



**August 31, 2025 - 9:30AM**



## **The After Party: "Ghosts and Stuff"**

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

Sue Combs

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise God! Praise God in this house of prayer;

**Give praise throughout the mighty universe.**

Praise God for the saving deeds of Christ;

**Give praise for such exceptional love.**

Praise God with the blast of trumpets;

**Give praise with guitar and keyboard.**

Praise God with timbrel and dance;

**Give praise with violin and flute.**

Praise God with drums and cymbals;

**Give praise with thundering organ.**

Let everything that draws breath, praise God;

**Praise, yes praise our wonderful God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Come Christians Join to Sing"      UMH 158**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.**

**His love endures forever.**

**Into your presence we come, Lord, a few moments of  
quietness in a busy world that demands our attention.**

**Breathe on us now...**

**that we might know your presence and your power to  
see this day through. 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 Chris Beiser

HYMN: "Only Trust Him" UMH 337

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

SERMON TITLE: Pastor Mark  
The After Party: "Ghosts and Stuff..."

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133

\*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."

- 08/28 Charlene Miller has been moved to hospital unit, please pray.
- 08/24 JOY! Steve & Kym Nguyen's are so incredibly blessed to announce that our son, Jack and his wife Marissa, are expecting their first child.
- 08/24 Charlene Miller says "hello" and asks for continued prayers of healing.
- 08/24 For Knox (10) & Konrad (11) whose father is ill and not expected to recover.
- 08/24 Please pray for all those who are recovering from surgery.
- 08/24 For Sue Bunte's co-worker during this time of deep sorrow, as they recently had to make the agonizing decision to discontinue life support for a loved one.
- 08/17 JOY! Steve & Kym Nguyen's son, Jack graduated 8/16 from Miami with his Masters in Medical Science. He will be interviewing now for jobs as a Physicians Associate (PA). Prayers for the right job for Jack.
- 08/17 Bill & Lynne Schumacker's son, Bryan who recently had surgery on August 15 is doing well and recuperating in the hospital. Thank you for the prayers.
- 08/17 Ann Brabbs is doing well after having major back surgery 8/06.
- 08/17 Eva Clendenin & family going through some tough times and needing God's guidance.
- 08/17 Pat Fassnacht's daughter, Holly Craig had surgery on August 14 and is healing nicely at home. Thank you for the prayers and concerns.
- 08/17 For Ken and decisions regarding him.
- 08/17 Please continue to pray for Baby Cooper and his family. The cancer is spreading and is very sick.
- 08/17 Brooke Becker's mother has shingles and her dad has recently diagnosed with dementia.
- 08/17 Zedith Pottenger is in Mercy Hospital for an infection.
- 08/17 Bud is at Doverwood for rehab and Shirley is home healing.
- 08/17 Pastor Mark's medical 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 which is confirmed.
- 08/13 Iris Jones' family, please continue prayers.
- 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.
- 08/06 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.
- 08/03 Ruth Ritenbaugh's daughter-in-law, Barb, is in ICU for brain bleed.

**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 (hospital unit)  
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, 08/31**

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

### **MONDAY, 09/01 Labor Day Holiday**

### **TUESDAY, 09/02**

### **WEDNESDAY, 09/03**

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group  
2:00 pm Bible Study Group  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, 09/04**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 09/05**

### **SATURDAY, 09/06**

9:00 am Helping Hands—All Church Cleanup Workday

### **SUNDAY, 09/07 Communion Sunday**

9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming  
No GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3  
10:45 am All Church Birthday Celebration for (90+ yr old) Honorees

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER 3, WEDNESDAY, 3PM, CHOIR RESUMES WITH REFRESHMENTS**

We are excited to be back together as choir rehearsals begin again this week. Refreshments will be served after practice, and anyone interested in joining the choir is encouraged to attend. We look forward to being back together! Contact Chris Beiser for more details.

### **SEPTEMBER 6, SATURDAY, 9:00AM, HELPING HANDS—ALL CHURCH CLEANUP**

As we prepare for fall weather, we will be tidying up the church inside and outside.

### **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. Contact: Lyn Bucalo

### **SEPTEMBER 19, FRIDAY, 1:00PM, RUTH CIRCLE**

Ruth Circle will resume meeting this month! All women are warmly invited to join us for fellowship, prayer, and study as we gather together once again.

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

An ALL 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.

### **SEPTEMBER 26, FRIDAY, 5PM, SERVE CITY (STATE FAIR THEME FOOD)**

This month our Serve City meal will celebrate with a State Fair theme! We invite your food donations to help us serve others. Sign up at the Narthex bulletin board.

### **OCTOBER 4, SATURDAY, 9AM-12PM, THE HEALING CENTER (Springdale)**

St. Mark's Cares – Volunteer at The Healing Center. This nonprofit provides food, clothing, health care (through UC medical students and doctors), and spiritual support—relying on volunteers like us to serve the community. The morning includes a tour and helping sort donations. Sign up in the narthex! For more information contact Cindy Miller.

### **OCTOBER 11, SATURDAY, 9:30AM, NAMI 5K WALK**

### **OCTOBER 19, SUNDAY, 4:30PM, FALLFEST TRUNK-or-TREAT EVENT**

### **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. Please complete the pink Altar Flower Order Form, enclose your cash or check in an envelope, and place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Lyn (513) 844-1818.

### **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 24, 2025**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 106  
Sunday School Attendance: 2

Weekly Budget Needs	\$4,997.30
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$1,811.34
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$1,744.27
	<b><u>\$3,555.61</u></b>

Special—Designated Giving\* \$165.00

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

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

*1 - In honor of Alethea LaMar's Birthday from Ann Brabbs*  
*1-In honor of Missy LaMar's Birthday, from Ann Brabbs*



### **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.



### **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 taking a short break and will resume on September 29, In-person! We have a new book if you want to join us, "*Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Flawed Women Loved by a Flawless God*". By: Liz Curtis Higgs. Contact: Kym Nguyen for more details.

#### **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)**

Next book of the bible we begin in Phillipians. Contact Sue McDaniel for more information.

#### **WEDNESDAY's, MUSIC REHEARSALS: (RESUMES SEPTEMBER 3)**

Handbell Choir at 6:30pm, contact Sue Combs and then Chancel Choir at 7:30pm, contact Chris Beiser for more information.

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