



August 17, 2025 - 9:30AM



The After Party: "Above Your Pay Grade"

Worship with us In-person

Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at

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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: "Morning Has Broken" Mark Hensler

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sisters and brothers – arise.

Arise and lift your hearts,

Arise and lift your eyes,

Arise and lift your voices.

The living God, the living, moving Spirit of God has called us together - in witness, in celebration, and in struggle.

Reach out toward each other.

Our God reaches out toward us! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN: "O For a Thousand Tongues" UMH 57

***OPENING PRAYER**

From fears that paralyze us; Heal us, O Lord.

From illness that strangles us; Heal us, O Lord.

From sorrows that weigh us down; Heal us, O Lord.

From aimlessness that plagues our visions;

Heal us, O Lord. 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:

Sue Combs

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Mark Hensler

"One Day: When We All Get to Heaven"

HYMN:

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

UMH 147

SCRIPTURE: Romans 1:20

SERMON TITLE:

Pastor Mark

The After Party: "Above Your Pay Grade"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Bless Be the Ties that Bind"

UMH 557

*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."

- 08/17 Pastor Mark's upcoming tests.
- 08/13 Anne Hennen (Update) is at The Majestic (Fairfield) for rehab and the latest news is that she did not break her hip but dislocated her femur and the surgeon repaired cutting her muscle and she now has a rod to keep it in place and she is recovering nicely but still having pain/spasms and looking forward to going back home asap.
- 08/13 Freida Hawkins has been moved to Doverwood is confirmed.
- 08/13 Ann Brabbs is now at Maple Knoll for rehab and is doing very well and hoping to go home soon after having major back surgery 8/06.
- 08/13 Iris Jones' family, please continue prayers.
- 08/13 Bud & Shirley Aydlett are staying with their daughter at home.
- 08/10 (Cousin) Kimberly in Texas had a severe stroke and is in a coma.
- 08/10 Debbie Hale-White's mother and for cousin who is in kidney failure and in desperate need of new kidney.
- 08/10 Dee Aiken's husband, Mike, had a cornea replaced in one eye. He is recovering from surgery that went well.
- 08/10 Charlene Miller for healing in her body.
- 08/06 Pat Fassnacht's daughter, Holly Craig will be having surgery on August 14, Thursday.
- 08/06 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.
- 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 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.

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 (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

TODAY, 08/17

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

MONDAY, 08/18

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 08/19

WEDNESDAY, 08/20

6:30 pm Pickleball with Pastor

THURSDAY, 08/21

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 08/22

SATURDAY, 08/23

SUNDAY, 08/24

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SEPTEMBER 21, SUNDAY, 4:30-8:00PM, CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC & GAMES

A special, church-wide celebration! Join us at the church picnic shelter as we come together to fellowship, picnic dinner (serving at 5:30pm), play outdoor games: cornhole, bingo and more. We'll enjoy a Potluck—so please bring a side dish to share. BBQ chicken and pork, mac-n-cheese, coleslaw, buns, and drinks will be provided. **SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME COUNTER** so we know how many people are coming and what side dish you will bring. Thank you. Contact: Peggy Smith and Sue Luken.

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 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).

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.

OLD BOWLING TROPHIES—DONATIONS

Wanted: Old bowling trophies. Check your closets and your basement. The youth are going bowling in September and it would be fun to have trophies for them. Big or small, the older and tackier the better! See Peggy Smith for more details.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—AUGUST 3, 2025

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

Weekly Budget Needs	\$4,997.30
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$7,322.10
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 989.00
	<u>\$8,311.10</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$425.10

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

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—AUGUST 10, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 109
Sunday School Attendance: 12

Weekly Budget Needs	\$4,997.30
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$1,597.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 725.96
	<u>\$2,322.96</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$125.00

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



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

Sign up at the Narthex Welcome counter or
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 food and outdoor fun!

We are planning Cornhole, Bingo,
plus other outdoor games for all ages.

See inside bulletin for details or contact Peggy Smith/Sue Luken.

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 ON SEPTEMBER 3)

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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