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ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 26, 2025 - 9:30AM



“James: True Religion”

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come and celebrate, people of God! Sing and shout your praise!

For our God comes to us: triumphant and victorious, yet gentle and humble of heart. He comes bringing peace, offering hope and freedom to all who despair.

Let's worship God together!

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "Take Time to be Holy"**

UMH 395

***OPENING PRAYER**

We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives: the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing you and hearing your word. Send Your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as you created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever. 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:

"It is Well"

Euphonium

Mark Hensler

HYMN:

"The Gift of Love"

UMH 408

SCRIPTURE: James 3:26-27

SERMON TITLE: "James: True Religion"

Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

UMH 514

*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.”

- 10/19 Our granddaughter, Avery (14) is recovering from surgery on 10/20. Pray for her parents Larry & Johnnita and for pain relief for Avery.
- 10/19 Dwight Clendenin upcoming test results and for Karen Clendenin healing from a recent fall.
- 10/19 Paul Schutte in hospital and health concerns.
- 10/15 Don Ault is at Jamestown for rehab after his surgery and is working through some other medical issues.
- 10/15 Kathy Bradley's brother-in-law passed away recently.
- 10/12 Aydlett's family traveling from GA to visit. Bud healing at Doverwood.
- 10/12 Lauren Dichtl's friend who lost her grandmother.
- 10/12 Safe travels for the Hensler's as they travel back from New York.
- 10/12 Cliff Klug as he recovers from ablation for his A-fib that was 10/15/25.
- 10/12 The Klug's nephew, Landon is struggling from the loss of his friend, Dylan, who was hit by a car while riding his bike and passed away from injuries.
- 10/12 Don Kemen in rehab and progressing well. Don's neighbor, Tom T. fell and has a brain bleed.
- 10/08 Bud Aydlett has been moved to Doverwood Rehab.
- 10/08 Arvilla Brinkmeyer continues to heal and make progress on her journey back to health.
- 10/08 Helen Brown in your prayers as she continues to recover from a broken foot. She's getting around with a boot and is on the mend!
- 10/08 Zedith Pottenger has recently moved to StoryPoint, where she's settling in to her new home.
- 10/05 JOY! Wade & Nancy Lewis' 64th Wedding Anniversary today.
- 10/05 GRATITUDE! Debbie Vitale is grateful for the successful surgeries for grandson, Michael, and cousin, Kathy. Thank you for the prayers.
- 10/05 Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Rella Hadley, who passed away on September 23, 2025, after a courageous battle with ALS. May God's comfort and peace surround all who knew and loved her.
- 10/05 The husband of Janet Linneman's friend, recently had a massive stroke and was not responding.
- 10/05 Dave Brockfield's brother, Jerry is had back surgery on October 7.
- 09/29 JOY! Becky Hamblin is feeling grateful for successful hip replacement surgery this past week.
- 09/28 Lauren Dichtl's friend at work is having neck surgery.
- 09/28 Prayers for Aliee, who is struggling with mental issues.
- 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.

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 (Storypoint)
Jean Stivers
Virginia Shaw
Paul Schutte
Betty Stover (NY—HospiceCare)
Peggy Wyatt

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check out our online calendar: fairfieldstmarks.com/calendar

TODAY, 10/26

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall (New Covenant Reserved until 5pm)
- 4:30 pm Fallfest Trunk-or-Treat

MONDAY, 10/27

- 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Group Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, 10/28

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch

WEDNESDAY, 10/29

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer & Support Group
- 2:00 pm Bible Study Group
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 10/30

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 10/31

SATURDAY, 11/01

- 9:00 am Helping Hands—All Church Workday

SUNDAY, 11/02 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY & DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 26, SUNDAY, 4:30-6:00PM, FALLFEST TRUNK-or-TREAT EVENT

Food, Fun for all ages. **Please sign up at Welcome counter if decorating your car.** Other ways to get involved: Decorate your car and pass out candy to the children, dress up, help in kitchen, and/or **donate individually wrapped candy.** (Donation box will be located in the Narthex on the shelves), 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. (***Rain Date: October 26 but no farm animals this day.***)

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 26 at (513) 856-8873.

MONTH OF OCTOBER—PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Happy Pastor Appreciation Month, Pastor Mark! 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!

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.

NOVEMBER 1, SATURDAY, 9AM, HELPING HANDS—ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

NOVEMBER 2, ALL SAINTS DAY SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 8, SATURDAY, 11:00-1:00, MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS

The sign up sheet is located in the Narthex on the bulletin board to sign up. Contact Lynne Schumaker for more information.

NOVEMBER 16, SUNDAY, POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE

The Poinsettia order forms are due by November 16, Sunday. **The order forms are located at the Narthex Welcome Counter October 26 thru November 16**. Contact Church Office

NOVEMBER 16-DECEMBER 14, PARKSIDE GIVING TREE

The Parkside Giving Tree will be up and ready for you to select your name tags with recipient wish list by November 16. All wrapped gifts are due by December 14. Contact Jenni Hensler, Tari Randall, or Kym Nguyen for more details.

NOVEMBER 16, BASKET WEAVING WITH PEGGY SMITH

Sign up at the Welcome counter to reserve your spot for the basket weaving class. Contact Peggy for details.

NOVEMBER 21, FRIDAY, 5PM, SERVE CITY MEALS AND VOLUNTEERS

The sign up sheet will be located in the Narthex on the bulletin board to sign up to volunteer, donate food or cash donation to purchase food. The theme: Thanksgiving. Contact Lyn Bucalo.

NOVEMBER 21, FRIDAY, 1:00PM, RUTH CIRCLE

NOVEMBER 23, SUNDAY, 5PM, DECORATE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary. Contact: Sue Luken.

NOVEMBER 27-28, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 30, SUNDAY, 5-7PM, ADVENT CELEBRATION & POTLUCK DINNER

Join our church family as we begin the season of Advent. We'll provide the main dish and drinks; please bring a dish to share. A program and crèche dedication will follow dinner. Contact Peggy Smith for more details and reservations.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—OCTOBER 19, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 77
Sunday School Attendance: 4

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 6,763.42
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$3,620.00
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$1,236.56
	<u>\$4,856.56</u>

Special—Designated Giving* \$360.00
**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*

Altar Flowers:

1-In Memory of Gordon Hill's Birthday, Love Lois



FALL FEST—TRUNK or TREAT **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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.

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WEEKLY GROUPS:

MONDAY's, 5:30PM, LADIES BIBLE GROUP STUDY (ZOOM & IN-PERSON 1st MON)

We will continue to the next chapter in our reading in our book entitled, "*Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Flawed Women Loved by a Flawless God*" By: Liz Curtis Higgs. Then we will Zoom the remaining month at 6:30pm. 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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