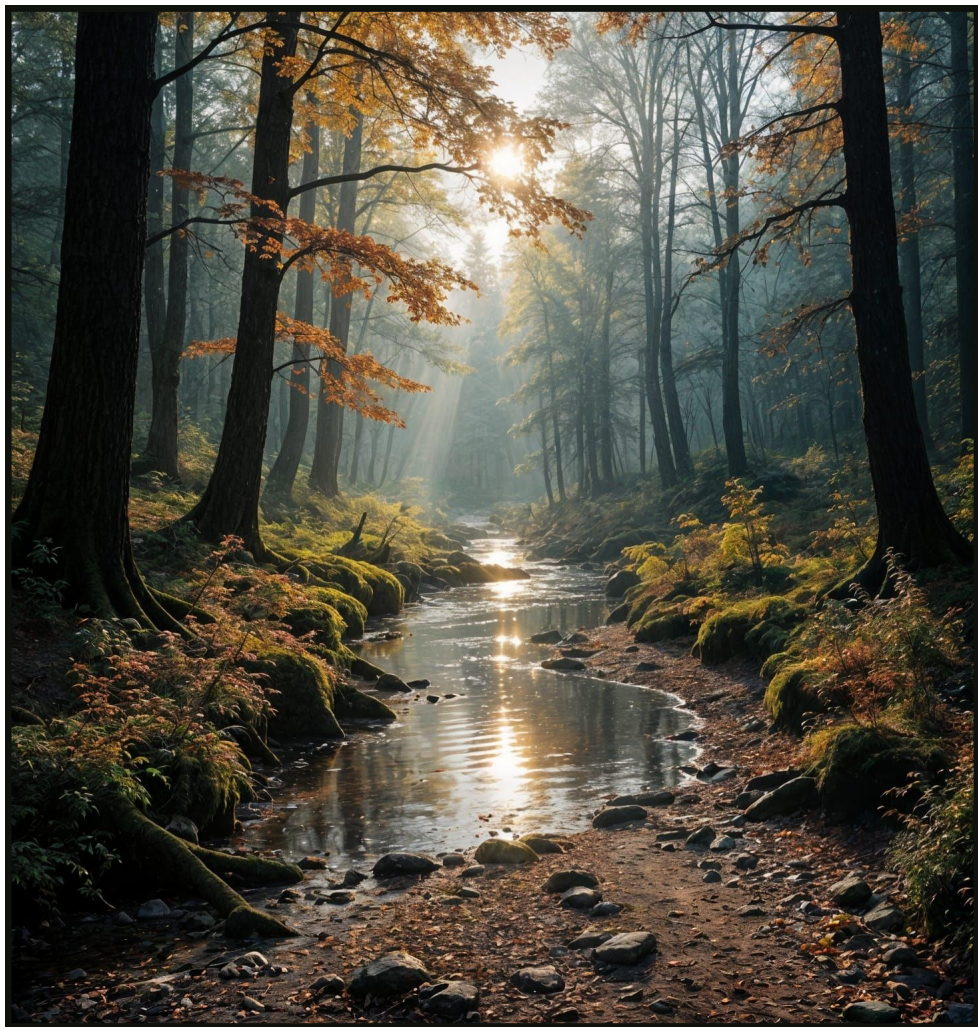


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ST. MARK'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 9, 2025 - 9:30AM



“James: The Proof is in the...”

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**

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his heavenly dwelling;

Praise him in his mighty heaven!

Praise him for his mighty works;

Praise his unequalled greatness!

Praise him with a blast of the trumpet;

Praise him with the lyre and harp!

Praise him with the tambourine and dancing;

Praise him with stringed instruments and flutes!

Praise him with a clash of symbols;

Praise him with loud clanging cymbals.

Let everything that lives sing praises to the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH 595**

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God of the still, small voice, quiet our inner spirit. Help us to focus upon You, and You alone, to hear Your voice within. There are so many other voices demanding our attention. But we cannot attend to them without You.

"Be still and know that I am God," You say to us as You said to Elijah. May Your voice speak through us. In weakness, be our strength. In poverty, be our wealth. In depression, be our joy. In apathy, be our love. We cannot sing Love's song, O Lord, unless it be Your voice singing in us. Take this heart, and with this mouth make Your praise and thanksgiving, a reality here and now. Because of, and in the name of our Messiah, 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: "For the Autumn Sky"

HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be" UMH 399

SCRIPTURE: James 2:14-26

SERMON TITLE: "James: The Proof is in the..." Pastor Mark

*CLOSING HYMN: "Here I Am Lord" UMH 593

*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.”

- 11/04 Anne Hennen fell in her driveway on 11/03 and broke her arm, she was treated at Mercy and then rehab afterwards.
- 11/02 Don Kemen as he goes through therapy at home.
- 11/02 Safe travels for Steve & Debbie Vitale as they travel to Gatlinburg this week.
- 11/02 Safe travels for Mike & Kathy Fitzpatrick as they travel to Gatlinburg this week.
- 10/26 Our hearts and prayers go out to the Becker Family in the passing of their beloved grandfather (Shane's). May God's comfort and peace surround them in the days ahead, and may the warmth of cherished memories bring strength and hope to their hearts.
- 10/26 Prayers for daughter & granddaughter going through some difficult times.
- 10/26 Please keep Debbie in your prayers as she awaits results from her recent MRI. May she feel God's calming presence and receive good news that brings peace and relief.
- 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 Lauren Dichtl's friend who lost her grandmother.
- 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 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.

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, 11/09

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- 10:30 am CYF Meeting
- 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved (to 4:00pm—Randall)

MONDAY, 11/10

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

TUESDAY, 11/11

- 7:00 pm Lead Team

WEDNESDAY, 11/12

- 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, 11/13

- 11:00 am Nurture & Care meeting
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, 11/14

SATURDAY, 11/15

SUNDAY, 11/16

- 9:30 am Worship in sanctuary and livestreaming
GLOW, nursery open for infants—age 3
- ⇒ Poinsettia Order Deadline Today
- ⇒ Parkside Giving Tree
- 6:00 pm Basket Weaving Class with Peggy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 NOW 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, SUNDAY, 6:00PM, 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, 1:00PM, RUTH CIRCLE

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: Kym or Lyn.

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.

DECEMBER 11, THURSDAY, 7:30PM, OHIO MILITARY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

DECEMBER 19, FRIDAY, 12-2:30PM, RUTH CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & GIFT

All ladies are invited to join this festive Luncheon and Gift Exchange filled with laughter, fellowship, and holiday cheer! Bring a wrapped gift (\$5 value) to share in the exchange, and come enjoy good food and warm company as we celebrate the season together. Contact: Pam Guynes.

DECEMBER 19, FRIDAY, 6:00PM, CYF CHRISTMAS PARTY

More details coming soon!

DECEMBER 21, SUNDAY, 9:30AM, SMUMC CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The SMUMC Choir will present this year's Christmas Cantata, "Mary, Did You Know?" — a moving musical celebration of Christ's birth told through powerful song and heartfelt narration. Join us as we reflect on the wonder of that holy night and the miracle that changed the world forever.

DECEMBER 21, SUNDAY, 10:30AM, COOKIE DIVA/UGLY SWEATER PARTY

More details coming soon!

NOVEMBER THRU WINTER—MINI FOOD PANTRY FOOD DONATIONS

As we enter the cooler months, please keep the weather in mind when selecting food donations since some items can freeze if left outdoors. Consider choosing non-perishable, temperature-safe options such as canned meats, vegetables, and fruit; peanut butter and jelly; pasta, rice, or boxed dinners; cereal, oatmeal, or snack bars; soups, beans, crackers, and shelf-stable milk or juice. Every donation helps us care for families in need throughout the colder season — thank you for your continued generosity.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS—NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Worship In-Person Attendance: 95
Sunday School Attendance: 1

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 6,763.42
Weekly In-Person Giving	\$5,083.60
Weekly On-Line Giving	\$1,265.39
	<u>\$6,348.99</u>

Special—Designated Giving* **\$882.50**
**Designated Giving can not be used for Budget Needs*



LUNCH BUNCH is MEETING EARLY! NOVEMBER 18, TUESDAY AT 12PM

Due to Thanksgiving holiday, we moved Lunch bunch up one week.
Join us at the Back Porch, 9626 Princeton Glendale Road, 45011
Reserve your seat by November 16
For more information & reservations, contact Sue Beckett



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

We had a great crew last year. Consider joining us this year as we decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season! It's a wonderful opportunity to share in the holiday spirit together, and we'd love your help. For more details contact: Sue Luken.



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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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