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# ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**October 5, 2025 - 9:30AM**

**Communion Sunday**



## **“Understanding Temptation”**

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

Come, listen to the One

**who speaks and summons the earth,  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Come, see the One

**who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.**

Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One

**who shows the salvation of God.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "Trust and Obey "

UMH 467

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Merciful God, we gather together to offer You our praise  
and thanksgiving for the unfailing love. You have shown  
toward us, generation after generation, and for the  
compassion You shower upon us, day after day.**

**You alone are our God. We are Your people.**

**We pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us as  
we worship. Open our hearts and our minds to see You  
at work among us, encouraging, challenging, uplifting,  
and inspiring, as each one has need. May our worship  
bring honour and glory to You. In the name of Jesus  
Christ, we pray. 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: "Bread of Heaven, Cup of Salvation"

HYMN: "Have Thine Own Way Lord" UMH 382

SCRIPTURE: James 1:13-15

SERMON TITLE: "Understanding Temptation" Pastor Mark

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.”

- 10/01 Bud Aydlett rushed to the ER today (Wednesday).
- 09/29 JOY! Helen Brown is recovery very well after her surgery 9/18.
- 09/29 JOY! Becky Hamblin is feeling grateful for successful hip replacement surgery this past week.
- 09/28 Carol Gering’s surgery went well and she is recovering nicely.
- 09/28 Lauren Dichtl’s friend at work is having neck surgery.
- 09/28 Debbie Vitale’s grandson, Michael, who is having major surgery 9/29.
- 09/28 Prayers for Aliee, who is struggling with mental issues.
- 09/28 Friend of the Gregory’s, Joey, Michele’s son who is deployed in Iran or Syria.
- 09/28 For those in war-torn countries.
- 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. 9/22/25.
- 09/21 Debbie Vitale’s cousin, Kathy is recovering from colon surgery that was on Wed. 9/24/25
- 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 sadness, we share the news of the passing of Judy Klingel on 09/04/25. We lift her family and friends in our prayers during this time of loss and our condolences to Pastor Bob Klingel.
- 09/04 We received the sorrowful news of Charlene Miller’s passing on 9/04/25. 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.

**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  
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](http://fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar)**

### **TODAY, 10/05 Communion Sunday**

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

### **MONDAY, 10/06**

12:30 pm Shared Harvest  
5:30 pm Ladies Bible Group Study (In Person at Panera Bread)

### **TUESDAY, 10/07**

7:00 pm Church Conference

### **WEDNESDAY, 10/08**

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

### **THURSDAY, 10/09**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **FRIDAY, 10/10**

10:00 am Lasagna Love  
6:00 pm Basket Weaving with Peggy

### **SATURDAY, 10/11**

9:00 am NAMI 5K Walk

### **SUNDAY, 10/12 THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY**

9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming  
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3  
10:30 am Pastor Appreciation Celebration (Fellowship Hall)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MONTH OF OCTOBER—PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**

Happy Pastor Appreciation Month, Pastor Mark! Please join us in celebrating and honoring Pastor Mark for his faithfulness, leadership, service, and dedication to St. Mark's. Throughout the month of October, we invite you to share your love, encouragement, and prayers for both he and Diana. If you feel so inclined, special love offerings to show our gratitude and support can be placed in the marked box in the Narthex at the Welcome Center. 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, 5:30PM, LADIES BIBLE GROUP STUDY (IN-PERSON)**

We will have dinner at Panera Bread on Route 4 to discuss the next chapter in 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 CONFERENCE**

### **OCTOBER 10, FRIDAY, 11AM-5PM, LASAGNA LOVE OUTREACH**

We're excited to be preparing 12 delicious lasagnas for families in need! You can be part of this special outreach by donating ingredients, helping assemble, or volunteering to deliver. **Ingredients may be dropped off in the kitchen by October 8. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Counter. For more details, contact Cindy Miller.**

### **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.

### **OCTOBER 28, TUESDAY, 12PM, LUNCH BUNCH at TWIN DRAGON**

This month the Lunch Bunch is at Twin Dragon, 7763 Tylersville Road. Please make reservation to Sue Beckett by Sunday, October 25 at (513) 856-8873.

### **NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 28, SCROOGE THE MUSICAL at LACOMEDIA**

We are thrilled to share that our very own Music Director, Chris Beiser, will be stepping into the spotlight as Ebenezer Scrooge in LaComedia Dinner Theatre's holiday production of **Scrooge the Musical!** This is a wonderful opportunity to see Chris showcase his talent on stage in a beloved Christmas classic 11/01-12/28/25. Call the theater box office at 1-800-677-9305 or 1-937-746-4554 to reserve your seats for this holiday classic.

### **RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

Worship In-Person Attendance: 93

Sunday School Attendance: 3

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,154.12
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$1,831.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$ 732.62
	<b><u>\$2,563.62</u></b>

Special—Designated Giving\*

**\$295.00**

*\*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, 5:30PM, LADIES BIBLE GROUP STUDY (ZOOM & IN-PERSON 1st MON)**

We will meet in person at Panera Bread (Route 4) at 5:30pm. Join us as we continue chapter by chapter in our new book entitled, **"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**

We are already in the book of Colossians with lots of discussions. Contact Sue McDaniel for more information.

#### **WEDNESDAY's, MUSIC REHEARSALS:**

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

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