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ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 28, 2025 - 9:30AM



“Everyone’s Favorite”

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

Sue Combs

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

***OPENING HYMN: "Oh How I Love Jesus"**

UMH 170

***OPENING PRAYER**

God, the encourager, God, the compassionate, God, the merciful, holy, blessed:

Disturb us. Rouse us from our sleep. Lift us into consciousness of your presence. Change us, move us, mold us for the better; so that, at the sound of your voice, at the call of our name, we will never be the same. May our worship do this and so much more, in the name of Jesus. 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

CHOIR ANTHEM: "O My Soul Will Rest on Jesus"

HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me"

UMH 191

SCRIPTURE: James 1:2-8

SERMON TITLE: "Everyone's Favorite"

Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN: "Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH 89

*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.”

- 09/24 Please keep Betty Stover in your prayers as she continues to reside in New York, close to her daughter. But she is facing ongoing health challenges and is not coherent. Betty loves receiving cards with beautiful images, so feel free to send her a card any time.
- 09/24 Pat Pitman, as she settles in to her new home at the Alois Alzheimer Center, 70 Damon Road, Cincinnati, OH 45218. If you feel led to visit or send her a note of encouragement, it would mean so much.
- 09/21 Chris and Sue’s friends had successful cancer surgeries that was 9/17.
- 09/21 Shirley Aydlett is recovering from procedure that was on 9/22/25. Bud is now home from Doverwood as of Wed. 9/24/25.
- 09/21 Debbie Vitale’s cousin, Kathy is recovering from colon surgery that was on Wed. 9/24/25
- 09/21 Helen Brown as she is recovering from surgery that was on 9/18.
- 09/19 Bill Dichtl’s sister, Cynthia Dichtl passed away on July 1, 2025. Please keep Bill, Julie and their family in your prayers during this tender time with care and love.
- 09/18 Iris Jones is recovering from eye surgery that was 9/19/25.
- 09/14 Amy Bryant recovering from Hernia surgery that was on 9/19.
- 09/14 We lift our prayers for comfort and peace to the families and friends who are grieving the loss of loved ones in recent days.
- 09/07 Patty Coyle extends her heartfelt thanks for the prayers, cards, calls, and kind thoughts. She is feeling stronger and improving each day.
- 09/07 Paul Schutte for health concerns.
- 09/07 Arvilla Brinkmeyer who is going through some medical issues.
- 09/07 Eva Clendenin and family—pray for God’s guidance.
- 09/04 With deep sadness, we share the news of the passing of Judy Klingel on 09/04/25. She went peacefully, and we lift her family and friends in our prayers during this time of loss. Our heartfelt condolences and love go especially to Pastor Bob Klingel. May he feel God’s arms of comfort and care surrounding him now and in the days to come.
- 09/04 We received the sorrowful news of Charlene Miller’s passing on 9/04/25. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to her family and loved ones. We pray that God’s presence will bring them comfort, strength, and peace during this time of loss.
- 09/02 Please lift up Brenda’s family in your prayers. Her grandson, Cameron Lee Smoot, the son of Alison and Kevin, passed away unexpectedly on August 30 while hiking. May God’s comfort and peace surround all who are grieving this tragic loss.
- 08/31 Debbie Vitale’s granddaughter Kylie’s fiancé Michael Parsley.
- 08/31 JOY! The Nguyen’s are celebrating 32 years of marriage on Sept 4.
- 08/31 A friend (Eric and family). His brother-in-law passed away following neck surgery due to complications from a blood clot to the brain.
- 08/31 Shelby Cavender and Leo in your prayers as they have been battling numerous illnesses.
- 08/31 Marta Hollinger’s youngest sister, Erin who is visiting from Texas. She has been ill with a virus which is affecting her Parkinson’s disease.

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
Cliff Klug
Mary Lou Knau
Tomie O'Sullivan
Belinda Peters
Lori Palmieri (P. Coyle's daughter)
Linda Prohaska
Brenda Smoot
Elaine Shreve
Parkside Residents

St. Mark's Homebound:

Janice Chaney
Freida Hawkins (Doverwood)
Bob Klingel (Westover)
Gale Logan—Otterbein Community
Nancy & Wade Lewis (Berkeley)
Flo Moore (Berkeley Square)
Eleanor McCollum

Pat Pitman (Alois Alzheimer Center)
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, 09/28

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:30 am Fellowship Hall Reserved
- 5:00 pm Ladies Bible Group Study Dinner at Caruso's

MONDAY, 09/29

- 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Group Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 09/30

WEDNESDAY, 10/01

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

THURSDAY, 10/02

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 10/03

SATURDAY, 10/04

- 9:00 am The Healing Center (Volunteer opportunity)

SUNDAY, 10/05 Communion Sunday

- 9:30 am Holy Communion & Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
NO GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTH OF OCTOBER—PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Let's show Pastor Mark how much he means to us! A basket will be placed at the Welcome Center in the Narthex to gather your cards and heartfelt well-wishes from October 1-31. Your words of gratitude and encouragement will be a meaningful gift of love. If using a check, please make out to Mark Gregory and (*Not the church*). Thank you for sharing your appreciation!

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 6, MONDAY, 12:30PM, SHARED HARVEST VOLUNTEERS

Join us, as we come together to volunteer at Shared Harvest! This is a wonderful opportunity to lend a helping hand, support our community, and share God's love through service. Sign up sheet is on Narthex Bulletin board. Contact Debbie Bryant.

OCTOBER 6, MONDAY, 6:00PM, LADIES BIBLE GROUP STUDY (IN-PERSON)

We begin with in person dinner in Fellowship Hall and our new book "*Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Flawed Women Loved by a Flawless God*," By: Liz Curtis Higgs.

OCTOBER 7, TUESDAY, 7:00PM, CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 10, FRIDAY, 12PM, LASAGNA LOVE

Contact Cindy Miller: Details coming soon and watch for the sign up sheets at Welcome counter.

OCTOBER 10, FRIDAY, 6:00-9:00PM, BASKET WEAVING WITH PEGGY SMITH

Contact Peggy Smith: Details coming soon and a sign up sheet is at the welcome counter.

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

Location: Fitton Center for Arts, 101 S Monument Ave, Hamilton, OH 45011. Please contact Tari Randall for more information. Sign up online at: <https://www.namiwalks.org/butlercounty>

OCTOBER 12, THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY AND PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

Please contact Peggy Smith for names of children to receive their bibles and then following worship, we will have a gathering in Fellowship Hall to celebrate Pastor Mark Gregory and his 35 years in the ministry. There will be cake and ice cream plus a few other surprises!

OCTOBER 17, FRIDAY, 1:00PM, RUTH CIRCLE WITH GUEST SPEAKER

You're invited to an informative talk with Steven Nguyen: "Lifestyle *Habits to Prevent Dementia*." Curious how daily choices can protect your brain? Come learn practical, everyday steps for a healthier mind. Bring a friend—everyone (men and women) is welcome. Contact Pam Guynes for more information.

OCTOBER 19, SUNDAY, 4:30-6:00PM, FALLFEST TRUNK-or-TREAT EVENT

Petting Zoo, Food, Fun for all ages. Ways you can get involved: Decorate your car and pass out candy to the children, dress up and handout treats, donate individually wrapped candy: (Donation box will be located in the welcome center), Help serve food to guests, direct traffic, or just come for fun and fellowship. Set up begins at 3:00pm. **Please no pets as they make the farm animals nervous and anxious. Contact Peggy Smith.

TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS—FORMS IN NARTHEX HALLWAY

If you would like to order altar flowers, please contact the church office to make arrangements **at least two weeks in advance of your requested date**. Two options 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.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 98

Sunday School Attendance: 6

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,154.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$3,969.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$1,356.52
	<u>\$5,325.52</u>

Special—Designated Giving*

\$345.00

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

Pastor Appreciation Day

Sunday, October 12, 2025

**But you can show your gratitude the whole month of October!*

FALL FEST—TRUNK or TREAT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 4:30-6:00PM

Join us for fun and fellowship with community as we decorate our cars and pass out candy to the children. Donate individually wrapped candy at the Welcome Center. More details inside the bulletin. Contact: Peggy Smith.



WEEKLY GROUPS:

MONDAY's, 6:30PM, LADIES BIBLE GROUP STUDY (ZOOM & IN-PERSON 1st MON)

We are taking a short break and will resume on September 29, ZOOM! 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 & SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

WEDNESDAY's, MUSIC REHEARSALS:

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

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