck dish to share—more details coming.

Contact Peggy Smith/Sue Luken for 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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